

LESBIANS AND GAYS SUPPORT THE MINERS !!!

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Minutes of a meeting at the 'Fallen Angel' on Sunday 25th Nov 6.20pm

Collections up to 25th Nov		Collections for week 25.11- 2.12
Bell, Sun	20.67	F.A., Sun - Ben, Jeff
F.A. Sun	33.00	Bell, Sun - Rob C, Richard, John P
F.A. Mon	21.51½	F.A. Mon - Martin, Derek
F.A. Weds	15.10	Black Cap, Weds - Martin, Jim
Black Cap, Weds	15.16	Two Brewers, Weds - Mark A, Johnnie, Derek
Two Brewers, Weds	5.30	F.A. Weds - Mike J
Coleherne	8.75	Bell, Thurs - Reggie, Harry, Ray, Martin K
Bell, Fri	23.50	Union, Thurs - Dave L, Mark A
Racketts, Fri	30.00	Bell, Fri - Mark A, Mark F, Monty
New Depression, Sat	22.22	George IV, Fri - Gary, Alex
George IV, Fri	8.30	F.A. Fri - Michael P, Tom
Camden Tube, Sun	60.00	Riverside Theatre, Fri - Nigel + friends
F.A. Fri	38.00	Coleherne, Fri - John L, Lionel, John McK
Drill Hall, Mon	17.00	New Depression, Sat - Mark S, Joe Rob C
L.S.E.	20.00	Santa's journey, Sat - Mark, Mike, Jeff, Bob C
Gays the Word	78.00	Camden Tube (noon-2pm) - Mark S, Jim, Brett /(Monty)
Bell, Sat	21.00	Kings X tube under Euston Rd subway by telephones 9am-10am - Mark A, Dave L, Clive
Lumiere	23.40	Gays the Word Sat
Albanian Society	18.45	11am-1pm - Mike J, Jim, Monty, Mark A
Peter Roscoe	40.00	1pm-2pm - Jim, Clive, Mark A
U.L.U. Gaysoc	20.00	2 -3 - Clive, Howard
Racketts (Fri 16th)	13.00	3 -4 - Joe, Mark S
Raffle money	46.90	4 -5 - Derek, Joe
		5 -6 - Derek.....???

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Chair: Brett Haran

Attendance: There were 38 people present at the meeting (Sec. has list)

Apologies: Ray G, Johnnie O, Alex R, Sally B, Connie G, and comrades attending the Lesbian & Gay Socialist Conference in Edinburgh

Administration Costs: Members present made a contribution to costs: £16.64

Strike Report (made by Brett) A report was made on the progress of the strike

Matters Arising from previous minutes

'Socialist Review' Alex was submitting this article as a personal contribution not on behalf of LGSM as was believed to be the case the previous week.

Benefit Sub-group had brought tickets to the meeting and comrades were urged to sell at least ten each before the Benefit. 800 posters were taken by comrades to be distributed throughout London over the coming week. Further tickets are available from Andy Matheson.\* The meeting agreed to keep the stubs and mark the sale price on the stubs and encourage other distributors to do the same. Kate Fearnley\* to co-ordinate outside London group. Red coloured material is needed to decorate the hall as well as posters, political banners etc. The meeting agreed to donate free tickets to anyone from Dulais mining families who wish to attend, Mark Ashton\* collected a list of crash pads for these special guests (anyone else who can offer a bed (s) please contact Mark a.s.a.p.) Next Meeting: Mon 26th at Mark A's flat.

Public Meeting Sub-group No report.

Video Sub-group Met at 3.30pm before general meeting (this is now the regular time, downstairs at the F.A.). The group is holding a Workshop on Saturday 1st Dec. at Converse pictures, Brixton Enterprise Centre, Boh Marche Building, 444, Brixton Rd. Jeff Cole is co-ordinating this group\*. Jeff has passed his test with Hackney Community Transport and booked a 12-seater mini-bus for the Video-group, for 14/15/16th December.

Exhibition Sub-group Kieran has asked any members with photo negatives of the last Dulais trip (or any other material that may be useful) to bring it along to the next general meeting. Brixton Gallery are keen to have a contribution from LGSM at their Exhibition in late December, John Q. and /...



Bruce are working on this.

Women's Leaflet Sub-group The leaflet has now been produced. The Women's group is now meeting regularly on Monday evenings.

Mineworkers Defence Committee Conference Martin has ordered ten tickets but had not received them. The following people either expressed an interest in attending or were nominated: Jeff C, Connie, Martin, Clive, Paul C, John L, Sally, Alex, Robert K. Members are asked to meet Mark, Dave and Clive at 10am. in Subway under Euston Rd at Kings Cross Station, by telephone. Members who have offered accomodation to conference guests are requested to meet at the Fallen Angel on Saturday 1st Dec. in order to meet their respective guests.

The meeting agreed to re-print our first leaflet in order to distribute it at the Conference.

Speaking Engagements Derek reported that Polly and his talk was a success at the Birmingham Trades Council miners Support Group meeting. About 100 people had been present. Unfortunately there was no known lesbian/gay presence so it seems unlikely to have given the impetus for a LGSM group to start up in Birmingham. It was suggested that co-ordinated publicity between the Miners Support groups and the local lesbian/ gay community be arranged for future engagements.

Reggie and Clive reported their talk at ULU Gaysoc had also been a success and that the Gaysoc would try and organise a donation.

Ray G. and Robert were in Edinburgh and could not report on the Ruskin talk.

Forthcoming Engagements: Ben and Nigel are going to Sussex Gaysoc 26th Nov.

John L. is addressing University College Gaysoc...NUS Lesbian and Gay

Conference: Mark S. to give a talk.

A.O.B.

Notts Women against Pit Closures had sent a letter expressing their total support for lesbians and gays fighting oppression and thanking us for keeping them informed of our activities. The letter went into some detail about the acute hardship that is facing them and the intimidation they receive. The meeting agreed to send £250 immediately. Notts Q Against Pit Closures can be contacted via Julie Wilkinson, c/o NUPE, 6, Sherwood Rise, NOTTINGHAM

Raffle Rob C. has only received 1,700 returned stubs which means that there are 6,500 stubs still to be returned. COMRADES ARE ASKED TO RETURN STUBS TO ROB IN SUFFICIENT TIME FOR THE DRAW ON DECEMBER 10th !!! Address:-

13, St. Mary's Place, LONDON W5 (tel: 01 840 1699-home  
01 262 6790 x 266-work)

Next Weeks Chair: Andy Matheson

Next Weeks Strike Report: Dave Lewis

Next Meeting: Sunday December 2nd, at the 'Fallen Angel, Graham St, N1 - 6pm.

Comrades are reminded that the Harringay NALGO Miners Benefit is on Thursday 6th December, artists include BERNARD PADDEN AND ONLLWYN MINERS CHOIR !!!

Tickets are available from Mark Ashton\* (£2/£1 UB40) See ya there !!

\*Contacts\*

BENEFIT Co-ordinator: Connie: 01 703 1393

Tickets: Andy Matheson: 01 326 0307

Nationwide Groups etc: Kate Thomas 01 515 6291

Crash Pads: Mark Ashton: 01 703 0955

Mineworkers Conference: Paul Canning

01 286 9692 (w)

Video: Jeff Cole 01 326 4859

Women: Sally Bild 01 733 3952

Press: Robert Kincaid 444 5442

Exhibition: Kieran c/o Jeff Cole

Secretary: Mike Jackson

01 833 4785

VICTORY TO THE MINERS !!!

( KEEP THAT MONEY ROLLIN' ON IN !!! )