



SUSU LGB, EGM meeting – Wednesday 27th April 2005. Lecture Theatre F,
Management Building

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members Present:

JN (President)
DT (Vice-President)
AW (Men's Social Officer)
J (Women's Welfare Officer)
RJ (Diversity Officer/Secretary)

Apologies:

There were no apologies of absence as a full committee were present.¹

The Informal Meeting was declared open by JN (Present) @ 7.15 pm

1.0 There was general discussion about social “games” night to be held immediately after this EGM. A “pub crawl” of Southampton’s gay venues was proposed as next week’s activity. The “rag shot challenge” was mentioned, AW to supply a digital camera for the next committee meeting. AW also discussed possibility of Montefiore Hall rep position within the society. JN felt that this would be something best explored next term.

1.1 JN raised the Oxford student pride event and explained he was still negotiating over transport costs and feasibility.

The Formal Meeting was declared open by JN @ 7.30 pm

2.0 Correspondence

2.1. No correspondence was raised at the meeting.

¹ With the exception of P (Technical Officer), P formally hold’s this position though is unable to attend committee meetings on a regular basis.

² Section 1 consisted of general pre-meeting discussion rather than the main EGM.

3.0 Matters Arising From last Minutes

3.1 The minutes from the last meeting were read by the president and approved.

4.0 Election of new members

4.1 The president outlined the various rules and regulations for the voting procedure. All present acknowledged understanding.

4.2 Each of the nominees addressed the committee and LGB members by giving a short talk explaining why they wish to be elected for the position concerned.

4.2.1 S, nominated for women's social officer, felt that she wanted to be involved on the committee "on an official level". She feels that she is a creative and imaginative person and has a very good friendship with AW (men's social officer) and would enjoy working in partnership with him. She feels that, although we are social society known for drinking events, it is important to provide further variety. She feels it is important to involve as many members as possible, her ideas for socials included back 2 school party, an Action man and Barbie event, a "World-Aids Day" promotional event to include the whole university.

4.2.2 N, nominated for secretary, explained a little about himself and felt this was a basis on which he should be elected. N no longer studies at the university; he holds a postgraduate qualification and is still a registered member of the university and the LGB. He has had previous experience as secretary in a residence association and also relevant experience as a treasurer. He feels that he is able to empathise with those members who are less confident with their sexuality as he was not "out" at university and did not attend any LGB events³. He feels he is the type of person who likes to get things done and is enjoying being more involved in the university.

4.2.3 M, nominated for treasurer, feels he has skills with money and finances, and is interested in global financial issues, such as interest rates and stocks and shares. He feels he would be good at budgeting, is a firm believer of democracy. He feels it is important to assist people with "coming out" but one should be sensitive to their needs and aware this is a dynamic process.

4.2.4 J, nominated for campaigns officer, feels that the society as a whole would benefit from more active promotion and would like to raise political issues if elected. She feels it is important to be aware that members may be at different stages of their lives and so different events would appeal to them. She feels that the LGB are on occasion isolated from other societies and wonders whether this should be addressed. She feels some members may be questioning their sexuality and how this merges with their religious beliefs and would be keen to offer members this support. If elected she feels it is important to evaluate members' opinion about the activities and roles of the society and would like to instigate this. J acknowledges her nursing experience may provide her with willingness to dealing with uncomfortable issues and wonders whether this would be of benefit to us.

³ At this time the society was known GaySoc.

A few questions were raised by the committee as they felt J had not focussed on campaign issues in her talk. They also emphasised that it was important for the committee not to represent one particular denomination over another. This was accepted.

5.0 Election results

S, M and N were successfully elected onto the Committee, J was unsuccessful. Therefore the position of campaigns officer remains open.

6.0 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

6.1 The next meeting will be Tuesday 3rd May 2005 at 7.00 pm. JN will book room.

6.2 The meeting was declared closed by the president at 8.40 pm.