

DARWIN FILM SOCIETY
2016 AGM MEETING MINUTES

Date: Saturday 27 May 2017
 Time: 17:35pm
 Location: Deckchair Cinema – Jervois Rd Darwin

1. Welcome and Apologies	
Attendees:	See attached Attendees List.
Apologies	John Shier, and Lynn Upton
Quorum confirmed	Yes
2. Previous Minutes	
2014 Minutes	Minutes were tabled by the Chair who summarised key points Proposed Di Koser, Seconded Elizabeth Close
3. Business Arising from 2014 Annual General Meeting	
Action Arising	There were no actions from the previous AGM minutes
4. Darwin Film Society Committee Chair's Report for 2016 including Annual Committee Report	
Chair Report	<p>Written Committee Report tabled.</p> <p>Key points raised by Chair included:</p> <p>Another successful year with record attendance of 42,909 people and notably 26 'sold out' nights. More than \$48,000 raised for community organisations through community events. 36 Australian Films. 2282 people attended Flix in the Wet, the sponsorship of Living Water Smart was a significant contribution to Flix.</p> <p>The 7annual Darwin International Film Festival (DIFF) was held screening 16 film and creating 3,600 attendances. Importantly this was the first year we employed</p>

	<p>Tim Parish as Festival director taking a quantum leap in the nature of the festival. The sponsors for the festival was acknowledged as necessary for the event to continue, particularly Screen Territory, Festivals NT, and City of Darwin. Capricornia recognising the film talent in the NT was run for the first time during the festival and is scheduled again next year 2018.</p> <p>The 2016 year was the year we also received funding for and built the Deck and extended the kiosk and entry area. The Chair noted the strong support by the Society and its members regarding the issue of the 6 star resort and its possible impact noting that the development is now more distant from the Deckchair than initially proposed.</p> <p>Membership during the year also increased to 1000+ members, it had been static at about 650 for some years and the increase is welcome. The chair acknowledged the great work of the General Manager Alice and Operations manager James and casual staff that received applause from the members.</p> <p>Chair also tabled the Auditors Statement</p> <p>Proposed Simon Harvey, Seconded Di Koser</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 Treasurer tabled the Audited Financial report and auditors certification for the year ended 31 December 2016.</p> <p>Treasurer reported that DFS in a good financial position and has received an excellent auditors report. 2015 finished with a profit of \$134,000. Large Community Development grant enabled new deck to be built, with the extension to the building being funded by DFS. Grants were \$93,262 with a further \$76,000 for the DIFF.</p> <p>The Treasures acknowledged the great work undertaken by the Society's Book keeper Sharyn.</p> <p>Nominated Harry Abrahams, Seconded Phil Hickey</p>
<p>6. Nomination of New Committee</p>	

Committee Members	<p>Change in committee members during the year included John Toohey and Vicki Eastwood resigning to be replaced by Lex Silvester and Laura Bertha. All current committee members are keen to continue and have renominated.</p> <p>Proposed by Simon Harvey and Seconded Di Koser.Members for 2016 are:</p> <p>John Schier, Harry Abrahams, Jeff Coulter, Di Koser, Phil Hickey, Elizabeth Close, Lee Upton, Lex Silvester and Laure Bertha.</p>
7. Appointment of Auditor for next AGM	
Auditor	<p>The Chair recommended Brian Tucker be reappointed as the Auditor for 2016.</p> <p>Proposed Elizabeth Close, Seconded Di Koser</p>

8. Question Time	
Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comment from the floor re the grants and did this expose the organisation to financial risk. The Treasure and Chair outlined the strong position of the core business of the organisation and the grants are for additional 'good to have's'. • Question from the floor re the benefits of strongly promoting gift memberships. The Chair noted this avenue could achieve more focus and will be looked at by the committee.
Committee	<p>Simon Harvey from the floor noted that the membership was very impressed with the Committee over the last year particularly for its innovative approach to leading the Society. The members agreed</p>
9. Close	
Meeting Closed	17.55

Attendees: -

Jeff Coulter

Harry Abrahams

Alice Body

Phil Hickey

Kathryn Chandler

Jennifer Whithead

Kim Godwin

Eddie Godwin

Linda Coulter

Alison Rogers

Peter Rogers

Elizabeth Close

Simon Harvey

Joanne Vanos

Lex Silvester

Jo Vandermark

Martin Jacobson

Marilynia Kishbaum

Marelle Lee

Kitty Khan

Laura Bertha

Alex DiGiorgio

Lyn Bennett

Elizabeth Keith

Sue Earle

Will Crawford.