

Meeting PG Society Committee

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

5pm, Society Room A

Present: Aline Heyerick (Postgraduate President), Mattias Eken (Treasurer), Tim Hewlett (Marketing Officer), Chris Carroll (Ball Convener), Kyle Blain (DoSDA), Luke Shaw, Flora Pauer

Apologies: Tania Strützel, Scott Schorr

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

2. President's report

Last week's St Leonard's Reception was good, there was a high turnout, perhaps we need to order more wine next time. People were enthusiastic about the bus trip, we will organise an extra one, Aline has been looking into options for a bus trip. Aline contacted Katie about RAG week events, she is planning a few with the postgraduate charities campaign. She also suggested co-hosting a social, even though last year's didn't raise a lot of money. We could also consider a bus trip for charity. Aline got in contact with Breakaway about doing a collab event. They are interested but would find it challenging to have an event outside of the semester dates. A date for St Leonard's Dinner was sorted out with Tamara. Lower and Upper College Hall have been booked for February 11, Aline will have a meeting with Tamara about this later.

3. Treasurer's Report

The \$250 to screen the PhD Movie 1 have been paid, and the final payment for the gala has been sorted. The £200 Enterprise sponsorship is being sorted, and payment for the extra bus trip tickets has been received. Mattias has requested an update on the PG Society accounts from Jillian needed to apply for grant Societies Committee to host PhD Movie 2.

4. Gala brief

Update on the Gala guest list: awaiting reply from James Palmer and Heather McKiggan-Fee. Claire Peddie, Cat Wilson, and Tamara Lawson cannot make it, Sarah Whittle and Lucy Robertson have confirmed their attendance.

Aline and Mattias will sort out the sponsorship payment with Lucy. For table decorations Aline will order mini blackboards, and we will collect the beads we used for the ball from the Sabbs office. Aline will email Stephanie to personalise the menu.

5. PhD Movie

The movie has been paid for, but needs to be processed before the download will appear on the account. The venue booking (Sandy's bar, 8pm, Monday October 12) has been confirmed.

6. Ceilidh

Two venues are being considered. We can get the performance venue (Stage) for free, depending on availability, but need to pay for bar staff or other technical extras. Trinity Church hall is the second

option, which is cheap, but we would need to sort out drinks ourselves. David is taking care of looking for a ceilidh band.

7. Grad Ball

Chris presented ideas for themes for the graduation ball. Out of all suggestions the committee decided to go with a Winter Wonderland theme. Kyle suggested we could use props the Union still has from previous winter themes from balls several years ago. Chris will contact the Old Course to see what is possible and allowed.

8. Co-option

Two people ran for Events Convener: Flora Pauer and Luke Shaw.

Flora is a Master student in Management. She wants to build up a network at the University and sees the position as an opportunity to make friends. She wants to use the position to create a platform for other people to meet people and make friends.

Question: What events would you organise that we are not currently organising? Flora would like to organise regular socials, perhaps every 2 weeks, and events with board games.

Question: Do you have any past experience with societies or organising events? Flora used to be a coach for children doing track and field, organising competitions and social events for the children and their parents.

Luke is a PhD student in Chemistry. He says he is suitable because he knows how things work in St Andrews, and is a social person. He is in a big department for postgrads. He also stated that he is happy for the other person to do the role, and take on a more casual role himself.

Question: What events would you organise that we are not currently organising? Luke would like to organise movie nights, a gin tasting, and cultural things like a trip to the theatre in Edinburgh.

Question: Do you have any past experience with societies or organising events? Luke helped organise a symposium in Manchester in his Masters year.

The co-option vote resulted in a tie. Because not all members were present, the co-option was postponed and members can vote again next week.

9. AOCB

The idea was proposed to get in contact with Boardgame soc (Dice soc) to organise a shared event.

Date of next scheduled meeting: Wednesday October 14, 2015.