



SUSU LGB, Committee Meeting - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2005  
Management Building Lecture Theatre E

## ATTENDANCE

### Committee Members Present:

AW (President)  
DT (Vice-President)  
HR (Secretary)  
NH (Secretary's assistant)  
JC (Treasurer)  
JS (Women's Welfare Officer)  
RJ (Diversity Officer)  
LJ (Technical Officer)

The Meeting was declared open by AW @ 8.07 pm

### 1. Previous Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed by NH to all committee members.

### 2. Welcoming the new committee

AW welcomed all new committee members on to the committee and urged them to forward their contact details to him. He reminded everyone that a description of the committee roles can be found in the constitution (<http://www.soton.ac.uk/~susulgb/Constitution.doc>) and asked for a brief introduction from each of them:

JC announced that she is in her 4th year of Aeronautical Engineering, and that she was SUSULGB president last year. HR informed us that he is in his 3rd year studying Medicine, and LJ revealed that he is in his 1st year studying Computer Science (and that his building has recently burnt down!).

Concern was expressed about the vacant positions, however AW remains confident that the existing committee members would provide ample coverage. It was noted that the lack of a Publicity officer is the biggest concern however DT mentioned that he did not mind producing tickets etc.

RJ will assist with matters relating to Men's welfare and AW will continue in his past capacity as Social officer until a replacement is elected. Discussion ensued about when and whether to hold an EGM, AGM or TGM. It was agreed to ask [redacted] (who is interested in holding the position of Female Social Officer) if she would be happy to help out in an

unofficial capacity and that we would hold an EGM for this position (and the other vacant positions) after Christmas.

### 3. Correspondence for discussion

#### a. Temposhark

It was agreed that a performance by this gay band would not constitute a "SUSULGB event", that no venues can easily host a live band and that RJ would send them a polite reply expressing our thanks for their offer but respectfully decline it.

#### b. London Metropolitan Archives

A batch of these flyers has been received. It was suggested that some are pinned to the SUSULGB notice board and that NH would scan it (and some of the other material) and forward it to LJ for inclusion on the SUSULGB Web Site.

#### c. Stonewall

Our constitution states that we support Stonewall. LJ will include the information they sent us in a relatively prominent position on our web site.

#### d. Trash Palace

Similarly, LJ will include their information on our website.

#### e. Research Questionnaire

Repeated requests for participation in a 'gay research' questionnaire have been received. In spite of requests for justification for detailing sexual roles and inclination, not only of those responding but of their families, no suitable response has been received. Consequently RJ has advised the department responsible for this research that we will not be participating.

### 4. Updates from last meeting/TGM

#### a. LGBT Officer Position

Everyone agreed that it makes sense for us to "keep in" with the LGBT officer as it would give us closer links with the Student Union. Following the talk by [redacted] last week a couple of people have contacted him to express an interest.

RJ is interested in holding the position and we agreed to support him therein. Good luck RJ!

#### b. Events update

There is a "Virgin Vie" cosmetics party on Wednesday at 7:30pm in The Management Building, Lecture Theatre F.

Nothing is planned as yet for next week - any ideas would be welcome. The key suggestion was to hold a 'film night'. It was proposed that it should be "non gay" however it was pointed out that our society members can see non gay films anywhere, whereas the SUSULGB Film Night may be their only option to view a gay film. LJ recounted a gay film set in Ireland that could be suitable [just remembered that

I have a DVD of "Maurice"]. It was felt that perhaps a selection of films may be the best option and that Lecture Theatre F maybe a good choice of room as the Murray building remains closed.

On Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> December the next "Bolts" night takes place in Bournemouth with a return coach from Southampton plus VIP entrance included for £14. It was agreed that this would be an excellent SULGB 'out-of-Southampton' event for this term.

Discussion ensued as to whether London or Brighton should be our 'out-of-Southampton' event for next term. LJ suggested "Club Angel" as a good venue for London. JS highlighted her idea of hiring a Youth Hostel in Brighton for the night for our Brighton event. This was favourably received and it was also agreed that a "day-out in Brighton" the following day would make sense if this were to be achieved. Consequently it was proposed that the Brighton trip may be best held in the summer term. HR added that we should do a combined event with the Portsmouth LGB (and / or Bournemouth and / or TESIS). This was accepted and it was considered that it may make sense to invite Portsmouth to join us (perhaps meeting up before?) for the Bolts night.

It is proving difficult to get involved with the World Aids Day event at the beginning of December. E is happy handling it herself so we decided not to get involved. Nor is it possible to use the Bridge bar for a band such as Temposhark so we agreed to simply support the Southampton gay venues who are all holding their own World Aids Day events.

We agreed to hold the Christmas Party on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec and to have a 'Hen+Stag' Night theme in keeping with the 'gay marriage bill' coming into force on 21st December. Various potential venues were discussed and JS agreed to call Willows, Blah, Blah, Blah and Goodies to ascertain costs for a buffet for approximately 30 people.

To celebrate The Edge opening until 4am on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 24th November, it is proposed to hold a "LGB Marathon" on Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Nov.

The floor was opened for other ideas:

JC suggested a "Graffiti Party" whereby everyone attends wearing a plain white T-shirt and a number of coloured pens are provided. During the course of the party guests sign / graffiti your T-shirt. This idea was well received.

JS suggested a camping trip to the New Forest. Again well received depending on weather. It was agreed that we should go in the summer time, try and get a minibus if possible, and on the assumption that the weather would be good, that HR would sleep outside if there were not enough tents! ;-)

## 5. Website site updates

It was agreed that it would be fantastic if LJ was able to make the following updates to the SUSULGB website:

Profile updates of committee members - templates were distributed for the new members to complete.

Events update - bringing the site up to date from those detailed from 2002!

Photos - of committee members (maybe a group photo?) and photos from recent events once permission has been obtained from those depicted.

Scene listing update - remove The Magnum and add the new venues.

LJ's ideas

Mailing List tidy-up - Update to reflect the current committee.

Add a note to readers to email the committee distribution list if they want their names added to the society distribution list or if they suspect their names have not been added following signing up at the bunfight.

Mention that we not only welcome LGB members but also those from the Trans-sexual and Trans-gender community as well.

NH will email past minutes to LJ for inclusion on the site.

Add an advert for Minibus drivers.

Plug the [www.susulgbforums.tk](http://www.susulgbforums.tk) forum as it is not being used very much.

## 6. Funds

JC was given a pack of material to trawl through, plus the coach receipt and some printing receipts from DT. NH will email JC with the details of the GCHS person to send the printing invoice to for the accommodations pack flyers. AW requested that once JC has got to grips with the material, it would be nice to know:

- a. How much have we got?
- b. What are we expecting to be receiving/paying out?

## 7. Any other business etc

DT wanted to know what to do with the rest of the handbooks. Apparently the SU sent a recent message titled "Come and do it" advertising tables in the concourse that could be booked by clubs and societies. It was proposed that we book one of those and distribute them plus also put some on our notice board.

AW has been approached by [redacted] who runs the Southern Scene inviting us to put a 4-page spread in there. The deadline was very soon so AW thinks if the offer stands for the next edition we should prepare some material for it.

RJ said The Edge are still not accepting his ramps, so he may throw them away as they are taking up space.

## 8. Next Meeting will be in 10 - 14 days. Venue and timing to be confirmed by AW.

The meeting closed at 9:35pm