

Postgraduate Society Committee Meeting

19th of April 2016, 17:00

Student Union, Societies' room A

Present: Aline Heyerick (Postgraduate President), Lauchlan Hall (Incoming President), Mattias Eken, Stephanie Pambakian (Marketing Officer), Alison Holiday, Scott Schorr.

Absent: Chris Carroll (Ball Convener), Laura Staffini (Treasurer).

1. Approval of Minutes: last week's minutes have been approved.

2. President's report: Aline reads the minutes for the last AGM, held on the 13th of this month: Stephanie was elected Marketing officer and Laura Staffini Treasurer. We will need to co-opt a Secretary and an Events Convener. The development officer will be co-opted next Tuesday. Events held during the alumni festival weekend were successful, and the Quiz obtained positive feedback.

3. Convenor's report: No convenor, no report.

4. Treasurer's report: Mattias (acting Treasurer). Tickets for the next Bus trip have sold out. The 7.000£ from St Leonard's are still awaiting to be invested, and the Union does not seem to have opened new positions. Mattias will look into this and the issue of PG Trustee Member must be raised: Tanya has not been substituted. We discuss the position of PG Convenor, and because non-UK students would not be allowed to make their degree part-time, Mattias proposes to see if it would be possible to barter a 6 months extension. Laura has asked to email her about any expenses undertaken for PG soc. An estimate of the events held from AGM to bonfire is around 200£.

5. AGM and quiz feedback: Aline wants to discuss if it was a good idea to have an AGM after a social. We need to be more clear about how to attend, how to behave at the AGM, for some attendants did not seem to be interested. We must also insist more that SAABs should send representation.

6. Bus trip: Aline has the participants' list and will send it to Mattias and Stephanie, who will accompany the group. Allison will also be there to help. Times to depart and come back are 8.30 – 19-30.

7. Summer Ball: Aline reads Chris' report. Meeting with John from the security company SERVOCA, costs will be 564.72 GBP. No need for first aiders. The maximum estimate for total cost is under 6k. Selling 300 tickets at 25£ will grant profit, sales should start in 2-3 weeks. Laura has a design for them. We discuss having discounted early bird tickets: decision will be made at the specific meeting for the ball. All agree to print 10-15 posters, but flyers find less enthusiasm. We discuss a promotional event, perhaps inviting people outside Martyr's Kirk. Laura and Chris ask that the

Committee members give their availability for presence and preparation. The Ball will be on a Saturday, July 16. Scott proposes PGTs help out for the ball, like a temporary committee, all approve. Ceilidh seems a viable option for entertainment.

8. AOCB: Aline suggests that Flora considers applying as the new Event Convenor. Flora likes the idea and will respond to the relevant post when co-opting is advertised. Aline thinks of the summer: we need idea from the PGs, so she proposes to have a pizza social and only give out food to who brings ideas for summer activities.

Lauchlan: Welfare wants to be involved for summer, and we like the idea of having free Coffee mornings once a week, maybe at the Rector's Café or the Old Union. He also suggests to plan yoga classes and walks.

Next meeting: 26th of April 2016, 17:00

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