

**LFMC EGM 12/10/91
MINUTES**

Present: Sandy Weiland (E), Abina Manning, Pier Wilkie, Vicky Smith (E), Tony Marcus (E), Sarah Turner (E), Tanya Syed (E), Karen Smith, Tom Heslop, Guy Sherwin, Jane Parker, Al Rees, Nicky Hamlyn, Nina Danino, Lucy Panteli, Emina Kutagic (E), John Tappenden (E), Mike Dunford, Philip Baker, Roger Hammond, G N Morgan, James Bendell, Nick Collins, George Saxon, Noski Deville, Claire Barwell, Annabel Nicolson, Liz Rhodes, Maggie Warwick, Tina Keane, William English, Victoria Mapplebeck, Sophia Phoca, Alia Syed, Ilias Pantos, Mary Pat Leece, Paul Tarrago, Philip Sanderson, William Raban, Peter Gidal, Malcolm LeGrice, David Finch, Anna Thew (E), Martin Lugg (E), Paul Rogers (E), Franco Bossio, Steve Farrer, James Hutchinson (E), Mark Shehan (E)

(E) LFMC EXECUTIVE MEMBER

Observer: Dave Curtis

Chair: Cordelia Swann

Deputy: Patrick Keiller

Minutes: Karen Smith

Apologies: John Cant, Diana Mavroleon

1 RATIFICATION OF NEW AGENDA

Subjected to verbal abuse, the person taking Minutes withdrew her offer to Minute, but as no other LFMC member proposed to take on this duty, it fell by default and apathy to Karen to take the Minutes.

A DISCUSSION OF AGENDA

A new agenda was proposed by post and a further revised agenda was proposed on the day by the CHAIR as a compromise. After discussion, great acrimony and personal abuse, the revised agenda proposed by the CHAIR was accepted on the basis that ITEM 7: MOTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE, was brought before ITEM 4: LFMC RELOCATION.

VOTE TO BRING ITEM 7 BEFORE ITEM 4 ON NEW AGENDA PROPOSED BY CHAIR, AND HENCE AGREE REVISED AGENDA,

FOR	27
AGAINST	17
ABSTENTIONS	4
TOTAL VOTING	48

2 INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

Emina Kurtagic (Cinema Organiser) and Sarah Turner (Distribution Organiser) were introduced to the membership.

3 MOTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF LFMC EXECUTIVE

Much impassioned argument surrounded this issue which hinged on whether the current LFMC EXECUTIVE had been acting in the best interests of the LFMC. Their competence, expertise and motives were

all brought into question and the issues were hotly disputed, Personal abuse abounded,

At issue were: Ad hoc meetings called by individual EXECUTIVE members later granted the status of full EXECUTIVE meetings, the unprecedented 'removal' of a duly elected EXECUTIVE member at a non-EXECUTIVE meeting, unauthorised letters signed on behalf of the EXECUTIVE without prior consultation, non-consultation within the EXECUTIVE and an inability for all EXECUTIVE members to work together (as evidenced by the terms 'staff' and 'non-staff executive' used by certain EXECUTIVE members), unconstitutional behaviour, EXECUTIVE inaction on vital issues, staff conspiracy. These issues were discussed, and as the LFMC EGM is not a court of law, nothing was either proved or disproved.

Certain EXECUTIVE and members stated that it was clear from the issues at hand, regardless of their merit, that the current LFMC EXECUTIVE was unable to function for the good of the LFMC. It was countered by other members and EXECUTIVE that such a vote would be damaging and unconstitutional.

A vote was proposed by the CHAIR on whether the MOTION FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE LFMC EXECUTIVE could be passed by a two thirds majority only or by simple majority, followed by a revote if the numbers were close. This was to ensure that the sensitive issue of dissolution was dealt with in the most fair and democratic manner.

VOTE: WHETHER THE MOTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF THE LFMC EXECUTIVE NEEDED A TWO THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE OF MEMBERS PRESENT TO BE PASSED, OR WHETHER IT COULD BE PASSED ON A SIMPLE MAJORITY, FOLLOWED BY A REVOTE SHOULD THE OUTCOME BE CLOSE.

FOR 2/3 MAJORITY	9
FOR SIMPLE MAJORITY	34
ABSTENTIONS	7
TOTAL VOTE	50

The MOTION FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE LFMC EXECUTIVE was discussed. Those speaking for it suggested that the entire EXECUTIVE should stand down due to its inability to fulfil its remit. Alternatively, those arguing against dissolution cited a 'conspiracy' as the reason for the EXECUTIVE's inability to fulfil its remit and the destabilising effect of new elections to the EXECUTIVE. It was argued that the LFMC could not further be destabilised in the light of current problems. It was suggested that all those who felt that the LFMC EXECUTIVE, for whatever reason and without placing blame, was not fulfilling the remit for which it had been elected, should vote for the motion.

VOTE: MOTION FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE LFMC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FOR	42
AGAINST	1
ABSTENTIONS	7
TOTAL VOTE	50

All sub-committees were also dissolved in this vote.

LUNCH

4 LPMC RELOCATION

Sandy (Administrator) read her report on RELOCATION, sharing premises with LVA (which had been ratified at a previous EGM) and the LFDVA (the proposed new body for funding film and video to be housed in the Dunn and Co. building)

Steve Farrer on behalf of the previous Building Committee explained that various reports on relocation had been compiled and sent to the membership:

- a A Comparison between Saffron Hill Building and Dunn and Co. by Patrick Keiler
- b A Diary of Relocation Events by Martin Lugg
- c Conclusions by Ilios Pantos
- d Extensive list of Proposals concerning Relocation by the Building Committee

Questioned about the point of all the reports and proposals, as the LPMC EXECUTIVE had voted overwhelmingly to move to the Dunn and Co. building at a well-attended LPMC EXECUTIVE meeting on the 18/7/91, he suggested that they were undertaken after the vote of the 18/7/91 to give the LPMC a better bargaining position with its funders.

Discussion was opened to the floor. Much discussion ranged over the suitability of the Dunn and Co. building, a building at Saffron Hill and the possibility of other buildings. All the views are laid out in previous LPMC EXECUTIVE minutes, in reports and in the mailings to the membership calling for the EGM. It should be noted that there was strong feeling that the LPMC was being forced, by its funders, into an unsuitable building. There was other strong feeling that the Dunn and Co. building, while not being perfect, could hold possibilities for the future of the LPMC.

It was discussed whether to ratify the EXECUTIVE decision to move to the Dunn and Co. building, unconditionally, subject to the itemised proposals sent out by the recently dissolved EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE or not at all. An unconditional move to the Dunn and Co. building was rejected. Further suggestions were:

- A To ratify the LPMC EXECUTIVE vote to move to the Dunn and Co. building subject to 'conditions'.
- B To ratify the LPMC vote to move to the Dunn and Co. building 'subject to satisfactory negotiations'.
- C To vote not to move to the Dunn and Co. building, but to move to Saffron Hill or some unspecified alternative.

VOTE A: To ratify the LPMC EXECUTIVE vote to move to the Dunn and Co. building subject to 'conditions'

FOR 0

As none voted for, no vote against or abstentions were taken

VOTE B: To ratify the LPMC vote to move to the Dunn and Co. building 'subject to satisfactory negotiations'.

FOR	33
AGAINST	8
ABSTENTIONS	4
TOTAL VOTE	45

VOTE C: To vote not to move to the Dunn and Co. building, but to move to Saffron Hill or some unspecified alternative.

This vote was not taken as the previous vote had been overwhelming.

5 ELECTION OF NEW LFMC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members discussed whether the new EXECUTIVE should be in place for one month or three. On voting it was decided on three month tenure. The CHAIR proposed that the STAFF regain their positions on the LFMC EXECUTIVE (Staff: Sandy Weiland, Tony Marcus, Sarah Turner, Vicky Smith, John Tappenden, Emina Kurtagic). This was agreed by the members.

Individuals were nominated for the LFMC EXECUTIVE. Much discussion ranged over the numbers but a unanimous vote agreed that all who had been nominated could become LFMC EXECUTIVE members for a three month term.

NOMINEES RATIFIED AS LFMC EXECUTIVE MEMBERS: Philip Sanderson, Alia Syed, Sophia Phoca, Nick Collins, James Bendall, Annabel Nicolson, G M Morgan, Pier Wilkie, Noski Deville

MEETING ENDED: 6pm