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CAMPAIGN AGAINST CENSORSHIP

NATIONAL COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at 6.45, Thursday, 4th August, 2005, at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1.

Present: Ted Goodman (Chair), Nigel Meek, Brian Seager (new member), Basil Stein, Mark Taha, Mary Hayward.

1. There were no apologies for absence.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were signed as correct.
3. No matters arising from the Minutes.
4. Balances:

i) HSBC - £518.90p

ii) Alliance & Leicester - £158.59p

iii) Abbey - £4720.84p

5. Chairman's Report

Ted Goodman apologised for the delay in calling a meeting. His lobbying and letterwriting continue eg. concerning the Crazy Frog commercial, the 12A certificate for *The War of the Worlds*, and the showing of *Jerry Springer - the Opera* on BBC2.

6. Members' Reports

Mark Taha pointed out that though the right to demonstrate outside Parliament was now very restricted (Serious Crime and Police Act), the law was not retrospective. He would continue to monitor the situation.

Nigel Meek reported on progress in compiling a CAC newsletter and getting it printed. He had found a local printer and discussed costs with them. He now needed a short introduction to CAC to go on the back page and short items for the front, including 'what we've done about it'. Material to be e-mailed to him as attachments.

Mary Hayward to check the addresses in the membership file and send them to Nigel Meek. A subscription renewal form to be included in the mailing.

7. Secretary's Report

For personal and health reasons Mrs. Hayward had not been able to do as much as she would have wished.

8. Racial and Religious Hatred - CAC position statement amended and passed to Nigel Meek for publication in the newsletter.

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9. Ofcom - send Mary Hayward big fat reports, not necessarily containing any censorship issues. The Broadcasting Code had been published in May. It includes an absolute ban on R18 films being shown (page 15, para. 1.25).

Brian Seager complained that Ofcom had refused to publish his submission to the consultation exercise because it was 'personally sensitive and sexually explicit'.

10. Any Other Business

i. Mary Hayward pointed out that the new licensing regulations for live performances were de facto restrictive. All types of performance now required a licence, licences were expensive and appeals difficult.

ii. Mrs. Hayward reminded members that the restrictions on protests outside Parliament (see 6 above) appeared to have been directed at one person, the anti-war protestor Brian Haw.

iii. Chris Tame is seriously ill and in hospital. Ted Goodman to write to him on behalf of CAC.

11. Date of next meeting - not fixed.