



**Rusthall Community Cinema**  
**Minutes of Annual General Meeting**  
**28<sup>th</sup> August 2024 7pm**  
**at Sunnyside Community Hall**

Attending:

Alain Lewis	Alison Wells	Andy Mackie
Ann McCue	Anne Goldstein	Ben Doran Burke
Benjamin Hargreaves	Bill Barter	Chris Gurr
Christine Hyder	Clare Rooney	Eugene Gardner
Fred Lemont	Glyn Balmer	Joy Pons
Karen Gardner	Kathy Lewis	Liz Goddard
Miriam Crundwell	Paul Fulton	Peter Kemp
Philip Sharnock	Richard Goldstein	Rosemary Romano
Sandra Blacker	Sara Parker	Shally Hunt
Shirley Barter	Susanne Clarke	Susie Allfrey
Tanya Griffiths	Val Gurr	

Apologies:

Irene Heskett	Kevin Mullery	Rachel Bain
Rachel Gough	Mary Nolze	

Eugene rose to the chair and welcomed all present.

**Minutes from the 2023 AGM** were then approved without comment or matters arising.

**The Annual Report and Accounts** to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 were received. No questions were raised but Eugene explained how far current funds would take us toward the quest of a replacement projector: possibly 50% depending on the projector chosen – the one quoted 18 months prior being no longer available. A reserve to cushion against poorly attended films and unexpected equipment failures needed to be maintained. The current projector was still serviceable but with noticeable deterioration, we needed to build up funds to buy a replacement. Tanya asked about long-term retention of the donations only policy and all agreed that as it was not a significant drain on revenue it should be maintained.

**Trustee appointments.** Eugene, Karen, Kevin, Rachel Bain, & Rosemary were half way through their two-year term of service. Alain, Peter, & Anne had reached the end of their term and all were willing to begin a new period – the meeting approved their re-election without demur.

**The new projector fundraiser** had been discussed earlier in the meeting. Glyn asked about the likely cost of a new projector and Eugene explained how £24k was the cost of the originally quoted (now unavailable) projector, but a similar amount needed to be spent on extras such as wireless headphones for those with poor eyesight or hearing, commissioning, control equipment, and VAT.

**Catering costs.** Ann and Rosemary had been considering the costs and revenue of the past three years. After allowing for the display fridge and freezer we bought during the year, our surplus had diminished as some costs had increased whereas our prices had not. It was proposed that the selling price of alcoholic drinks be increased from £3 to £3.50 and ice creams be sold for £2 rather than £1.50. The baked items that our volunteer Pâtissier prepares would also be increased from £1.50 to £2. Other items to remain as is. Sara suggested that we retain something priced to allow those with limited means to buy, and Rosemary confirmed that snacks at 50p and £1 would be retained. The meeting agreed without any objection being raised.

**Volunteers.** Ideas to recruit and retain more active volunteers were sought. Alain suggested advertising for individual film requirements on the general WhatsApp group, although it was noted that almost all members of that group did receive the Wednesday email listing shortfalls. Tanya wondered whether a software solution such as VolunteerBase as used at Trinity would help, but benefits over the existing shared document were not clear.

**What to screen for 21st December Trustees' Choice free family fun film.** A few suggestions were put forward. Alison noted that old films invariably gained smaller audiences than newer. The possibility of an afternoon screening to help those with early bed times was mooted, either as a single event or twinned with a film screened at the normal time. The Trustees will debate and decide.

**Other business.** On behalf of RCC, Glyn presented Rosemary and Karen with bouquets of flowers to thank them for catering endeavours on the evening as well as the year just passed.

The meeting concluded precisely 45 minutes after it began and a fine selection of food and drink were then tackled.