Committee Meeting Minutes

6th June 2019

Agenda

- Academic events
  - Talks
  - Workshops
- HackSoc stall at open day
- Future of Roses subcommittee
- Follow up:
  - Server contingency plans update
  - YUSU grant update
  - Team drive update
  - Morgan Stanley update
- EGM organisation (goodbye djab)
- AOB

Attendees

- (JA)   Jacob Allen - Chair
- (AB)   Adam Birtles - Secretary
- (JH)   Josh Holland - Treasurer
- (AC)   Aaron Christiansen - Press & Publicity Officer
- (CW)   Charlotte Wringe - Academic Events Officer
- (EB)   Ezekiel Bethel - Ordinary Member
- (RB)   Rafael Bacalso - Ordinary Member

Apologies

- (EH)   Emma Hollwill - Social Secretary
- (LM)   Luke Moll - Infrastructure Officer

Minutes

1. Academic events
   a. Charlotte made a document:
      https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CJTQPdUPf2LvzUMIZx99SakcxhFhJM
      kGfLTRq-zd0NQ/edit?usp=sharing
   b. Talks
      i.   When? Each Thursday seems to be the best day
      ii.   Who?

1. Morgan Stanley
2. Current students (paying members)
3. Alumni
4. Faculty & postgrads
5. Have a form for people
   iii. Where?
      1. Pod seems to be the best option.
      2. Alternatively seminar rooms.
   iv. Target audience? Our members - so people with at least some CS knowledge
   v. Publicising
      1. Work with P&P officer
      2. Ask CS to advertise events
c. Workshops
   i. When?
      1. Wednesday afternoons
      2. Instead of Hack Together (lol).
      3. Weeks 3 through 8
   ii. Who? Others would need to run them because CW not available
   iii. What?
      1. Python was good
      2. Maybe alternate with something more complex? **Not** RPi OS.
      3. How to Linux/Git/LaTex.
   iv. Prepare stuff over summer
   v. Oh no! Modules are changing. We'll need to look to figure out how to target new freshers.
d. Killing Hack Together because it never really happened
e. "Big trip"
   i. Spring term because more time
   ii. Possibly on a Wednesday afternoon
f. YUSU Give It A Go
   i. Do we want to run one? Possibly.
   ii. Python seems to be the best option again
   iii. Gets some publicity for it since it's not targeted at CS people
2. HackSoc stall at open day
   a. AB and EH are running a stall at uni open days (for personal profit)
   b. On 28th & 30th June
   c. Need to figure out what we'll be presenting and tell CS
      i. Standard banners and flyers and shit
      ii. RPi OS demo
      iii. Could do pens? But it's a bit soon
      iv. This isn't freshers' fair so specifics not needed on flyers - ask CS if they can put stuff in brochure pack thingy-ma-jigs
   d. AB and EH will still need to shill for the uni because that's what they're being paid to do.
3. Future of Roses subcommittee

a. It existed but nothing happened (thanks CyberSoc and Lancaster)
b. CW no longer cares about it
c. Can't actually do a "BBQ" because Health & Safety
d. No one knows what's going on (correction: AC does)
e. We probably do want to plan something for Roses again
f. There was a recent(?) meeting
    i. Was agreed that CS and cybersecurity societies should split up and plan their own events
    ii. We should have a talk with Lancaster CompSoc before next meeting
    iii. Next meeting is planned for 18th June

4. Follow up:
  a. Server contingency plans update
    i. LM not here and not available
    ii. He was working on it
    iii. Bytemark hasn't imploded yet apparently
    iv. k
  b. YUSU grant update
    i. Results are next week
    ii. We will find out how little YUSU cares about us
  c. Team drive update
    i. Hello, it exists but very little has still happened with it
    ii. JA and AB are the only people with access it right now
    iii. This document is the only thing on it currently
    iv. This will be rectified soon™
  d. Morgan Stanley (MS) update
    i. There was a conference call attended by CW, LM, and AC
    ii. MS weren't interested in merch & infrastructure (they weren't mentioned)
    iii. MS were mainly interested in events...
      1. MS want us to collab with other socs
      2. MS would do talks on machine learning (again), "engineering at scale", and algorithmic trading
      3. Committee seem to like the idea of "engineering at scale"
      4. MS would be willing to pay for other talks too (e.g. MS pay for a non-MS talk for each talk MS do)
      5. MS would like us to get data on attendance and membership
        a. We have the former
        b. The latter is 🌟 *p r o b l e m a t i c* 🌟 both legally (thanks GDPR) and ethically.
    iv. …and emails
      1. We have offered MS ad space for their other events in our emails ("a word from our capitalist benefactors")
      2. MS would be interested in doing smaller ads more frequently at shorter notice
      3. We need to make sure everything from them is clearly an ad (again both a legally and ethically)

5. EGM organisation
    a. djab ded. RIP.
    b. We need to get a new ~~committee minion~~ ordinary member soon
    c. We'll hold an EGM on Friday 14th June at 18:00
    d. Need to let members know at least a week before (i.e. tomorrow)
    e. We might need to tell YUSU (update: we do)
    f. Moot Court would be cool but Pod is easier so we'll do it there
    g. JA to be Returning Officer because AB possibly not available
    h. Membership is currently 75 so quorum is 19 unless we get more members somehow
6. AOB
    a. No.

Actions

- CW to direct planning academic events next year
- AB and EH to sort out open day materials
- AC and whoever cares to do talking with Lancaster CompSoc
- AB to get on with sorting out the Team Drive
- People dealing with Morgan Stanley to just continue doin' what they doin'
- AB to organise EGM. AC to let people know about it.