

SUSS-EX CLUB
Minutes of the 24th Steering Group meeting
Friday 28th September 2012 at 5.30 pm
DARO Meeting Room, Bramber House

0. Chair

Jackie Fuller agreed to chair the meeting.

1. Minutes

Charles Goldie agreed to take the Minutes.

2. Present

Bob Benewick (RJB), Sue Bullock (SDB), Jackie Fuller (JKF), Charles Goldie (CMG), Adrian Peasgood (ANP), Jennifer Platt (JP), David Smith (JDS) and Ken Wheeler (KPW).

3. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Gordon Conway (GRC), Arnold Goldman (AMG) and Steve Pavey (SPCP).

4. Minutes of the 23rd Meeting, of 13th April 2012

Awaited.

5. Matters arising not covered elsewhere

Sally Wright has replaced Celia Alexander as the DARO contact.

Notes of the 8th February meeting of **CMG** and **SPCP** with the Registrar and Director of HR were (re-)tabled; they remain un-progressed. Agreed that **CMG** and **SPCP** should seek a meeting with DARO to volunteer to take over the member list. Also that **CMG** and **JP** should draft a flyer for leavers from University employ, starting from **JP**'s handout for the pre-retirement course.

Draft notes were tabled of a meeting on 20th June between Prof Seb Oliver, a member of Senate, and Pro-VC Chris Marlin, about Visiting and Emeritus status. Agreed that **CMG** and **JDS** would, after consulting Seb Oliver, seek a meeting with Pro-VC Marlin well before the APATC meeting on 29th October, to welcome the possible restoration of Emeritus Readerships but express concern over possible changes to the facilities afforded to emeriti. Prior to the meeting they will prepare a union list of emeriti publications from past Newsletters.

6. Brief reports on recent events

JP reported that parties had enjoyed Alan Bennett's *The Lady in the Van*, and Arthur Pinero's *Dandy Dick*, at the Theatre Royal.

ANP reported that a party of 6 saw *Medea* at the New Venture Theatre.

SDB reported that 17 people had enjoyed a visit and talk at the Jerwood Gallery in Hastings.

Thanks to all three organisers for well-appreciated initiatives.

7. Future programme

7.1. Joint Suss-Ex/USPAS Christmas party

SDB will organise, with Steering Group help and in cooperation with USPAS administrators, from whom £500 will again be forthcoming. The date Tuesday 11th

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December was provisionally agreed, one day before the end of term. **SDB** was given discretion to fix a price of £7 for Suss-Ex participants, up from £6.

7.2. *Theatre trips*

JP will invite takers for David Hare's *The Judas Kiss* (about Oscar Wilde) at the Theatre Royal, and **ANP** for Arthur Miller's *The Price* at the New Venture Theatre.

7.3. *Wine tasting*

Agreed to be a promising idea. Possibilities include

- Harvey's (**KPW** to enquire);
- a joint tasting with the University Wine Club (**CMG** to enquire of James Hirschfeld, who runs the Club);
- Ridgeview.

7.4. *Other potential activities*

A visit to the Amex Stadium had been discussed last year but not progressed; two more members have now expressed interest. **JKF** agreed to make enquiries, for early 2013 or later.

Agreed to ask **SPCP** to enquire about the opening of the Attenborough (former Gardner) Centre, with a view to a possible activity.

From a new member of Suss-Ex, the following suggestions:

- (a) dinner on the Newhaven-Dieppe ferry;
- (b) day out at Goodwood;
- (c) Somerset House;
- (d) dinner at Stanmer House;
- (e) boat trips from Sovereign Harbour, Eastbourne;
- (f) dog racing in Hove;
- (g) hiring the Grand Hotel's yacht.

Agreed to consider, at a future meeting, (b), (c) or (e) for a summer excursion.

CMG to ask the member which activity at Goodwood he has in mind.

RJB raised the possibility of dinners with speakers. Agreed to continue waiting, keeping an active lookout, for suitable opportunities for which the burden of generating an audience would be lessened or could be shared

8. Financial report

JKF tabled a summary. The current balance is satisfactory but not such as to support further free activities. Thanks to **JKF** for her work.

9. Next Newsletter

ANP volunteered to assemble the issue, for circulation in October.

10. Any other business

None.

11. Next meeting

Dates in decreasing order of preference are Fridays 23rd November, 7th December, 14th December, at 5 pm, hopefully in the DARO Meeting Room.