

## SUSS-EX CLUB

### Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> Steering Group meeting

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 5.30 pm

DARO Meeting Room, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Bramber House

#### 1 Members Present

Yvette Ashby, Bob Benewick, David Betts, Sue Bullock, Sir Gordon Conway (Chair), Charles Goldie, Arnold Goldman, Nancy Holmes, Willie Lamont, Adrian Peasgood, Jennifer Platt, David Smith, Mike Tribe, Ken Wheeler.

#### 2. New Members welcomed

Arnold Goldman, Nancy Holmes. Mike English's resignation was noted with regret.

#### 3 Apologies for absence

Jackie Fuller, Steve Pavey.

#### 4. Minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March approved

It was noted that the decision to make a surcharge of about 5% on the charges for suitable activities to establish a kitty should be added to the record. No reply had yet been received to the query raised about income and expenditure under item 3.4. There were no other matters arising not covered elsewhere.

#### 5 Obituaries

Charles has compiled a web index to staff obituaries—about 100 in all, beginning with Pramit Chaudhuri in 1996. The index is linked from the Club website at

<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/suss-ex>. It is intended to carry out a trawl of pre-internet colleagues to be added to the list.

#### 6 Recent activities

Two successful activities were reported, close on each other: the David Streeter walk (Ken Wheeler), the Farley Farm visit (Sue Bullock). Both organisers were congratulated for achieving this result and thanked for the work put in.

#### 7 Future activities

1. Pauline Grant (formerly Thorne) will talk about her life at Sussex and with UNISON on 27 June in Bramber House (in the Conference Centre on Level 3) from 6.30 for 7. Bob has arranged this and placed an advert in *The Bulletin*. £5 was to be charged for attendance at the talk and drink; afterwards a light buffet meal was (both parts) to be charged at £16 each; those prices should provide for a small surcharge. The Registrar would be invited.

2. Jackie was organising a City College meal attended by the Vice-Chancellor on 2 October at 7 for 7.30. There was space for 60 and the cost would be £25 per person, including drinks and gratuities.

3. The Theatre Royal programme for the autumn has yet to be finalised. but the RSC *Romeo and Juliet* and *Noises Off* are known and enticing prospects and Jennifer will offer those in the forthcoming newsletter.

4. The Christmas Party was agreed in principle with the same format, on a date to be arranged.

5. A number of possible future plans were floated—greyhound races and bridge had been suggested by Trevor Beeforth, also mentioned were St. Paul's?, St. Martins in the Fields?, Charleston?, Rodmell? It was agreed that Trevor should be asked to make a proposal for the dogs later in the year, and a small ad would be placed in the newsletter about bridge contacts.

6. Richard Price had asked for a speaker about Suss-Ex to attend the pre-retirement course taking place shortly; names of several volunteers were taken, and Jennifer would check the details and let them know.

7. Jennifer volunteered to produce a Newsletter in the next few weeks.

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There being no other business, the date of the next meeting was fixed for 31 October at the usual time and place.

Willie Lamont