

LGBTSoc Committee Meetings

Sunday 29th November

Present

Old/Continuing Committee: Hereward Mills, Kate Gresswell, Jake Fraser, Beth Evans, Amy Bellamy, David Simons, Kat Hunter

New Committee: Annis Stead, Cassi Perry, James Butler, Andrew Miles

Apologies

Toby Miller, Liz Birch, Tim Funnell, Alex Hawley, Stephen Greatly, *Andrew Miles (late)*.

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8th Week

Drinks on Tuesday (Magdalen)

- Tuesday is World AIDS day — “Red-themed Drinks” (e.g. Cocktails, Cherry Alcopops, Cherry Sours). Donation to a relevant charity? — Terrence Higgins Trust (THT)?; National AIDS Trust (NAT)?
 - **THT** — STI charities which run local events for gay men. (Unanimously supported)
 - **NAT** — National Awareness raising charity
- Liaise with Stop AIDS Soc, maybe we could get people to sell ribbons? Beth will try and get in contact
- How much can we give to Charity? (Bear in mind that we still owe £1,000)
- We normally make about £200-£250. Potentially we could make more so donate up to £150, if we make that much.
- Another charity which we could work with in future is “Refugee Resource,” which works with local asylum seekers, many of whom have been forced from their home country because of their sexuality.
- **Take a tally and donate 50p from every drink sold to Terrence Higgins Trust**

Other Events in 8th Week

- Stitch & Bitch — 3pm Wednesday
- Trans Meet — Same time, same place
- “Farewell Coffee Afternoon” — Friday Afternoon. Requested money from the Treasurer. To be provisionally held in Wadham MCR, 2pm.
- Pizza and Wine —Potentially? But probably not. Instead, committee meeting and committee pizza and wine.
- Owner of Domino’s donated a large sum to support Proposition 8 so we could boycott it, but he is no longer associated with the business so it’s morally better.

Unelected Positions

Male Entz and Female Bisexuality Rep

- In the constitution, it says “If a position is not filled at the the appointed election time... the nomination for that position should be re-opened for one week ... The committee may elect a willing candidate by two-thirds majority by secret ballot at a committee election.”
- Re-open nominations and run in first week? We did have two potential candidates for male entz who didn't run as they couldn't make it to hustings.
- Perhaps we could hold an EGM (in place of an AGM) in early Hilary and run then: combine it with a Pizza Night – 2nd week?
- **At the start of next term, re-open nominations for unfilled positions, and run elections at an EGM in Hilary Term.**

Constitution

Breach of Constitution

- Can have no more than 12 members — needs to be changed and voted on. Change it to a “reasonable number specified by society regulations.” — Regulations can be changed by vote in the committee meeting as opposed to the constitution which needs to be voted on by the membership
- Dave needs to chase up Alex Hawley to see if we have position to use “OU” in our domain.
- At some point we need to vote on our society regulations, which is not particularly important

Senior Member

- Current senior member is Proctor Elect so won't be able to carry on into next year.
- James Butler can get in touch with Dermot?
- Continuing/New committee needs to do it, preferably before AGM and then we can vote for it.
- Role of senior member is somebody to sign forms, not to poke their nose in, and give advice.

Handover

Handover-y Things

- What do we do with the library? Dave will take it over.
- Dave, as secretary, needs to notify the proctors as to change in committee.
- Amy will give things to people
- Jake will change e-mails at the end of the week. Dave will e-mail their details.

Committee Leaving Drinks

- Traditionally for old committee but it's become a bigger event
- Wednesday after committee meeting: 8:30pm

Discounts

Coven Discounts

- We used to have a LBGTsoc discount for Coven. They don't always honour it because of "Dirty Angels"
- **Get in touch with Coven to clarify discounts (James Butler)**
- Throw our weight as massive student society around – stop advertising/publicising their night.

PopTarts Discount

- Ed Roffe/Owners of PopTarts is threatening us with loss of our discount.
- Partly due to the "Pubs to Clubs" card. We need to look into it, to make sure our members still get a discount.
- Encourage them to give us discounts because of the good relations thus far, and our important role in LGBT welfare/fun.
- We can move drinks events to a different night and lead to a club OR start a different club night.
- **Get in touch with PopTarts to clarify discounts (Andrew Miles)**

Other Business

Treasurer's Details

- **Voted to change signatories and stay with Natwest**
- Could we change the name of account from LGBSoc to LBTSoc.
- Profit dissection?
- Should we let the members know about our debt with Rhiannon?

Sticker Situation

- Committee have been wearing stickers to identify themselves as such. Amy has been making these but is leaving society
- Dave can take over as Amy can give things to him.
- Re-consider T-Shirts at some time.

Wider Gay Stuff

- REALLY make an effort with wider gay things, for example Queer Week, LGBT Rights in Israel talk.
- Disappointing attendance for Queer Week, especially among committee members.

Minutes

- We could publish minutes on the Website. It sounds feasible, but there are things we have to be very careful about things such as names and policies which are dubious.

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- Dave will bring certain things to the next meeting

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