

Dorchester Film Society

Constitution and Rules

adopted by AGM on 28 March 2013

Name

1. The name of the society shall be The Dorchester Film Society [hereinafter called the Society]

Objects

2. The objects of the Society shall be :

(1) to encourage interest in film as an art and as a medium of information and education by means of the exhibition of films of a scientific, educational, cultural and artistic character;

(2) to promote the study and appreciation of films by means of lectures, discussions and exhibitions; and

(3) incidentally, and in furtherance of, the objectives in (1) and (2) above, to provide opportunities for the social intercourse of members and their guests and for refreshment.

3. The activities of the Society shall not be directed to the furtherance of the aims of any political party nor shall they be conducted for or with a view to the private profit of any person or body of persons and subject to the provisions of Rule 21 any profit resulting therefrom shall be devoted to the objects of the Society.

Membership

4. All persons over 16 years of age shall be eligible for membership of the Society.

5. Application for annual membership shall be made in the first instance in writing to the Honorary Membership Secretary and shall be accompanied by payment for the full season or part season remaining The Honorary Membership Secretary shall supply the new member with a membership card and programme for the year together with details of the website giving access to the Society's Constitution and Rules .

6. To qualify for membership of the society members must pay the annual subscription quoted in the current season's brochure.

7. The committee shall have power to terminate the membership of any member who shall fail to observe any rule (or regulation) of the Society. Before any membership is terminated the Honorary Secretary shall give the member concerned seven days written

notice of a meeting of the committee which notice shall contain particulars of the complaint made against him. No membership shall be terminated unless the member concerned shall first have had an opportunity of appearing before the committee and answering any such complaint nor unless at least two thirds of the committee then present vote in favour of the termination of his membership.

Admission to film exhibitions

8. (1) It shall be within the discretion of the committee to authorise the Honorary Membership Secretary to issue to a member tickets for the admission of one or more guests to any meeting at which a film is to be exhibited, subject to the licensing agreement in force for that film.

(2) No person other than a member or the guest of a member in respect of whom a guest ticket had been issued in accordance with this rule shall be admitted to any meeting of the society at which a film is being exhibited.

9. No person shall be admitted to any meeting of the Society at which a film is to be exhibited except upon production of a membership ticket or a guest ticket. Payment for guest tickets will be made in accordance with the current licensing agreement.

10. No guest present at a meeting of the Society shall have the right to participate in any business of the Society transacted thereat.

Management

11. The entire management of the Society shall be deputed to a committee comprising a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, an Honorary Secretary, a Membership Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer. There shall be eight further members. Five members of the committee shall form a quorum.

12. The committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees and to delegate thereto such matters as they think fit.

13. The committee shall be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until immediately before the election of their successors at the Annual General Meeting next following when they shall retire but shall be eligible for re-election. Any two members may propose any other candidate or candidates provided that notice in writing of any such proposal shall be given to the Honorary Secretary at least twenty one days before the meeting accompanied by the written consent of the candidate or candidates. If any such notices are received, particulars thereof shall be

included in the notice of the meeting required by rule 18. Voting shall be by ballot if so requested by at least a quarter of those present at the meeting; otherwise it shall be by show of hands and the candidates up to the number of vacancies who shall receive most votes shall be declared elected. In the case of two or more candidates receiving an equal number of votes the immediate past Chairman shall have the casting vote.

14. The Chair, vice chair, honorary secretary and treasurer will normally hold office for maximum of three years. But in some circumstances by agreement with the committee may be re-elected for a further three years making a maximum of six years in office.

14. In the event of a casual vacancy arising in its membership the committee may co-opt another member of the Society to fill the vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting.

15. The immediate past Chairman and Honorary Secretary or other nominated officers shall preside during the election of the new committee members and of their successors at each Annual General Meeting. All other officers of the committee will be appointed by the committee at its first meeting following the Annual General Meeting.

16. The committee shall have power to make, repeal and amend such regulations (not inconsistent with these rules) as they shall deem expedient in the interests of the Society and any such shall have effect till otherwise determined by a general meeting.

17. The Society shall hold a general meeting at least once a year. A special general meeting may be called at any time by the committee or shall be called within one month after the receipt by the Honorary Secretary of a request in writing signed by at least twelve members of the Society and stating the business for which the meeting is required.

18. Subject to the provision of rules 21 and 22, notice in writing of any general meeting of the Society specifying the business to be transacted thereat shall be sent by the Honorary Secretary to every member of the Society at his or her last known address or email address at least seven days before the date of the meeting.

19. The quorum for a general meeting of the Society shall be twenty five members.

20. No officer or member of the Society shall receive payment either direct or indirect for his services or for other than reasonable

and proper out of pocket expenses incurred in the work of the Society.

Dissolution of the society

21. The Society shall not be dissolved save upon a resolution passed at a general meeting of the Society by at least two thirds of those present thereat upon a motion to that effect of which particulars in writing shall have been given to the Honorary Secretary and he shall have sent notice in writing thereof to every member of the Society at his last known address at least fourteen days before the date of such meeting, and upon the passing of such a resolution or at such future date as may be specified therein the committee shall proceed to realise the assets of the Society and after the discharge of all liabilities, shall devote the balance of the proceeds thereof to objects similar to those of the Society or to other purposes approved by Her Majesty's Commissioners of Customs and Excise in consultation with the Federation of Film Societies and thereupon the Society shall be dissolved.

Alteration of Rules

22. No rule of the Society shall be repealed or altered and no new rule shall be made save upon a resolution passed by at least two thirds of those present at a general meeting of the Society and one calendar month's notice in writing of the intention to propose any new rule or any repeal or alteration of an existing rule and containing particulars of the proposal shall be given to the Honorary Secretary who shall send notice in writing of the same to every member of the Society at his last known address or email address at least fourteen days before the general meeting provided that rules 3, 20, and 21 shall not be repealed or altered in any way whatsoever.