

**SUSS-EX CLUB STEERING GROUP**  
**Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting**  
**in the DARO meeting room**  
**at 5 p.m. on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2010**

**[1] Present**

Bob Benewick, Sue Bullock, Gordon Conway (chairman), Jackie Fuller, Charles Goldie, Arnold Goldman, Jennifer Platt, David Smith, Mike Tribe & Ken Wheeler (who agreed to take the minutes).

**Apologies for absence** were received from Steve Pavey & Adrian Peasgood.

**[2] The Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

(23rd April 2010) were approved subject to a correction to item 6 (“GC’s”, not “GS’s”, talk).

**[3] Matters arising: item 7, membership**

The desirability of recruiting fresh blood, particularly a former administrator or engineer, to the Steering Group was discussed. [A named individual] was suggested as one possibility and she would be invited to attend the next meeting. Concerning membership of the Club in general, CG noted that he continued to have trouble getting information about those leaving the university. On the positive side, however, he had received only one negative reply in response to the 33 letters he had sent to potential new members of the Club. Several people had also sent encouraging letters. He thought that the general problems with getting information might be helped if the registrar were to attend a Steering Group meeting.

**[4] Reports on recent events**

(a) Thirty-four people attended GC’s talk, with 27 staying for the buffet. Everyone thought it was a very successful event.

(b) KW said the campus walk was too poorly supported to be considered a success. CG suggested that a themed walk, such “Orchid Hunting on Campus”, might prove more attractive. JF noted that a small fee often made an event more popular and, once paid, encouraged attendance.

(c) There was nothing new to report about theatre trips.

(d) SB reported that 19 people went on the tour of the De La Warr Pavilion, in Bexhill, and all seemed very happy with the event. Some independent feedback had also been very positive.

**[5] Future programme**

(a) *Theatre*: Theatre Royal: (Ayckbourn, Bedroom Farce) 29th July: 10 people going. Chichester (*Enron*): fully booked, no one going. Nothing further has been planned yet. It is important to obtain early information of Chichester’s programmes, which are now of a high standard and very popular.

(b) *Talks*: JF had provisionally booked **Mary Kaldor** (ex-SPRU) for **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November**. The format for the evening would follow that of the last talk, though the provision of drinks with the meal must be improved. After discussion of the pros and cons, it was agreed to increase the charge for the talk plus buffet (with wine) from £20 to £25. For the next term, DS had recruited **John D. Barrow** (ex- MAPS astronomer) and **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January** was set as the provisional date for his talk.

DS also had **Harry Kroto** (ex-MOLS) lined up for the Summer term and **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June** was set as a provisional date for his talk.

(c) *Christmas party*: SB offered to organise the Christmas party, along established lines, provided she received sufficient help. **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December** was proposed as an alternative date to Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> because of a potential clash with the Lewes U3A party.

(d) *Suggestions*: Three potential events were proposed for the group to consider: a coach trip to somewhere of general interest, such as “Down House” (CG); a joint venture with “Friends of Brighton Pavilion” (GC); a tour of the new Brighton & Hove Albion football stadium (?).

#### **[6] Financial report**

JF, who had circulated her report in advance of the meeting, thought the Club’s current small credit balance (£280) probably could be maintained only by increasing charges for some future events. She said there was no problem with the couple of “unspecified (Pavey)” items noted in the report.

#### **[7] Next News Letter**

DS was again willing to produce this and sometime in September was agreed to be an appropriate time. He would include an item requesting suggestions for future events from the readership. JF promised to supply information and a booking form for Mary Kaldor’s talk. SB would forward a photograph of the visit to the De La Warr pavilion and CG would provide an appropriate caption for it.

#### **[8] AOB**

Everyone agreed it would be good to have an article about the Suss-Ex Club in “The Bulletin”, preferably at the beginning of the autumn term. SP would be asked to follow up this suggestion.

#### **[9] The next meeting of the Group**

The 12<sup>th</sup> November 2010, at 4.30 p.m., before Mary Kaldor’s talk. The registrar would be invited to attend this meeting.

*The meeting finished at about 6 p.m.*

*KPW*