

MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE SOUTH WEST BRANCH OF THE BCS HELD AT THE DARTMOOR HALFWAY, BICKINGTON ON September 15th, 2008

Present: Prof S Furnell (SF), Mr E Draper (ED), Dr S Atkinson (SA), Dr N Clarke (NC), Mr K Chamberlain (KC), Dr J Fieldsend (JF), Ms J Kneller (JK), Mr Alastair Revell (AR)

Apologies: Dr P Dowland (PD), Mr. Chris Cooper (CC), Mr Max Hughes (MH), Ms S Karatzouni (SK)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

SF noted that as SK had now left Plymouth for Portsmouth, a new YPG rep would need to be co-opted.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING 25th June

The minutes were accepted as a correct record.

- Devon Law Society were happy to carry an article about BCS – **AR to progress**
- Press List – AR had contacted HQ – there is lots of information in BCS Intranet – Graduate prizes would form a good item for press release.
- Further followup required on questions for members – **NC/PD to co-ordinate**
- Need to check who can send out via Branch mailing list

EVENTS PROGRAMME – 2008-09

- Dot Tudor – Agile Business Analysis arranged for 21/10 in Exeter
- Netgear – Confirmed for 11/11 in Plymouth, about Wireless networking – **KC to confirm details**
- Cyber Security KTN: Pulse Programme – Arranged a joint meeting with this group – 23/10 in Plymouth. 5.30 for 6pm start with a meal
- Secure Test – CC had received an offer from Ken Munro to give a talk about penetration testing – Agreed for mid Nov. in Exeter
- ENISA – Network Security awareness – Plymouth in late Nov/early Dec
- Health Informatics – Debate provisional for 9/12 – **MH to confirm**
- IT in Brewing – Speaker found, location ideally at pub/brewery possibly Tucker's Maltings. Feb/March, provisionally 10/03 – **ED to confirm**
- Robot Football – Jan/Feb in Plymouth – **SF to confirm**
- GCHQ – Feb in Exeter – **JF to confirm**
- IT Law – possibly joint meeting with Law Society in Exeter – **AR to confirm**
- IBM – Global Technology Outlook – for AGM in May 09

FINANCE MATTERS

This year's budget has been confirmed at £2610, together with Project funds:

- ◆ £400 for Student prizes (runs 2 more years)
- ◆ £250 Student Project prizes

It was agreed to submit a bid for video camera – **PD to justify usage on web site**
Schools prizes – work on bid for next meeting

BCS HQ MATTERS

Autumn Congress

No-one from Branch could attend, as it clashes with Graduation at Plymouth. KC will be present as BMC member and will report back

At BMC Margaret Ross (our Branch Liaison) had asked KC to raise to possibility of student chapters at Plymouth & Exeter Universities. Branch to investigate current Computer/IT clubs.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

SF suggested that there could be 2 YPG reps – one each from Exeter and Plymouth.
Suitable nominations to be sought.

Andy Phipin had expressed an interest in taking up post of Education Liaison Officer.

Press items – Agreed to attempt to publicise events at least 21 days in advance.

Tuesday November 11th 2008, 6.30pm Plymouth (prior to Netgear talk) – brief meeting to agree budget for 2009.

Next full committee – Monday 2nd February 7.30pm, Dartmoor Halfway, Bickington

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27/09/2008