



Minutes (LPD 1340-1356) of a meeting of the London Production Divisional Committee held at 1100 on Saturday 25 November 2017 in Conference Room 1 at BECTU Head Office, 373-377 Clapham Road, London SW9 9BT

1 Present

Mark Andrews (Sound Branch), Tim Bertani (Camera Department Branch), Jon Howard (Camera Department Branch), Paula Lamont (Location Department Branch), Peter McInerney (Film Artistes Branch), Pascale Recher (Hair & Make-Up Branch), Chester Yang (Writers Producers & Directors Branch), Morag Livingstone (Writers Producers & Directors Branch), Sue Bennett (Writers Producers & Directors Branch)

Chair: Nick Ray (Certified Grips & Crane Technicians Branch)

Secretary: Tony Scott (Animation & New Media Branch)

Assistant Secretary & Vice Chair: Tim Potter (Camera Department Branch)

National Secretary: Spencer MacDonald

2 Apologies

Paul Evans (Assistant National Secretary), Mike Dick (Writers Producers & Directors Branch), Mark Thornton (Lighting Technicians Branch)

3 Agenda

LPD letter 36 was submitted, and it was

Agreed (LPD 1340) to endorse LPD letter 36: LPD Committee agenda version 1.0 for the meeting of 25 November 2017 with one additional item: death of Mark Millsome.

4 Minutes of previous meeting

LPD letter 35 was submitted, and it was

Agreed (LPD 1341) to endorse LPD letter 35: LPD Committee minutes (LPD 1333-1339) version 1.0 of the meeting held on 9 September 2017.

5 Branch and membership reports

- a) LPD membership statistics – statistics for August, September and October 2017 were submitted, and following discussion, it was

Agreed (LPD 1342) to note the latest LPD membership statistics.

- b) LPD branch reports

Animation & New Media Branch – No report.

Camera Department Branch – Progress on the drafting of rate cards for the branch was reported.

Certified Grips & Crane Technicians Branch – No report.

Film Artistes Branch – The current situation on the employment agency set up the branch was reported, along with the lack of work for branch committee members.

Hair & Make-Up Branch – A report was given on branch communications issues, that the branch AGM had taken place, and a new branch committee was in place.

Location Department Branch – Increased branch membership, the drafting of a branch

rate card, improvements to branch internal communications and concerns over location security were reported. On the last point, it was

Agreed (LPD 1343) to refer the branch concerns on location security to Helen Ryan, who is drafting a BECTU-wide policy concerning child protection.

Sound Branch – The branch view on the feature film agreement were reported.

Writers Producers & Directors Branch – Recent events organised by the branch were reported and arrangements for the next Freelancers Fair, scheduled for 22 April 2018.

6 Rate cards

It was reported the meeting referred to in LPD 1339 did not take place. Following discussion, it was

Agreed (LPD 1344) that all rate card content must be presented in a standard format for use at forthcoming independent television drama and feature film negotiations.

Agreed (LPD 1345) that discussion takes place via email to agree a standard format for rate cards, and that the camera and sound rate cards are used as a starting point for such discussions.

Agreed (LPD 1346) to convene the meeting referred to in LPD 1339 when a standard format for rate cards has been agreed amongst the relevant LPD branches.

Agreed (LPD 1347) to consider making a recommendation to the BECTU SEC, when the rate cards are agreed, to improve the accessibility of the revised rate cards when they are posted on the BECTU website.

7 Accuracy of branch records

It was reported no activity had taken place on this matter, therefore it was

Agreed (LPD 1348) that all LPD branch secretaries must submit accurate records of their committee members, representatives and officers to ANS Paul Evans as soon as possible.

8 Prospect Union Week

A report was given of the Prospect Union Week in which BECTU had participated.

9 Annual Members' Forum 2018

Following discussion, it was

Agreed (LPD 1349) that the Annual Members' Forum 2018 takes place on Sunday 4 February 2018.

Agreed (LPD 1350) that the agenda must be agreed by branches via email beforehand, and that this meeting proposes Brexit, the Eyes Wide Shut report and sexual harassment as the basis of the agenda for the Annual Members' Forum 2018.

10 Division appropriate for National Film & Television Archives Branch

It was reported LPD had been approached by the Arts and Entertainment Division proposing the NFTA Branch be transferred to the A&E Division in the view that all the other branches in the BFI were in the A&E Division. The branch had been consulted, and they had signified agreement to the proposal. After discussion, it was

Agreed (LPD 1351) to recommend to the BECTU SEC that the National Film & Television Archives Branch be transferred to the A&E Division in view of the other branches at the BFI are in the A&E Division.

11 Death of Mark Millsome

It was reported that a non-union member and cameraman Mark Millsome had recently been killed on a shot abroad. It was also reported that a union member grip had also been injured during the same incident. Following discussion, it was

Agreed (LPD 1352) to be party to a letter from the British Society of Cinematographers and the Guild of British Camera Technicians expressing concern at the accident.

Agreed (LPD 1353) to consult Thompsons on the issue.

12 Reports

- a) SEC – The BECTU SEC minutes for 24 September 2017 (SEC 11443-11476) were submitted, and following discussion, it was
Agreed (LPD 1354) to seek clarity from the BECTU SOC on the wording of SEC 11464, concerning proposed amendments to the LPD By-laws, as its meaning was unclear.
- b) Communications – It was clarified the report at the last meeting was incorrect – Honour Baise was in fact the number two to Sharon Elliot. It was reported that a meeting of the Communications Committee had taken place recently, although the Secretary was unable to attend.
- c) Divisional – It was reported the BBC and the IB Divisional Committee had taken place recently, although the Secretary had been unable to attend either meeting.
- d) Equality – No report.
- e) Health and safety – It was reported a meeting of the NHSC had taken place recently, although no LPD representatives had been able to attend.
- f) Training – It was reported the BFI had a significant sum of money available, and that it was currently seeking bids from potential service providers.
- g) Film Policy Committee – Brexit issues were being dealt with jointly with the FEU. Work continues on levy distribution policy. On the question of potential problems that could occur if the UK leaves the EU, it was
Agreed (LPD 1355) to consider approaching the BECTU SEC to support EU members in the UK if they have immigration problems in the future relating to the proposal that the UK leaves the EU.
- h) Young Members Forum – No report.
- i) Copyright Committee – Following discussion, it was
Agreed (LPD 1356) to seek information from the Copyright Committee if there was an equivalent of public lending rights for film and television.

13 Dates of future meetings

(All LPD Committee meetings on Saturday at 1100) [28 January 2018 BECTU SEC], 4 February 2018 LPD Annual Members' Forum, **10 March 2018**, [25 March 2018 BECTU SEC], **19 May 2018 (followed by joint LPD/RPD meeting)**, [3-6 June 2018 Prospect National Conference], **16 June 2018**, [1 July 2018 BECTU SEC], [2 September 2018 BECTU SEC], **24 November 2018 (followed by joint LPD/RPD meeting)**, [25 November 2018 BECTU SEC]

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