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The Minutes of the 181st BBFC Board of Classification Meeting

Monday, 20 June, 2016

Present:

Patrick Swaffer	President
Alison Hastings	Vice President
Gerard Lemos	Vice President
David Austin	Chief Executive
Catherine Anderson (minutes)	Head of Communications

Minutes of the previous meeting

1. The minutes were agreed.

Horror Policy

2. David Austin introduced draft policies on horror policy at the 12/15 and 15/18 borders. The policies consist of aggravating and mitigating factors for examiners and compliance officers to consider when confronted with depictions of threat, violence, gore, and other horrific content in genre horror and other works that sit on the border between those categories, in order to help them make classification recommendations.

3. The Board of Classification considered the practical application of the policies in relation to a number of films and videos, including *Jurassic World* (12), *10 Cloverfield Lane* (12), *Chronicle* (15 uncut, 12 with cuts), *Drag Me to Hell* (15), *Final Destination 5* (15), *30 Days of Night* (15 for theatrical release and 18 on DVD and VOD), *Shaun of the Dead* (15), *Wolf Creek* (18) and *What We Do in the Shadows* (15).

4. The Board agreed the substance of the policies, including all the aggravating and mitigating factors and asked that a number of minor drafting amendments be made for the sake of clarity before the policy is presented to the examining and compliance teams.

Action: Alexandra Evans

Declarations of Interest

5. Alison Hastings suggested that the process for registering declarations of interest be placed on a more systematic, formal footing. The Board of Classification agreed that its members would, on an annual basis, make a general disclosure of interests to David Austin, as Company Secretary. David Austin will maintain a register of such interests. Additionally, members will notify David Austin of any potential conflict of interest immediately.

Action: David Austin

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6. Gerard Lemos reported on progress in relation to the BBFC's role supporting the Good Prison Film initiative. The copyright issue is close to being resolved. In July, David Austin and the BBFC's Head of Education, Lucy Brett, will visit a prison that is interested in piloting the initiative to discuss how it might work. Working with others involved in film education, the BBFC will select films and prepare notes on those films for use by prison educators.

Action: Gerard Lemos, Lucy Brett

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 6 July