



CAMBRIDGE VENUE GROUP - GENERAL MEETING - 20th, Jan 1988.
The Hub 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Jay Taylor, Nan Newman, Peter Robertson, Howard Goodwyn
Cambridge Community Radio), Jem Lindsey, Lyn Disley, Dave Dougall
(Macc), Paul Dorking, Eric Orme.

APOLOGIES: John Wroe,

1. Lynn Disley elected Chair,

2. Adoption of minutes of previous meeting carried over to next business
meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report,

Due departure of Pete Ingram, one new cheque signatory required, Nan
Newman elected unopposed.

PROP - Pete
Seconded - Dave

3. No Secretaries Present so no Sec's report but mail received from Comb
University Student's Union informing us of a motion they have recently
passed, supporting us and urging Council to proceed.

4. Eric's Report -

a. Vincent Designs have been appointed to help plan and design appeal
materials.

b. Clause 27 of the new Local Government Bill which prevents local
authorities supporting gay activities could present a threat to the
Venue's flexibility. Clr. Ling will investigate.

c. Bar - The decision has been taken to cut the bar off from the
auditorium however care must be taken to ensure access between bar and
auditorium remains flexible.

d. More office accommodation will be needed. Eric to speak to Architects.

e. The Drama Centre in Covent Garden is under threat. One solution is to
house some of the activities in the venue. This possibility is being
considered.

f. Stephen Fry - Alternative Comedian has offered to take an active part
in fundraising. Suggestions for other supporters gratefully received.

s. Eric emphasized that the cost of putting a recording studio in to the venue would be very high.

n. Hereward Radio are looking for bigger premises in Cambridge. Camb Community Radio are still favorites but Eric to investigate possible Hereward connection.

VIDEO DISCO.

Long discussion of who should pay outstanding bills for loss making Video Disco held in Corn Exchange on 3rd, September 1987. This event organised by Jay Taylor having failed to interest other C.V.G. members in the event. He claims C.V.G. event so C.V.G. should pay. But not discussed at General Meeting attended by 20 people 5 days before the event Hall booked in Jay's name. C.V.G. has already payed £80 for P.A. so would appear to have accepted some of the responsibility. Outstanding sum owed to City Council is approx £103.

Options are to

- a. Decide C.V.G. promotion and pay the lot.
 - b. Decide C.V.G. part responsible and pay some . . . Jay rejects a compromise.
 - c. Decide not C.V.G. event and not pay anything.
 - d. Decide not C.V.G. event and pay to save embarrassment with Council.
- As the meeting was not quite quorate decided to postpone decision. Jay will return with evidence to back-up his case.

The price of two blank videos was also presented as part of the costs for this event. It became clear that the purchase of these videos was not corrected with the disco and that the videos have remained in Jay's position. He will buy them from the C.V.G.

STEERING GROUP.

Dave Dugan is now too busy to attend the meetings of the Venue Steering Group regularly so has offered his resignation. Paul Dorking was elected unopposed, to replace him. Eric will write a letter on behalf of C.V.G. informing the Chair of that group.

The importance of having strong representation on the Management Committee of the venue was re-emphasized. The representatives have been instructed to insure that though unlikely, the Council cannot railroad the venue into accepting co-opted Committee members.

The C.V.G. is envisaged as representing the users by evolving as a group of active supporters involved regularly in the work of the Venue and meeting regularly with the Venue Management who will hopefully have a duty to listen to the users.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

It was noted that Jayne has been unable to attend some of the General Meetings lately. The meeting wondered whether she was now too busy to fulfill the role of Membership Sec. Eric has since determined that she is having a very busy time at present and though very keen to help the C.V.G. reluctantly has to offer her resignation as Membership Sec. at least for the time-being.

Pete informed the group that some of DerCon have been arrested for grossitti and charged. Their bail conditions mean that they are unable to associate with each other. The meeting decided to provide a letter requesting an exemption for the dates which they need to organise the next Guildhall Gig on 11th, Feb.

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING - THE HUT, ARGYLE ST - 3RD, FEB.

1. Elect Chair,
2. Minutes of last meeting,
3. Reports of i) Secretaries, ii) Treasurer, iii) Eric,
4. Forthcoming Gigs,
5. Publicity materials, Leaflet and Newspaper,
6. "Video Disco Debts outstanding,
7. Election of new Membership Sec.
8. Any other business.