

***GLUG Committee Meeting
4th August 2009
Phoenix Artists Club***



Present. Ian F, Caroline M, Doug Y, Mark V, Brian B, Corrine S, Martin S.

No Apologies received.

Meeting Format.

No matters arising from previous meeting as no minutes taken.

The new meeting format is not working as committee gets sidetracked by agendas raised by non-committee members. It was agreed the meeting agenda should be adhered to and it was proposed to have an item on every agenda "Business from non-committee members.

Caroline M proposed. Ian F seconded.

The issue of a quarterly extra ordinary committee meeting was raised again The idea being to create a space for committee to discuss matters arising in private. A quarterly meeting in someone's on a Friday night was proposed.

Caroline M proposed. Ian F seconded.

Seed Money. Agreed we should donate £100.

Proposed Martin S Seconded Caroline M

Pride.

Ian F had sent welcome emails to everyone who signed up at Brighton and London with a training update.

Mark V stated that the failure rate from London Pride mails had been eradicated with the new form. 100% working emails from Brighton Pride,

Nothing has gone to new members or potential new members from either London or Brighton Prides and membership requests have not been followed up, despite membership lists being sent to Bjorn. Some people were signing up again at the Pride Stall as they had received no response via the website. The suggestion of amalgamating the roles of Membership Secretary with that of the Webmaster was raised as this would ease the burden of keeping the membership database up to date. Doug to discuss with Bjorn.

It was unanimously agreed that we should have a facility to allow electronic payment over the website. Mark V proposed Alert Pay, but other members felt it may be better to go with a more recognised facility such as Paypal to maintain confidence through familiarity for members. It was also agreed we should organise on-line banking for the GLUG account. This needs to be discussed with Ian C at the next committee meeting.

Self registered members.

It emerged that a GLUG member who had not paid their membership fee has been on a GLUG trip. This raises issues for insurance amongst other things. Mark V proposed creating a full booking system through the events page, which would not allow members to book trips unless they had active on line accounts. The “registered Interest” process would also be reviewed to eliminate the confusion of members thinking they are booking on trips when in fact they are simply registered an interest. Brian B raised the issue that insisting everyone on GLUG trips was a paid up GLUG member may make it harder to fill certain trips. It was agreed that our membership fee of £10 was a minimal charge and that for insurance purposes everyone on the trip should be a paid up member.

IT matters.

It has been felt for some time that the “front” page of the website was not the right place for Ross’s advert as it takes up space which should be used for club information. Mark proposed the creation of a pop up page for advert. This will give Ross more exposure as the advert will pop up wherever a person logs on to the site. This was unanimously agreed. Doug to write to Ross to inform him of the change. Caroline proposed a separate website meeting for the quarterly meeting. It was agreed that Mark had enough on his plate with the current changes and the committee wished to recognise the huge amount of work he has undertaken so far to dramatically improve the site. Events page changes were proposed (see above)

Ian F proposed Martin S seconded.

Questionnaire Responses

Only 9 responses came back. Mark to write a more detailed report in due course.

Marketing.

Stall for Pride etc needs to be updated. Brian stated that someone called Lee has offered to design new banners and stall graphics. It was agreed that Brian should ask Lee to submit some ideas to the committee for review at the next meeting if he has time.

Gazebo.

Doug proposed buying for GLUG at a cost of around £250.

Caroline M proposed Martin S seconded.

Try dive 22nd August.

There is a good amount of interest so far, though numbers have not been confirmed. OUTDOORLADZ have expressed a strong interest in both a try dive and further training. Ian to liaise with them over the possibility of organising a try dive just for them if numbers are sufficient.

Ian to send out email to members asking for donations of second hand equipment. Caroline to send letters to major companies asking for equipment.

Caroline apologised for not being able to commit full attention to her Marketing role due to injury and work commitments. Doug thanked her for the work she had done and for liaising with others over Pride etc..

Ian asked if it would be OK to send an email to all members regarding the Bite Back Against Cancer Richmond Ball. Unanimously agreed that this was OK and that he could also mention courses run by Monte Hall's cameraman in Brighton, which GLUG members are invited to attend.

All members are invited to the Try Dive BBQ on August 22nd.

Meeting formally ended for social 19.40

Please accept *my* apologies for the delay in publishing these minutes. It is entirely my fault. Shoot the secretariat, not the webmaster! Martin S.