CSS Committee Meeting - Minutes

Location:	**Hybrid**
Date:	**Monday 9th November**
Time:	**14:00 GMT**
Attendees:	**Joe Adams (JA) (Chair), Henry Thomas (HT) (Minuting), Idris Evans (IE), Albert Waldron (AW), Harry Wake (HW), Anna Charleton (AC), George Tong (GT), Tyler King (TK), Evie Wilson (EW), Jacob Swales (JS), Day Jones (DJ), Saf Rahman (SR), Sofiia Rog (SoR), Ayati Shah (AS)**

1 Apologies — JA

2 Adoption of Previous Minutes — HT

- Unanimous adoption of previous minutes

3 Matters Arising — All

- **Valyfy Meeting outcomes**
  - Plan to contact finance next week about it
  - Need to collect data first, will do that this week
- **Matt Leeke's suggestion of larger quiz**
  - **Action HT:** Reply to Matt about semester 2
    - **Action completed**
  - Matt replied and said he will look into it
  - The Guild are keen to do something?
  - Happy with Term 2
  - HT will speak to Quiz Soc

4 Past Events — All

- **Break;**
  - About 25 people in first hour
  - Items needed:
    - Wooden stirrers
    - Spoons
    - Brown sugar
    - Paper cups
    - More crisps

        - Lemonade
        - Digestives
    - **Action DJ:** Buy the items in advance of break;

5 Future Events (*standing item)* All

- **Pub**
    - JA, TK, AW will be there
    - Pub booked
- **Christmas Meal**
    - Sold 66 tickets
    - Should do another announcement and members email
    - Marius is announcing it in security and real world systems this week
    - We will send the Green Man tickets and details on Saturday
    - JA, HT, IE all busy so can't
    - **Action AW:** Contact the Green Man on the 14th
    - Need to ask the guild for payment confirmation emailed to the Green Man when PO approved
- **Ball**
    - **Action SoR & GT:** Look around for some options for hosting the ball
        - **Action in progress**
    - No update from SoR or GT
    - Council house has 160-180 capacity (180 is tight)
    - Very nice but is quite small
    - AW asks if it would be cheaper compared to Burlington
    - JA says it will probably be about the same
    - GT asks if they have a bar
    - JA says he thinks there were two, with two rooms - a dining room and a dance floor area.
    - DJ says council house could have up to 350 according to the website
    - HT asks about transport to it
    - JA says it is city centre so easy to access from New Street
- **Trip**
    - Jodrell Bank would be better as a collab with AstroSoc
    - **Action HT:** Discuss with AstroSoc committee
    - **Action EW:** Discuss with oStem committee about a different collab with them
- **Teasoc collab**
    - "Mega Tea party"
    - 20th November 13:00-15:00
    - Bigger room with guild
    - WISE, Psychology, CSS potentially there

    - Typical TeaSoc event
    - Not yet confirmed for advertising
    - JA, HW, AC, GT, SR plan to be there
- **Other events**
    - **NQ64**
        - **Action TK:** 2 week announcement
    - **Bot-a-thon**
        - DJ will send RA to Mo when guild approves it
        - External Speaker approved
        - Publicity out soon if possible
        - **Action DJ:** Make publicity
        - Lab booked 10:00-17:00 both days
        - Pizza booked for sunday
        - DJ, JA, IE, TK plan to be there
        - Some committee may want to take part
    - **Sponsor events**
        - Pair Programming workshop:
            - Thursday 12th Nov, in UG04 if possible,
            - **Action HW:** contact Madasar to book a room for it and do publicity
                - **Action completed**
            - Capital One have given us a snack budget
            - 61 people have signed up so far
            - Shouldn't need committee there but should be a good event
            - Everything else sorted out
    - **Bar Crawl**
        - **Action GT:** Look into bar crawl
            - **Action in progress**
        - TK doesn't think going to clubs on the bar crawl isn't a good idea, and that some people he has spoken to would prefer not to go if it's predominantly clubs
        - AW says a lot of the same places as last year wouldn't be a good idea as most of them weren't great, also some of the stops were too quick
        - HT says that the Harborne run is another option: https://www.barcrawl.co.uk/pubcrawl.aspx?Crawl=8943
        - Planning to move the date back to the 9th December to give the guild time to approve it
    - **Cheese soc collab**
        - **Action GT:** Reach out to cheese soc for alternate dates
            - **Action in progress**

        - GT will try on discord as no reply
    - **Workshops**
        - **Python Workshop**
            - **Action JA:** Make slides for workshop
                - **Action in progress**
            - JS and TK might be there
        - **Amrit Workshop**
            - Workshop about training LLMs
            - AW's concern is that it might take multiple weeks
            - JA will get back to Amrit
    - **Ice Skating**
        - Quote from ticket company - 25 tickets
        - Going to sell the tickets at cost
        - Most of committee seem to want to go
    - **PhD Info Session**
        - Two PhDs confirmed, One nearly confirmed
        - Awaiting Todd to book the room
        - Booking Old Gym LG12
        - Monday 23rd November 12:00-14:00
        - Waiting until room is sorted to advertise
    - **Esports collab**
        - No progress, but won't be in person
        - AC will speak to VGS too
        - EW suggests bringing back League of Legends tournament
    - **Bouldering event**
        - Sticking with the Wednesday date
        - HW will get RA done and email the venue
    - **TeX Talks**
        - Bringing this back by popular demand
        - Last ran 3 years ago
        - Get people in to give talks
        - Want to start finding people to give the talks and find a time and location to do it
    - **Committee Social**
        - JA wants to do a smaller social around Christmas
        - AC suggests laser tag
        - AW suggests we all make Christmas dinner on christmas day in LG23
        - AW suggests mini golf
    - **Karaoke**
        - Requested by some first years at the halloween quiz
        - "Nerds night out" - Indie Lounge done previously

        - AW says Circo can be hired for that now
        - **Action AS:** Look around for possible venues
    - **Karting**
        - Suggested for term 2, possibly expensive
        - **Action SoR:** Find information about this

6 Sponsor/Industry Update (*standing item)* HW

- **Pipeline and active discussions**
- **Action HW:** Double check the guild have received payment from all our sponsors
    - **Action in progress**
- DB confirmed as a sponsor
- **Action HW:** Reach out to companies that get a slot on the newsletter and ask them what they want on it.

7 Finance Report *(standing item)* IE

- **Most recent statement balance: £ 3,459.94**
- **Actual working balance: About £ 2,883.11**
- **Pending incomings**
    - **Memberships**
    - **Guild open day funding**
    - **Xmas meal tickets**
    - **Capital One pizza reimbursement**
    - **DB Sponsorship**
- **Pending outgoings**
    - **Football booking**
        - Being chased by the guild for the 4th November, but awaiting Habiba for the payment to go through
    - **New key**
    - **Xmas meal payment**
    - **Pizza - Capital One Panel**
    - **Halloween Quiz**
        - **Pizza**
        - **Alcohol**
        - **Drinks**
    - **Ice Skating**
    - **Server Rental**
- **EPS Community Fund**
    - Probably for Jodrell Bank
- **Valyfy lost funds**

8 EDI Report (*standing item)* SR

- **Action SR:** Write announcement to go out on 8th

        - **Action completed**
    - SR needs to finish off the tools on the project but will need help with promotion
    - JA will do that for Friday
    - HT queries the copyright issue with it as it is an ikea copyright
    - Committee say it should be fine with a URL change

9 Committee Suggestions (*standing item)* All

- **Meccha Chameleon**

10 Any Other Business (*standing item)* All

- **Minecraft Server**
- **Tex bot changes**
    - **Action JS:** Organise discussion outside meeting and plan the potential changes
        - **Action in progress**
- **Hoodies**
    - Design discussion - committee vote returned going back to the previous design
    - Suggestions made to combine parts of the two designs to improve them
- **Committee shirts/hoodies**
    - **Action JA:** look at options
        - **Action pending**
- **CSS Running tops**
    - **Action HW:** Gauge interest for tops on Tuesday's run. If there's sufficient interest then contact a few companies for quotes, including Bludog.
        - **Action pending**
- **PhD Grad stickers (Todd's suggestion)**

Actual start time	14:05 BST
Actual end time	14:56 BST
Duration	0 hours 51 minutes