

LESBIANS AND GAYS SUPPORT THE MINERS !

Minutes of a meeting at the 'Fallen Angel', N1 on Sunday 18th Nov, 6pm

Collections up to 18th Nov

Bell, Sun	32.00
Fallen Angel, Sun	20.00
F.A., Mon	24.10
Vauxhall, Tues-no collect.	
Half Moon-no collection	
F.A. Weds	14.97
Black Cap, Weds-no report	
Two Brewers, Weds	15.40
South Bank, Weds-no collect'n	
Bell, Thurs	22.56
Bell, Fri	38.00
Earls Ct, Fri	55.32
Racketts, Fri-no report	
Bell, Sat	13.00
New Depression, Sat	5.17
George 1V, Sat-no collection	
Earls Ct, Sat-no collection	
Screen, Sat	11.00
Camden Tube	83.37
Oval Tube-no collection	
L.S.E.-No collection	
Gays the Word, Sat	91.33½
F.a. Sat	42.30
Two Brewers (Weds Nov 7th)	7.50
F.A. early Sat evg	3.00
New Depression, Sat	10.97
Raffle	10.91½
TOTAL	499.39

Collections for week 18th-25th Nov

Bell, Sun - Rob C, Ewen
F.A., Sun - Monty, Derek
F.a. Mon - Ewan, Robert
F.A. Weds - Robert, Mark S, Paul C
Black Cap, Weds. - Martin, Carl, Toby
Two brewers, Weds - Andy M, Dave L
Bell, Thurs - Mike, Ray G, Andy D, Brett
Bell, Fri - Martin, Mark, Monty, Reggie
Racketts, Fri - Sally + others
New Depression, Sat - Rob C, John P
George IV, Fri - Alex, Gary
Camden Town, Sun 12-3pm - John P, Andy M, Mark S
F.A., Fri - Michael P, Tom
Drill Hall, ? - Polly, Sally
Bell, Weds - Sally, Kate
F.A. Fri - Reggie, Ray, Mark F
2 Brewers, Thurs - Johnny, Kevin G
NFT Mon pm - Paul C, Robert K, Toby
F.A. Mon lunch - Robert K
LSE ? - Johnny
<u>Gays the Word Saturday 25th Nov</u>
12 noon - 1pm Reggie, Michael P
1pm-2pm " " Paul C
2pm-3pm Mike J, Dave L, " "
3pm-4pm " " Mark S
4pm-5pm Derek, Jeff C
5pm-6pm " "

There were 47 people present at the meeting (Sec. has list)

Apologies Ray A, Kate F, Nigel, Karen J, Mark A (late), Bernard P (late)

Administrative costs collection done £17.95 at the meeting.

Matters Arising from previous minutes

Public Meeting - report back. (Dave L.) Andy D. to try Brixton Town Hall for 16th or 17th Jan.

Womens Leaflet Sally, Polly, Nicola, Kate F, Kate T were present at the meeting. Nicola has drafted the leaflet. Sally to arrange printing this week.

Womens Contact - in publicity/ P.R. : Sally 733 3952

Benefit Sub group report back Connie, Bernard and Reggie were present at this meeting.

Costs: Hall hire: £500; P.A.: £150; Bouncers: £100 -----Total: £750

Time: 7pm - 1am. Ticket price £4.50/£2.50 (unwaged). Hall capacity: 1,100

Artists booked: Moonlighters, Andy Oppenheimer, Simon Fanshawe, Bernard Padden, Bronski Beat, Mike (drag opera). Male M.C. Tony Farrell, Connie also pointed out that we need a woman M.C. Posters, leaflets will be produced shortly. Members of LGSM will be expected to distribute tickets, 300 of which will have to be sold in advance. Connie expressed some concern that women were under represented on the artists list. More people were asked to join the Benefit sub-group: Contact Connie 703 1393.

LGSM Exhibition Sub-group. Robert K, Monty. This group also needs more support from members. It will provide an exhibition at the Benefit and other venues e.g. Brixton Gallery.

Speaking Engagements Polly and Derek, Birmingham Weds 21st. Andy D. reported that he had addressed Packham YS about the work of LGSM during the week.

NUS Lesbian and Gay Conference 1/2nd Dec. Mark A. to attend. Polly has written to ten womens groups offering speakers.

Video Sub group - held a brief meeting. They are trying to arrange a visit to Dulais for the purposes of making a film over weekend 15/16th December.

Cardiff Rally 8th December. Robert reported that Dave Donovan urged LGSM to send our banner to the rally. It was agreed that video would be taken also.

Dulais Second Visit A list of members interested in visiting Dulais was circulated at the meeting. Robert K is the co-ordinator 444 5442

Rugby Matt W. agreed to write to Dulais explaining the struggle there and asking them to support the fight for jobs and condemn Rugby Council.

Press/P.R. 'City Limits' are paying us for our 'Opinion' article. Alex agreed to bring his draft article for 'Socialist Review' concerning the work of LGSM to the next meeting for approval.

Price Waterhouse Picket Andy D. and Polly have written letters asking for support from other Miners support groups.

Mineworkers Defence Committee (2nd December, Camden Town Hall.), Martin G. will send a cheque for £10 for tickets for LGSM delegates (9). All members are urged to attend this meeting with Arthur Scargill and Tony Benn speaking. Alex is co-ordinating our delegation.

Stickers / badges. Monty is still waiting to hear from printers regarding prices.

Any Other Business

Mark Ashton presented a resolution regarding LGSM Business meetings. The points adopted by the group with constitutional status are as follows:

- 1) That full group meetings last no longer than two hours unless it is moved that such a standing order is suspended within the last ten minutes of the meeting.
- 2) Issues which need to be 'thrashed out' be dealt with by an elected sub-group which will then come back to a full group meeting, with specific proposals, which can then be voted on or discussed by the whole group.
- 3) That the weekly Chair ensures that new people are welcomed to the group and encouraged to contribute and the Chair to ensure that people do not monopolise the meetings.
- 4) That the Chair for the following week be elected at the end of each meeting.
- 5) That fifteen minutes be put aside at the beginning of each meeting for a strike up-date. People should be encouraged to do this and will have the whole week to prepare for the report-back. This report is to be given in rotation so that everyone has an opportunity. Five minutes of the fifteen will be for questions. New members who may be nervous should be encouraged to do joint reports with other people if they so wish. The final decision as to who does the weekly report is to be left up to a vote.
- 6) That each person in the group be encouraged to do a minimum of one collection each fortnight for LGSM and this includes group officers.
- 7) That this resolution be given constitutional status.

Calendars We have a supply of 1985 Calendars from Cliff Grist of Dulais which we can sell at £2.00 each. Robert has supplies.

Dulais Miner Visit Dave Donovan from Dulais will be at the 'Fallen Angel' on Wednesday 21st from 8pm and will explain the latest developments of the strike in Dulais. It should be an interesting meeting so please try and make it.

YORK LGSM Matt Williams from York reported that the first meeting held last week attracted 18 people (12 of whom were lesbians). He stressed that they need help with publicity (leaflets, badges, stickers etc).

Collection Permits Mike to produce collection permits for group members.

Next weeks Chair: Brett Strike Reporter Next Week: Brett

Next Meeting: Sunday 25th Nov. 6pm at 'Fallen Angel', Graham St, N1 (rear door)

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Video (Jeff) 326 4859-home, 274 4000 ext.200 Dulais 2nd Visit (Robert) 444 5442

Delegation to Mineworkers Defence Committee Conference Dec 2nd. (Paul) 286 9692

Treasurers (Martin and Brett) 263 9484

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