

PG Society Committee Meeting

Date: 24 July 2015

Time: 1:30pm

Present: Aline Heyerick (PG Society President), Tania Strützel (PG Convenor), Mattias Eken (Treasurer), Horizon Zhang (Events Convenor), David van Brussel (PG Society President - Emeritus), Scott Schorr (Ball Convenor)

Absences: Alison Holiday, Brianna Vandrey, Kyle Blain, Tim Hewlett

1. President's Report

-“It [the Summer Ball] was awesome, that's it.”

2. Treasurer's Report

-Received one ticket refund request. Due to medical reasons submitted on behalf of the ticket holder. Name confirmed, has been discussed and sorted with Finance.

-Total revenue from the ball is £7062.

-Profit is between £1500-2000 or higher.

3. Post-Ball Discussion

-313 tickets sold, almost 350 people attending including all wristbands.

-Financial numbers (including estimates above) will be finalized over the next two weeks.

-Doing the pros and con feedback.

Positive Surprises & Observations

-Younger Hall venue, “cool and high ceilings”.

-Lighting. i-Light was an extremely worth-while investment and impressive addition for the event, it completely transformed Younger Hall. We will explore having them again in the future for suitable venues. Also very cool lighting effects during DJ sets. Stephen Leslie was great to work with, highly recommended.

-JazzWorks and Swing Dance Soc performances were great, a unique surprise touch for our event. The Committee thanks them for the practice time they dedicated to this before the ball.

-The decorations within Younger Hall were a nice touch, and surprise to guests. Many peacock feathers from the table decorations ended up in people's hair / outfits / photos.

-Candy bar was a positive, good surprise.

-‘Younger Hall effect’ is coming in post-event. There appears to be demand for future PG Soc Balls to be held there, which would be feasible for future Summer Balls in July.

-DJ's Mattias Eken and Chris MacRae were well received.

- Poker Society tables were very popular, perhaps even more so than at our previous ball.
- Tables (Gordon's Cater Hire) and back seating area seats were both used by guests throughout the night, seemed to work well.
- For a comment within the Committee, the staff member in Younger Hall who was there on the night of the Summer Ball throughout the event/evening was very friendly and helpful.
- The Tilted Frame photo booth was once again a popular service and guest activity. Oli was very helpful.

Future Suggestions

- Suggestion: Candy. Perhaps Pick 'n Mix candy tower could have been moved into the conference room later in the evening away from the entry.
- Discussion about bar arrangement.
- Ice cream left earlier in the evening at around 10:30pm, as their stated preference.
- Could advertise Jannetta's ice cream times in advance for attendees to prepare their arrival times accordingly. Jannetta's was once again a popular edible element of the night.

Old Course discussion

- Based on observations from last year, we will have to push back the start time for the December Graduation Ball to account for university events ending earlier in the evening. Therefore, guests may be encouraged to arrive around 8:30pm, which was a successful start time for the Summer Ball.
- For December, begin thinking about including an after party and suitable/available venues. Possibly Club 601 to re-direct people to the Union afterwards.

4. Picnic

- Saturday event.
- Cloudy, rainy, Scotland. Heavy showers in the afternoon.
- Event will unfortunately have to be cancelled.

5. Pub Quiz Discussion.

- August 13th. Kyle will be hosting again.

6. Bus Trip

- 22 people have bought tickets, half-way sold. Aberfeldy and Kenmore.

7. Movie Night

- Paddington Bear. Horizon has taken the lead on this, everything sounds great!

8. AOCB

-Final PG Society social will be announced next week.

-Committee Social/Dinner is next Thursday at 6:30pm, at Prezzo.

Next meeting: Friday, 31 July, 1.30pm.