

Societies Council 11<sup>th</sup> May 2011

12 societies present

Key

TP – Tom Peel

BC- Ben Croft

VW- Victoria Winterton

Q. – Question

AC. Audience Contribution

TP, BC, VW introduce themselves including positions for this year and next.

Tom Peel – VP Community

Ben Croft – Chair of Societies

Victoria Winterton - Secretary of Societies

Introductions – Instead of Opening with an Interesting Fact TP asks all to think of their favourite pokemon and why.

TP explains that societies council is not normally like this, however it is a priority to make it better next year and should be better with a newly elected fully working executive.

Election for Safety and Training Officer

One Candidate put forward – Leigh Debenham

Leigh gives a short speech about why she would like the role.

Three Questions were put to Leigh.

1. What one thing would you try to do next year?
2. There is a lot of Admin involved in this role, how would you go about training each society and making sure all complete trip parks?
3. What if someone comes in with a trip pack on Thursday for a trip taking place on Friday

Leigh is asked to leave the room, a vote is taken.

Thirteen votes in favour, Zero Against, Zero Abstentions

Leigh Debenham is Elected Safety and Training Officer

TP hands over to BC

BC got in touch with many over Easter in regards to the societies award, he informs that should any societies want feedback on how to improve to get in touch.

TP adds he wants feedback to be key, it being a worthwhile exercise and help societies learn how they can improve.

Q. Where do we get feedback from?

BC the best way would be to set up an informal meeting.

BC notes problem with societies award with the union setting goals that are unrealistic, he wants to change it so that union sets some roles and the societies set some for themselves.

Q. Will there be guidelines? Eat five hot dogs for example.

BC goals set will be sensible, best to have an interview and set the goals together.

AC. Makes more sense to have societies interactive.

AC. Some not relevant to societies

AC. The society of the month was a good idea, people deserve credit, good to do it through peers choosing.

BC goes through provisional societies award document – Attached.

Basic ideas/changes

Bronze to have 15 goals, 10 set by union 5 set by society

Shift nominations

Trips outside of Hull

Amount of people at event for gold from 100 to 75

BC notes still some leeway

BC need a way to incorporate new societies set up half way through the year.

AC. Need more help and advice for new societies

TP any ideas email BC

BC wants council to become more like a forum less the exec just talking at people.

TP. Societies council has been rubbish this year, aim to put out agendas and get people to put items on the agenda.

AC. Communication needs to improve, meetings very sporadic, could do with a consistent time.

BC. Set times for next year, this year so that everyone is informed in advance. Little room for excuses.

AC. Maybe have it first week of every month a regular time.

TP. Hoping to have a societies calendar published.

VW. Even arrangement of the room can make a difference, circle for example.

TP. Give society of the month a monetary amount, a good incentive. Decide by getting a proposal and voting at societies council, healthy discussion encourage healthy competition.

TP notes been difficult year, next year him and Adam both know what to expect and how to deal with things. Have the ability to be tougher on societies, if they don't attend council the shit will hit the fan. Hopes to run a tight ship.

TP asks for any more ideas.

Q. Does it always have to be Chair/President, is it okay if at least one person attends?

BC notes that AU bring their whole clubs along.

TP notes it is open to everyone and will maybe publicise it better next year.

Any other Business.

TP Thanks for not losing faith.

Events coming up

Amnesty Event Monday 7-9pm Wilberforce building.

Sci-Fi Fantasy Ball 20<sup>th</sup> May – Good fellowship Inn

Take Me Out Asylum – 7pm

TP Thank you for a brilliant year.