

**CINENOVA BOARD MEETING**  
**10 JULY 1996**

**Minutes**

1. Present: Helen; Julia; Corinna; Azza, Elaine; Maggie; Deborah  
Apologies: Kate; Liane; Kavita; Margaret
2. The Minutes of the last meeting were accepted.
3. Matters arising: the day for Questions to the Secretary of State for National Heritage has been postponed. Helen contacted Jane Paul at BECTU for advice on questions, she referred us to Women in Film and Television whose material we already have.
4. Karen Dowell, our new temporary part-time finance officer introduced herself to the Board, who in turn introduced themselves. Karen explained that she had received one day's training on Cinenova's financial systems from Kate and was confident she could carry out the duties of finance officer until Kate's successor is appointed.
5. Everything is now in place to begin spending the Lottery money. A meeting has been set up with Pat from VET to decide the best way to proceed.
6. The Arts Council still hasn't come back to us about the trainee for the Cinema 100 Education project. In the light of changes in the Film Dept at the Arts Council it is unlikely that we will get a decision in the near future. It was decided to go ahead with the project in a limited form. Helen will seek a meeting with Trish Jenkins, Education and Training Officer at the LFVDA to discuss how best to proceed.
7. Deborah reported on the Cinenova at Cinergy night. It was enjoyable and bizarre but not as big as we anticipated, with only a small table acting as a bar in the corner rather than the Minemas's cafe area being open. There was a good atmosphere but some of the cabaret acts were not considered appropriate for the character of the films. Both Cinergy and Cinenova had put a lot of effort into the press and publicity for the evening and whilst we appreciated being asked to programme the evening and enjoyed working with the Cinergy team, we considered that there was not enough return, either financially or in terms of publicity, to warrant taking such an active involvement again. Although, of course, Cinergy are welcome to book Cinenova films whenever they choose.
8. The date set for the completion of the Policy documents is set for 14 July at 12.00. Papers will be provided on the day.
9. Centaurus, the video on demand company, have been in touch again asking about when they could get the tapes of the films they would like to make available on their channel. The Board thought we should get more details of the other companies that have been approached and reassurances of the other kinds of films that will be available, i.e. make sure its not all pornography. Helen will write to Centaurus seeking reassurance on these points, if the Board is then satisfied we will offer them six selected documentaries for a trial period. It was suggested that in the view of the company not being able to compete with the Majors in terms of video on demand, they may be acquiring Rights with a view to selling on a library of films rather than realistically setting up their own channel.
10. Kate's leaving party is set for 19 July in the Wheatsheaf, Rathbone Place W1. It was decided to put £150.00 behind the bar to pay for initial drinks for the guests.
11. Any other business
  - i Helen attended a BFI Funding Unit meeting on the consultative document for New Directions Programmes from the National Lottery. It concentrated on the Access and Participation section and was chaired by the writer of the paper on Access and Participation, Richard Crossland. The meeting was very useful in understanding the thrust of the New Directions programmes as well as an opportunity to feed back into the discussion process. The LFVDA have also invited responses to the consultation document to be sent via them to the Arts Council.
  - ii Julia, Kavita, Elaine, Corinna and Deborah offered apologies for the next meeting on 21 August. It was decided to cancel the meeting and instead organise a special meeting earlier in the month to discuss the Finance and Marketing Co-ordinator's job description and the procedure for appointing Kate's successor. The next full Board meeting will be on 25 September.