Committee Meeting Minutes

8 February 2022

Attendees

- AC Aaron Christiansen
- AH Ash Holland
- CL C Lloyd
- CH Clara Hohenlohe
- DA Daniel Allinson
- DH Dominik Hagowski
- EB Ezekiel Bethel
- IS Iris Scoffin
- JQ Jamie Quigley
- JR Jessica Russell
- MP Marks Polakovs
- MM Morgan McKay
- Various other members attended

Agenda

- Past actions
- CS displays hackathon
- YUSU elections
- New Code of Conduct item
- The status of PlayTogether
- AGM
- AOB

Minutes

- Past actions
 - AC to continue working on sponsorship stuff
 - Done! We got money!
 - We need to use the money for something "hands-on" or for more fancy/expensive talks
 - AH to actually make working group for "should #committee be public"
 - MP to update website with the constitution change
 - whoops
 - We're making more changes anyway
 - o MP to put the events on the calendar
 - Done!
 - AC to work out talk schedule
 - Done!

- o AC to reply to David Hull
 - It's proceeding... slowly
 - See below
- AH to ->DELEGATE<- extrication of information about how merch works
 - "delegate"
 - Imao oops
 - CL has picked up the slack
- AC to make society discord advertising happen
 - Waiting on a response
- CS displays hackathon
 - Week 8?
 - Have proposed to David Hull.
 - On a related note, AC and CL have a meeting with the DCCs about doing stuff.
- YUSU Elections
 - Nobody is currently planning on endorsing
 - HackSoc as a whole cannot endorse, individual members can
 - Do we (as a society) want to promote the elections?
 - Enough emails already please stop
 - So we won't
 - o If people want to campaign at our events, wat do?
 - Advertising in hacksoc spaces is against the CoC.
 - (which should be on the website **●●**)
- New Code of Conduct item
 - We may want to add a rule against threatening behaviour / revealing personal information (e.g. insinuating you know where someone lives)
 - IS will come up with a wording, we can vote in #committee
- The status of PlayTogether
 - Hasn't happened this term
 - To discuss outside this meeting
- AGM
 - o aaaaaaaaaaaaaaa
 - We should probably have one, maybe
 - YUSU docs (which may or may not be out of date) suggest window of Spr/7 to Sum/2
 - last year YUSU wanted us to:
 - Review your group's constitution and invite members to submit any amendments they'd like to make
 - @ people, if you want to amend the constitution, look at github/hacksoc/constitution
 - Plan and announce your Annual General Meeting and elections at least one week in advance
 - Shouldn't be before hackathon (tentatively Spr/8)
 - Online on in-person? (or both?)
 - more or less the discussion we had for EGM; tldr: needs an online component, and doing hybrid is too much pain => online.

- If we want online, it should be Spr/9 (given Spr/10 is a BGAC week)
- Friday Spr/9 (11/03)
- Who knows how it works?
 - MP pretended to know how it works for EGM
 - But can't actually stream it (can do Other Things though)
 - This is documented.
 - Should we do it in discord?
 - Normally we keep the googlemeet separate to minimise the number of people talking
 - Which can be achieved by discord permissions too (or we can just ask people to not talk/video)
 - o How long?
 - Last AGM was 2 hours
 - However, we could probably make it considerably shorter (e.g. may not need 10 mins for voting)
 - Could just merge the calendar events
 - o MP Returning Officer, IS Chair
 - Chief Furniture Officer (CFO)
- Email societies@yusu.org to let us know the date of your election
 - @marks commit things
- Aaron's Other Business
 - Aaron On Brand?
 - Ash's Other Business?
 - How many people are rerunning?
 - And does our constitution allow us to exist without a full committee?
 - Yes, we only need three sigs.
 - It is a little ambiguous though.
 - o We have lots of people in our discord, we should advertise to them
 - A new event?
 - Essentially seminars set a topic a few weeks in advance, have papers to discuss, then commit discussion on discord
 - Expected prep time?
 - Not more than an hour (over two weeks)
 - 1.5 hours for the actual thing
 - ~10min introduction before the discussion
 - Does need to be somewhat structured to avoid becoming an argument
 - Decent amount of work to set it up, so not more than 2ish per term
 - Possible "talk into seminar" format?
 - Possibly if this is successful, extend it into actual talks (i.e. post-talk discussion)
 - Consensus: it's cool.
 - What needs to happen to make it happen?

- Do one as a pilot, if it's interesting/successful run more next term
 - Thursday Week 10, during the day, for the first one?
- CW needs to prepare, marketing needs to happen
- Wat name?
 - "HackSoc Book Club"?
 - Nice and snappy, sets expectations.
- o Email about a shared space?
 - Would be cool, but we have CSE labs (and assorted locker space), we wouldn't use it much
 - Even for hardware we can commit hardware labs

Actions

- IS to come up with wording for CoC amendment and bring to a vote
- AC to continue discussing hackathon with David Hull
- MP to add CoC changes to website 2.0
- MP to tell YUSU about AGM (and also gently poke yusu about AGM guidance)
- MP to put AGM on the calendar (about 2 hours)
- AH to work out what else needs to happen to make AGM happen
- AC to propose constitutional amendment to remove ambiguity around minimum members
- CW (and others) to make HackSoc Book Club happen