



SUSU LGB, Committee meeting – Tuesday 3 May 2005. Lecture Theatre F,
Management Building

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members Present:

JN (President)
DT (Vice-President)
NH (Secretary)
MW (Treasurer)
AW (Men's Social Officer)
SB (Women's Social Officer)
JS (Women's Welfare Officer)
RJ (Diversity Officer)

1. Apologies:

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

2. The Formal Meeting was declared open by JN (President) @ 7.30 pm

The minutes from the previous meeting were read aloud by NH and accepted by all the committee.

3. Correspondence

- 3a) The National 'Silence project' spearheaded by Birmingham university was discussed and it was agreed that the SUSULGB would agree to support the project in principle and see what transpires without making any commitments at this stage. It was felt that it would be best to involve Break-out and TESIS too to make it more of a "Southampton" response as opposed to just the SULGB and that RJ would email back in his capacity as equal opportunities and diversity officer.
- 3b) "Stopping Hate". This was an email from Plattsburgh, N.Y urging publication of a website opposing the "Westboro Baptist Church". It was felt by the committee

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

that this is really a local issue in the US and not appropriate to involve the members of the SUSULGB.

- 3c) "Sex Inspectors". This is a channel 4 show seeking interviews with sexually frustrated lesbian couples. It was agreed that instead of 'spamming' our members with this email explicitly, that we would attach it as a footnote to another regular email.
- 3d) "End Homophobia" Wristbands. We agreed to put a link from our links page to enable our members to find out more / purchase these. NOTE: Someone needs to give the information to P.
- 3e) "OUTeverywhere.com" are re-launching and would like us to link to them from our web site. However it was noted that student membership was £18.30 and that this was considered expensive. JS will suggest to them that if membership is free for our SULGB members, then we will display the link.

4. Progress from last meeting

- 4a) AW - "Southern Scene" publicity; posters. AW is arranging a meeting at the Edge to discuss this further. Southern Scene is an A5 brochure that would be a good advertising vehicle. The posters are progressing and will be up before summer.
- 4b) DT - "Shiny Shorts". This went up on 'waygay' on 1st May. [waygay.org.uk/soton]. The deadline is 23rd May [Subsequently extended to 23rd June] and is a competition to win 1 of 3 free pairs of shiny shorts.
- 4c) JS - "World Aids Day"; Flyer in accommodation packs. This is organised by medical students "Students stop AIDS". It was agreed that it would be great if the Cube could be used for this. AW will work with JS for ideas. It was felt that a flyer would be a good idea.
- 4d) JN - "Out With A Bang: Oxford Student Pride"; PR visits. This was to be 1 minibus on Sunday 8th May. [However was cancelled by JN due to lack of interest / driver].

5. This weeks Social

Wednesday 4th: Meeting at 7:50 and going to Freedom, The London Hotel, H2O and The Edge. AW and SB (note 2 people for safety reasons) are going to be available at Montefiore before hand. Similarly MW and JN will be in The Stag's Head to meet people first.

6. SB's Social (Wed 11th May)

This will be a 'T' Party where everyone must wear 3 items that begin with 'T' this could range from Trainers, T-Shirt and Trousers to a Tiara, Top hat, Tinsel or a TuTu! SB has arranged it to start in The Mitre, Portswode where participants can take advantage of their promotion of 3 x Smirnoffs for £6, Reef

£2, Vodka £1. Next is The Hobbit that is doing cocktails for £3 all night, then H2O has £2 per shot or 3 x shots for £5. Then everyone will end up at The Edge. There will be drinking games at each venue and it is proposed that people meet first in the Stag's Head at 7:30pm

7. BBQ

This is most likely to be at the SU or Stoneham and may include either a bouncy castle or giant games. It was felt that it would make sense if people brought their own food and drink and that it would ideally start at about 4pm on a Friday and then migrate into The Cube.

8. Debate: Events and socials during the exam period? If yes what events? What day? Would weekends be better?

It was agreed that we would continue to do events but that they should be low-key (E.g. just going to Freedom then onto The Edge) and we should expect fewer people.

9. Added PR visits:

JN detailed the following plans:

Breakout (16 – 24s) on Sunday Evening.

Winchester Thursday.

Bournemouth Friday.

DT & JN are going to the London Hotel and will discuss H2O.

Freedom Café on 4th.

10. 'Enigma' in Brighton

NH detailed the 'Enigma' programme as he had attended it 2 years ago: It is a series of 2 hour evening workshops run for a month by the Gay Community Health Service (GCHS) and ends with a weekend in Brighton where more workshops are held together with the chance to explore the gay scene. The workshops cover sexual health, assertiveness, confidence and other general areas that are of benefit to the gay community. More importantly it gives attendees the chance to get to know some other gay people in the area.

JN announced that there are still a few places available on the next course if anyone is interested.

[After further investigation by JS, it became clear that Enigma is only open to gay MEN. No explanation exists as to why women are excluded.]

11. Bun-fight continued...

The ISS renewal came through on Thursday

a) JS - Condoms etc

JS was to get these from the GCHS [although subsequent emails have suggested that it may make sense for NH to take this on as [redacted], the GCHS manager is already familiar with him and seems unwilling to give condoms to women.]

b) Flyer designs

DT will produce the flyers based on last years bun-fight. We will need loads as they typically get thrown away.

c) Sponsorship of Southampton venues?

It was felt that it would be good to get the venues to pay to be in the handbook. This would raise funding for it.

12. First social of 05/06

This needs to be a big one and could include games in an informal group. Meanwhile a cheque should be coming through to fund this. [JN has since booked the Clubs & Societies Room from 6pm – 11pm on Wed. 12th October]

13. Website

Thanks to everyone who has submitted photos although we are still to find DT's. RJ's is on its way.

14. AOB

- a) JN / MW need to complete the forms to change the signatories for Treasurer.
- b) AW: [redacted] cannot come this term but will in October (potentially 19th)
- c) It would be good to get a minibus for the 'gay venue tour'.
- d) JN circulated details of a Murder Mystery online game as a potential future social. AW and SB will look into this further.
- e) A website for the Gay Network wants to trade links and win prizes
- f) Terrance Higgins Trust is proposing arranging Eurovision fund-raising parties. AW and SB will look into this further
- g) 20 – 25 postcards are available with (gay) questions to ask the political parties. RJ is going to take these and hand them out as appropriate.
- h) We should be in the Freshers magazine. JS is going to look into this.
- i) Some LGBT posters have been spotted declaring LGBT 'safe zones'! The LGB committee has not been involved with these so it was felt that the LGBT officer should be approached. RJ suggested talking to the equal opps officer [redacted] (or similar!).

The next meeting will be in about 10 days [before the end of term]

The meeting was declared closed by the president at 8.50 pm.