

MINUTES OF GAYWEST COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 19TH MAY 2016

In Attendance:

Colin O'Brien (Chair)

Antony Russell (Café Host)

Michael Reid (Events co-ordinator)

Jim Phimister (Membership Secretary)

John Martin (Outreach Officer)

1. Apologies for absence

1.1 Brian Milligan sent his apologies

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

2.1 These were agreed and approved as accurate

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Ernie Everest expressed his delight at being given Honorary Membership, for all the hard work he has undertaken over the years on behalf of GayWest.

4. Chair's Report

4.1 Colin said that next month would see the beginning of a very busy Pride Season. The support was discussed of which members of The Committee and others would be willing and able to help at these occasions, as some require to state numbers attending.

4.2 The NSLGBT organisers of the Weston - S - Pride have received a grant to start up a Rainbow Café, It is going to be held at The Badger Centre in WSM once a month and have asked for our help and advice, on setting up and running it.

4.3 Publicity Cards and A5 posters, we are still looking for design ideas.

4.4 The Eddystone Trust will be holding their HIV testing session on the 4th June, It has been advertised in other venues in Bath, and so we may get people in who are not familiar or members of GayWest.

5. Secretary and Treasurer's Report

5.1 As Brian is away, Colin reported on the last statement he had from the Bank, £ 5582.00, but informed the meeting that there were outstanding bills to pay. And also queried as to how many signatories, was it 2 or 3, Antony said that he was now a signatory.

6. Outreach Officer Report

6.1 BBC copies of the letter handed out at the Rainbow.

6.2 Leyhill Prison, Both John and Colin to liaise to arrange some dates to visit, along with the function of GayWest's involvement which has not been fully confirmed, but we will keep in-touch.

6.3 Brigstowe has issued an advertisement for their "After Pride Party" along with advert cards on their new scheme on Mentoring. We have some of these in the Rainbow.

7. Events Report

7.1 The GayWest Picnic was confirmed for 2pm.

7.2 The boat Trip

7.3 As the summer gets into full swing there is a lot going on and to keep an eye on the events section of the Website.

8. Membership Secretary's Report

8.1 Since the last meeting we have had two members who have renewed their membership along with 1 new member bring the total to 90.

8.2 11 reminders will be sent out in the June posting covering June and July.

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9. Magazine Editor's Report

9.1 The Magazine is ready and please could it be proof read as we conduct the meeting, as we are short of time and some of us will be away on holiday soon, this was done and it was sent to the printers.

10. Café Report

10.1 Antony reported that there had been a couple of weeks when the attendance had been very low, and that he had difficulty in getting people to act as servers. John said that it might be an idea to advertise for LGBT volunteer servers wanted for the Rainbow Café, saying our time of opening, and maybe a picture of a pinafore in the advert.

10.2 It was suggested that we have our Book and DVD sale on August 20th at The Rainbow Café to try And raise some funds to support GayWest. The Prices as before £2.00 each or £5 for 3.

11. Website Sub-Committee Report

11.1 The Domain seems to be continuing and seems to be OK, we assume because we set up a new contract

11.2 The post of Chatroom Host, Pip Cawte has agreed that he would be interested in the position but it would have to wait until after his house move.

12. AOB

12.1 Antony asked if we had a date for the Christmas Dinner, It was not known and it was left that we would ask Brian if he could find out from Paul if and when he is willing to do this for us.

Antony asked what the date of the Annual General Meeting would be held on, It was thought that this might be on the 17th or 24th of September 2016, but will be set nearer the time.

13. Date of the Next Meeting

13.1 It was decided that we would have our next meeting on Wednesday 15th June at 2pm

And provisionally on Wednesday 13th July at 2pm.