

**SUSS-EX CLUB STEERING GROUP**  
**Notes of the 32nd meeting**  
**Friday 26 September 2014 at 5.15pm**

0. **Minute taking**  
Arnold Goldman (**AG**) volunteered to take the Minutes. In Gordon Conway's absence, Paul Tofts (PT) agreed to take the chair.
1. **Members present**  
Jackie Fuller (JF), Charles Goldie (CG), Colin Finn (CF), Arnold Goldman (AG), Adrian Peasgood (AP), Jennifer Platt (JP), David Smith (JDS) and Paul Tofts (PT)
2. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Gordon Conway (**GC**) (chair), Sue Bullock (**SB**) and Steve Pavey (**SP**). Ken Wheeler has submitted his resignation from the Group, which was accepted with regret and thanks for his services. **CG** will convey the Group's thanks to him.
3. **Minutes of the 31st meeting held on 20 June 2014**  
The Minutes were accepted as a correct record.
4. **Matters arising on the Minutes not elsewhere mentioned**  
Item 8: The proposed meeting hadn't occurred, but GC and CG had met the Head of DARO. CG reported that GC had called the meeting "useful". It had been proposed that DARO consider ex-staff (in particular retirees) as alumni, as do a number of other universities: DARO will follow this up with HR. Having a subset of alumni will then be needed for us. Noted that having all be alumni is different to recruiting members to Suss-Ex. DARO doesn't get a list of retired or emeriti, but the Head will try to access these. John Murrell is to meet the V-C about what use the University can make of retirees, which all agreed is central. **CG** will approach HR (again). Which PVC is the current Deputy V-C? (We might try to meet her/him.)
5. **Reports**
  - 5a. **The Visit to Ridgeview Winery** was called "excellent" and "brilliant", with a range of people attending. Fewer than half were estimated to be Steering Group members, including some new to Suss-Ex events. **CF** will write about the event's success for the next Newsletter, and **PT** will send him a photo. (See item 9 below.)
  - 5b. **Finances:** JF tabled a financial statement for August 2013 to July 2014, also circulated to Steering Group members with these Minutes. £625.84 is carried forward. JF suggested that £400/£500 is sufficient for a balance. Should Suss-Ex subsidise, underwrite, take more risks? Should there be a free event? After discussion, it was agreed to take these into consideration when considering agreeing each future event.
6. **Future Programme**
  - 6a. **BREMF** – JP had aborted the arrangements because tickets had gone by the time she was able to attempt to book them. More than 10 had showed interest. She regretted this, and there was discussion of the problems of booking popular shows, etc. and whether they might be mitigated in future.
  - 6b. **Xmas Party** – SB had submitted a report, circulated to all members of the Steering Group. The Group is unwilling to have an event costing £15.80 per head for the catering. If the University will not support USPAS members for £15.80 or even for the usual cost, we should cater for our event as we ordinarily do, inviting USPAS members at the same cost. It would require USPAS agreement, and **SB** would continue to be in touch with Tracey Llewellyn over arrangements. (USPAS trustees should have a view about University support for them.) We would work on the assumption that the room (Meeting House or elsewhere) would be free. With this Minute, **JF** would speak to **SB** to enlarge on the Steering Group's discussion. The Group concluded that it would abide

by a decision, based on the broad conditions set out above, reached by **GC, JF and SB**. 16 December was mentioned as a possible date. (As soon as is possible, information would be presented in the Newsletter (see item 9 below).

- 6c. **The Keep** – JF reported on her meeting with Fiona Courage. The event would be on Monday 16 February, 2-4pm. Booking should be arranged with a January deadline. Numbers would be no problem but they would need to know. A large group can be split into 10-12s and meet up for questions. We would price the event at £2/£3 (to assist commitment), though there would be no refreshments. **JF** will continue to liaise with Fiona Courage; **AP** will check on the availability of a nearby café to which anyone might repair afterwards for tea. This should be noted in the Newsletter (see item 9 below).
- 6d. **Theatre Visit** – after discussion it was agreed that Tom Stoppard's Arcadia 30 Jan – 7 Feb would be offered, with a meal offered beforehand. **JP** will organise.
- 6e. **Visit to/tour of the new Attenborough Centre** – **SP** is asked to arrange this when open, perhaps for Spring 2015. Concept/conversion/ artistic future are all of interest. (This in preference to a tour of the campus buildings.)
7. **Recruitment to Suss-Ex** – see 4.8 above.
8. **Pre-retirement course** – a future item. **JP** will advise on possibilities if the present course is stopped. We can contribute to a University course but not ourselves run one.
9. **Newsletter** – **JP** will edit next Newsletter: Ridgeview (**CF, PT**), Christmas Party (when details settled) (**SB**), Arcadia (**JP**), mention Keep (**JF**)
10. **AOB** – none.
11. **Date of next meeting**  
The next Steering Group meeting was agreed for 5.15pm on Friday 9 January 2015. CG would try to book Pevensey III 5C11, unless DARO were to be able to offer a room.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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