

LESBIANS AND GAYS SUPPORT THE MINERS !

Minutes of a meeting at the 'Fallen Angel' on Sunday 2nd Dec. 6pm.

Chair: Andy Matheson

Apologies: Kate Thomas, Tom Swann, Howard Dale, Polly Vittorini, Mark Simpson, Reggie Blennerhassett, Wendy Calder, Bruce Curri~~o~~, Ben Benson.

Attendance: there were thirty seven people present.

Administration costs: a collection was made at the meeting raised £22.47

Strike Report: presented by Dave Lewis

Collection up to 2nd December

Bell, Sun	20.10
F.A., Mon	14.30
Black Cap, Weds	13.50
2 Brewers, Weds	8.15
F.A., Weds	17.49
Bell, Thurs	28.90
F.A., Fri	40.54 $\frac{1}{2}$
New Depression, Sat	10.21 $\frac{1}{2}$
Santa's Journey	70.00
G.T.W. Sat	57.93 $\frac{1}{2}$
2 Brewers, Sat	1.78
Union Tavern, Fri	15.00
Sussex Gaysoc	20.00
Raffle returns	36.62
Total.....	354.44

Collections for week 2-9th Dec

F.A. Sun - Ewen, Gethin
Bell, Sun - Martin, Ruchard, Jeff
Heaven, Mon - Robert K, Ray G
New Depression, Weds - Rob C, Tobie, Gethin
F.A., Weds - Connie, Kevin G
2 Brewers, Weds - Johnnie, Andy M
Union Tavern, Thurs - Tom H, Dave L
Bell, Thurs - Mark F, Derek, Martin K
Bell, Fri - Mike J, Monty
George IV, Fri - Will, Richard
F.A., Fri - Michael P, Nigel
Coleherne, Fri - John L, Lionel, John McK
New Depression, Sat - Rob C, John P
Camden Tube, Sun - John P, Mark A, Monty,
and Leslie
Gays the Word, Sat - see over....

An Address of Solidarity was presented by a striking miner from Abernant, which was warmly received by comrades at the meeting.

Matters Arising from previous minutes

Benefit Sub-group: Backstage help is needed from 1pm in the afternoon of Monday 10th at the Electric Ballroom, Camden Town. The group reported that it was very anxious to know if members had sold all their tickets. All members with tickets or who have distributed tickets to other outlets are requested to phone Mike 833 4785 on Wednesday after 7pm to report on sales. Robert K. to phone Dulais to establish the number travelling up for the benefit. Individuals agreed to put up more posters advertising the benefit in north, South and East London.

Video Sub-group: Jeff confirmed that he would be driving the H.C.T. minibus to Dulais over weekend 14-16th Dec. One video unit was confirmed but he felt that another unit would be useful.

Exhibition Sub-group No report

Womens Sub-group Sally and Nicola reported that some women were starting a sepezzate group called 'Lesbians Against Pit Closures'. This was in responce to lesbians from the group meeting other lesbians who were not willing to work in mixed groups. Nevertheless those women who were into working in mixed groups would continue to attend LGSM meetings. Lesbians Against Pit Closures meets on Mondays 6.30pm at the Drill Hall. Clive agreed to write to LAPC. Sally agreed to continue to act as womens contact for LGSM.

Second Dulais Visit NOTE !!! - has been postponed until further notice due to the pressures of work involved in organising the Benefit. A small number of people agreed to attend the rally in Cardiff on Saturday 8th. Derek to co-ordinate (720 7392).

Price Waterhouse Picket demonstrators to meet at London Bridge tube at 11.45am to distribute leaflets and talk to workers between noon and 2pm. Price Waterhouse are at 32 London Bridge Rd SE1.

Public Meeting Confirmed for 7.30pm on Thursday Jan 17th at Lambeth Town Hall. N.C. Against the Police Bill are confirmed.

Speaking Engagements Ray and Robert reported that they had spoken to the Sexual Politics Group at Ruskin College, Oxford. That group is trying to get LGSM an invitation to their full Students Union meeting and will contact us at a later date. John Lindsay reported on the meeting with University College Gaysoc.

Forthcoming Speaking Engagements: Queen Mary's College, Mile End Rd, Friday 7th 1 2.30pm-2pm - Mark A, Robert K, Mike J.

Q.M.C. Labour Club, Weds 19th 12.45pm - Clive, Manchester University - Clive to attend.

A.O.B.

Jane from Manchester gave a Report on the developments of Manchester LGSM. They organised a Public Meeting at which over thirty people turned up. A miners wife spoke and she came with six miners. Comrades in Manchester are joining in the miners picket lines. 'Napoleons' club are putting on a benefit for the miners. They have adopted Bold (Lancashire) Women Against Pit Closures. They have produced 'Lesbians and Gay men Support the Miners Badges' for re-sale to other groups.

Raffle Only 2,150 stubs have been returned. WILL ALL COMRADES RETURN STUBS AND UNSOLD RAFFLE TICKETS TO: ROB COOPER, 13 ST.MARY'S PLACE, LONDON W5 by Friday this week - the draw takes place on Monday 10th. 6,000 are still out!!

NALGO Benefit With Onllwyn Choir Bernard and other top line-up artists this Thursday 6th. Mark urged all comrades with tickets to sell them or return them to him (703 0955).

Dublin Lesbian And Gay Collective Had sent some cash for the miners and sent a letter of solidarity, explaining that they are about to set up a support group to help the British miners. The group expressed its gratitude to comrades in Dublin for such a fine gesture of international lesbian and gay solidarity.

New Depression Xmas Benefits The organisers of the N.D. disco's, who have shown total support for the miners since they started their disco' are making every disco in December on Wednesdays a Benefit disco for the Lothian striking miners. All members were urged to support them. Upstairs in the City pub, 125 York Way, N1 (tube: Kings Cross)

Calendars Robert urged members to sell these calendars, which are sepia reproductions of photographs taken in the S.Wales mining communities, produced by Cliff Grist, a heroic striking miner of our very own Dulais community. They are £2.00 each, excellent value, and the money should be given to Robert Kincaid (444 5442).

Collection Permits have been issued to 59 members. Anyone else who wishes to have a collection permit, authorising them to collect for LGSM please contact Mike. These were produced in response to a request from some members who had been challenged by people who did not believe they were genuinely collecting for the miners. Comrades are encouraged to collect whether they have a permit or not as the permits have no legal validity. (Mike 833 4785)

Gays the Word Collection Sat. 8th Dec

11am-noon	Mark Ashton, Ray Goodspeed, Brett, Martin
Noon-1pm	" " " "
1pm-2pm	" - " "
2pm-3pm	Peter Gill, Monty
3pm-4pm	Monty, Shane Carter
4pm-5pm	Shane Carter, Mike Jackson
5pm-6pm	" "

Next Weeks Chair: Ray Goodspeed

Next Weeks Strike Report: Connie Giannaris

Next Meeting: Fallen Angel, 6pm Sunday 9th Dec. (Graham St, off City Rd, N1)

CONTACTS Benefit Co-ordinator, Connie 01 703 1393

Benefit night Crash Pads, Mark 01 703 0955; Tickets, Andy M 01 326 0307

Women, Sally 01 733 3952; Press, Robert K 01 444 5442;

Treasurers, Martin G & Brett 01 263 9484; Secretary, Mike J 01 833 4785

VICTORY TO THE MINERS !!!