



SUSU LGBT+ SOCIETY

Committee Minutes

Meeting Date:	Thursday 30 May 2019	Meeting Time:	18:30
Meeting Location:	Meeting Room 4, SUSU Building, Highfield Campus		

Attendees	
SB (He/Him) Ordinary Member AB (They/Them) Welfare Officer KG (They/Them) President TG (She/Her) Engagement Officer	EKC (They/Them) Secretary LLG (They/Them) Welfare Officer AL (He/Him) Technical Officer KL (He/Him) Treasurer EM (He/Him) Ordinary Member
Apologies	Absences
None	None

Welcome & Introduction

1. LLG is minuting this evening as EKC, who usually minutes, is attending remotely via video conferencing.

Around the table

1. Update from President
 - a. KG informed the committee of the university's plans for Pride Month, which is June. Consensus is that, as there are very few students around for the majority of the month, we would not undertake specific activity. PULSE, the staff LGBT+ network is involved.
2. Finance Update
 - a. KL informed the committee that there has been little change since the last meeting.
 - b. Current bank balance is £1595.04.
 - c. There are outstanding payments for the Boat Ball totalling £500, which SB is due to claim back. KG thanked SB for his willingness to help in this matter.
 - d. Photographer for Boat Ball is costed at £75. Committee agreed this cost.
 - e. Balance after boat ball will be £1020.04. This is before taking into account Boat Ball ticket sales.
 - f. AB asked a question around when the next funding round would be. KL answered that it would likely be September, with SB confirming this.



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3. Welfare Update
 - a. Nothing to report to committee, but LLG and AB informed committee that they remain present if committee members (or society members) need them.
4. Update from Technical Officer
 - a. The new committee biographies and photos for the website are now collated and will be uploaded ASAP.
 - b. AL still needs to reset passwords for email accounts, which will be done soon.
 - c. Creating a login page for the committee area of the website is on the back burner until after exams and deadlines.

Boat Ball 2019

1. Excitement! Yay!
2. KG informed committee that under half of the sixty ticket minimum has been sold with just over four days to go until the event starts
 - a. AB suggest posting to Facebook every day until the event. KG agreed to schedule posts after the meeting.
 - b. KG suggested that the quickest route to sales is to reach out to people personally via private messages. KG also acknowledged that this can't be a formal request or demand, as it has to be something committee members are comfortable with on a personal level.
 - c. TG suggested opening the event up to staff. KG commented that it already had been, but that staff had not shown much interest. PhD students are also welcome, but none as yet have booked tickets.
 - d. The committee noted points to learn for next year, namely:
 - i. Too close to exams
 - ii. Too short a time to buy tickets
 - iii. Not enough appeal or relevance perceived
 - iv. Too formal
3. Regarding logistics, KG requested that committee members arrive at the venue 30 minutes before the event start time.
 - a. It was decided that KL, AB, and TG will meet people at the Highfield Interchange to take a group that way, while KG and the rest of the committee will meet at the venue in advance.
4. Straight allies are welcome, committee to ensure this is publicised.
5. KG raised the request from some members that a changing area be made available for not-yet-out trans people to change into clothes they'd like to wear for the evening. KG will talk to A (boat manager) to make this happen.



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Project Updates

1. KG opened up the floor to those leading on projects as agreed at the last meeting, but stressed that given it is exam season, providing an update is not essential at this meeting and not having made progress yet is completely understandable.
2. KL updated on the finance streamlining project.
 - a. Barclay's and Lloyds seem to be the top most LGBT+ friendly banks, both being in the top 40 of Stonewall 100 companies.
 - b. We already have a Barclay's account, so it would be easier to stick with this.
 - c. SB noted that with a Barclay's branch on campus, this would be logistically the easiest to manage.
 - d. No-one raised any objections to using Barclays, so KL will investigate that route further.

Any Other Business

1. Alumni in Facebook Group
 - a. AL raised the ongoing discussion around whether to keep alumni in our student Facebook group, or whether we should spin them off into a separate group.
 - b. LLG raised a point in favour of this approach, discussing potential harassment and safeguarding as key factors.
 - c. SB raised a point against this approach, stating that keeping Alumni and students all together is less work for the committee.
 - d. KG reminded the committee that we have no recourse or control over Alumni if they were to cause an issue or engage in harassment against our members.
 - e. KL raised questions about how often the group would be updated, how it would be managed, and how much work that would be.
 - f. AB and KG acknowledged the difficulty of having to match members of the group against the university directory in order to validate their student status.
 - g. EKC recently spoke to an alumni (and former committee member) who said that they got little value from the group and its updates were not frequent enough. EKC was initially in support of keeping it as one group, but now feels it would be better to have two.
 - h. KG believes that safeguarding should trump convenience, and that the issue requires further discussion. Matter was tabled for the next meeting.



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2. Meeting Over Summer
 - a. The committee agreed to meet three times over the summer remotely, making use of video conferencing technology as that seemed to work this evening to include members who could not be there in person.
 - b. Points to raise in summer meetings include:
 - i. Alumni Group
 - ii. Fresher's Week Activities
 - iii. Trans Awareness Week and associated activities
 - iv. EGM for empty role elections
 - c. KG will set up Doodle polls to gauge which dates in the summer work best for all on the committee.

Meeting Adjourned at 19:25