

**CINENOVA BOARD MEETING
31 MAY 1995**

Minutes

1. No apologies received.

Present: Kate Norrish, Helen de Witt, Elaine Burrows, Julia Knight, Kavita Hayton, Deborah Wearn, Paula Graham, Liane Harris, Margaret Trotter, Azza Rahman, Lucy Kimbell, Carla Mitchell.

2. The minutes of the last meeting were passed.

3. Helen reported on the conference at the University of Rome 'Youth Culture and Metropolitan Conflict'. The conference was badly organised with all the sessions starting late but the hospitality was excellent. The paper about Cinenova was given at a special seminar on women's cultural interventions and was well received. Francesca Mazzi asked Helen and Sara Bowman from East London University to prepare a resource pack on women's filmmaking. Currently Francesca's professor, Massimo Canevacci, is viewing a collection of Cinenova tapes with a view to purchasing them for the University library.

4. The new office is currently being re-decorated and new shelves are being installed for the videos. We hope to be able to move in toward the end of June when the old office will become a viewing suite and despatch room.

5. Kate reported that the Royalties were almost finished, after which the auditors would be coming in.

6 i. Lucy reported that the Dialogues promotion was going very well with eight RFTs having booked the film for up to three days. More bookings are expected to follow. The film has featured on Radio Four's 'All in the Mind' where Ally Light, the director, was interviewed on the phone. We have also received orders from regional MIND groups after the film was played at MIND's 'Eve Fights On' conference.

ii Lucy is also currently researching the best possibilities for Cinenova to have e-mail and a World Wide Web page. She will report again when she has more information.

Kate reported on discussions she had with Frantic Design about a CD Rom educational package for 'A' Level Media Studies on women and film. If we were to go ahead with the project it may be possible to get funding from the Gulbenkian Foundation and LFVDA Education.

7. Any Other Business

i. We have received an offer to 'launder' \$60m for the Nigerian Petroleum Corporation!

ii. Sight and Sound Magazine are organising another Women and Film event at the NFT with a tour of the regions to follow. LFVDA are funding the event and Steve McIntyre recommended to Philip Dodd that we are involved. Helen phoned Philip and will be meeting with him on 14 June.

iii. ICA Broads Perspectives slot: Helen has met with Deborah Salter from the ICA to discuss the future of the slot in the soon-to-be-refurbished Cinematheque. Deborah said the department is still committed to the slot but would like it to be re-vamped. We decided to have only two programmes per year but to make them bigger and publicise them better and more widely. In addition the ICA offered to showcase our bigger films in the 'theque in order to establish them better for regional bookings.

iv. We are just about to start work on our application to the National Lottery for funds to equip the new office and up-date our video equipment.

v. Four Corners have received a cut of 100% of their funding from the BFI. the Board offered their support in any way they could to help Four Corners in their campaign to have their funding re-instated.

vi. The forms from Companies House for the details of Directors have arrived and were duly completed.

There being no other business the meeting was closed. The date of the next meeting is 12 July, with the Policy Making Day on 25 June at 12.00.