Committee Meeting Minutes

21 August 2021

Agenda

- Past actions
- The Facebook group
- YUSU's freshers fair survey
- Ideas for events next term
- Opening talk submissions
- Policy on Code of Conduct violations
- Grant
- AOB

Attendees

- AH   Ash Holland
- MP   Marks Polakovs
- IS   Iris Scoffin
- MM   Morgan McKay
- EB   Ezekiel Bethel
- CW   Chester Wringe
- AC   Aaron Christiansen
- CL   C Lloyd
- DA   Daniel Allinson
- JQ   Jamie Quigley
- AB   Adam Birtles

Minutes

1. This meeting is sponsored by past actions
   a. Yeeting of old people
       i. For the most part, yote.
           1. Though Luke is still on the trello. Whoops.
   b. Constitution appendices: STV counting, code of practice, code of conduct
       i. STV Counting: outstanding
       ii. CoP: merged
       iii. CoC: needs review
   c. Film night: new people learning how to do it
       i. Has filmnight happened since the last meeting?
       ii. When *was* the last meeting?
       iii. Ffmpeg sucks, more at 11.
   d. PlayTogether next (last) term
       i. It happened. No plans to continue it as of yet.

      ii.   A consistent number of people turned up - not many, but consistent.

      iii.   We should be careful when choosing games, especially around pre-requisite knowledge

  e. Code of Conduct existing announcement

      i.   Done. Tweeted out, in Slack topic, got a ridiculous one-off pull request.

2. EGM start of next term
   a. We may need to include Social Sec in it for reasons of *screm*
   b. *See AOB for a continuation of this. Yup.*
3. The Facebook group: do we still want it to exist?
   a. This year's freshers may not actually use facebook (the social networking site) as much as we did
   b. Having an out of date Facebook presence is worse than no Facebook presence
   c. People do occasionally message the page, and there's no real way to keep that while killing the page
   d. Consensus: yeet the group, keep the page
      i. Should we put a "we don't use this, use slack" in the description
      ii. If we do, we should remove references to it from emails, website, etc
      iii. More people are on the Slack than follow the facebook page.
   e. Also, can we just delete facebook
      i. Sadly, no(t yet).
      ii. Apparently we're delivering geese to the Facebook data centres?
4. YUSU's freshers fair survey: we need to complete it, but what do we say?
   a. YUSU sent us a survey about freshers' fair
   b. YUSU's questionable survey design aside ("Maybe?!"), the corona will not be gone by September, so indoor maskless things are yikes
   c. If we host a social on the evening of Freshers' Fair it'd almost certainly be VGAC, which would not be at a YUSU bar
   d. (AB Joins the meeting)
   e. Form was submitted.
5. Events next term: physical? virtual? both?
   a. Provision for both in person and online
   b. One virtual per week at least
      i. VGAC could (and maybe should) stick around even if times become more precedented
      ii. There's also a major accessibility benefit from online things
   c. In person if things are safe
      i. Physical Cake is good
      ii. Physical Games are good
      iii. CoffeeScript -> outdoor picnic?
6. Talks: still doing them? what format? when to open submissions?
   a. Should happen again
   b. If in-person happens, in-person talks are good, but if things go south pivoting may be hard
   c. Split them up, ask the presenter which they'd prefer, and means we still have a backup if we can't do physical
   d. Could we stream in-person talks?
      i. Streaming in person requires forward planning

  ii. Also requires getting audio out of AV's system, which could suck
 e. Do we still offer travel reimbursement?
  i. Encouraging long-distance travel is eh, but limiting in-person to people who can afford it is also eh
  ii. Let's discourage people from traveling, the online option is still there for non-York people
 f. When should we open submissions?
  i. As soon as reasonable, we have around four weeks until start of term
 g. Should we pick out someone outside the normal process for one of the earlier talks? Writing a talk takes a while
  i. Hey, committee, do a talk

7. Code of Conduct: no policy/runbook for dealing with violations
 a. We don't have a process on how to respond to code of conduct reports
 b. AH found a book called "How to respond to code of conduct reports"
 c. Where should the process go?
  i. This is, in fact, another chapter in the book!
   1. It's CC-licensed too
  ii. On a related note, the Guidelines and Conventions maybe shouldn't be attached to the CoC

8. Grant: applications probably open soon, do we want to apply for anything?
 a. IIRC (MP) it'll open just before the start of term
 b. CW: BSL interpreters
  i. Considerations: cost and travel
  ii. Would need to check if we can film them
  iii. Would be good if we knew in advance how many talks we'll have (though the later grant process could play into our hands for this)
  iv. Could we have an interpreter for things other than talks? BGAC?
   1. This is only viable if exactly one person at the event needs an interpreter
  v. Could we cap the number of in-person talks?
   1. We could cap it to e.g. 3 - it's unlikely we'd have more than that
   2. If we do have more than three people wanting to do in-person, how would we decide?
  vi. Is grant just for one term, or the entire year?
   1. In Precedented Times it was for the entire year
  vii. Consensus: logistical concerns, but we support the idea in principle
  viii. Roughly how much? ~£900 for RSLI (fully qualified) or less for TSLI (trainees)
   1. Travel costs are a bus ticket or mileage

9. Any Other BLÅHAJusiness
 a. "We are not vacuum packing 100 sharks!" - no there is no context for this
  i. Vacuum packed blåhaj emoji (is f*cking horrifying)
 b. Andromeda is still happening (read: EB replied to ITS, ITS didn't reply back)
 c. Our repos have no licences, meaning they're effectively all-rights-reserved
  i. This would require chasing all previous contributors and get them to agree.
   1. Probably ping the people with GH accounts in an issue, and chase the rest over email

        ii.   Consider two different licenses for the code and for the content. JQ proposes Apache or similar for code, and CC-BY-NC-SA for content

        iii.   Bikeshed software licenses elsewhere.

              1. Let's form a working group for this. (Let's not.)

d. Accessibility page

        i.   Some kind of page detailing existing accommodations and who to contact regarding further accommodations

        ii.   CW to start doing things

e. AB's masters has been deferred again, which may make their committee member status *complicated*

        i.   Possibility of a triple-barrel EGM

f. Newsletter archive, did it ever become a thing?

        i.   AC tried to find it, but he reinstalled his computer twice since then. He certainly made it, he just doesn't know where it is.

g. Renaming default git branches

        i.   Should be fine ™

              1. Webhooks exist though

h. Write down who can have access to what

        i.   Part of the code of committee practice/policies/whatever?

        ii.   Fine in google doc

Actions

- AH to organise meetings more frequently so that so much stuff doesn't pile up
- CW to delete the Facebook group once they figure out how
- CW to put a "we don't use this" on the facebook page
- CW to remove references to facebook from website / emails
- AC to make a talk submissions form
- Committee to consider ideas for talks
- AH to read a book (and write up processes on responding to CoC violation reports)
- AH to review https://github.com/HackSoc/constitution/pull/16
- MP to start the relicensing process once licenses have been bikeshod
- CW to start doing things regarding accessibility page
- EB to look at dependabot things (and tell it to go away)
- AB to write appendix B
- MP to write out who has access to what
- IS to put actions in the trello
- IS to put minutes on the website (with help from AH if necessary)
  - Also that should probably go in the sec handover. Secs to put that in the secs handover.