

Southampton University Students' Union Lesbian Gay and Bisexual Society

Minutes of committee meeting dated 7th January 2004 at 19:00 in the Stag's Head
(Union Bar)

Present:

M (President)
D (Vice-President)
S (Secretary)
JC (Women's Activities Officer)
JB (Men's Activities Officer)
JW (Campaigns Officer)

Apologies received from:

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

1.0 Minutes of meeting dated 12-12-03 were read by the committee and approved.

2.0 Matters Arising

2.1 S apologised for the late distribution of the minutes from the last committee meeting, which had not been distributed until early January (!), and any resulting confusion this may have caused.

3.0 Job Roles

3.1 Further to the committee meeting of 02-12-03, M distributed to members of the committee a sheet with each member's individual roles and responsibilities to the society

3.2 E asked about the treasurer's position, as this is currently unfilled, and how this may affect the running of the society if the committee is unable to keep track of the budget. M said this was a concern which was being addressed. He said that he would keep the committee fully informed of the state of the budget.

4.0 Events

4.1 Tuesday 13th January 2004 – Re-recruitment.

- 4.1.1 M said he had received a few emails from people wishing to join the society but who had missed the last re-recruitment
- 4.1.2 JC suggested a new venue for the re-recruitment, but the lateness of the hour restricted the scope for this
- 4.1.3 In E's absence, P actioned to produce publicity for the event.
- 4.1.4 C is to bring along information packs and handbooks etc. (available from P).
- 4.1.5 The event will start at 19:00 in SUSU Café

4.2 Tuesday 20th January – Drinks and video

- 4.2.1 It was discussed previously that Union Films may allow us to stage this event in the Uniplex, but organising such a venue may be impractical in the short time! M commented that even given longer this would be improbable!
- 4.2.2 JW suggested a Lecture Theatre at Avenue Campus might be suitable, due to more mod cons being available there, all that would be needed was a laptop that could play DVDs which could be provided by JC. M said that going to Avenue might put Highfield students off
- 4.2.3 It was decided to use the Murray Lecture theatre, using a projector, or, failing this, a television could be borrowed from Clubs and Socs. *Action JC to look at both possibilities and carry out the most practical.*
- 4.2.4 M to bring cable to connect laptop to whichever machine would be used!

4.3 Tuesday 27th January – Holocaust Memorial Day

- 4.3.1 JW reported that his research for this event was progressing very well. The event will take the form of a talk, delivered by JW, followed by some candle lighting down by the Highfield Stream.
- 4.3.2 The talk will take place in the Murray Lecture Theatre, to be booked by D
- 4.3.3 Candles will be bought by JW, and Pink Triangles to be provided by S for event

4.4 Additional Event 1 – Chinese New Year

- 4.4.1 To take place on Thursday 22nd January at Freedom Café Bar. *Action:* M to contact [redacted]
- 4.4.2 As this is a cultural event, JB is to do some research into the Chinese New Year for leaflet or brief speech at the event. Décor will no doubt be organised by [redacted] with her usual zeal.

4.5 Additional Event 2 – Pubcrawl

- 4.5.1 It was decided that this could coincide with the Latino Carnival at the Edge on 31st January. A minibus will take those in and out of costume on a pubcrawl before returning to the Edge.
- 4.5.2 D to (sweet)talk to [redacted] to ask if he will drive!
- 4.5.3 M to talk to [redacted].

4.6 Brighton Trip

4.6.1 M suggested, further to meeting of 12-12-03 that events in conjunction with SISU LGB should be kept low-key for the time being. This was not to say we could not go to Brighton at the same time as SISU, stopping short of joint-organisation.

4.6.2 JC suggested the weekend of 20th / 21st February as Valentines weekend could be expensive

4.6.3 Action plan for organising trip:

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| + Coach to be booked | >>>> M |
| + Posters to be prepared | >>>> D |
| + Tickets to be produced | >>>> Later |
| + Budget | >>>> S |
| + Events for the Night (pubs/clubs to be visited) | >>>> JB to make contact |

4.6.4 Price is to be decided. S suggested a 'money back' scheme whereby members get some of the ticket price back if enough people attend. M said it would be too difficult to organise and would put him out of pocket.

5.0 Location of Meetings

5.1 M reported that the Union are making life very difficult for the Society when they insist on closing the tunnel between the Main Building and the West building, as this means society members cannot visit the bar from the Café. As a great deal of the Society's ambit is social, this makes things difficult.

5.2 The West Ref (Garden Court) appears to be free on Tuesdays and is but a stone's throw from the bar, and in the same building. M delivered an impressive speech in favour of moving meetings to this new location. A vote was taken, and this motion was approved unanimously.

5.3 JB volunteered to stay in the SUSU Café for the first few weeks for a while to redirect any errant members.

6.0 Training of Committee Members

6.1 M wished to extend the training of committee members in active listening skills to the Activities Officers, who have a great deal of contact with the members. To this end, C, JB, JC and D are all to email M with their availabilities over the next few weeks so that M can book the courses with GCHS.

7.0 Accounts

7.1 Disarray seems to be the word. M and D are currently engaged in contacting the bank to arrange for the names of the Society Accounts to be changed so that we have access to the account. The Signatories on the record currently are long gone!

7.2 After this has been done, the Society will be much better informed. The only information M had to hand is that he is owed £180!

8.0 Any Other Business

8.1 The website needs updating with committee photos and witty anecdotes. P to dust down the digital camera and exercise the typing fingers!

8.2 M suggested a committee night out. A surprisingly popular idea.

9.0 Date of Next Meeting

9.1 The date of the next committee meeting will be Wednesday 4th February, by which time the Activities Officers will have details of the next set of events

9.2 The Activities Officers will email M with the plans for the meeting on Tuesday 3rd February.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 20:20.