



**Minutes of the Manawatu Lesbian and Gay Rights Association meeting
20th September 2007**

Meeting started: 6.08

In attendance: Deidre R, Robert S, Mathew K, Kelly M, Tracy O, Vanessa R

Apologies:

Krista, Christopher C, Andi L

AWOL:

Shannan T, Bruno L, Seth W, Ales B

The minutes from the previous meeting dated 28th August 2007 were passed by Kelly M, seconded by Mathew K – Carried U.

MOTION – A motion was moved that the Part One of the minutes from Committee meetings are to be made easily available to members, and any sensitive information in the minutes are moved to Part Two and are not available for viewing to anyone outside the committee.

**Motion moved by Kelly M – Seconded by Robert S
CARRIED U**

PART ONE

Mail In:

- Telecom Bill (for our information only – paid by direct debit)
- Newsletters – Woman's Bookshop
- Auckland Lesbian Newsletter
- Letter from Karl Greenwood – is a health promoter offering to provide condoms etc for the 30th with the Club Q/MaLGRA branding on them.
- Bank Statements
- IRD Letter
- Letter from Chris Atherton – Previous auditor, will send statements and previous accounts to Westpac/new accountants.
- Square edge
- Letter from Dr Ann Robertson – Mid Central health, advising of a health promotion on sexual health. Kelly will respond
- Closet space received two letters, Residents withholding tax form, and Downstage theatre leaflet.

Mail Out:

Change of secretary information
Friends of lesbian gay archive form
Application for Licence extension.

New Memberships:

1 New General
2 Renewals of Generals



Executive Round:

Treasurers report:

Accounts are currently with accountants being audited; MaLGRA and Club Q have been advised by accountants to start working with Cash and Ledger books. A draft copy of the accounts will be available next week; however final accounts will be ready in 4 to 5 weeks time.

There is a need for both the MaLGRA treasurer and the Club Q treasurer to start using MYOB ASAP. If training is needed this needs to be requested.

Closet Space

Closet Space has been in hibernation. The current female rep is stepping down (a letter of resignation will be sent to Committee); the new rep is being trained.

Currently closet space are applying for a tax exemption, for this to occur MaLGRA must provide Closet Space: The Certificate of Incorporated Societies, Certificate of Non Profit Organisation, and the IRD Number.

Mathew K advised that just the numbers on these certificates will suffice.

Closet Space is currently doing administration, management duties, organising the running, branding, and promotion etc of Closet Space.

Information regarding Closet Space is going to be given to Teachers and councillors in schools.

The president inquired about promotion of Closet Space, and the possibility of putting it on hold until the organisation of the group is finished, then re-launching the group.

Also it was mentioned that the reps need to keep up all communications with all areas that have an interested, vested interest in Closet Space, i.e. school councillors.

Manawatu Lesbian Support Group

30th – Wine and cheese night is organised, are trying to still get donations, sponsorship, however have quite a lot already. Very positive responses.

There was no meeting last month due to the organiser being away.

CoffeeQ

No Report

UniQ

No Report

Club Q



- New Alcohol fridge purchased through envirosafe.
- A show set of keys has been cut to allow support keys to stay with support groups, or at holding address.
- Key cut for DJ Box and added to the Show set.
- Generator purchased for Club Q and MaLGRA's presence at Vinegar Hill.
- Rebranding of all drinks in club are happening, are switching to Red Bull brands to take advantage of good deals provided by Red Bull and sponsorship from Red Bull.
- A survey of all patrons of Club Q is going to occur to ensure that the drinks that are available for purchase are what patrons actually would like.
- Mini wine bottles are being purchased to be sold to patrons at the 30th celebrations.
- In response to directive from Committee to working party to provide guidelines for fundraiser nights at the club. Working party responded with: Working party requests that support groups must provide at least 3 weeks notice prior to any fundraiser event, also advertising for events must be up 3 weeks prior to the event.
- It has been requested that on October 12 at 7pm the soccer prize giving is held at the club. However this may clash with rehearsals for the 30th Show. Soccer team needs to talk to show organiser and organise times.
- A new cleaner for the MaLGRA premises has been appointed as the previous one resigned.
- Need a council permit for building the sunshade.
- New carpet will be installed in the pool room before the 30th.
- One non member has been banned for 3 months.
- Red Bull will provide a bar in the courtyard for the 30th, and will provide staff for this also. To be approved.
- Coke are getting keys cut to provide access for delivery of goods.

General Business:

30th:

- Shows are on track – will occur Saturday night from 9.30 – 1am with intervals between.
- Ticket sales need to be pushed.
- T-shirts are organised



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- Staff for the evening currently are Mel, Kelly, Krista, Charlie with the Duty managers being Tarns and Jase. More staff are needed, and staff are paid for the evening, this needs to be communicated.
- Portaloos have been ordered.
- Support has been good on sponsorship; show is in finalisation phase ready for dress rehearsals.

General Business:

- A solution for the ongoing Keys problem needs to be investigated. Currently there are Support Group Keys, 2 full sets of keys, and a set of show keys.
- There was an issue with setting up the bank account for ticket sales for the 30th, there were mixed messages from bank. The president is requesting the name of the teller that refused the application, and is lodging a complaint.

**Motion – Motion moved to use MaLGRA Account for 30th Ticket sales. Moved by Kelly M, Seconded by Mathew K.
Carried U.**

Next meeting time: Tuesday the 9th of October 2007 – 6.30pm

Meeting Closed: 8.05

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