

Acton-Boxborough Cultural Council

“Our World” Foreign Film Series Sub-Committee

Meeting Minutes for January 15, 2015 6:30 PM at the Sargent Memorial Library History Room

Attendees: Nancy C. Evans, Greg Hutchins, Todd Davis

Minutes of the December 14, 2014 sub-committee meeting were reviewed. Nancy moved to adopt the Minutes as drafted, Greg seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Todd reviewed the responses to date to the solicitation of films for a night of short films. There have been three positive responses from universities and three from individuals, with one film already having been mailed. In addition, Mitchell Ward, the Acton native referred to by Barbara Estabrook, has also indicated he would submit a film.

Todd will draft a Call for Entries to be submitted to the Beacon and Action Unlimited for publication. The intent will also be to post it on the ABCC, Acton Patch, Wicked Local, and Facebook web sites.

Kristie Rampton has verified Town Hall availability for the series. It was decided that short film submissions would still be requested in DVD format to accommodate all possible screening sites.

Nancy proposed showing the Argentine film Wild Tales as one of this year's features. It is a current release and all indications are positive, but availability of DVD or Blu-ray versions for purchase is uncertain. Nancy will attempt to contact the filmmakers or otherwise ascertain the film's availability. Nancy will also attempt to contact the director of the film Praying Town, a showing of which by Iron Work Farm, Inc. was the object of an ABCC Grant in FY 2013, for possible recommendations of African feature films.

Greg reported the commercial availability of a 50th Anniversary Edition of the Beatles first feature film, A Hard Day's Night, in a combined Blu-ray and DVD version. While the Acton Memorial Library already has the film in its collection, Boxborough does not.

After considerable discussion, a consensus developed around the feature films Electra, a Greek film directed by Michael Cacoyannis; Elling, a Norwegian film directed by Petter Naess; and Picnic at Hanging Rock, an Australian film directed by Peter Weir. No final decisions were reached, however, pending further research.

February 12 will be targeted as the next meeting date, same time and place. Nancy will attempt to secure a reservation for the space.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.