

# CSSS Activities Committee Meeting Minutes

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## Note

In addition to this meeting, I had announced that I would be available in the common room earlier in the afternoon to talk to anyone who could not attend the scheduled meeting. An unscheduled meeting earlier in the afternoon resulted, and much of what was talked about here was first brought up in that meeting.

## 1 Beginning

The meeting begins at around 15:25, as an unscheduled discussion with Curtis. Several other people get involved and by a little after 15:30 (below) we establish that it is the scheduled meeting.

I am chairing.

Attendees: Max Whitney, Travis Brown, Courteney Ryan, Jacob Post, Ryan Longair, Benton Lam, Dominic Lau, Kyle Sakai, Curtis Muller (only present at the beginning), Dennis Sharkey (came in near the end), Angelica Lim (came in towards the end).

## 2 General LAN Party Plans

Curtis wanders by, and I ask him about events. He says he can help with LAN parties. Others join in, and there is some discussion about LAN parties. Curtis mentions the possibility of investing in more/better LAN equipment; others note that this hasn't worked well in the past, as it tends to burn out or sit unused for long periods of time. Generally we just get by on what people bring and the little bit that we do own.

General agreement is that it is important to send out a detailed list of equipment to bring for LAN parties. This should include headphones and mice in addition to network cables, extra switches, etc.. Curtis says that advertising is important.

Curtis says he has ALP software for managing LANs, and there is some discussion about this sort of thing.

Curtis says to try to get a particular TASC room, which he thinks is 9204 East and West. He says the West part (I think) has square tables and is better for the LAN, but the East part is useful for extra space.

Curtis says to get at least four people to help on the day. He recommends starting set-up an hour before the event and beginning with drawing a layout (for tables, networking, etc.).

Somewhere in here Curtis talks about needing money for LAN parties. He mentions that when he did them he happened to be able to arrange pizza cheaply. Others note that we traditionally sell pizza at LAN parties (like with our regular Friday sales), rather than giving it out free.

Kyle mentions that the Surrey library has metal pads for DDR. Someone questions the goodness of metal pads.

(We come back to LAN parties below, to talk about the free and old games idea from the previous meeting.)

### 3 Beer Garden

Curtis is also interested in a beer garden type event (this was actually interspersed with the above LAN party discussion). He says he had information about organizing drinking events. This is the flowchart that was mentioned in the previous meeting. He doesn't have it now, but it should be available somewhere online (I assume he means SFSS sites, or similar). Apparently it takes about a month for the approval process.

(Curtis leaves at around 15:30 as others wrap up the discussion of LAN parties and continue to discuss the beer garden. Shortly after, we agree that this is in fact the scheduled meeting.)

The rest of us agree that we should start working on the beer garden soon. Due to the month-long approval process, the beginning of July is a good target. However, this would be the week of Canada day, which could be problematic. It is suggested that the Monday (Canada day being the Tuesday) might work if there is school that day.

Benton mentions the possibility of doing the beer garden with other DSUs, especially the engineers, math, or other FAS unions.

Courteney says she is willing to help with planning this event. Travis and his truck are voluntold to move alcohol for us.

I suggest that we put off further planning until we've looked into the approval process and got a start on that.

### 4 End of Classes

Somewhere in the above discussion (around the time Curtis leaves), we note that classes end on the 5th of August.

### 5 Maillists

We somehow get to talking about maillists. It is noted that we have csss-events, and should use it. I pass around a sheet of paper to get emails to add.

I ask about the use of csss-announce for pizza and movie announcements. Such announcements have been going only to csss-active for a while, but in the past did go to csss-announce. Apparently people have been known to object to too many announcements on csss-announce, but the consensus seems to be that using it for pizza and movies is fine.

I ask about the possibility of sending a semesterly email to csss-announce to clarify the purposes of our maillists. This doesn't seem too popular, and Travis notes that this wouldn't be a very good use of csss-announce.

## 6 Games Night and the Free and Old Games LAN Party Plans

I describe what was discussed about games nights and LAN parties at the meeting earlier in the day, and we continue from there.

Some people think there should be no consoles at a games night, as they take people away from board games. There seems to be no real consensus on this, though. Possibly some console games work better than others. Apparently at some games nights in the past we have only allowed DSes.

Kyle says card games could be good, but Courteney notes that we aren't allowed to have gambling games (even without real money).

Courteney suggests that we motion for \$100-\$150 for games night.

We talk a bit about the free and old games LAN party idea. Travis says there are Doom ports/mods with full content and they are good for multiplayer. Someone (probably Kyle) notes that Enemy Territory worked at a Surrey LAN party before.

Somewhere in here we go over the date for a games night, and the Friday of next week (the 6th) seems good, as was planned in the previous meeting. Someone notes that seven days ahead is a minimum for announcing such events.

## 7 Pizza and Convocation

Somewhere in the talk about games night, it is noted that the pizza order on a day with Convocation, such as Friday the 6th, should be cut down a lot. Apparently there is a lot of free food on Campus at convocation. The pizza order should be cut to maybe  $\frac{1}{3}$  (I think) of the regular order. But apparently the pizza orders of the last two weeks are already smaller than in some previous summers, so this isn't too clear.

## 8 Movie Nights

Courteney asks about movie nights. There don't seem to be many good movies this summer, though.

Benton says we traditionally only do CS related (or at least vaguely related) movies. Others say any geeky movies are ok. There is also a tradition of having movie nights for Pixar movies, but recent Pixar movies may have changed that.

It is suggested that Dark Knight would be popular, and this is generally agreed on.

Courteney also suggests Get Smart. Some feel it is not CSey enough, but she points out that it has shoe phones.

I say that I will start a forum post to get more movie ideas and feedback.

It is noted that we may not have enough money to subsidize tickets. This may not be a problem, though, as people may still appreciate not having to line up even if the tickets are full price. There may be bulk discounts, too.

## 9 Outdoor Events

Angelica shows up and mentions outdoor events for summer. She points out that one summer we had an end of semester social with some sort of summery theme which worked well. It had dunk tanks, which are

expensive but fun. Later she mentioned that this EOSS also had beach ball volleyball (more below) and limbo.

Courteney mentions that we have previously had a beach barbecue for the fireworks, but we note that this was not done as an official event.

Angelica thinks soccer would be good. We could possibly do this or similar activities with other organizations. She points out that  $x$  against the engineers is good for all  $x$ . Travis suggests volleyball. Angelica says beach ball volleyball is fun; this is just volleyball played with a beach ball. This was apparently done inside the Atrium at the same EOSS she mentioned earlier. There might have been some problems with this, but nothing relating to the game specifically.

We talk about times for these miscellaneous events. Fridays would take people away from pizza and movies. Wednesday afternoons seem pretty good.

I say that I will post on the forum for suggestions about outdoor activities.

Benton and Angelica suggest day hikes, maybe to Buntzen lake (actually, they first brought this up just before the soccer). I mention that the Grouse Grind was brought up at the previous meeting. Someone points out that rides back down Grouse mountain must be payed for, and walking down is not recommend due to steepness. Buntzen seems like a better possibility, as it is flatter and one side has more shade. Angelica also mentions the (Stawamus, presumably) Chief. The need for transportation makes this probably not worth it, however.

## 10 Adjournment

We ended somewhere around 16:30.