

LESBIANS AND GAY MEN SUPPORT THE MINERS !

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Minutes of a meeting at the 'Fallen Angel' N1 at 6pm, 11th Nov '84.

<u>Collections up to 11th Nov</u>		<u>Collections for week 11-18th Nov</u>
Bell, Sun	21.57½	Bell, Sun - Clive B, Mark F
F. Angel, Sun	35.50	F. Angel, Sun - Robert K, Reggie
Cellar Bar, Tues	11.50	F. Angel, Mon - Steven, Kate F, Ewen
Black Cap, Weds	10.73	Vauxhall, Tues - Monty, Mark A
Two Brewers, Weds - no report		Half Moon Theatre, Tues - Alex
Racketts, Weds - no report		F. Angel, Weds, - Brett
Bell, Thurs	25.79	Black Cap, Weds - Martin G, John P
Union, Thurs	2.00	2 Brewers, Weds - Derek, Nigel, Jim McN
Bell, Fri	26.37	South Bank, 7pm Weds - Derek, Mark A
George IV, Fri	9.16½	Bell, Thurs - Ben, Brett, Ray G, Bernard, Ewen
Bell, Sat - no collection	-----	Bell, Fri - Monty, Reggie, Martin K, Mark F
New Depression - no Clctn	-----	Earls Ct, Fri - Robert, Jeff C, Mark A, (6pm, tube stn.) Harry
F. Angel, Fri (incl. raffle)	45.67	Racketts, Fri - Kate T, Nicola
Camden Tube, Sun	4.39	Bell, Sat - Sally, Polly
Elephant & Castle - no clcn	----	New Depression, Sat - John C, Andy D
Earls Ct - no collection	-----	George IV, Sat - Alex, Kate T
Demo, Weds	25.78	Earls Ct, Sat - Mark A, Jim McN
N. London Poly picket - no clcn	-----	Screen on Green, Sat - Brett, Mike, (Monty)
Gays the Word, Sat	58.21	Camden Tube, Sun - Andy D, John P, Robert K
Rugby Demo, Sat	169.52	Oval Tube, ? - Nigel, Johnny
L.S.E.	10.51½	L.S.E., ? - Johnny, Gethin
Private party, Brixton	2.50	
Huw Williams	5.00	
Other donation	5.00	
Raffle	24.20	

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There were 42 people present (secretary has list)

Apologies: Dave Lewis, Martin King, Ray Aller, Bernard Padden, Karen James, Connie Giannaris

Chair: Robert Kincaid

Matters Arising from previous minutes

Leaflet The meeting agreed to duplicate Clive's leaflet, changing references from Solidarnosc to South Africa.

Dulais Visit - Transport Costs MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT PAID £10 PLEASE BRING THIS ALONG TO THE NEXT MEETING OR SEND £10 TO MARTIN/ BRETT (Treasurers)

Public Meeting The sub-group had not met. Polly confirmed that Kay Sutcliffe was willing to speak.

Speaking Engagements People were urged to attend Arthur Scargill 'GIG' in Birmingham on 21st (Derek is organising this).

U.L.U. Gaysoc - Clive and Gethin will speak at 7pm. Thurs 22nd Nov. - all members are urged to attend due to a large presence of Gay Tories at U.L.U.

Ruskin College, Oxford (T.U.) - Thurs 22nd Nov. Ray Goodspeed ANOTHER member is needed for this engagement !!!

Other meetings are to be confirmed. It was agreed that we write to all Gaysocs, Labour Clubs and Communist Socs., etc offering them speakers from LGSM

Video Jeff C. reported that a meeting for all those interested in making a video about the groups activities will be held at 3.30pm, Sun 18th Nov. at the Fallen Angel.

Administration Costs Due to the increasing expansion of LGSM in all respects it was agreed to open a separate bank account for admin. funds. Will all members please ensure that money coming in or claims for expenses go through the Treasurers, along with records (i.e. collection money to be counted, bagged and a cover note saying how much and where it was collected - it would also help if the coins are exchanged for notes/ a cheque).

Rugby S.L.G.B. Demo. 10th Nov. Several members of LGSM attended this and Polly was arrested, along with 17 others. It was agreed that Polly's fine and travelling expenses be paid by members of LGSM unless another organisation takes responsibility. Robert K, said that he had received a complaint from



an un-named source that LGSM had dominated the meeting. All those arrested are being charged with obstruction.

Press and Publicity Polly has drafted an article for 'Socialist Action'. Mark A. had his reply published in 'Capital Gay' (9.11.84) to the nonsense about Libya. Monty and Andy M. had drafted an article for 'Labour Briefing'. John Lindsay and Alex are preparing an article for 'Socialist Review'

Collections Johnny Orr proposed that everyone should do at least one collection per fortnight. Mark A. put an amendment to this suggestion making it a fortnightly minimum as a rule of membership. This is to be discussed at the next meeting.

Split London LGSM into smaller groups ? To be discussed at next meeting

Womens Leaflet Women from the group are preparing a leaflet for distribution at Womens' and mixed venues.

Conference Mark, Ben and Nigel are taking responsibility for checking out the feasibility of organising a one day conference with the theme: 'Race, Class and Sex.' This is intended to help forge links with other Miners' Support Groups and sort out any problems between the groups.

Price Waterhouse Picket This is provisionally set for Weds. 5th Dec. 12 noon-2pm. This is dependent on agreement and support of other Miners Support Groups. Andy D. to write to Gay Black Group, Kate to write to Black Delegation, Polly and Kate to write to Womens Centres.

Dec. 2nd Conference The meeting agreed to send 5 formal delegates but all members were encouraged to attend. Clive is organising this.

Stickers and Badges Monty and Johnny to check out prices.

'The Miner' 500 copies to be bought.

#### Discussion of Lesbian and Black Lesbian and Gay mens involvement in LGSM

A summary of the contributions to this discussion is being prepared, comrades who would like a copy should make a request (preferably in writing to the secretary). The practical proposals were as follows:-

Write to Black Delegation suggesting joint campaigns, exchange of speakers, (Price Waterhouse Picket an example). ACTION: Kate

Write to Womens Centres ACTION: Polly and Kate

Gay Black Group ACTION: Andy

Womens Leaflet ACTION: Sally (+ others)

Womens' Sub-group to be formed (Sally to convene)

One Day Conference ACTION: Mark A, Ben, Nigel

London College of Printing - video recording of LGSM Meeting It was generally felt that members had not had an opportunity to discuss the matter and that the film crew should not have been invited at such short notice. The film crew arrived at a latter stage in the meeting and some members agreed to be filmed.

Next Meeting: Sunday 18th November '84 6pm at the Fallen Angel, Graham St., off City Road, N1 (nearest tube: Angel). No disabled access to meeting room.

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A collection for admin costs was made which raised approx. £20.