

LESBIANS AND GAY MEN SUPPORT THE MINERS !!!

Minutes of the meeting at the Fallen Angel 3rd Feb'85

Chair: Nigel Young Strike Report: Lionel Starling

Attendance: There were 33 people present

Apologies: Were given by three people

Admin. Collection: raised £20.80 from comrades at the meeting.

Collection up to 3rd Feb.

F.A. Sat 2nd	20.26
Dover Castle	7.00
F.A. 13/1	23.80
Bell 26/3	22.26
Bell, Thurs 31st	29.60
F.A., Sun 27th	34.00
F.A. Mon 28th	17.61
F.A. Weds 30th	27.08
F.A. Thurs 31st	19.14
F.A. Fri 1st Feb	36.00
Coleherne, Fri 1st	4.10
Bell, Sat 2nd	27.00
Pr. of Wales, SW2 3rd/2	3.40
Cliff Grist's Talk	17.56
Gays the Word, Sat 2nd	<u>85.80</u>
TOTAL.....	

Collections for week 3-10th Feb

Bell, Sun - Jeff C, Andy M
Bell, Thurs - Reggie, Ray G, Ray A
Bell, Fri - Derek, Paul C
F.A., Sun - Kate F
F.A., Mon - Derek, Kevin A
F.A., Weds - Rob C, John P
F.A., Thurs - Gethin, Ewan
F.A., Fri - Tim L, Pierre
F.A., Sat - Mike P, Kevin A
Camden tube, Sun - Kevin A, Paul, Colin
Portobello Rd, Sat - Tom S, Nigel Y
Entretained, Mon - Lionel, John L
Asylum, Thurs - Monty, Andy M, Kevin A, Mike J

Gays the Word:

- Sat 9th 11am-noon - Iain S, Bernie O'C, Martin G
- Noon-1pm - Iain S, Bernie O'C, Ray G, Reggie
- 1-2pm - Ray G, Reggie, Jonathon
- 2-3pm - Jonathon vacant!
- 3-4pm - Kevin G, Rickie

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IMPORTANT NOTICE: Dulais Trip 15th-17th Feb

Ten people confirmed that they were able to go on the visit. There are eleven other seats. Priority will be given to those comrades who have not visited Dulais before, but we hope to take as many as possible. (There will be a further trip in March). WILL COMRADES WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN THE VISIT:15-17th PLEASE EITHER COME TO THE NEXT MEETING OR 'PHONE MIKE J (833 4785) BEFORE 10th Feb. There will be a pooled fare for waged comrades, and a £5.00 fare for unwaged comrades. We will need some money in advance to pay for petrol on the way - can members please pay Mike Phillips £10.00 at next Sundays meeting (10th Feb).

Matters arising from previous minutes

Mineworkers Defence Committee - Sheffield Conference 9th Feb

Carol Fowler, from MDC, attended the meeting and brought two tickets for delegates. It was agreed that Paul Canning, Lionel Starling and Mark Simpson would attend as delegates.

'Black Dragon' Reggie Blennerhassett agreed to collect thirty copies weekly for sale within the group or on collections.

Publicity Group. Gethin Roberts reported that the group was working on the pamphlet. The group welcomed anyone who was interested in getting involved in their work to come along to their working meetings. The next meeting is at 2pm, Sunday 10th Feb at Nigel's flat ('phone Mike for details: 833 4785). Nigel agreed to investigate the costs of producing more badges.

Video Group. Jeff Cole reported that the Video group would be making a 10 minute short for inclusion in the M.D.C. video. They will be filming outside 'Gays the Word' at noon, next Saturday (extras will be expected to casually walk past dropping £50 notes into buckets and expressing total solidarity with all world struggles etc, etc.)

..Video cont'd Jeff also reported that the group intends to make a 30-40 minute video of the History of lesbian and gay mens' support of the miners struggle. A workshop had been held for members to familiarise themselves with video equipment. The video group needs the support of all of us if we want a comprehensive documentary - if anyone has anything that they specially want documenting or an idea that may be of use or access to equipment then please contact them. (Contact Jeff, Nicola or Connie at work on: 274 4000 ext. 217)

'Gay Sweatshop' Miners Benefit. 3,000 leaflets arrived for distribution whilst collecting, a few were taken after the meeting, the rest are at the 'Fallen Angel' and can be collected next Sunday.

Feb 11th Day of Action Mike expressed interest in organising a section at the Neasden picket, Derek suggested that other comrades may wish to join a picket in South London. These would be early morning events i.e. 6.45 am. Derek reported that there is a rally in Central Methodist Hall in the evening - it was agreed that comrades would take the banner. There will also be a demo in the afternoon. Further details about these events at next weeks meeting or Mike/Derek (720 7392).

LGSM Weekend Conference. Gethin reported that this was being arranged for 16-17th March. LGSM groups out of London were being contacted. A social will be held in the evening. The London Lesbian & Gay Centre is being approached as a possible venue for the conference. We will have to provide accomodation for out of London comrades, it would be appreciated if someone would take responsibility for organising this. Contact: Gethin (work) 405 8643, (home) 361 0529. We would also need someone to be prepared to run a creche.

New Banner Bruce, Nigel, Mike J and Monty agreed to produce a new banner.

Wales Congress 9th March, County Hall. Dai Donovan reported that the congress was billed to be a very important stage in the unity of the mining communities in Wales with London, with the miners struggle to defend jobs and the links between defending the GLC, fighting rate-capping and ensuring links - such as Londons lesbians and gays and the miners - would be a permanent and lasting force beyond the present strike. Dai urged LGSM to be involved in helping organise the congress (which will be held at County Hall) and attending it. Any comrade who wishes to attend their planning meetings at 630 Green Lanes N8 on Monday evenings will be welcomed (contact Dai 888 8335)

Next Weeks Chair: Roddy Barnes

Next Weeks Strike Report: Bernie O'Connor

CONTACTS: Dulais Visit: Mike Phillips: 833 1698/Mike J 833 4785
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Video Group: Jeff/Nicola/Connie (w) 274 4000 ext. 217
Womens Contact: Sally Bild (h) 733 3952
Weekend Conference: Gethin (as above)
Day of Action Feb 11th: Derek Hughes (h) 720 7392 -S.London
Mike J - N.London (as below)
Secretary: Mike Jackson 833 4785 (anytime)
Treasurers: Martin Goodsell/Brett Haran 263 9484

The meeting thanked Cliff Grist, Dai Donovan and Carol Fowler for coming to the meeting. Appreciation was also given to Cliff for an informative and interesting talk on Friday, which has helped strengthen the links and understanding between our two communities.

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