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## **FIGHTING SEXUAL CENSORSHIP**

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DRAFT MINUTES OF MEMEBERS GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 22ND  
NOVEMBER 1995 AT CONWAY HALL, LONDON WCI

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOMING ADDRESS

Ted Goodman, a Member of the Committee, explained that the Honorary Director had asked him to chair the Meeting. He said that it was a private meeting for members only and that anyone attending would be given the opportunity to speak under Item 10 (Open Discussion). It was explained that the reason that there had ben no meeting in 1994 was that the Director had been forced to change his address (which had been NCROPA's office).

2. OBITUARY

The sudden and untimely death of long-standing Committee Member Gerry Fowler was noted. The Director recorded how Fowler had joined the Committee when he was a Labour Member of Parliament and had been a loyal participant in NCROPA's affais ever since. The Director had attended his funeral on behalf of NCROPA

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Committee Member Sandy Barrie and 20 ordinary members of NCROPA had sent apologies

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEMBERS' GENERAL MEETING OF 17TH  
FEBRUARY, 1993

Copies were distributed and approved with one minor amendment.. The Chair then signed them and they were filed in the NCROPA Minutes Book by the Director

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

The Director, David Webb, gave an update of his continuing legal proceedings against Uxbridge Justices for having ordered the forfeiture of four video recordings he brought into the United Kingdom from Amsterdam. The unsatisfactory conclusion of English legal proceedings regarding the "Operation Spanner" sado-masochist case was also noted, as was the fact that an appeal had been made to the European Commission of Human Rights.

6 HONORARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

COMMITTEE - Alexander Barrie, A.A.Dipl, M.A.I.E.; Professor Gerald Fowler, M.A. (Hons.),F.A.B.E.; Ted Goodman, LL.B. (Sol.); Clifford Hanley; David Kennington, M.A. (Hons.),Litt.D., B.A. (Psy.); Isabel Koprowski, B.A.; Eric E. Miller; Tuppy Owens, B.Sc.,Dip.H.S.; Dr. Christine Pickard, M.B., Ch.B

#### 7 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Director delivered this Report, explaining that there was only £362 in Current Account and £507-01 in Deposit Account. The Meeting therefore agreed that as from 1st January 1996 the Annual Membership Subscription would be doubled, from £5 to £10

#### 9 MEMBERS QUESTIONS

The question of strengthening the Committee was raised. It was agreed that Professor Oliver of Nottingham University should join it.

#### 10 OPEN DISCUSSION

Several Members raised the issue of increasing seizures of imported printed material by HM Customs, including American adult comics bought by bookshops in England. The Chair, Ted Goodman, explained the details of the draconian law proscribing the importation of all "indecent articles" and the absolute powers of search and seizure by Customs Officers.

The demand by the House of Commons Home Affairs Committee for strict action against computer pornography and for policing of the internet was also discussed, as also were the implications of Part 7 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1984.

Antony Grey pointed out that the last phase of liberalisation in England had taken place between 1966-1970 when there had been a large Labour majority in the House of Commons, which allowed the enactment of such controversial measures as the abolition of theatre censorship and the legalisation of homosexual activities. He stated that the present situation (a government with a tiny working majority) precluded any sexual reform, but the situation might change radically after the forthcoming General Election.

#### 11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed that Members General Meetings should be held annually and that the Director would investigate the offer of office premises in London made by a member.

#### 12 CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS

Ted Goodman thanked those present for their attendance and for their continuing support in the thankless task of trying to overcome the deepseated attitude of "No Sex Please, We're British !"