

**University of St Andrews LGBT Alumni Association
Inaugural Meeting
22 June 2009, 3pm, The Westport, St Andrews**

Minutes

1. Attendance

Present: Robert Fett, Jennifer Cadman, Beth Irvine, 2 others

Apologies: Jonathan Cooper, 1 other

2. Constitution

Minor alterations were made to the constitution as detailed in the copy on the website. [The constitution was voted upon and unanimously approved.](#)

3. Membership Fees

[It was agreed that lifetime membership of the association would be £10.](#) This will be reviewed at the first online AGM.

4. Facebook group

The Facebook group (<http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=13753914213>) is currently 'secret' which prevents people from finding us. This setting also requires prospective members to be Facebook friends with an admin in order for them to make a request to join. It was proposed that the setting should be changed to 'closed'. This would allow the group to be found by anyone, and for them to request to join, whilst still preventing non-members from seeing the membership of the group. It will however mean that membership of the group becomes visible on the Facebook page of members. [It was unanimously decided that the group would change to 'closed'. However, members would be given one months notice to allow them to change their personal privacy settings.](#)

5. Future events

Our first social will take place at Edinburgh Pride this weekend. Jen has set up a facebook event.

Once the number of members reaches a healthy level we will start planning our first major event.

This is likely be a ceilidh in November. It was noted that members will be based across the country, if not the world, and hence a good location might be in London or Manchester, rather than St Andrews.

6. Recruitment

Details about the setting up of the Association had been included in the Alumnus Chronicle and we have already had several members join as a result of this. This summer we will contact as many potential members as possible and encourage them to join. [We will ask the LGBT Society to send out a message to its current mailing list](#) with a view to recruiting graduates from this year group.

7. First online AGM

[The first AGM, where a committee will be elected, will take place once there are at least 20 paid members,](#) hopefully towards the end of the summer. We have already tested SurveyMonkey.com which worked well as it allows the returning officer to check who has not voted (and send out

reminders) whilst not showing how individuals voted. Voters receive personalised links via email preventing them from voting multiple times.

8. Member Directory

Two members have proposed that we set up a directory listing name, email address, job, location etc so that members can get in touch with each other – this might be particularly useful for those members who want career advice or who are moving to live elsewhere and wanted to discuss this with someone, possibly in relation to LGBT advice. This would obviously be an opt-in rather than opt-out service. It was noted that this service would duplicate a service already provided by the University alumni relations department, although their service obviously does not make reference to LGBT status. [It was agreed that we would trial this to see if it was used.](#)