

LESBIANS & GAYS SUPPORT THE MINERS !!!

Minutes of the meeting at the Fallen Angel, 10th Feb '85

Chair: Roddy Barnes Strike Report: Bernie O'Connwr

Attendance: There were 44 people present

Apologies: were given for five people

Admin. collection: £17.30 raised from comrades at the meeting

Collection up to 10th Feb.

Bell, Sun	22.18
Bell, Thurs	13.02
Bell, Fri	10.35
F.A., Sun	41.37
F.A., Mon	12.62
F.A., Weds	21.07
F.A., Thurs	11.85
F.A. Sat	11.00
Prtobello Rd, Sat	18.00
Asylum, Thurs	30.19
Islington S. Lab.Party	30.00
Bell + L.S.E.	33.22
Gay Teabbers Group	20.00
Gays the Word, Sat	100.54
TOTAL.....	<u>375.41</u>

Collections for week 10-17th Feb.

Bell, Sun - Jeff, Andy M
Bell, Thurs - Iain, Gareth
F.A., Sun - Kate F, Ewen
F.A., Mon - Derek
F.A., Weds - Clive
F.A., Thurs - Gethin, Mike J
F.A, Fri - Pierre
Black Cap, Weds - Bernie O'C, Ray G
Coleherne, Fri - John L, Lionel, John McK
New Depression, Sat - Ray A, Reggie
George IV, Thurs - Alex
Lambeth Valentine Ball, Sat - Reggie, Nigel, Steven
Icebreakers, Tues - Steven
Heaven, Fri - (10.30pm)- Ray G, Andy M, Mark A
Asylum, Thurs - Roddy, Ray A, Kevin A (10.30pm)
Lewisham L&G W'shop - John McK

Gays the Word:

Sat 16th 11am-1pm	- Iain S, Bernie O'C, Dave L
1pm-2pm	- Alex, Colin C
2pm-3pm	- Michael P, Gareth, Fraser
3pm-4pm	- Michael P.
4pm-6pm	- Ray A, Reggie, Andy W

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Matters Arising from previous minutes

Dulais Visit The minibus will leave from Gays the Word at 3.30pm on Friday 15th. The following comrades are included: Jeff Cole & Mike Jackson (drivers), Gethin Roberts, Roddy Barnes, Ewan Stewart, Kevin Arthurs, Brett Haran, Martin Goodsell, Bruce Frances, Linda Semple, Roy James, Andy Matheson. Kevin Arthurs will be taking Rosie Leach and Kate Thomas in his car, leaving at 7pm.

Day of Action Feb 11th Some comrades agreed to join the picket of Neasden, others of Littlebrook powers tations. It was agreed that the banner would be taken to the rally at Central Methodist Hall in the evning.

Day of Action Feb 24th The meeting agreed to join the march and rally called by SERTUC/LCDTU on that Sunday. It was agreed to change the normal time of the meeting of LGSM on that day to start at 7pm.

Mineworkers Defence Committee Conference, Sheffield

Two members had attended the conference and gave a report back. There was discussion on the effectiveness of our participation in MDC, followed by a motion proposing that LGSM withdraws its affiliation. The meeting voted in favour of remaining affiliated, although the majority of comrades abstained.

David James - Gay London Police Monitoring Group then addressed the meeting explaining the policing of street collections etc, for the miners. Due to a restriction on time David had to drastically condense his talk but still delivered a helpful and useful talk.

LGSM Jumble Sale Saturday 9th March, 2pm at Marchmont Community Centre, Marchmont St WC1. The group reported that the hall is booked from 12noon to 5pm and will cost £8.50. Tea and buns will be available. An appeal for members to find palmists, Fortune Tellers, Tarot readers was made, although Nigel was nominated as a stand-by. JUMBLE to be found (see enclosed flyer).

London-Wales Congress Saturday 9th March, County Hall SE1. Mike reported that he attended the meeting at Green Lanes on Monday 4th. The organisers of the congress wanted to encourage all London comrades who have supported the Welsh mining communities. London lesbians and gay men were particularly encouraged to participate. The day's events include a workshop on the police in relation to race, lesbians and gay men. In the evening there will be a benefit with Elvis Costello. The Green Lanes support group intend to place an ad' in 'Capital Gay'. Mike to contact C.G. to negotiate an article explaining the function and potential of the congress and encourage widespread participation from the lesbian and gay community.

LGSM Conference The sub-group intend to produce a leaflet publicising the conference. It was agreed that the meeting on Feb.24th would discuss the agenda for the conference and arrangements for the social.

Kiveton Park Jenny Dennis sent a long letter to LGSM describing the recent events in K.P.; including the DHSS's refusal to pay for the funeral expenses after the death of a striking miners 5 month old child (amounting to £285). The meeting agreed to send a cheque for £100 immediately.

Xmas Draw Rob Cooper reported that all the prizes were finally in the process of being distributed to the winners.

Publicity Group reported that the pamphlet was coming along but the group were still wanting contributions from comrades, especially from the next visit to Dulais. The next meeting will be on Sunday (17th) 3pm at Steven Brownings house (tel: 326 0439)

Video Jeff Cole reported that the group had filmed comrades collecting outside Gays the Word last Saturday (in a blizzard!) and the group had been filming the present meeting in progress. They are also visiting Dulais.

Lesbians against Pit Closures sisters from LAPC suggested that LAPC's contact address/'phone be included in the next LGSM leaflet, the meeting agreed to this.

Next Weeks Strike Report: John McKay

Next Weeks Chair: Tim Lunn

Next Weeks Minutes Secretary: Mark Ashton

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Press Group: Gethin (as above)

Next Weeks Minutes Sec: Mark Ashton: (w) 251 4406/ (h) 703 0955

Treasurers: Martin Goodsell/Brett Haran: 263 9484

"just AMAZING !..I could not stop talking about and reading all the stuff your group's achieved..when there's not much optimistic around it came through the post like a ray of sunshine!!" e-extracts from a letter sent to LGSM from a Researcher at Labour Research Department(8.2.85).

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