

CSS Committee Meeting - Minutes

Location:	Discord
Date:	Friday 13th December
Time:	18:00 BST
Attendees:	Holly Packer (HP) (Chairing), Lee Alabaster (LA) (Minuting), Matty Widdop (MW), George Barrell (GB), Adi Agarwal (AA), Sabrina Ahmed (SA), Leonardo Bishop (kinda) (LB)

- 1 Apologies received from HP
 - Sumeet Brar
 - Sai
 - Marcus Gustafsson
 - Nial Dixon
 - Leonardo Bishop
 - Joseph Adams
 - Rohit Jose

- 2 Adoption of Previous Minutes LA
 - Unanimous adoption of previous minutes

- 3 Matters Arising All
 - **Go karting**
 - **Action MG: Research prices for go karting**
 - Action Carried Forward
 - **CSS x DocSoc**
 - **Action SA: Ask Evie if there could be something we could do**
 - Evie has compiled a list of episodes we could maybe watch
 - Based on how linked they are to cs and imdb scores
 - MW does NOT like dot and bubble
 - Bells of Saint John is probably the best apparently
 - About wifi and hacking and allat
 - Evie said they watch doctor who at DocSoc (big surprise)
 - MW really doesn't like dot and bubble
 - **Action SA: Reach out to DocSoc (max)**
 - **Semester 2 Planning meeting**
 - HP has mentioned this on discord
 - We are having a meeting on tuesday at 5pm
 - Purpose to recap semester 1 and what we can improve on

- Plan out events we always do
- Brainstorm events we may wanna run
- HP has made a feedback form for semester 1 as well
 - It will be added into the newsletter and maybe a discord announcement as well

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Past Events (*standing item*)

All

- **Emoji Competition**

- :not_an_emoji: supremacy
- We got the best emoji possible with 61 votes
 - HP doesn't seem to agree for some reason
- We can archive the channel now
- Same as always, no issues

- **Discord Botathon**

- HP asks how people thought it went
 - GB thinks it was pretty good
 - Workshop and competition were both good
 - HP said it was a bit more spenny than expected, mostly because of pizza
 - SA thinks it went well apart from their oopsy with the repository being private
 - SA thinks the judging wasn't very structured
 - Just a couple committee members looking around not knowing what they were looking for
 - HP says that there was some sort of structure
 - Method to the madness
- Only thing to sort out now in finances

- **Break;**

- Break; is done for the semester
- Spent like £20 a week for this semester
- LA says that we shouldn't put it at the same time as SANDAMs coffee time
- HP is happy with how break went

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Future Events (*standing item*)

All

- **Advent of Code**

- It is ongoing
- HP reports that we spoke about changing the prize a little bit this year
 - Changing from a mug to a pint glass
 - AA would prefer a mug to a glass
 - HP isn't too fond of a pint glass
- MW says it would be nice to change it
 - Should be functional as well
- AA says to make a poll for it
 - MW is making a poll now

- **Bad Film Collab**
 - They have responded on instagram
 - GB went there yesterday as well
 - They seem quite set on doing a mario kart competition
 - HP reports that it would most likely be in like January
 - Decide on a range of dates on Tuesday
 - HP says we would either need a Wii or a Switch
- **SloLAN**
 - Go over this on Tuesday aswell
 - HP doesn't expect VGS to do this since they are having issues still
 - Random action time
 - **Action LA: Text VGS on insta about sloLAN**
 - HP says we could also ask GDS, UGG, VR
 - AA mentions looking at last years channel and seeing who we had
- **Minecraft mod challenge**
 - Hp was speaking with Dani today about this
 - As long as it's not week 1, 10 or 11 then it's fine
 - Hp said that she thought it would be similar to the discord botathon but that wouldn't work for minecraft mod
 - Would be more like a week long event instead
 - HP reports that we could maybe have a channel for this in CSS as well
 - Discuss things and show off their mods
 - Since they are mods, we wouldn't be running the mods ourselves since someone could upload something malicious
 - HP says we could upload it to DevPost instead
- **TNMoC**
 - Saturday 1st March
 - MW reports we are now just waiting on Gemma to sort the tickets to go up on the 10th
 - We have been given 50 quid from the guild now 😊(fuck google docs)
 - MW is not optimistic that EPS will get many people to sign up but not our problem
- **Hackathon**
 - Provisioned for the week before easter break
 - **Action HP: Reach out to Hackathons UK**
 - Action Carried Forward
 - GDS are also interested in a challenge
 - HP asks if it would be fine to be only UoB students for now
 - People seem to agree that it would be fine
 - MW wonders if the school is gonna be pissy if people that aren't UoB students turn up
 - Not sure since the doors are open to anyone 9-5 anyways

- HP says we could have a meeting with the school to ask them these things at some point
 - Maybe also Gemma as well
 - MW says she won't have time before christmas
- **CSS Ball 2025** **Venues**
 - tldr:
 - Try to do before easter but will be a time crunch - 2nd April
 - Need to start on everything like now
 - Deadline for venue would be 6th jan when the guild reopens
 - HP says that if people could look at venues in person over christmas then that'll be really cool and awesome
 - MW says that we need to start reaching out to places for prices asap
 - Need to find capacity as well
 - **Action AA: Reach out to Quaid E Azam looking at prices + if we can have a look**
 - MW says that the same concern with botanical garden will be cost
 - Talked to them in 2022
 - Based on 2022 prices it might not be too bad but depends if prices have gone up
 - **Action HP: Reach out to Botanical Gardens**
 - MW has already done it
 - HP reports that Book Rotunda is quite small capacity wise and a bit spenny
 - Macdonald has good capacity - 250 with an area for dancing supposedly
 - Holte Suite is a bit far away
 - Diamond Suite has capacity
 - Indian Cuisine which not everyone may like
 - Eastside Rooms - £40 per person
 - Enough capacity
 - Crown Plaza
 - 300 capacity
 - MW says that we should get enquiries out as soon as physically possible
 - He is doing a couple now
 - HP asks about a dj
 - We could maybe ask SB's dad
 - Also depends on what the venue has to see if its possible
- **CSS does Taskmaster**
 - Provisionally planned for sem 2
 - Potentially have teams of 5
 - **Potential tasks:**

- Building stuff
 - Inventing something and pitching it
 - Task with the ducks
 - Acting
 - Drawing
 - Some form of quiz
 - Not redacting them bc its not happening anymore
- Room booking?
- HP says that this needs a lot of planning energy and isn't sure if we have that
 - People agree that it would be a bit too much
- We are most likely binning it off but final decision tuesday
- **Sports Day**
 - Week 11 next semester?
 - Include a combination of classic sports day events, e.g. egg & spoon race, sack race, etc.
 - SB reports they have spoken to multiple societies
 - Chem Eng
 - PPS
 - EcoRacing
 - I intend to email S&F over the break to discuss this and other sporting events - SB 👍
 - Can't do it before easter bc of ball + hackathon
 - People might not turn up after easter/before exams
 - Not sure when we could do it
 - Also don't know where it would be

6 Sponsor/Industry Update (*standing item*)

MG

- **Trade Desk**
 - No update
- **Capgemini** 🙄
 - No update
- **Next year sponsors**
 - Redacted
- HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARCUS

- 7 Finance Report (*standing item*) MW
- M? yep
 - **Most recent statement balance: £4,621.31**
 - **Actual Working Balance: £2,354.99**
 - **Pending incomings**
 - Memberships
 - TNMoC EPS grant
 - **Pending outgoings**
 - Break;
 - Christmas Meal
 - Campus League
 - Botathon Pizza / prizes
 - **Thigh Highs**
 - **Action RJ: Yet another new email**
 - Action Carried Forward
 - **TeX plushies**
 - Fearne knows how many need to be made
 - **CSS Hoodies**
 - Waiting on Gemma
 - MW is unhopeful that they will be ou before Christmas
 - HP says we can make the sale period longer if not
- 8 EDI Report (*standing item*) SA
- N/A
- 9 Committee Suggestions (*standing item*) LA
- **Amrit bot**
 - No.
 - HP says we are not banning Lua from the server for some odd reason
 - **TeX everest command**
 - Dani might be working on this
 - If she makes a pr then there won't be any objections to it
- 10 AoB (*standing item*) All
- Newsletter
 - HP is working on it
 - Should be read by tomorrow

Actual start time 18:06 GMT
Actual end time 19:18 GMT
Duration 1 hour 12 minutes