



AUSTRALIAN SECTION OF THE VISUAL EFFECTS SOCIETY BOARD MINUTES

Date: Tuesday June 13, call start 6:30pm AEST (6pm Adelaide), est finish 7:00pm.

ATTENDING: Julian Dimsey (meeting chair), Danielle Conroy, Dan Bethell, Noah Vice, Jeannette Manifold, Lara Hopkins, , Dane Maddams, Justin Porter, Jason Bath,

APOLOGIES: Brendan Seals, Ian Cope, Josh Simmonds,

Ø Meeting Chair:

- o Julian Dimsey

Ø Newsletter Update

- o **Newsletter update / ETA for release (Dan / Ian)**

Dan and Ian are well advanced with the newsletter – they should have something for the rest of the board to look at by the end of next week.

Dan ran through the layout and content for the first edition - he requested some photos from previous VES events to add to the newsletter – all members are going to see if they have any.

We discussed the general VES email address for Australia – VESAustralia@Gmail.com – Jason to check if it is still valid and Jeanette volunteered to monitor this email address Jason / Dan explained how to access the global VES newsletter (VFX Voice) on the VES website.

Ø Upcoming Events/Screenings:

- o **Sydney pub night update (Dane via Jason Bath)**

Dane to organize and provide a date for this event. Dan would like this date provided in the next few days so he can add it to the newsletter. Plastic wax have offered to co-sponsor the event matching the VES contribution dollar for dollar. Jason suggested that perhaps they organize a dinner and the budget is put towards food with members covering their own drinks. A weekend dinner was discussed but it was agreed that a week day event would be more attractive to members with families, etc.

- o **Melbourne member's event plans (Julian / Josh / Brendan / Justin)**

Josh and Julian to organize a new members event at Iloura for late June / first week of July. Dan would like this date provided in the next few days so he can add it to the newsletter. Iloura to match VES contribution dollar for dollar. VFX breakdowns from last year's nominations will be shown in the Iloura theatre as part of this event.

o **Adelaide member's event plans (Noah)**

Noah to organize a new members event in Adelaide for late June / first week of July. Dan would like this date provided in the next few days so he can add it to the newsletter. Unsure if RSP are going to co-sponsor the event – Noah to inform us.

o **Luma may also potentially be hosting a Spiderman screening – Brendan mentioned a possible date of Friday July 7 in his email today.**

Justin confirmed Luma are hosting a screening of Spiderman on July 7. I think this will be for Luma crew with spare tickets being offered to VES members Jeanette suggested that Iloura Sydney may also be hosting a crew screening, and if so, spare tickets would be offered to VES members. No date was given for this screening

o **Dunkirk/Apes are the next options for the July VES screening so it was going to be included in the June newsletter as a poll.**

Jason will get information from the US as to the availability of prints. Dunkirk and Apes looked like the most likely candidates as they are released mid to late July, however Jason is also going to see what the possible screening date of Valerian is given it's Aus release differs from the US release. Depending on what is available, we may send out a members survey to determine what the members would prefer to watch.

o **Danielle confirmed that we don't have any more budget to do any more screenings for a while, we are aiming at 1 per quarter – is this still the case?**

Danielle confirmed that we do have budget for screenings. I think that was a misunderstanding on my part as I was not part of the previous meeting.

o **From May meeting - Jason to update us on using the RSVP tool through the VES website (in the past we have not used the VES RSVP tool and tracked RSVP's for screenings via email)**

Jason gave a brief explanation on the RSVP tool that is on the VES website. It was agreed that we should use this tool for events as it made it easier to track numbers. It was also agreed that we should have a cut off around 3 or 4 days prior to the screening, at which point, we open the screening up to non-members. The non-member RSVPs would be handled through our individual email addresses (and not the VES website).

o **During my absence last month there was a discussion related to the event that Glenn Melenhorst is doing with Toronto VES - a 2 hour conference via video link. It was discussed as to whether Glenn could do this for us in Australia for our members? Did anyone follow this up?**

Julian to talk to Glenn to see if he could do a similar presentation for the Australian VES members – perhaps centred around the new project he is currently supervising. Given the release date of this project, a possible date of sometime in September was discussed. Josh Simmonds is co-supervising this project, so Julian will also talk to him about sharing this presentation with Glenn.

Ø **2017 'Fall' Membership Drive:**

o **How is everyone going with potential new members?**

A few potential members in every state. It was discussed that we should open up our August screenings to potential new members. It was also discussed that we should organize an event in conjunction with the screening.

Noah explained that quite a few of the new candidates in Adelaide missed the cut off date with their paperwork, so they would now be part of the September intake.

∅ Other Business:

Jason mentioned the AACTA awards VES VFX bake off that occurs on September 28th.

Jason to talk further with Sydney board members about the format and structure of this so that this knowledge can be shared amongst the board.

∅ Next Meeting:

- o Chair is Noah Vice – Date: July 5th