

Minutes

Date: Thursday 3rd December 2020

Attendees: JSS, ASK, ASL, DS, SKS, NSD

Absences: SKK

Minutes by: ASK

Michaelmas Review:

1. Freshers Picnic
 - a. Receipts for reimbursement
 - b. Interaction element was good
 - c. Very good turnout – one of the only in-person events at Uni
 - d. Good to have something like that again
 - e. More photos needed for events like this (or pretty much any event)
2. Kaurs Social
 - a. Good, but needed more people to turn up
 - b. Fully signed-up, so disappointing turnout wasn't stronger
 - c. Could repeat that next term
3. Walk to Grantchester
 - a. Good to mix everyone up, turnout was good
 - b. Route wasn't defined enough and needed more photos (generally need more photos, even for online events, for our Instagram)
 - c. Could do again next term
 - d. Groups of 6 worked well (with Freshers Picnic too) because voices didn't get drowned out
4. 1984 Zoom Talk
 - a. Talk itself was good, turnout was good
 - b. End of event – one-off but we need to keep taking precautions; prepare for a scenario like that next time, too
 - i. Waiting Room, etc.
5. Access Conference
 - a. Organisation – delayed and a lot of confusion; last-minute; need to sort out for next year; struggled to get responses from schools; requirements/restrictions perhaps too strict; needs to be phrased in a way that's more open; having a keynote speaker to publicise around would be nice too
 - b. Breakout rooms and the day itself = successful; happy with that
6. Bandi Chhor Divas/Diwali
 - a. Gurdwara-run, but went well
 - b. Next year, have to think about whether it's going to be bigger, i.e., fireworks
 - c. More of us going Gurdwara Sundays and saying on the group-chat would be good
7. Draw & Dine
 - a. Went well overall
 - b. Dining part – less well-done; less communication; less structured; positive thing though – participation in the main chat
 - c. The games part went very well; fun and social element was good
 - d. Encouraging people to invite outside people

8. Amrit Vela – Rensabai and Nitnem
 - a. Sounded great in the Gurdwara, but not necessarily on Zoom
 - b. May be worth trying YouTube or Facebook live streams
 - c. Turnout was good on Zoom
 - d. Encouraging people who aren't necessarily Kirtanis to get involved
9. Rehraas Sahib & Vichaar
 - a. Online Rehraas Sahib worked really well
 - b. Inconsistent turnout, esp. with Vichaar
 - i. Need to see how it works in-person re: turnout
 - ii. Arjun happy to take lead if Kiran is unable to do it
 - c. Could do hybrid; people doing it in-person with the Zoom call on the side
 - d. Format of one shabad at a time was good, but need to encourage others who are less confident/comfortable to read, especially when there's smaller numbers
10. Welfare packs
 - a. Great feedback from most people
 - b. Last-minute organisation needs to be ironed out
 - c. Otherwise, went very well
 - d. Did great with what we had
 - e. Good indication of engagement – a lot of people who haven't ever gotten involved in Sikh Soc signed up
 - f. Distribution was the best way to do it
11. Panjabi/Gurmukhi classes
 - a. Arjun: quite slow, needs more urgency/better organisation; Gurmukhi classes haven't started; slow responses; "whentomeet" website good for these things
 - b. Juvraj: classes have been good; great turnout in Gurmukhi classes (around 7 people)
 - c. Replacement teacher for Naunidh's class has agreed; happy to start over Christmas and into the New Year
 - d. Harveen teaching a Gurmukhi class; need to message her and ask for feedback
 - i. 2 lessons only to 1 person; turnout hasn't been good
12. Bulletins
 - a. Update ideas document over Christmas
 - b. Delhi marches imminent
 - c. Consistent readership
 - d. Need to improve on the Twitter end of things
 - e. Encourage people to get involved/contribute themselves
13. Welfare Updates
 - a. Been great/amazing engagement
 - b. Feedback has been great

Christmas Holidays:

1. Welfare check-ins
 - a. Need to pick that up more in Lent
 - b. Simmi will take the lead on that
2. Social event/games night
 - a. Collaboration with another Uni (Oxford)
 - b. Dilmeet to take the lead on that
 - c. Somewhere around 19th/20th December, but maybe before that

Lent preview:

1. Confirmed events:
 - a. Taraki/Nishaan Talk (23/01/21)
 - i. Publicity to start up beginning of January, sign-up forms etc.
 - b. SavingPunjab Talk probably the weekend before we come back
 - i. Amrit needs to settle the details with Notts
 - c. Gurdwara Fundraiser:
 - i. Need to settle with Dilmeet what events we do for next term to confirm the term card
2. Start of term meal out in the groups of 6 – social activity
3. Kirtan in memory of Harjivan (agreed by Harjivan’s family)
 - a. Need to discuss the publicity aspect of it with his family; privacy-wise
4. Hoodies
 - a. Not running with Flex Singh
 - b. Banana Moon is a potential avenue
 - c. Need to get hoodie orders as soon as possible
 - d. Virtually exact same design
 - e. Keep prices consistent with last year
 - i. Give an option to add £5 or something to go towards the Gurdwara fundraiser
5. For Farmers
 - a. Plain “SIKH SOCIETY” wheat-coloured sweatshirts, with pre-partition Panjab embroidered on it too
6. Handover
 - a. Combining Computing and Publicity into one role
 - b. Keep Religious and Interfaith Officer role
 - c. Over Christmas, need to write up your handover documents for the next committee and add to it over the term
 - i. Use previous documents for reference on how to do that
7. Website
 - a. Putting old bulletins/future bulletins onto the website for people to read-up