

Berkshire Older Lesbian and Gay Forum

Steering Committee Minutes

Tuesday, 14th October 2003, 2003
Rupert Street Information Centre

Action

1. Attendees

Jenny Ward,
Liz Hill,
Maria Ottway,
Rebecca Ballard,
Suzanne Khambatta,
Wyndham Clampett

2. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Jane, Nigel, Derek, Lois.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday September 2nd, 2003, were agreed as a true record with the following amendments:

Rebecca

Liz had been in attendance.

4. Matters Arising from Last Meeting

a. **Civil Partnerships**

Rebecca had sent our response to the Government proposals. She had circulated members of the Yahoo group and a print copy to Derek.

b. **Networking Day**

We agreed that we would take any follow-up action needed once the conference was over.

Later Meeting

c. **beYOU Research Proposal**

Jenny had contacted Simon about the proposal but had yet to hear anything back.

d. **Social**

Three people had gone to the outing to Cliveden.

5. Treasurer's Report

Nigel has agreed to circulate a financial report by email.

Nigel

6. Chair's Report

a. **Conference**

Inevitably the conference planning was taking up a lot of our time.

Wyndham had been very busy preparing the leaflets and designs for the display boards. He had also taken over the database for the delegates list whilst Lois was on holiday.

Liz had printed off 100 copies of two of the documents for the delegates pack.

Lois was now back from her holiday and had been to see the venue to sort out where the display stands will go. Both Sally Middleton (from Gloucestershire Opening Doors) and Margaret had helped with drafting press releases and Rebecca was updating the web site.

On current estimates we would be a little short of the money needed to pay for the conference but probably only about £250. Both Reading Borough Council and Age Concern had promised to underwrite this.

As at the day of the meeting 96 people had registered, including Clare Summerskill who had been commissioned to write a play about older gays and lesbians in London. About 20 people had yet to return their workshop preferences. Jenny had emailed them. There was a fair spread of people for all five workshops.

Wyndham had revised the leaflet and had multiple copies printed on glossy paper. The display boards were to arrive imminently.

Jenny had received estimated travel costs in from speakers which appeared to be £100 less than we had originally thought.

Rebecca agreed to "rove" with the microphone and take pictures.

Wyndham and Liz would do the "meeting and greeting".

Suzanne agreed to direct people where to go.

Name badges were being done for all delegates with BOLGaF ones for those of us.

Liz agreed to pick up the speakers from the hotel and take them to the Town Hall.

Rebecca
Wyndham
Liz
Susanne

Liz

b. A Generous Donation

Margaret Collins, had very kindly paid for two years to free our web site of the annoying pop up advert and also to allow emails sent to the site to go directly to agreed recipients (instead of Rebecca having to redirect them).

Rebecca would pass on our thanks to Margaret.

Rebecca

c. A new Steering Group Member and the latest training session

Suzanne Khambatta contacted me at the beginning of October through our advert in DIVA. Suzanne has considerable experience in working with older people in both residential and domiciliary care, and has now joined the Steering Group and was attending for the first time.

Suzanne was warmly welcomed.

d. AGM

We agreed that, now that we had a constitution, we should be planning an AGM for December. We decided on Friday, December 5th – **Jenny** agreed

to try and book the Stones Room in RISC.

Jenny

e. Our Vision

Jenny reminded us that we had come up with many ideas and plans during the summer that we should hold on to and take forward. There was potentially a lot to be done and our profile would be raised by the conference. She had been wondering if we were getting near to the time when we needed to seek funding to appoint a paid worker (especially as at present she was putting in between 10 and 15 hours a week on BOLGaF business and she knew that several other Steering Group members could measure their input in hours a week too).

She put it on the agenda for our November meeting.

**Next
meeting**

7. Constitution

All members present signed the Constitution

8. Tea Dance

a. Tickets

The music and dance teachers had been booked as is the hall for Sunday 16th November. Anyone who needs further tickets to sell should get in touch with Jenny.

Posters had been put up in the Dove and Wynford. We would make a special effort to sell some at the conference too as this could be a good opportunity.

9. Dates of Future Meetings

The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday, November 11th, 2003, at Rupert Street Information Centre. The meeting will start at 8.00pm. Meeting after that, Wednesday, 7th January, 2004.