

SUSS-EX CLUB
Minutes of the 14th Steering Group meeting
Friday 15th January 2010 at 5.15pm
DARO Meeting Room, Bramber House

1. Members present

Jackie Fuller (Chair), Bob Benewick, Sue Bullock, Charles Goldie, Arnold Goldman, Steve Pavey, Adrian Peasgood, Jennifer Platt, David Smith, Mike Tribe, Ken Wheeler.

2. Apologies for absence

Yvette Ashby, Gordon Conway

3. Minutes of the 13th meeting held on 9th October 2009 approved

Thanks to AP for them. No matters arising.

4. Future programmes

- Theatre Royal – Noel Coward's *'Present Laughter'* confirmed for 28/1/10.
- Gordon Conway's talk on low carbon economies (title still to be confirmed) postponed to Summer Term (SP and BB to liaise with GC)
[Noted that Gordon had not been well recently; good wishes for a speedy recovery were extended from members of the Steering Group.]
- Arnold Goldman to organise tickets for *'Carousel'* at Lewes Town Hall on Tuesday 23rd March 2010. Suggestion for dinner at 'Famiglia Lazzati' restaurant beforehand. Confirmation of the date and details to be published in the 'Newsletter'.
[It was noted that *'Oklahoma'* is playing in Brighton 13-17 April.]
- Adrian Peasgood to organise tickets for *'The Seagull'* at the Little Theatre, Brighton with a preference for Thursday 11th March 2010.
- Walk with Geoffrey Mead confirmed for 21st March 2010 (AP)
- Campus walk with David Streeter and David Harper to be arranged in the summer (KW).
- It was agreed that Sue Bullock organise a tour with lunch at the De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill sometime in June (details to be given later in the 'Newsletter').
- David Smith suggested a talk in the Autumn Term by Prof. John Barrow (formerly at Sussex now at Cambridge). Agreed that DS should enquire further.

5. Recent Events

- Margaret McGowan's talk on 19th October 2009 was interesting and informative, (though audibility was difficult for some). This was followed by an excellent informal meal. Financially the event produced a net loss of about £280, but broke even as the room charge was waived.
- A small group attended the enjoyable Bremf concert on the 6th November 2009. A meal was had at a very good local Indian restaurant.
- The Steering Group thanked Sue Bullock for organising the Christmas Party on the 16th December 2009. (Sue's report was presented to the Steering Group and attached with the minutes along with a breakdown of Expenditure). A profit of approximately £35 was made on the event.
[Note: charging codes need to be clearer (check with Celia and Tracey for future events). Also money granted by the university (currently £500)

towards the USPAS members' share is a 1 year agreement and is reviewed each year.]

- Thanks were also recorded to the organisers of the earlier events.

6. Talks convening

It transpired that nobody had responded to an invitation in the 'Newsletter' to 'shadow' BB and SP with the eventuality of taking over their current duties in the future. It was agreed that all members should raise the possibility with any likely candidates that they could think of, and suggested that the Steering Group invite potentially interested persons (not present members) to attend the Group's meeting as a 'taster' for this job.

7. Newsletter

Editor for next edition - Jennifer Platt.
Publication date – first week in February 2010.

8. Obituaries

Sheila Schaffer (David Kennelly's tribute in the 'Bulletin')
Also mentioned was Frank Gloversmith.

9. Financial Report

A financial report was submitted by Jackie Fuller (7/1/10) and approved by the Steering Group (report attached).

10. Next meeting

Three possible dates in April (16, 23 or 30) were suggested – SP and BB to contact GC to confirm the final date.

11. AOB

None

Mike Tribe