**Minutes 09/12/14**

Present J.S.; J.N.; B.J.; G.H.; L.Y.; E.T.; C.P.; M.G.;

Absent O.B.;  L.R.;

AOB

**Xmas socials**

Tuesday social to be Xmassy. Tinsel can be worn, as can jumpers. Socials to be favourited by Committee on Twitter and Facebook.

**Splectrum**

There is a limited amount of time that L.Y. can do as Campaigns. However WSL has offered us £50 each time we have an event there. Idea is to show next year’s campaigns officer how to order in the RAG side of things.

**Trans\* policy**

No-one at the Union has had time to read the policy and others will not be able to until January. All we need is for it to be proof-read to make sure that we haven’t missed anything out. C.P. and J.S. to ask Union officers to proof read it. C.P. to send them to T-Boys and to put it on Facebook for all to read.

Best to see that we have made the odd mistake. Best not to host events with WSL until they approve it.

**Festival**

If we spend any money on it we have to make it back. The only place we can do it in is the Raynor Lounge, however it is not ideal for the price (£150). SOYO said that we can host it on a Sunday, but will have to look at the new layout since the stage has changed.

L.Y. sent emails to Plug and Leadmill but they have not responded.

C.P. to ask Dawn Gunther for hosting the festival.

Only matters to us about the drinks if they have to make a certain amount of money from the bar.

**Ladyboys of Bangkok**

J.S. has spoken with Miriam and they have posted something on the Lib group. BME agree. They can all post a similar statement. However there is uncertainty over what can be done, however we can put a statement and show that we are in solidarity with them, and hopefully we can have an impact.

Nazmin suggested a similar idea to “In solidarity with Ferguson”. The main point is that their publicity is horrific. [change.org](http://change.org/) is a good starting point and hashtag as well. M.G. suggests that we stop them coming back from the City for the 3rd year unless they change what should be.

Give a statement to those who give them permission to camp out in Devonshire Green. L.Y.  & G.H. say that we have to be very clear and also other LGBT groups in the surrounding area. M.G. to compile some specifics to uphold our argument. J.S. to post up statement on media.

O.B. & M.G. to set up [change.org](http://change.org/).

**Mental Health Guide**

We were sent one so that we can put it on our Website. The people claim that it is very good, although we don’t have much time to go over it. They can send promotional materials which we shall graciously accept. We can put this on the Links session of our website.

**Independent Living Fund**

Provides support for disabled people to live independently and it is being revoked in June. So we need to campaign to prevent this revocation.

**Pets as Therapy**

Committee members will have their office hour at the same time as Pets as Therapy.

**Schools visits**

One more training session to be run for those who could not make it. Had one school responding and it would be on the 13th/14th January. J.S. to ask if people can make it.