

Women in Film & Television (UK) Ltd.

(the “Company”)

Minutes of the 30th Annual General Meeting of the Company held at 18:00 on Wednesday 22 September 2021 via Zoom.

Present: see attendance sheet 2021

Board members present – Sara Putt, Liz Tucker, Emma, Victoria Gaskell, Mary Aldridge, Val Cazalet, Cherrylee Houston, Alison Millar, Nicky Sargent, Ade Rawcliffe

WFTV staff members present – Katie Bailiff, AmyLouise Godby, Becky Kempson, Claudia Merhej, Nina Bhalla

BSL Interpreter – Rose Lennon

1) The WFTV Chair, Liz Tucker, welcomed everybody and having noted that a quorum of members was present, declared the Meeting open at 18:00.

2) The Chair proposed that the Notice of the 30th Annual General Meeting, having been sent to all members on the 6 September 2021 was taken as read and IT WAS AGREED without objection that the Notice had been sent and that it be taken as read.

3) The Chair referred to the Minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting of the Company held on Thursday 22 November 2020 and proposed that the minutes as drafted be approved.

The resolution was seconded by Val Cazalet.

A vote was taken and the minutes were approved unanimously.

4) The Chair then invited questions on the Company accounts for the financial year ended 31 August 2020. There being no questions, the Chair proposed as resolution 2 that the annual accounts for the financial year ended 31 August 2020 together with the directors’ report and the auditor’s report on those accounts be received.

The resolution was seconded by Nicky Sargent.

The resolution was put to the Meeting and carried unanimously.

5) The Chair then noted resolution 3, that Arram Berlyn Gardner be re-appointed as auditors of the Company and that the directors be authorised to fix their remuneration and called on a Board member to propose the resolution.

The resolution was proposed by Victoria Gaskell. The resolution was seconded by Alison Millar.

The resolution was put to the Meeting and carried unanimously.

This concluded the formal business of the meeting.

9) The CEO then highlighted the achievements made by WFTV over the last year:

- Membership has increased by 22% in the last year. WFTV has actively promoted its corporate membership scheme and as a result it now has 23 new companies on the scheme – an increase of 248% in terms of individual corporate members.
- In February – WFTV ran an awards event season which saw some of its highest annual audience figures including *The Crown* panel with Gillian Anderson and Emma Corrin hosted by Edith Bowman and in conversation with Emerald Fennell on her new film *Promising Young Woman*.
- It also marked a historic moment in time with a panel event celebrating the fact that four out of the six BAFTA lead actress nominees went to black women. In partnership with Netflix we had the pleasure of hosting Wumni Mosaku, Rada Blank and Bukky Bakray.
- In March, WFTV celebrated International Women’s Day by creating a virtual members club – WFTV’s *The House*. Meera Syal gave the keynote address as members entered different rooms in our virtual members club. The rooms included top film and TV talent, including writer Laurie Nunn, actor Lesley Sharp, casting director Shaeen Baig, Channel 4 drama commissioning editor Caroline Hollick and Board Member, Cherylee Houston.
- In May WFTV responded quickly to the Noel Clarke allegations and produced a panel discussion tackling Bullying and Harrassment with actress Samantha Morton and a panel of industry experts who discussed the issue and proposed solutions.
- In total this year, WFTV has produced over 200 events. WFTV continues to strive for creative excellence in our diverse and inclusive programme of events which come from all corners of the UK.
- Tonight (22 September 2021) it is hosting its first live event in 18 months and will transition back into the real world both in London and across the UK over the coming weeks.
- WFTV will continue to run a hybrid programme of both live and online events as they offer members much greater accessibility and inclusivity.
- WFTV is now in the third year of supporting female filmmakers through The Pat Llewellyn Bursary fund. It awarded £40,000 of development money to five filmmakers to progress their ideas. In August it was delighted to see one of last year’s bursary winners, Laura Martin Robinson land a BBC Wales commission with the film she developed through the fund.
- This year we have expanded our mentoring scheme from England and Northern Ireland into both Scotland and Wales – to create The WFTV Four Nations Mentoring Scheme. Tracy Forsyth, Director of Mentoring has delivered the England scheme, Sarah McCaffrey has produced the scheme Northern Ireland and Karen Kelly and Hannah Corneck joined the team to deliver the programmes in Scotland and Wales respectively.
- The scheme paired up 41 mentees and mentors from across the four nations. Once again we hit the important diversity targets introduced in 2019. The scheme was a huge success and WFTV received feedback such as ‘life-changing’ and ‘a transformative experience’.
- As many of you know we were unable to run the 2020 WFTV Awards in December due to the pandemic however WFTV is pleased to announce that 2021 30th WFTV Awards Lunch will take place on Friday 3rd December at the Hilton, Park Lane, London.

- WFTV would like to thank all of our sponsors for their support in terms of awards, online and mentoring sponsorship.
- The CEO expressed a huge thanks to all WFTV members for their continued support and engagement with WFTV – it will continue working hard on your behalf to support, promote and celebrate women working in the media.
- The CEO, Katie Bailiff, then asked for questions, there were no questions.

The Chair, Liz Tucker, then extended thanks to the following people:

- Our board of directors, in particular Mary Aldridge, Zeb Achonu and Sara Putt who are stepping down.
- All the members of our Finance Committee.
- Our Treasurer, Val Cazalet.
- Our Company Secretary, Victoria Gaskell.
- WFTV members, without whom we could not exist.
- Katie, CEO.
- WFTV office staff, Claudia Merhej, AmyLouise Godby, Scarlet Brearley, Nina Bhalla and Becky Kempson.
- Mentoring team - Tracy Forsyth, Director of Mentoring and Mentoring Producers, Hannah Corneck, Karen Kelly and Sarah McCaffrey.

10) There being no other business or questions, at 18:16 the Chair declared the meeting closed.