**Minutes 02/12/14**

Present J.N.; C.C.; D.L.R.; E.T.; B.J.; C.S.-G.; K.P.; G.H.;L.Y.;

Apologies O.B.; J.S.; M.G.;

AOB

**Update from cleaning out Lounge (magazines)**

The Committee has decided to recycle all old magazines (ones which happened before September 2002). Office to be tidied.

**Ladyboys of Bangkok**

Quite complicated since there is not much information provided by them. Does not tell us whether the performers are transgender/identity as female/male. - would change the level of how offensive it is. Ladyboys is very used in Thailand which then is an offensive word used here, which means transvestite. They have a different word for transgender. If it were a form of entertainment and identify as male and perform as female - similar to drag queen concept here.

We would want more information to be provided to clarify everything. We were emailed to make a statement about it. C.C. suggests that they put a definition of ladyboy on the website. How do we know that they can define themselves/want to. If we are to do something with them, ask them to disclose more about the performers. Tell them that “Ladyboys” is an offensive term here and what their gender identity is.

O.B. said that it should adhere to accepted language norms. Depends as to whether ladyboys are an adopted Thai word. Most likely is change some of the information on the website (like as asterix linking to something lower in the page).

Action plan: Contact them about our problem, then ask them to change some of their website, possibly consider making a [change.org](http://change.org/) survey, O.B. to carry this out.

Possibly easier to contact a Union officer since they have experience in writing statements. L.Y. to contact Miriam (and ask her opinion).

**Rainbow Laces/Socks**

Unless Stonewall offer to buy for socks, we can’t afford them. Jonny mentioned socks. If someone pays for them it’s better. Talk about whether the Union would want to pay for them. A spring relaunch?

Ask the sports teams whether they want to buy them. C.P. to contact Jonny first, something similar but we don’t have the funds, ask for viable alternatives. During Varsity week it would be best. Sweatbands are an option; swimming caps; each sport group would pick their own item. Focus on the groups that everyone goes to.

**Climax in Octagon**

The height is the issue and the turnout at the HUBS was much lower. Feels like a school disco. Not many pay attention to the themes anyway. Skool disco one, themes that people can easily do, beach party, toga party, foam party. Play on really easy themes. C.P. to suggest to Ollie more themes. More inventive drinks names.

**Other socials**

The idea is to go to Corp in the next semester. Possibly go on a Monday/Friday/Saturday. To be scheduled post-exams.

**Rest of this semester**

Run through of timeline. Two weeks left, Tuesday socials contenting as usual, just like committee meetings. Sunday is the last boardgames social. Coffee will continue till the 19th. One more postgrad social next Wednesday. Committee meal is on the 14th don’t forget!

Newsletter items to be sent to Charles Saturday night.

Create unofficial drop-ins. People could simply say that they will be in the Lounge on a specified day.

Postgrad and coffee socials as and when. Unless something major happens, don’t do committee meetings.  J.S. to be consulted. C.P. to give Committee Meal reminders and Secret Santa (must be vegan if food) and be maximum of £3.

**Leeds Trip refunds**

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