

PG Society Committee Meeting

Date: 20.02.15

Time: 13.30

Location: Committee Room (Union)

Present: Tania Strützel (PG Convenor), David van Brussel (PG Society President), Alison Holiday (Secretary), Fay Morrice (DoSDA), Brianna Vandrey, Horizon Zhang (Events Convenor), Porsiana Beatrice (Publicity Officer), Mattias Eken (Treasurer), Scott Schorr (Ball Convenor).

Apologies: Ondrej Hajda (DoRep)

1. Approval of last meeting's minutes

Last meeting's minutes were approved.

2. President report

David has nothing to report in addition to the agenda.

3. Convenor report

Tania has nothing to report.

4. Treasurer report

Mattias has now completed training. The committee is financially sound. During the week it was discussed whether we should buy a banner for the committee to use at events. Mattias confirmed that we had enough money in the budget to pay for this so Tania will order one.

5. Elections (Social)

So far there have been no nominations for Postgraduate President or Convenor.

6. Ceilidh + Whisky Tasting + Movie Night

On Thursday 26th the society is hosting a whisky tasting, on Friday the 27th is our Ceilidh and on Sunday 1st is the Movie night. Fay has found out that there is a DVD player that can be connected in the Barron theatre. Scott will get this arranged for Sunday.

7. Bus Trip

Horizon has thought up some places and routes for the bus trip, which is shared with the committee on Facebook. These include Linlithgow palace and loch (1hour 30 away) and Carrbridge (3hours away). We think Carrbridge offers students something that would be more difficult and expensive for them to organize themselves. The trip would just have to leave St Andrews fairly early and retrain late. Mattias also suggested the Isle of May. David suggested we get quotes for both and make a decision next week. We can do one in April and one in the summer.

8. Summer Ball

Scott has a quote for the Kinkell Byre of £4500 for up to 300 people, which would increase the ticket price by about £10, plus any additional costs of transport. The cost of tickets last year were £25 but we could subsidise the costs this year if needed.

Summer ball last year quickly sold out with a 300 person capacity and the society definitely could have sold more tickets so it is possible we could increase numbers. One problem with Kinkell Byre is there would be a large time commitment in order to decorate the venue, although we could ask for volunteers for this as we have in previous years. The 11th July is unavailable but the 18th is, however this is the date of the Open so this may limit transport availability.

The costs of entertainment will be similar to those at the Old Course. Scott will get a quote for hiring equipment from Kinkell Byre. He will also get a quote for Younger hall.

If members of the committee come up with ideas for a theme they will post them on Facebook.

9. Any other competent business

None.

Date of next meeting: 27.2.15