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LESBIANS AND GAYS SUPPORT THE MINERS !  
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Minutes of a meeting held at 'Gays the Word', Sunday 21st October '84, 6pm

Present: Kevin Graal, Metin Kennal, Robert Kincaid, Jeff Cole, Polly Vitorini, Susannah Hall, Andrew Day, Connie Giannarre, Mark Ashton, Dave Lewis, Clive Bradley, Rob Cooper, Derek Hughes, Martin Goodsell, Reggie Blennerhassett, Ray Aller, Andy Denn, Monty, Johnny Orr, Andy Matheson, Mark Findlay, Gethin Roberts, Joe Harrison, Ray Goodspeed, Jeff Jamieson, Stephen Meyler, Mike Jackson

Chair: Ray Goodspeed

Apologies: Kate Thomas, Tobie Glennie, Brett Haran, Bernard Padden, Paul Canning

<u>Collections up to 21st October</u>	
Bell, Sun 7th	23.50
Bell, Sun 14th	50.24
Fallen Angel, Sun	9.18½
Bell, Mon	26.46½
Cellar Bar, Tues	
Two Brewers, Weds	67.76
New Depression, Weds - no collection	
Bell, Thurs	28.00
Bell, Fri	24.76½
Public Meeting, Fri	145.00
Fallen Angel, Fri	13.48½
New Depression, Sat	18.72½
Camden Tube, Sun	14.00
Gays the Word, Sat	70.00
NALGO Area 4 (Brent)	74.75
NALGO (Manchester)	101.73
TOTAL.....	<u>667.60</u>

<u>Collections for week 21-28th October</u>	
Bell, Sun - Clive & Rob	
Pretty Policemans Ball, Sun - Mark & Connie	
Vauxhall, Tues - Johnnie & Andy M	
Bell, Thurs - Andy D, Martin, Andrew, Ray G	
Bell, Fri - Ray & Derek	
New Depression, Sat - Ray & Rob	
'Gays the Word', Sat - Ray, Rob & Kevin G	
As most of the group will be in Dulais 26-28th October it was decided that a meeting be held in Dulais over that weekend solely to organise collections for the week 28th Oct-4th November.	

Andy Matheson explained that someone donated a fifty pound note at the Two Brewers - Robert to construct a press release about this.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Amendments were made to the minibus contingent: Mark Ashton to be replaced with Mark Findlay and Andy Denn to be replaced by Robert Kincaid. The group also decided that those going by National Express would take the Rapide service which also leaves at 6pm from Victoria but arrives earlier in Neath (Rapide fare: £13.50 return), meet between 5-6pm at Main Minibus contingent, convenor is Mike: 833 4785 *3pm Friday at mine!* /entrance VW caravanette convenor is Tobie: 226 1097 National Express convenor is Andy M: 326 0307

Raffle Rob reported that the tickets were being printed and should be ready for collection from the printers by Thursday. Andy took responsibility to collect them from McKays 72 Camberwell Rd. It is hoped that they will be ready for us to take down to Dulais. Connie pointed out that the 'Redskins' should not be publicised as appearing at the Benefit as they had not yet been approached, Mike undertook to contact McKays and ask them to withhold their names (this has now been done - MJ.22/10).

Benefit Gig Connie pointed out that £200 would have to be taken out for expenses. He would undertake to co-ordinate publicity with London Records. A sub-group was formed to take responsibility for this event.

Benefit Sub-group: Connie (convenor), Andy M, Reggie, Ray.

Fallen Angel Benefit The F.A. are holding a benefit for LGSM this Wednesday 24th from 7-11pm. A proportion of the profits from drinks will be given to the group for the Miners. **a ALL EMEMBERS WERE URGED TO ATTEND AND TAKE THEIR FRIENDS/LOVERS**

Public Meeting Report Back The Public Meeting was generally considered to have been a success despite speakers not turning up and the audience being much smaller than had been anticipated.

There was discussion regarding the fact that some speakers had not turned up despite promising that they would attend. No one had heard from the groups which



were meant to be attending as to why they could not make the meeting. It was resolved that we write to them expressing our solidarity and enquiring if there were any problems regarding their attendance of the meeting (Mike to write). Susannah objected to the group writing to Wilmette Brown and asked that her objection be minuted: "On Friday morning I phoned up Mike to remind him that Wilmette would have to speak first as she had to get to another meeting by 7.30. He said did I realise that the meeting started at 7.30 and that the Newham Monitoring Project was speaking first. I said that I didn't realise that the meeting started at 7.30 and that in view of this and that the Newham Monitoring Project was speaking first she would probably not be able to make it as she was the main speaker in the meeting she was going to. I then phoned Wilmette and she said that it would not be possible for her to attend as she had to attend the other meeting as near as possible from the beginning. When I arrived at Conway Hall at about 7pm I told Mike that she was not going to be able to come and that she sent her apologies" (S.H.21.10.84)

A motion was presented by Susannah but the meeting decided that it could not be discussed because it made references to a member not present.

Dave Lewis suggested that the meeting had been such a success that we should hold regular Public Meetings but not on the scale of this first one. A Public Meeting Sub-group was formed consisting of Ray G (convenor), Polly, Susannah, Clive, Andy D and Dave.

Leaflet 'The NUM and the Courts' Clive read aloud a leaflet that he had drafted on behalf of the group regarding the attempts of the courts to sequestrate or threaten to sequestrate the NUM. The leaflet was amended slightly by the meeting and then approved. 2,000 leaflets to be duplicated by Clive.

24hrs. Picket outside South Africa House had been arranged and the organisers had specifically requested LGSM to attend in solidarity. It was pointed out that most of the route would be in South Wales but that members who would be in London should attend.

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Next Meeting: 4th November at the Fallen Angel, Graham Street, off City Road, London NI (nearest tube: Angel). NOTE THE CHANGE OF VENUE. Same time: 6pm.

National Express contingent to Dulais are reminded to go to Victoria well before the bus leaves as the queues on Friday evening can be long - please confirm with Andy Matheson if you have not already done so.

Admin. collection raised £8.18 which Mike took in cash for postage etc.

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