

Postgraduate Society Committee Meeting

26th of April 2016, 17:00

Student Union, Societies' room A

Present: Lauchlan Hall (Incoming President), Mattias Eken, Stephanie Pambakian (Marketing Officer), Laura Staffini (Treasurer), Chris Carroll (Ball Convener), Alison Holiday, Scott Schorr, Jennifer Bré .

Absent: Aline Heyerick (Postgraduate President).

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

2. President's report: Nothing to report. Aline's report is read out and constitutes the agenda.

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

4. Treasurer's report: Mattias says that the deposit cheque for the Old Course Hotel is done and will be in tomorrow. Laura talked to the cash officer, who will refund for the costs of bonfire and other expenses. The AGM cost 25£ total, 15£ drinks. Laura will put all on the Google drive.

5. Husting Academic Convenor: Euan Grant gave a quick speech and took questions.

6. Bus trip: Dunnotar Castle and Stonehaven seem a good destination. Flora will look into the organization, maybe for the 3rd or 4th week of May. Flora suggests the 21st.

7. Summer events: To promote the ball, a Tea-party event could be organized with cakes and games. On the 21st of June there will be a bonfire, then we can organise a quiz. Together more ideas on summer events we can run a pizza social, maybe at Dean's court. It is also possible to combine this social with a pub quiz. Lauchlan will look into venues.

8. Summer Ball: A new Alice in Wonderland movie is coming out, we can use it for promotion, in addition to the tea-party. Other ideas include discounted tickets for early birds (maybe at the tea-party) and a raffle. For marketing, Laura made banners, posters etc, all on Google drive. She also made a teaser that should appear on the FB page before the official disclosure of the event. Stephanie will do this and check who will make the FB event, if the Union or someone from Media and Design. One of us will talk to Registry for sending out individual emails. We also want to give out free tickets as quiz prizes. Posters might need prototypes, we'll look into costs. Scott says that we are responsible for the FB event, and Rachael will make the link to buy tickets. On Monday Chris and Laura will meet Stevie for lightning. Mattias will take care of the DJ set. We still need ideas for parlour games, cards, themed games. Chris proposes croquet with flamingos, hat toss, while the second part of event will have a live band and a ceilidh. Thirdly, there will be a DJ for clubbing music. We discuss the advertisement of a ball committee. Chris asks for committee members' availability from May to July. The PA system is broken and Chris will need

to spend extra money. For cakes, small ones are 50p to 1£ each and big ones 50 to 150£. We need creative cocktails for the drinks à la carte and for card games.

9. AOCB: Laura wants to make a Google drive calendar with all PG soc events.

Scott reminds that we need to co-opt an Events Convenor. PGRC is set to meet in the first week of May, the agenda including a discussion on “the effectiveness of the current structures for PG student representation and the sense of PGR community in St Andrews”. As we presently have no PG Convenor, there is no PG representative voice on PGRC, and to our knowledge no replacement or sit-in spot has been invited or offered to either the Students’ Association or PG Committee by the Proctor (who convenes PGRC). Mattias will ask Tamara about it.

Next meeting: 3rd of May 2016, 17:00

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