

Minutes of the Trinity 2019 TGM

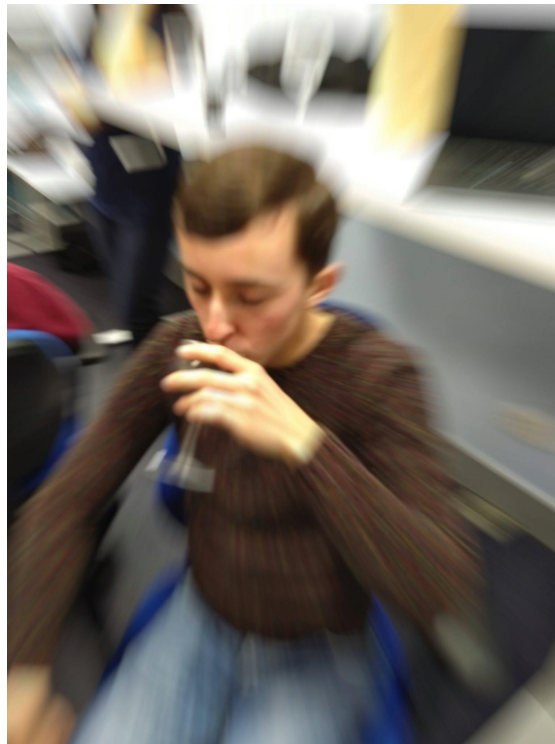


Figure 1: CompSoc Vice President Ben Slater realises that only one Meateor has been ordered

1 Members present

In person:

- Şerban Şlincu (President)
- Ben Slater (Vice President)
- Dom Benjamin (Secretary)
- Alexandra Manciu (Social Secretary)
- Sam Boyer (Treasurer)
- Jenny Vo
- Alasdair Kergon
- Hristo Venev
- Edward Hart
- Thomas Denney
- Ilia Manilov (Late)
- Miloš Golub (Late)
- John Ryan (Late)

By proxy:

- Edward Hart (Thomas Denney)
- Thomas Denney (Edward Hart)
- Matthew Burke (Edward Hart)
- Joshua Smailes (Dom Benjamin)
- Joe Gardiner (Dom Benjamin)

2 Committee reports

2.1 President

Serban: Everything is fine. We have new members, mostly because we're checking memberships. We also got some other members as well; most of them are maths students. We have CompSocks. They look really nice.

Ed: Those are better quality than the IMC socks. Very good.

Thomas: Did you get multiple styles in the end?

Sam: Just the one style. We could maybe get more styles for season 2?

2.2 Vice President

Ben: This was Trinity so there were fewer talks than usual. We have 3 bona fide talks: Algorithmic Biology with Artem Kaznatcheev, Entrepreneurship with Ian Hardingham and a talk with Ocado. The Artem and Ian talks were successful. To learn for

next term, the reason for their success was communicating with other societies: BioSoc and OXI. We had about 30 people for Artem and 24 for Ian. Ocado was a little less popular, probably because it was getting really close to exams. The topic also wasn't that appealing.

Thomas: What was the topic?

Dom: Disruptive Innovation at Ocado Technology.

Ben: This is the running struggle: to try to get companies to give talks that are popular with our members. It's good for them because they get more attendance and good for us because they get more sponsors.

Ben: We also had a quiz with TPP. It wasn't that well attended as far as TPP quizzes go. It was in Trinity and they also made the mistake of doing the same quiz with the Invariants and us.

Alexandra: And Physics.

Serban: And CodeSoc

Ben: TPP always gets a lot of events out of us because they ask. We want to make it clear to other sponsors that that's something they can do. We can hopefully get a wide variety of non-talk events.

Alasdair: I think TPP are unique in that regard.

Serban: They have been up until now, but I talked to Semmle and they seemed to realise that TPP benefit from us a lot and are interested in getting more events from us. It's not a problem if only a few companies want to do that.

Ben: There are a few sponsors that could be willing to do it. There hasn't been knowledge that they can in the past.

2.3 Secretary

Dom: Newsletters are still being sent out. I hope everyone is enjoying them.

Dom: In other news, we've switched to a new pizza supplier, Caprino's, for Geek Nights. This seems to be a popular decision in general.

General chatter follows about pizza crusts and toppings.

2.4 Treasurer

Sam: This has been a very exciting term in terms of funds. Less exciting than last term, of course. At the start of the term our account was at £10,118. We're currently at £9,723. Because of the extra stuff this term our expenditure so far this term

Current balance	£9 723.69
Balance this time last year	£5 645.59
Difference of	£4 078.10
Outstanding debt	£2 642.90
Outstanding sponsor payments	£2 800.00

Table 1: Accounts

has been £2,940, so we're on track to spend around £1,000 more than last term. This isn't a problem, since we've had lots of one-off purchases such as stash, CompSocks, stickers, first aid.

Ed: Did you have to pay for first aid?

Serban: Yes. We have four new committee members and the department only paid for two.

Sam: So, this has been an expensive term, but we're OK. That being said, looking at individual expenditure from weekly events it appears we are spending around 40% more on pizza and snacks than last term.

Alexandra: Because of the higher attendance.

Sam: Possibly attendance, could be the change in pizza provider. It may be worth considering trying to implement some kind of cap. We just need to be aware we have finite funds.

Sam: In terms of sponsorships, we received our outstanding Google sponsorship. We're still owed £2,800 from TPP and HSBC. I'm in contact, and will send out another email. That's balanced out by the £2,600 we owe people because of accidental payments.

Ed: Who are the owed people?

Sam: Bloomberg and Palantir. One of them was intended for OxfordHack or OxWoCS or something like that.

Ed: Can't you transfer that directly?

Sam: No, we definitely have to get Bloomberg or Palantir's permission for that.

Thomas: Does the current figure include this money that has been paid in?

Sam: Yes, but it also includes the stuff that we owe people.

2.5 Social Secretary

Alexandra: I don't have much to say. We had some new events this term: quiz night and the picnic that we tried to have. These were very popular. We should continue alternating these kinds of events with Geek Nights. We also had BYOH and people were interested in that. The theme last week wasn't so popular because it's the middle of exams. That might be useful to consider for next year as well. In general these kinds of events were interesting.

Alexandra: The Instagram account: ox.compsoc. 41 followers so far! It's going pretty well.

Alexandra: Quiz Night was the most successful event of the term: a lot of people showed up. We can keep doing that. People enjoyed it, even though we had some errors. We should try to have a Quiz Night every term, if we can come up with questions.

Sam: Michaelmas would be great, to get freshers involved.

3 Other motions

3.1 Adopt last meeting's minutes.

Serban: We need to adopt last meeting's minutes.

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3.2 Adopt a new, online sign-up system for membership.

Serban: The sign-up form is long and contains too much information. It seems like we want to steal their identity. Requires birth of dates [sic].

Sam: Having the course is good. We want to have a vague idea of what kind of people are members.

Dom: We should keep the course.

Serban: The main issue is paper vs electronic. We want to do online so that we don't have to print a sheet of paper. I've talked to the proctors, and the only thing they require are name, email and college.

Alasdair: The society should know how many members it has.

John: Can we use Bod cards?

Alexandra: Bod cards have all the information we need.

Thomas: The IT Services have SUSI (Sign Up and Sign In). We used that when I was in second year.

Dom: Invariants still use Bod cards, at least they did the last time I went.

Hristo: I'm fine with [an online sign-up form] as long as there is still a paper option as well.

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