



Committee meeting
Wednesday 7th February 2007
Coffee Bar

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members Present:

AR (President)
LJ (Vice President)
NH (Secretary's assistant)
AG (Treasurer)
TS (Male social Officer)
K (Female social Officer)
AM (Technical Officer)
AW (Male Welfare Officer)
TW (Campaign's Officer)

Apologies:

KW (Publicity Officer)
GM (Diversity Officer)
HR (Secretary)

The Meeting was declared open by AR @ 7.05 pm

1. Previous Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed by NH and accepted by those present.

2. Email replies

Following a request from AW that emails are responded to by those most appropriate and also that some people who had emailed us had received multiple replies, the following was agreed:

- AR can respond to any email
- Anything welfare related (including where the email includes any concerns) should be responded to by the Welfare officers.
- When the welfare officers know they will be unable to respond to emails for a period, they will nominate a deputy. (C is no longer a full-time student so it will be assumed from now on that she will no longer perform the role of Women's welfare officer). The deputy will usually be GM.

- The reply should be copied to the SUSULGB committee unless it contains confidential welfare information, in which case a separate email should be sent advising the committee that the original email has been responded to.
- If a committee member would like to add to or correct anything in the response that was sent, they should email the person who originally responded to the message so that they can respond as appropriate.

3. Meeting People

AR had a request from an individual that she meet them on her own. This must never be done as (according to Toby Kushner) whatever is exchanged in the meeting must be witnessed by someone else in case of subsequent complaints. It is also particularly important to remember that we could easily become the victims of “gay bashing”.

4. Wheelchair Access

The law states that every public venue should at least have “a plan” on how to make it accessible to wheelchair users. AR has spoken to Tristran to ask him to launch a campaign about this aimed at the gay venues in Southampton.

5. Socials

We need more socials without booze. Tonight’s talk by Brian Whitaker is an excellent example. AR proposed periodic *Coffee Afternoons*, for example, to be held in Lattes from 3pm on different days so that everyone can have the opportunity to attend if they wish. There could be regular slots and during exam periods these could take the place of normal socials. Another possibility is to hold *Family Circles* at the level 2 or 3 bars to chat about issues such as “coming out” etc. It was suggested that next Wednesday 28th could be the first on from 3pm – 4pm. TS and K will pick this up and develop it further and get Alex (Walker) to send out a message.

The popular Lesbian film *Notes on a Scandal* is being shown at Harbour Lights at 6:45pm on Tuesday 27th February. It is proposed that the social for that week could be held then instead of Wednesday. This could make sense as it is *Pinkyon* Friday. There is a bar at Harbour lights so people could drink if they want. People could meet at the university and take the U1 to Ocean Village and then perhaps continue to The London Hotel afterwards.

Rainbows is being held on Saturday 3rd March in Winchester.

7. Any other business

T-Shirts - if committee members want an SULGB T-Shirt they will cost you £10.

A request has been received by one of the committee members that gay men do not “hit on” the older guy who serves behind the bar at The Hobbit as he finds it uncomfortable.

The meeting closed at 7:50pm & migrated to the Maths building for the Welfare event.