

Draft Minutes of Meeting
(To be approved by SAFFS committee.)

LAUNCH OF



**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN
FEDERATION OF FILM SOCIETIES**

Date of meeting: Sunday June 19 2016

Venue:

13 Luhrs Road

Payneham South

South Australia 5070

Convened by: Bill Biscoe (Barossa Film Club) & Prodros S N Marinakis
(fismotron)

Time of commencement: 2.30 PM

ENTERTAINMENT

Prodos plays guitar and sings “For the Launch in South Australia”, being his own lyrics sung to the tune of the traditional sea shanty, “Bound for South Australia”.

APOLOGIES

Southern Fleurieu Film Society (Michael Tye), Reels Film Society (Rick Paltridge)

ATTENDING

Authorised representatives

(being those, authorised to represent their South Australian Film Society, and free to make their Film Society a member of the Federation at this meeting)

- **Yvonne Whittaker-Rush** (Adelaide University Film Society)
- **Bill Biscoe** (Barossa Film Club) (Co-convener of meeting)
- **Ronald Evans** (Adelaide Film Study Group)
- **Patricia Nannes** (Second Friday Film Society)
- **Imelda Carson** (Barossa Film Club)
- **Amnon Shiloh** (Adelaide Film Study Group)

Also attending

(being engaged in the business of forming the Federation)

- **Prodos S N Marinakis** (fismotron, non-voting attendee) ... to Chair early part of the meeting.
- **Barboo A H Marinakis** (fismotron, non-voting attendee) ... volunteering as minutes secretary.
- **Yvonne** (Adelaide Film Study Group, guest)

- Prodos welcomed attendees and summarised the format and process of the meeting.

- Minutes secretary approved by meeting: Barboo A H Marinakis.

Brief presentation by Prodos, included:

- A brief history of the Australian Film Society Movement from 1949. And some of the things that make it unique and vibrant.
- The “One4One” principle: That every state (and territory) have an independent Federation. And that every Federation represent Film Societies from one state (or territory).
- The importance of a de-centralised, democratic structure for the Movement. How destructive it is to have a centralised structure.
- The importance and value of South Australians representing South Australians.
- Becoming equal partners with every other Federation and having our own Delegates at ACOFS.

- **INTRODUCTIONS ...**

One authorised representative from each Film Society invited to say a few words about their Film Society and their support for forming the Federation.

- **CORRESPONDENCE** in support of forming the Federation noted. In particular that from ACOFS, FVFS, FQFS, NSWFoFS. Having been circulated days earlier, taken as read. Also, note of support from Southern Fleurieu Film Society.
- Matters arising from correspondence invited. No issues raised, other than appreciation of extent of support.
- Had quick overview of Agenda. Chairman clarified some of the forthcoming items. Checked if any further items needed to be added and that everyone was satisfied with the Agenda as it stood. Everyone happy.

• CONSTITUTION:

Copies passed around. (Draft Constitution has been available online for several weeks, unchanged but for some typos being fixed.)

As drafter, Prodos, went over some items. Answered some basic questions.

Explained that Constitution was written to conform with requirements of incorporating SAFFS, even if this wasn't to be done.

Yvonne, being a Law student, looked through it with a careful eye. Everyone seemed okay with it.

Prodos noted that Ian Davidson and John Arkins, both very experienced with such Constitutions have also gone through it carefully and offered helpful feedback.

- **MOTION** proposed by Bill Biscoe, Seconded by Amnon Shiloh:
That the SAFFS constitution be accepted as is.
OUTCOME: Carried.

• ELECTION

President. Bill Biscoe, nominated by Amnon. Seconded by Imelda.

Secretary. Ronald Evans, nominated by Patricia. Seconded by Bill Biscoe.

Treasurer. Yvonne Whittaker-Rush, nominated by Ronald Evans. Seconded by Bill Biscoe

Committee. Patricia Ninnes, volunteered. Seconded by Bill Biscoe

Positions declared taken and Founding Committee formed.

- **“June 19 Declaration”** – which is an Addendum to the SAFFS Constitution, signed by Founding Committee members, formally accepting the Constitution and declaring the Federation hereby formed.

3.24 PM, June 19 2016, Prodos, recognising SAFFS to have now been formed, congratulates everyone (and chokes up with tears like a big wuss) and hands over the Chair to the Founding President, Bill Biscoe.

PROPOSED by Bill Biscoe: That, in recognition of all his work in helping to form the Federation, that Prodos be accepted by the Federation as an “ex officio” member, in an advisory capacity, having non-voting status.

Seconded: Amnon Shiloh.

OUTCOME: Carried.

Prodos expresses surprise. Thanks everyone. Another emotional moment.

MOTION: That the SAFFS membership period run from January 01 until December 31.

MOVED by Bill Biscoe. Seconded by Patricia.

OUTCOME: Carried.

MOTION: That the financial year of the Federation run from January 01 until December 31

MOVED by Ronald Evans. Seconded by Patricia.

OUTCOME: Carried.

ACTION: Prodos agrees to maintain the SAFFS website.

ACTION: Regarding online & printable membership/renewal form. Committee asks Prodos to provide samples. Prodos agrees.

MOTION: That the President writes to ACOFS (Ian Davidson) to notify ACOFS of the formation of SAFFS and to seek acceptance as a Federation and to request waiver of 2017 ACOFS fees.

Moved: Amnon Shiloh. Seconded: Patricia Ninnes.

OUTCOME: Carried.

ACTION: Bill Biscoe to write to FVFS (John Arkins) notifying FVFS of formation of SAFFS and expressing great appreciation for FVFS support for South Australians over the years, as well as FVFS support for the formation of SAFFS.

MOTION: That the annual membership fee, commencing January 2017 shall be \$40 for all members.

Moved: Ronald. Seconded: Yvonne.

OUTCOME: Carried.

- **DISCUSSION** regarding Incorporation. Meeting felt it was not necessary at present.
- The committee discussed the significant contributions of **DAVID DONALDSON** to the Film Society Movement, and wished to recognised this as well as honour his past presidency of a Federation of Film Societies in South Australia many years ago. It was felt that an appropriate form of recognition would be to grant him Lifetime Honorary Membership as an Associate Member of the Federation.

However, the question was raised whether the Constitution had provision for this, and that this would need to be sorted out at a subsequent meeting.

ACTION: That Prodos provide the committee with a design for an SAFFS membership certificate for consideration at next meeting.

ACTION (Deferred until certificate design is approved): That an SAFFS 2016 membership certificate be issued to all South Australian Film Societies that are currently FVFS members and have now become members of SAFFS.

MOTION: That the Treasurer will investigate setting up a bank account for the Federation.

Moved: Patricia. Seconded: Imelda.

OUTCOME: Carried.

Barboo is thanked for being Minutes Secretary for this meeting.

And she's wished a Happy Birthday by everyone (June 19 is her Birthday).

NEXT MEETING

Home of Ronald Evans:

22c Edward Street, Norwood.

2PM, August 07.

Finishing time: 4.05 PM



Draft Minutes prepared by

BARBOO A H MARINAKIS

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