

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the ICU Science Fiction, Fantasy and Gothic Horror Society



- Present:** Alex Savell (Chairentity)  
John Davenport (Treasurer)  
Rebecca Clark (Secretary)  
Joseph Britton (Librarian)  
Rosie Goldsmith (Chair of Vice)  
Chris Hutchison (Picocon Sofa)  
Simon Moxon (Picocon Beanbag)  
Benedict Harcourt (Web editor)  
Alexander Cameron (Publicity Officer)  
Akbaralli Kapasi (Wyrmtongue editor)
- Also Attending:** Peter Mabbott  
David McBride (Semi-Dave)  
Gabriel Carpenter  
Lucy McGregor

### Meeting opened at 5:55pm.

### Admission of last meeting's minutes

Minutes accepted without objection.

### Chair's Report

1. The Chair apologises for his approaching fail.
  - i. He will be absent until the 22<sup>nd</sup> February, except the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. It will be possible to contact him during this period whenever, unless he's on a horse.
2. We have submitted a budget. (Peter is unhelpful at this juncture).

Faffing occurs.

### Treasurer (John Davenport)

- i. What he said.

### Chair of Vice

1. The minibus for Hay-On-Wye and the AGM are both booked.

**Vote:** Do we approve of this date?

Yes: 12

No: 2

Abstaining: 0

**Vote:** Shall Fluffy be Returning Officer?

Yes: 13

No: 0

Abstaining: 1, due to tardedness.

2. Barnights have occurred. One at the Tea Clipper and one in the Union.
  - i. Should this be a more general thing?
  - ii. No, since the Tea Clipper is distant and expensive.

- iii. Occasional elsewheres are good, but the Union shall be standard.
  - i. Peter objects due to being old, grumpy and poor.

**Point to be Raised (Chris)**

- 1. Chris has been speaking to people who were involved in the society many years ago. They are displeased with the lack of consideration they receive at the hands of current society members.
  - i. There has been a culture, partly self-inflicted, that “all Elders ever do is moan”.
  - ii. They would like a guaranteed “late opening” date so that those with jobs can in fact use the Library.
    - i. This is to be Wednesday.
    - ii. Anybody roleplaying in the library may be kicked out.
  - iii. A new list “ICSF Noise” is suggested.
  - iv. Will Picocon attendance be damaged by this upset?
  - v. This is deferred to a later meeting.

**On this day (11<sup>th</sup> February) it is noted that Peter finally joined the Society.**

**Picocon**

- 1. T-shirts have been ordered.
  - i. Cost price is £5 each; they are to be sold at £10
  - ii. They are also to be sold by door people, being arranged at the **start** of the day on the table just around the corner from the front desk.
  - iii. Peter is now Mr T-Shirt.

**Vote:** Should those being obliged to wear special shirts (e.g. babysitters) be allowed to buy them at cost price?

Yes: 7

No: 0

Abstaining: 5

- 2. Should there be discounts for people who join ICSF on the day?
  - i. They will be treated as if they had already joined when buying entry, as in previous years.

**Motion:** Those who encounter Wouter are to badger him (like an actual badger if needed) to join the society.

**Action(Benedict):** Create a Picocon Facebook group.

- 3. Authors/Guests of Honour:
  - i. Joseph and Liz have written their biographies/blurbs; Rosie has not.
  - ii. Liz has been in contact with her author; Joseph and Rosie have not.
    - i. Rosie is hereby **Judged**.
    - ii. Chris has brain-AIDS.
  - iii. Jaine Fenn has asked for travel moneys
    - i. Authors will be reimbursed if they BRING RECIEPTS.
    - ii. Babysitters will then buy them and be reimbursed by the society.
  - iv. Guests may bring themselves +1 in for free.
    - i. All past guests also get free entry.
  - v. We will be selling Fenn, Reynolds and Hemingway books.
    - i. Chris needs to talk to Porcupine. Sort out possible toe-treading and don't be tarded.
  - vi. Alasdair Reynolds has mentioned us on his blog, so despite his lack of helpful contact he's probably coming.
  - vii. Gabriel and Chris are in charge of the book signing
  - viii. Pat Cadogan has said that “I'll be there – brace yourselves!”
  - ix. She has also asked to be Quiz Announcer. This is a good idea.
- 4. The Picocon e-mail has been sent.
- 5. Peter is now Mr T-Shirt-Quiz.
  - i. He must actually **organise** quiz questions.
- 6. Discounts for non-IC people:
- 7. Royal Holloway have asked for a members' discount.

- i. Official policy: we need a list of names.
- ii. Unofficial policy: a valid university ID will do (a quiet word will be had with those on desk duty).
- iii. Current price list:
  - Random Schmoe: £10
  - Concessions - £8
  - Non-IC SF Soc members - £6
  - ICSF members - £5

**Action(Rosie):** e-mail Oxford, Cambridge etc. SF societies.

- 8. The Lord of Rings (Adventure Dave) now has a minion: Gabriel.
  - i. He will be introducing Amanda Hemingway
  - ii. Babysitters will not be introducing their authors
  - iii. Fluffy will be making an introductory speech and is thereafter Chris' bitch.

**Action(Fluffy):** Sort out walkie-talkies

**Action(Liz):** Get a list of useful phone numbers and circulate them to the committee list.

#### 9. DODM

- i. Announcing: Adventure Dave and Chris
- ii. Chris is cryo-certified and will be doing safety things **properly**.
- iii. We have some stuff. Peter is to liaise with Ed.
- iv. We can get hazard ("Men Working") tape from DramSoc via Benedict.

**Action(Fluffy and/or Liz):** Sort out the Risk Assessment.

- v. Should we buy liquid nitrogen instead of stealing it?
  - i. It will cost a trivial amount and cause a noticeable decrease in stress and faff.
  - ii. Yes.
- 10. Panel Discussion: "The Science in your Fiction", Turkey things and Silly Games.
  - i. Digression: we're to be on STOIC on March 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. Peter is to contact **Steve** for presenting the Turkey Reading, panel discussion and Silly Games.
    - i. Primrose is also to contact the Von Clements for Silly Games materials.
  - iii. For the Turkey Viewing: Immortal with a backup of Twilight.

**Action(Rosie):** Donate Twilight to the library.

**Action(Primrose):** Talk to the Von Clements about Silly Games.

#### 11. The Meal(s).

- i. Attending the Meal proper: Adventure Dave, Rosie, Joseph, Liz, Chris, Fluffy, Peter, Simon and Gabriel.
- ii. We need a location. Giraffe might work.

**Action(Fluffy):** E-mail those people attending for restaurant suggestions.

**Action(Everyone):** If attending SmithersFest, ask Cat about stickers for Picocon.

- iii. The Clean-up Meal will be organised on the day by Dave McBride.
- 12. The LAN.
  - i. There are 6PCs with peripherals sitting in Semi-Dave's office.
  - ii. The games are to be:
    - i. Unreal Tournament 2004
    - ii. Defcon
    - iii. Multiwinia perhaps
    - iv. Considers talking to the developers about Darwinia perhaps.
  - iii. Fetching and carrying required, Dave is authorised to collect minions as required.

**Action(Semi-Dave):** Collect some carrying minions for the day.

#### 13. General Things

- i. Porcupine should be told when it's time for them to go.

- ii. The stalls present will be Porcupine (hopefully), AnimeSoc and Judith selling LARP things.
- iii. **POWER**. Simon is dealing with it.
- iv. Paperwork must also be prepared. Also Simon's job.

**Action**(*Semi-Dave*): E-mail Chris and Benedict Picocon posters.

**Action**(*Rosie*): Send out an e-mail to collect helper-minions.

**Action**(*Simon*): Fix the power.

- v. The Family Fortune round in the quiz is to be compiled by Peter and Simon.
- vi. Somebody with Blackett access is to be sat on the Blackett door
  - i. Or we get the guards to unlock it
- vii. The Wyrn needs printing
  - i. Semi-Dave possibly has a printer which can collate, fold and staple them. Akbaralli to liaise with him.
- viii. Semi-Dave is organising the treasure hunt.
  - i. We may raid the DramSoc prop store.
  - ii. Digression: ICSF has done DramSoc's job.
- ix. We **MUST** tidy rooms, else we will be charged to hire them forever more.
  - i. Also, the library key is to be left with Benedict at the front desk.
  - ii. Tours will be maintained, run by Ben.
- x. Banner
  - i. A design is to be circulated.
  - ii. It is to be 2ft by 10ft, not the 4ft by 14ft suggested by Muppet Alex (Primrose).
  - iii. Colours are to be blue and white?

**Vote:** Should the banner be blue and white?

For: 8

Against: 1

Abstaining: 1

**Action**(*Primrose*): E-mail the committee the banner design for approval, then to sort the banner out.

### Any Other Business

1. Computers & the library
  - i. Bug reports must be by **e-mail**.
2. Joseph is to badger people with overdue items, especially DVDs.

**Action** (*Semi-Dave*): E-mail BoingBoing about advertising us.

**Meeting adjourned at 19:30.**

### List of Actions

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