

Southampton University Students' Union Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Society

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 2nd December 2003 at 19:00 in SUSU Café Bar

Present:

M (President)
S (Secretary)
JC (Women's Activities Officer)
JW (Campaigns Officer)

Apologies:

P (Technical Officer)
C (Welfare Officer)
E (Publicity Officer)

Absent Without Apologies

D (Vice-President)
JB (Men's Activities Officer)

1.1 M apologised for not sending out an email officially announcing the committee meeting, and the resulting confusion.

1.2 Due to absences, a further committee meeting is to be arranged for **Week Commencing 8th December 2003**. *Action: M to announce via committee email.*

2. Social Events.

2.1 JC and JB are to organise 6 social events for January 2004, comprising 4 Tuesday evenings and two other events.

2.2 M said he would like some of the social events to be more women-focused as he believed there to be a lack of these which he envisaged could cause a drop in female membership of the society.

2.3 JW suggested that the meeting Tuesday 27th January 2004 (Holocaust Remembrance Day) should comprise at least an element to remember the gay victims of the Holocaust. This could be done in conjunction with the Jewish Society. M suggested that this evening should be left to Jay to organise. *Action: JW to do research into this.*

2.4 It was agreed that Tuesday 5th January 2004 should be a "welcome back" event.

2.5 It was generally agreed that with exams starting in late January, any events organised around this time should be relaxed and relatively low-key. We're all here to pass our degrees (apart from S who has no exams in January)

2.6 JC suggested and it was generally agreed that the Brighton trip (agreed at the termly general meeting) is to be organised for February or March.

2.7 JC and JW brought up the idea of social events with the newly-formed SISU LGB and with Breakout. M said this was a good idea but due to the fledgling fragility of SISU LGB it was probably best if SUSU LGB were to organise these sorts of events and invite others along. J said he would probably invite SISU LGB to whatever event is organised on 27th January.

2.8 JC asked about the status of Winchester School of Art LGB. M remarked that WSA seemed to have a flourishing society. This opens up the possibility of an event organised with WSA LGB, perhaps a trip to the King's Arms. JC suggested possibly a weekend, JW suggested an afternoon/evening event taking in some shopping and some food at Winchester's cafés and bars. *Action: Mark to contact WSA LGB president.*

2.9 **LGB Meal.** M is planning to organise a meal for Wednesday 10th November 2003. This will take place at either the Edge or Freedom Café Bar. *Action: M to organise and contact members asap.*

3. LGB(T) Awareness Week

3.1 JW (as Campaigns Officer and LGB(T) Officer (elect) indicated that he would like LGB(T) awareness week to take place at the end of the Spring term. He indicated the possibility of events involving Union Films (showing LGB(T) films in the Uniplex, for example) and a Gay "Blind Date" *Action: JW to talk to Union Films*

4. Any Other Business

4.1 **Committee Responsibilities.** JC said that being relatively new to the committee she wouldn't mind some guidance on how to perform her duties better. JW agreed. M (an old hand at such matters) offered to put together a guide for each committee members indicating their prime responsibilities and pointers on how to avoid disaster. This was generally agreed.

4.2 **Event Themes.** Further to the Social Events discussed, M said he would like to see a themed event every month, with the theme of Campaigns, Welfare and Diversity.

4.3 **Publicity.** The publicity for the events discussed was brought up, but due to the lack of publicity officer, it was decided that this matter was best left to the next committee meeting.

4.4 **Event Planning.** M decided that the Activities' Officers should draw up a list of planned events and an action plan for organising them for ratification by the committee at the next meeting. He said there was no reason why the activities' officers should not delegate tasks to other committee members to share the workload.

5. There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 19:45

6. Summary of actions to be taken by committee members:

M:

- Produce guides on committee responsibilities
- Arrange committee meeting for **w/c 8th December** and email committee in due time
- Organise LGB Meal for **Weds. 10th December**
- Attend Clubs and Societies meeting on **Thursday 9th December** to ensure ratification of new constitution.

JC / JB

- Meet and produce proposal for January socials, including action plans for each stage of organisation, targets and delegation of responsibilities.

JW

- Start researching for event on Holocaust Memorial Day

S

- Find out about Minibus Test!