

Minutes

Date & Time 14.10.2013 at 18:00

Location 58/1003

Members present

President (Chair)	BF
Treasurer	ML
Vice President	JG
Publicity Officer	SB
Welfare Officer	DB
Welfare Officer	GM
Technical Officer	MP
Activities Officer	JM
Ordinary Member	SW
Ordinary Member	CB

Apologies

Secretary	JK
Activities Officer	JM

Item No.	Item & Discussion	Action
1.	Apologies	
1.1	As above	

2.	Socials	BF
2.1	White T Shirt Social: BF going to all venues on 14.10.13 to confirm we will be coming on Wednesday, also to find out what the green 'mystery drink' is from the Gordon Arms.	BF/ML/JG
2.2	BF/ML/JG to be designated sober committee members for the duration of the social from The Bridge until The Edge. Reminder to society members regarding personal safety when on nights out. Details of the Radio Taxi/SUSU student card scheme to be posted on all events. Inform people of the ICE bus service by Oceana.	Committee
2.3. 2.3.1	Halloween Social to take place at The Vestry Restaurant on Wednesday 30th October. Capacity of 30-60 people if needed, 25 places ideally for Winchester Students.	

2.3.2	Clarification from The Vestry if they are aware of fancy dress - SW contacted and all fine so long as in good taste and no religious costumes.	SW
2.3.4	£10 deposit by Monday 21st from everyone who wants to go, £50 float is to be taken from the committee funds to sort out the issue of change when payment is made. All payments taken in cash, not to be accepted at the White T-shirt Social. Final payments and meal orders due by Thursday 24th October.	
2.3.5	Contact Winchester University to arrange details of participation. BF called but left answerphone message.	BF
2.3.6	Wristbands for free entry/drink at The Edge to be arranged, ML to get in contact. Not part of official social, 'optional extra' and no committee responsibility once at The Edge.	ML

3.	Meeting with Winchester University	
3.1	BF, GM, JK and DB met Winchester Uni's LGBT President, K. Possibility of a joint Halloween social (see above) as well as a visit to Winchester - picnic/pub crawl discussed.	
3.2	Invitation to talk on homosexuality in the army during WWII for LGBT History Month at Winchester Campus. Discussions about subsidising travel/mini bus hire with society funds.	
3.3	Start thinking about a LGBT speaker in Southampton for LGBT History Month in February. CB feels a woman speaker would be refreshing - to speak to LGBT research group at the university in preparation for LGBT history month.	Committee CB/Committee
4.	Finance	
4.1	ML to find out when next SUSU funding round is. Application for funding of trip to National Student Pride. Other options discussed - welfare leaflets/poster in halls and at WSA.	ML
4.2	BF meeting with Sonia from SUSU regarding inclusion of society welfare support services on SUSU help page.	BF
4.3	Possibility of anonymous surveys to increase influence of members - for general feedback as well as info on society publicity.	SW/SB
5.	Changes to voting procedure	
5.1	Email voting as used in past election results in candidates encouraging people from outside of the society to vote for them as there is no official membership list kept. Agreement that the committee should be elected by society members only.	
5.2	Proposal to use list of Facebook group members as list of people eligible to vote by email. Record of list to be taken when the election is announced to prevent random adding of people to group to boost votes. If joined the group after the election announced then it will be necessary to attend the EGM/AGM itself to vote.	

5.3	Use a specific new email account for nominations/voting in each election, only chairperson of election has access to.	
5.4	Committee decided changes to the constitution not necessary as email voting does not feature in it and the use of the Facebook list will not count as a list of membership.	

6.	Clarification of the society's relationship with The Edge	
6.1	Sponsorship money given to society to provide increased opportunities for members of SUSU LGBT, but implies no responsibility to bring them business. Consensus that although a large number of members enjoy visiting The Edge there is no obligation to go.	
6.2	Agreement that events (such as the White T-shirt Social) officially finish at the doors of The Edge, giving society members the option of a safe means of transport home (taxis available) and that there is no responsibility placed upon the committee once people are in the club.	
6.3	Importance of distinction between The Edge and SUSU LGBT Society reaffirmed.	
6.4	Email to be sent to N at The Edge periodically showing what the sponsorship money is being spent on/how it is being used for the benefit of society members.	Committee
7.	Minutes from previous meeting	
7.1	Ask JK about missing minutes from previous meetings as well as from people who have scribed when JK not present.	JK/Committee
7.2	Minutes to be posted on Facebook to both committee and members as soon as possible after meetings.	JK/Committee
8.	Trip to GUM clinic	JG
8.1	To be arranged for November, JG to investigate possibility of booking slots in evening if large enough group going.	
8.2	Discussion over whether best to be publicised as an official event or not. November occasion will be official event, to see how well it is received.	
9.	Film nights	
9.1	Reminder that the first Thursday of every month is a non-LGBT film with polls used to allow society members to choose which film is shown. Awareness of sensitivity when choosing films for the poll - easy to unintentionally cause offense with some issues.	Committee
9.2	Try to boost attendance at film events by word of mouth at lunches etc and by creating Facebook events earlier in the week.	SB/Committee
9.3	Add The Stags afterwards into the event description for a casual drink/enduring hideous karaoke/pool/banter.	SB

10.	AOB	
10.1	Consensus that starting to work with LGBT+ Solent more often should be an ongoing aim - to be discussed at the next meeting.	Committee