

YSA Melbourne



August

When 24-08-2019 at 10:00 PM

Present Pravind Easwaran , Shon Kolomoisky , Nicky Martin , Catriona Nguyen-Robertson , Najla Ratu Ragaya , Aemilia Sherwell , Beck Smith (Vice President (Events)), Josh Suhaven , Jessica Woolley

Apologies Michael Beards , Jamieson Doyle , Rebecca Neville , James Salamy

Unconfirmed Faith Thornton

Minutes

1. Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the online May-June meeting were read and accepted as a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

2. Position Reports

President:

JW ended up running the camp due to unforeseen circumstances.

Planning was difficult due to last minute changes

Swinburne TSCE ran well with a few issues with miscommunication. (e.g. a young student on the spectrum with Asperger's syndrome without a qualified carer.)

Natcon ran ahead with low attendance on our end.

The second day was shorter than expected due to large shifts in committee members in all chapters

We were approached by SciNation for volunteers

We received a message from United World Colleges regarding information to be shared with members

Secretary:

YSA volunteers helped with National Science Week, which has strengthened relations with RSV

Immediate Past President:

Financial reports are due in October and we will therefore need provide reports and hold an SGM before then.

3. Financial Motions and Payments

JW and PE to go to bank today to organise payments

JW moves motion to reimburse herself \$19.80 for Campaign Monitor subscription. Seconded by JS and motion carries.

JW moves motion to reimburse PE \$16.80 for food with NatCon (which will also be kept for MySci). Motion carries.

4. Updating TidyHQ pages

Many Tidy HQ pages have not been updated in a while. NM suggests that one person updates it, especially in light of MySci approaching.

There are 11 pages that need updating, which can be divided among committee members as organised by NM. NR will update the MySci page specifically.

5. Socials

We've missed deadlines - trivia was originally planned for this month. This means that it has to be held on Friday or a weekend, which is more costly. This will ideally be held this month.

FT is potentially bringing a board games social for this month, however this has not yet been confirmed.

Bubble Soccer was to be held in October. FT and PE are searching for quotes. This is quite expensive for low numbers.

Other ideas: bake off, BBQ, board games/outdoor games...

A potential idea moving forward in terms of socials organisation is to plan them on a two-month cycle with one requiring minimal organisation and the another, bigger event.

Advertising needs to be louder on social media: emails, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram.

5.1. Trivia

Trivia may be pushed back to October

CNR and SK have trivia materials ready to go which can be used.

An idea is to have a speed/Kahoot-style round which can be added to team scores.

6. MySci

MB had a meeting with Jim and Kim to organise dates and times (which are now locked in), a mini-bus, etc.

Subjects have not been confirmed as of yet (but we have suggested that maths doesn't necessarily run well).

Some of the activities and games (e.g. chants, mind games) were not received well by the older groups. Problem-solving challenges work well (e.g. egg drop, bridge-building, rocket launching) - students can work on one project during all their breaks for a final challenge in the last lunch. These projects can be kept in the debrief room for the duration.

NR will produce a video to advertise for MySci staffies.

GEMs to write email and posts to recruit for Kahuna and Gopher positions.

NM is creating a type form for applications - once leadership team is confirmed, staffie recruitment will begin immediately.

NR suggested advertising at universities as staffies - however this requires a different vetting process (e.g. asking unknown potential volunteers to come to socials first) and more time. This will have to be prepared approximately six months out. This can be tested for Swinburne TSCE.

Note that there have been issues arising in the past about knowing about medical conditions and behavioural issues that staff should be aware of. These should be asked about in advance - this feedback has been passed on to Jim.

We need a discussion with Monash to determine the scope of our Duty of Care.

AS to email Scout Hall regarding accommodation.

6.1. Subsidising Volunteers

We receive \$2.50 per student from SSF for SSF-run activities.

Volunteers can be out of pocket after events. Last year we received an honorarium from MySci that covered food and accommodation but it was not used to subsidise costs for volunteers (they current pay a \$60 fee).

JW suggests that fee is reduced to \$40 plus a free t-shirt.

7. Annual Return and SGM

We have to provide reports of our finances to the government yearly due on the 1st of October. An SGM is required, however there have always been issues with quorum (which is 20%, meaning 16 people) - call in's and proxies are sufficient.

This can be run in conjunction with the BBQ social and MUST be announced two weeks beforehand.

Tentative date: 14th September in Flagstaff Gardens.

Announcement to go out tonight or tomorrow using an email template on TidyHQ. PE to write it tonight.

Note that James is intending to write changes into the YSA Constitution.

8. Facebook Test

PE mentioned improving advertising on Facebook and looking at Facebook page usage, testing how well it's received.

To be moved to next meeting.

9. LinkedIn Page

CNR to look into creating a LinkedIn Page

10. "Bystander Syndrome"

JW has received little support from the committee and encourages committee members to pitch in their voices, man-power, etc.

If anyone would like to shadow JW to train for presidency, that would be welcome.

11. Reward Systems

A reward system based on volunteering activities performed by our members was discussed.

This may be reliant on one person collating all information or software support - NM suggested Kahunas spending time doing this after each TSCE etc.

End of minutes.