

Committee Meeting Minutes

19th February 2021

Agenda

- AGM
- AOB (AGM other business)

Attendees

- (CW) Chester Wringe - Chair
- (AB) Adam Birtles - Secretary
- (AH) Ash Holland - Secretary
- (AC) Aaron Christiansen - Press & Publicity Officer
- (EB) Ezekiel Bethel - Infrastructure Officer
- (LM) Luke Moll - Infrastructure Officer
- (JA) Jacob Allen - Ordinary Member
- (CL) C Lloyd - Ordinary Member

Apologies

Minutes

1. Relevant actions from previous meeting
 - a. People responsible for AGM voting software to get AGM voting software done
 - b. AB to prepare examples to help in making voting software decisions
2. HackVote: what exists?
 - a. Frontend: some designs (ballot, landing page)
 - b. Backend: models, some pages kinda ish, doesn't yet send emails
 - c. Vote counting code
3. Can HackVote be finished in time for the AGM (in two weeks, Friday 5th March)?
 - a. By AB alone: no.
 - b. Can things be delegated?
 - i. Delegation is hard
 - c. Is there actually anyone with free time to be delegated at?
 - i. *Maybe*, for some small bits and pieces
4. Given ^: do we want to keep trying to get it done for the AGM?
 - a. AB: yes
 - b. as long as there are alternatives ready
5. Alternatives!
 - a. YUSU's system
 - i. ugh

- ii. Too late to consider for this term, if we really need it we can probably still get it set up for next term
 - b. Absentee voting
 - i. i.e. send Slack messages or emails to the Returning Officer
 - ii. Not secret ballot
 - iii. Creates pain when counting votes
 - c. Google Form(s)
 - i. Not secret ballot
 - ii. Flexible, low-effort in terms of logistics
 - iii. What needs to happen to make it a good experience?
 - iv. How does URY do it?
 - 1. Radio buttons, nth choice × candidates
 - 2. Can we validate against having multiple choices for the same candidate?
 - 3. Looks like it, yes (“limit to one response per column”)
 - v. When do nominations close?
 - 1. Ideally, as soon as possible before the election
 - 2. We can probably deal with that
 - vi. How will we distribute links to the form(s)?
 - 1. Email
 - 2. Slack
 - 3. Note that we can (and should) check membership after ballots have been submitted
 - vii. One form or many?
 - 1. How will it affect the amount of effort required to count votes?
 - 2. Probably not *significantly* worse to have multiple forms
 - 3. Sending out a bunch of different forms is a bit grim
 - 4. Can still be done in one email, though, we just need to remember to keep forms closed to responses before voting starts
 - viii. How long to keep forms open for?
 - 1. Can't really do it in parallel, which sucks (since we need to count results from one vote before opening the next)
 - 2. 7 elections, 10 positions
 - 3. Past AGMs have been ~2.5 hours
 - 4. 10 minutes of voting, 10 minutes of vote-counting adds up to about that long
 - ix. Need someone to create a timetable
 - 1. CW
 - x. Need someone to manage creating/updating the forms
 - 1. CW
 - xi. Need someone to deal with counting votes
 - 1. LM (as Returning Officer)
 - xii. CW will be doing announcements (as Chair)
6. Constitutional amendments exist
 - a. They will be submitted as PRs on the GitHub repo

- b. Voting on them: simple! ~~majority voting~~ 2/3rds required
- c. We can just do that in Slack (reactions)
- d. Concerns about excluding people without Slack accounts
 - i. Can just use a Google Form instead
 - ii. yes, no, abstain

7. AOB

- a. no
- b. go and have food
- c. AGM dress code?
 - i. "please"
- d. ASMR Other Business
- e. Abusereport Other Business

Actions

- AB, anyone else with free time: organise HackVote work amongst yourselves
- CW: create backup Google Forms. write AGM timetable
- AC: write emails (AGM announcement, sending out Google Forms)