

Committee Meeting Monday 28 November 2007 7pm - The Hobbit

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members Present:

DR (Treasurer)
DM (Men's Welfare Officer)
NH (Secretary's assistant)
TS (President)
AM (Technical Officer)
SR (Women's Social Officer)
DW (Diversity Officer)
MW (Campaigns Officer)

Absent:

GM (Women's Welfare Officer)

Apologies:

KW (Vice President) CZ (Men's Social Officer)

The Meeting commenced @ 7.15 pm

1. Correspondence

A few items of correspondence have been received and were addressed as follows: It was agreed that the susulgb email username, which is due to expire shortly should be allowed to expire as the lgbsoc name is now in common use.

It was agreed that TS should forward a recent message from StageSoc concerning a trip to Les Miserables to the membership ASAP (as bookings need to be made by Friday).

Next Social(s)

A Facebook event has been set-up or Wednesday's social which starts at 7:30. It was noted that not all socials should start from The Stags' head as in recent weeks as some people have to travel away from the city to start the social only to go back towards the city later.

Isobar have confirmed our Christmas party for 12th December. We may use their TV screens via a PowerPoint presentation although it is unlikely that sound will be available. The event

will start at 8:30pm although we may advertise it as starting from 8pm to give people time to settle down with their drinks before it commences. SR and CZ will target local businesses to secure some prizes to be given away on the night.

The Edge has confirmed that they will host a Masquerade ball for us at the end of the academic year. We agreed that this would take place on the 3rd Wednesday of May.

SR has replied to an email from Mike, the Portsmouth LGB&T Social Secretary, agreeing that we would like to have a combined event with them although nothing is scheduled at present.

The first social after Christmas will be at The Old Fat Cat. The exact date will be confirmed once we have confirmation from the Old Fat Cat.

The trip to Brighton in February will most likely involve a coach costing around £10 per person. A number of people have already confirmed their attendance on the Facebook group. A discussion ensured regarding the use of minibuses although a number of drivers would need to be found with a clean driving licence for at least 3 years. It was suggested that we could offer to pick up attendees from Portsmouth LGB&T to secure further seats on a coach, and at a lower price than travelling from Southampton. It was agreed that the society would not try to raise funds from this event as there is already a significant cost to members.

World Aids Day is on Saturday 1st December and is being celebrated at The London Hotel (confirmation will be sought that the event is not on Sunday 2nd December). Tickets will be £5 on the door and the SULGB will support the event by encouraging members to attend and setting up a Facebook event for it.

We will aim to attend the next Rainbow night with the Winchester LGB.

3. Welfare

DM has been trying to contact the LAGLOS for a welfare event with a "Cops and Robbers" theme although is still awaiting a response. It can be concluded that the event will most likely take place next term.

DM requested that we adhere to the current etiquette when referring to groups that include transgender members by using an 'and' or '&' before the 'T'. Hence rather than referring to a group as "LGBT" they should be referred to "LGB & T" in recognition that transgender members have considerably different needs from the sexual needs implied by LGB groups and forums

There was considerable interest in holding a sex guide for gay men, however DM is unsure of the best approach to use for demonstrating sexual positions etc.

4. Financials

DR has obtained the relevant forms from the Co-op bank to set-up a new account for the SULGB. He has completed his sections, NH completed those for the secretary and TS

completed his sections immediately after the meeting. These 3 committee members will meet at the bank on Wednesday to finalise the creation of the account.

Our current bank account has £24.01 in it.

5. Risk Assessment

NH gave TS a sheet taken from a set of minutes from 2005 where different risks were considered for different events including approaches that can be taken to minimise the risk. These still need to be modified but, along with those generated by A, can be used to create an up-to-date set.

6. Any other business

DM raised concerns that the LGB website is out of date with a number of links failing and elements referred to that are no longer relevant. AM is in the process of migrating the web site to a new location and intends to update aspects of it as it is migrated. He is keen, however, for committee members to include material that may be used in a section of the site that is relevant for their role.

A discussion over the recent past and future of Pink Kinky (or Pinky) was held. There is an argument to pursue a gay orientated version of Kinky coupled with concerns that it may portray the gay community in a stereotypical fashion.

The meeting closed at 8:25pm.