

Minutes for EGM 3/2/2021

Attendance: Chloe, Kate, Ben, Rory, Heather, Owen Sophie, Edmund, Ceri, Sarah, Ryan

Chloe led the meeting, which started at 20:13

Introduction

The agenda of the meeting was discussed, and the structure of the EGM was reiterated.

Viking Rally Plug

Viking Rally is an event (hopefully) happening in Autumn at Moor House that DUSAGG is helping to organize along with NUSSAGG.

They are currently advertising two new committee members: Publicity officer and Webmaster.

Anyone who is interested in the roles should message Chloe for more information.

Motions

Only a single motion was put forward.

“To make the role of Werewolf Office an Exec role in which their duties would be to assist the social sec in running online games.”

This comes from the last EGM’s motion to create the position of Werewolf officer.

The person elected to this role would have significant say in the exact details of the responsibilities of the role as well as how the role should be executed.

Discussion was held with several questions about what the implications of the motion both passing and failing would be, especially with regards to what the constitution says. [These minutes represent the conclusions made from these discussions, without the full details of the discussions themselves. Coherence of the points when reading these minutes has been preferred over exact chronology of individual points]

The motion failing would mean that the role would just exist as a special position within the society and would not be an exec position in and of itself. It would also mean that they would be unable to run for the role of president at the AGM. If the motion passed, then they would need to be given enough responsibility so that they have experience in an exec role for if they wanted to run for president at the AGM.

They would exist to help the social sec run activities and would not be there to replace them. The role can be thought of as an assistant to the social sec. Such an assistant role exists in other, larger, societies, and the formation of subcommittees is not uncommon.

As it stands now, we do not know when we will be able to have in person events/socials again, so while the role may become redundant in the future, we cannot say with any certainty yet. While the pandemic/lockdown is ongoing, the role is beneficial.

Votes

Yes 82%

No 9%

Abstain 9%

Motion passed.

Elections

Events Sec

Two candidates: Heather Moore, Sarah Chapman

Heather Moore

Good at planning for both long term projects and last-minute changes. She is prepared for, and well aware of, uncertainty that arises when planning events.

Understands and is good at the need for delegation, as well as the fact that sometimes the best thing to say to people is to get on with the work and just do it.

Will use GRYR as inspiration for summer camp which she is looking forward to planning

Sarah Chapman

Has previous experience as a member of the exec on the Sheffield SSAGO.

Was on the committee for the SSAGO Ball that got cancelled, as well as being on the committee for Viking rally. This has given her the experience that she needs to organize events.

Plans to have a virtual camp over the Easter break, as well as an in person one in summer if possible.

Discussion

It was clarified that the positions would need re-electing at the AGM, which will be held at the end of the term, so anyone elected to events sec now would not be directly involved in planning for summer camp this year.

Summer camp this year would need a lot more planning than it would have done in previous years and so it may be necessary to start planning now.

Although a person does not need to be scheduled to stay in Durham for the full duration of when they would be in the position (e.g., if they are elected at the AGM and they then graduate) in practice they will stay on as that position instead of the position being re-elected when they are no longer a student.

Given the lack of an events sec until the middle second term for 2 years running, it is very out of sync with the rest of the exec roles.

It was clarified that the distinction between events sec and social sec was that the events sec deals with anything “adventurous in nature”. This typically means longer, overnight, or outside of Durham events.

Edmund was the voice of RON.

Werewolf Rep

No candidates had declared interest at the time of the EGM.

It will be open for 5 days following the EGM.

It was discussed if it would still be open at the AGM, and it was concluded that it will be as the pandemic will likely still be ongoing.

Although discussed, the person who failed to get the events sec role could not be automatically given the werewolf rep role as this would require nominations to be reopened as otherwise it would be undemocratic.

Congratulations were given to everyone who was running for a role.

Voting opens at 22:00 3/2/2021 and closes at 22:00 8/2/2021

Voting can be done via SSAGO

Although the candidates themselves cannot vote, this was decided not to be an issue as there was only one position with candidates.

There was a discussion of previous roles that have existed within the society as well as how joke motions have worked historically.

Election results:

Events Sec: Heather Moore 6, Sarah Chapman 5

Werewolf Rep: RON 10