

DARWIN FILM SOCIETY
2018 AGM MEETING MINUTES

Date: Saturday 12 May 2018
Time: 17:35pm
Location: Deckchair Cinema – Jervois Rd Darwin

1. Welcome and Apologies	
Attendees:	See attached Attendees List
Apologies	Harry Abrahams; Yvonne Harding
Quorum confirmed	Yes
2. Previous Minutes	
2016 Minutes	Minutes were tabled by the Chair who summarised key points Proposed Julie Elverd Seconded Phil Hickey
3. Business Arising from 2016 Annual General Meeting	
Action Arising	There were no actions from the previous AGM minutes
4. Darwin Film Society Committee Chair's Report for 2017(January to December) including Annual Committee Report	
Chair Report	Written Committee Report tabled. Key points raised by Chair included: \$60,000 returned in fundraising to community organisations from ticket and dinner sales; 43 Australian films screened (including Flix and DIFF); a profit of \$300 for Flix largely thanks to the sponsorship of Water Smart; and DIFF screened twice as many films as 2016 and attracted over 10,000 people. DIFF lost \$50,000 mainly due to the issues with the Dome being fit for purpose, and a small team trying to do too much. Deckchair hosted a number of guest speakers such as David Wenham and Jack

	<p>Thompson; supported the local film industry with the Spark initiative; maintained its strong membership base of 1000; undertook a number of improvements to the venue; and gave staff development opportunities to full time staff. The Chair acknowledged the committee members who were at the meeting and those that had retired from the Committee. Chair confirmed overall loss of \$7,686 for the year.</p> <p>Proposed Lex Silvester, Seconded Simon Harvey</p>
<p>5. Audit Financial Records, Auditor's Report, and Treasurer's report</p>	
<p>Financial Records Report</p> <p>And</p> <p>Auditor's Report</p>	<p>The Chair welcomed new Treasurer Shashank Laroia. The Treasurer tabled the Audited Financial report and auditor's certification for the year ended 31 December 2017.</p> <p>Treasurer reported that DFS attendances were up slightly in 2017 but the season finished with a loss of \$7,686 due to DIFF. Total income for 2017 was \$1.09M up 9% on 2016, largely due to increases in admissions, and sale of goods. Expenses were higher in 2017; film hire was up \$22,000; DIFF costs were up \$56,000 and hire equipment up \$38,000.</p> <p>The Treasurer acknowledged the great work undertaken by the staff of the Deckchair, Committee members and volunteers for their support.</p> <p>The Treasurer moved a motion to accept the Financial Report and the Auditors report.</p> <p>Proposed Simon Harvey, Seconded Lex Silvester</p>
<p>6. Nomination of New Committee</p>	
<p>Committee Members</p>	<p>One change in committee membership. Elizabeth Close was replaced by Shashank Laruiya as Treasurer. The Chair thanked Elizabeth for her work as Treasurer. All current committee members are keen to continue and have renominated.</p> <p>Proposed Simon Harvey, Seconded Lex Silvester</p> <p>Members for 2018 are: John Schier, Harry Abrahams, Jeff Coulter, Di Koser, Phil Hickey, Shashank Laroia, Lee Upton, Lex Silvester and Laura Berta.</p>

7. Appointment of Auditor for next AGM	
Auditor	The Treasurer moved a motion to retain Brian Tucker as the Auditor for 2018 Proposed Simon Harvey, Seconded Lex Silvester

8. Question Time	
Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some discussion and input from members regarding the DIFF loss. The Chair outlined that DIFF 2017 was an ambitious program which was a stretch to pull off, and had risks involved. Risk assessment done for DOME but did not anticipate the delays which occurred in getting DOME operational. Chair spoke of lessons learned from 2017 including the high stress levels of the small team working on DIFF and the trust placed in suppliers to deliver quality products. • Questions from the floor to the Treasurer included treatment of Input Tax credits; and accounting for bar stock. • Simon Harvey moved a motion of appreciation from the floor for the work of the previous Committee <p>Proposed Simon Harvey, Seconded Joanne Van Os</p>
Committee	The Chair thanked the General Manager, Alice Body, the Operations Manager James Parker and projectionist Blandine Ruffalo for their tireless work in 2017, particularly with DIFF. With the appointment of James as Operations Manager for DIFF and Blandine as Sparks/Capricornia Co-ordinator, and locking down suppliers ahead of DIFF the Committee is confident 2018 DIFF will be a financial success.
9. Close	
Meeting Closed	17.55pm

Attendees: -

Jeff Coulter

Phil Hickey

Lee Upton

Di Koser

John Schier

Lex Silvester

Laura Berta

Alice Body

Stefan Koser

Linda Coulter

Simon Harvey

Joanne Van Os