

LESBIANS AND GAY MEN SUPPORT THE MINERS!!!!!!

Minutes of meeting at Fallen Angel 20/I/85.

Chair: Clive Bradley.

Strike Report: Mark Ashton. ( During the report and subsequent discussion there was mention of the need to organise for the Day of Action on Feb.IIth. and the National Demonstration on Feb.24th.)

Attendance: Forty nine people attended the meeting.

Apologies: Mike Jackson, Tom Swan, Brett Haran, Johnny Orr.

Admin collection: £20.79 was raised at the meeting to cover postage etc.

Collections to 20/I/85.

Bell, Sun	34.07½
Bell, Fri	25.00
F.A., Thurs	24.29
Two Brewers, Weds	6.00
Colherne, Fri	8.34
Dover Castle	8.08
Ambulance Stn.,	6.50
Gays The Word, Sat	67.49
Bell, Sat	28.20
Public Meeting,	I32.70
3 Performing Brixton Queens	30.00
TOTAL.....	<u>370.67½</u>

Collections for week 20-27/I/85.

F.A. Sun - Kate F., Ewan.
Bell Thurs - Ray G, Dave L, Clive.
Bell Fri - Spike, John, Gareth, Martin.
F.A. Weds - Kate F.
F.A. Thurs - Kevin, Mike J.
F.A. Fri - Tim L, Tom S, Michael.
Bell Sat - Sally.
Black Cap Tues - Ben.
Two Brewers Weds - Andy, Paul G.
Colherne Fri - John L., Lionel.
Camden Tube, Noon, Sunday - Mark S. Tom S. Roddy.
Union Fri - Kevin, Ricky.
Union Sat - Mark A.
Champions Fri - Roddy, Johnathan, Nigel.
Racketts Fri - Sally ( L.A.P.C?)
Gays The Word - Thurs - Sat
II-12noon - Mark, Gethin.
I2-Ipm Dawn S, Mike J- Gethin, Bruce F.
I-2pm Gary S, Mike, Gethin- Michael, Tim.
2-3pm - ditto
3-4pm - Dave L, Sean S.
4-5pm - Shane, Ray, Gareth.
5-6pm - Shane, Ray.

COLLECTION BITS:

At the Two Brewers last Weds. Johnathan and Derek were moved on by police. At Gays The Word in the late Sat P.M. Shane has noted an increase in Police interest.

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Public Meeting: About 100-150 people attended the meeting which was enjoyable and moving. The collection raised £I32.70. Ray expressed thanks to Dave and Polly and the anonymous man at the Town Hall who helped with the seats.

Mineworkers Defence Ctee; Mike J had attended County Hall at stated time but there had been no meeting. There was confusion about whether or not L.G.S.M. has been invited onto organising ctee., matter was deferred till clarified.

Welsh Congress: Mark Ashton will report back in two weeks.

Publicity Group: Pub Group put forward the following proposals:-

- 1: That L.G.S.M. should agree in principle to the production of a pamphlet.
- 2: If above agreed members of L.G.S.M. should submit proposals to pub gp.
- 3: Responsibility for the pamphlet should rest with the publicity group, with report backs to general meetings.

These proposals led to a discussion of whether L.G.S.M. needed a pamphlet, a leaflet or both. It was agreed that the Leaflet would be discussed as a separate agenda item. It was then agreed that people should approach the pub. group with ideas and info for the pamphlet and that there should be further discussion next week. A request from the pub group for funds to produce headed notepaper was agreed. It was suggested that there should be a logo - all ideas welcome. John McKay agreed to produce sticky address labels for press contacts. The publicity group will contact all gay groups re the 24th Feb demo. Ray G. proposed that we advise organisers of our participation to avoid being put at end.

Leaflet: There was a discussion of how a leaflet to give out when collecting could best be written. Monty, Reggie and Roddy agreed to produce a draft for the next meeting.

History of the S. Wales Mining Communities 1860 to Present Day: the illustrated talk by Cliff Grist of Dulais will take place on Friday Feb 1st, at 7.30pm. at Margery St., Community Centre, Margery St., W.C.I. ( entrance thru car park at bottom of street.) Tubes; Russell Sq. and Kings Cross - 10 min. walk from either. £1.50 waged - 50p unwaged. There will be food and wine, everyone is urged to come, and bring friends. Due to illness Mark has been unable to produce tickets. There is a Bronski Beat Benefit later that evening that people could go on to.

Dulais Visit: About thirty people wish to go. Hefina has said we can go whenever we like and a desire for us to visit again was expressed after the public meeting. There was discussion about the pros and cons of going en masse or in smaller groups, further discussion was deferred to next week.

L.G.S.M. Day Conference: Due to pub group commitments Nigel cannot be part of organising group. After discussion of event John L, Polly, Clive and Gethin agreed to discuss further and report back.

Hatfield Main: Gethin has contacted W. Yorks gay groups urging them to support Hatfield Main. There then followed a discussion of how L.G.S.M. funds are distributed. It was pointed out that Dave Donovan has asked to be present should we ever discuss our commitment to Dulais. It was agreed that we would maintain our present commitment and make other one-off donations as funds permit.

Thorpe Willoughby: Comrade visited London this week. It was agreed to donate £50 to Thorpe Willoughby.

Gay Organisation Twinning: The need to encourage gay groups to twin was discussed. Kate N., will obtain details of meeting times etc and circulate within L.G.S.M. James and Ray from Sussex Univ., gay soc hope to twin with Hatfield Main.

Speaking Engagements: Gareth gave notice of possible workshop at the Festival of Lesbian and Gay Students at U.L.U. in march. Gay Teachers Group, Kings X centre 24/I/85, 7.30pm., Nigel can no longer attend, Andy and Kevin to take over.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Broad Left Organising Conference: John L to approach for L.G.S.M. delegate.

Tilbury Power Station Picket: 2I/I/85 am. everyone urged to attend.

Bell Benefit: Weds night organisers ( women only ) have offered a benefit to L.G.S.M. offer was accepted with thanks.

Pedal To Dulais: Monty suggested a sponsored bike ride to Dulais, four people expressed willing to partake.

Lesbian and Gay Pro-Republican Delegation to Ireland: Contact Paul C. 226-I097 / 286-9693.

Feb 11th Day of Action: Request that this be further discussed.

Lesbians Against Pit Closures: Meet every Monday, 6.30pm. @ Drill Hall, Chenies St., W.C.I.

STOP PRESS: No one has volunteered to collect at either the Fallen Angel or New Depression on Saturday evening, if you can why not grab someone and do one or the other.

STOP PRESS STOP PRESS: On Feb 16th in Dulais there will be an Old Time Music Hall, it has been suggested that this may be a good time to go. ( Not restricted to Leonard Sachs Queens).

#### NEXT WEEK:

CHAIR: SALLY B.

STRIKE REPORT: GARETH.

MEETING: FALLEN ANGEL N.I. 6PM.

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