

Film Society Constitution¹

1. NAME

The Society will be known as Maldon Film Club, referred to here as the Society

2. OBJECTS

The object of the Society is to advance the education of the public in the enjoyment, understanding and appreciation of the arts, particularly in the art of film and allied visual techniques.

The Society shall each year present a programme of films chosen by members and agreed by a meeting of the Committee.

The Society shall promote study, appreciation and enjoyment of Film by the means of discussion, lecture and partnership with other organisations

3. MEMBERSHIP

- a) Membership is open to everyone over the age of 18 on payment of the current membership fee or at the discretion of the Committee. The membership fee shall be set on an annual basis by the Committee.²
- b) Membership shall entitle the holder to attendance at all films and other meetings
- c) Only members and their guests may be admitted to film screenings. Only members may buy guest tickets and they can only do so immediately before a screening subject to the discretion of the Committee and availability of seats. Guest tickets may not be bought or reserved in advance and entry for the guest is not guaranteed. The age of the guest(s) must meet the requirements of the Film Certificate issued by the British Board of Film Censors or as confirmed by the Committee.

4. MANAGEMENT

- a) The Society shall be run by a Committee of at least five members. The Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and hold office until the next AGM.

¹ Constitution as adopted at the first Annual General Meeting of the Maldon Film Club, Oak Rooms, Maldon. 7th February 2005

² A resolution to restrict membership to 180 members was adopted at the AGM held on 29th April 2009.

- b) 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 upon written request being made to the committee signed by at least eight of the members

The quorum for general meetings shall be a minimum of ten members and for the committee meetings a minimum of five committee members.

- c) The Society, shall be non-political and not espouse the cause of any political party
- d) The Society shall not be run for the private profit of a Member or Members. Any balance at the end of the year shall be carried over and devoted to the objects of the Society
- e) Membership subscription will be agreed annually at a Committee Meeting
- f) No members or Committee Members shall receive payment directly or indirectly for their services other than legitimate expenses incurred in the work of the Society
- g) Signatory's to the Society Account will be agreed at Committee meeting and a minimum of two cheque signatories are required for any financial transaction.
- h) The Society shall not be wound up except by resolution of a majority of those present at a special general meeting called for that purpose. In the event of winding up the remaining funds of the Society shall not be distributed among members but shall be passed to a charitable organisation or organisations with objects similar to those of the Society or Charity agreed by a two thirds majority of the committee.

5. ALTERATION OF RULES

No alteration of rules shall be made except by a resolution approved by the majority of members present at a General Meeting. No amendments shall be made to the objects of the Society (clause 2), the dissolution clause (clause 4h) or Clause 5.