

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: 5th February 2021

Attendees: JSS, ASK, ASL, SKS, SKK, DS, NSD and general society members

Minutes by: ASK

Apologies: N/A

Absences: N/A

1. Freshers Picnic – weather was poor, follow-up was poor, fresher engagement was poor following that
2. Welfare packs – good, good numbers, welfare packs, good idea
3. Oxbridge game nights – poor turnout from Oxford; between us, it was fine; issue was their lack of publicity; from our side, pretty good
4. Panjab sweatshirts – keeping it to £25
5. MH Talk – good turnout, international reach, other universities poor, next time we could do it solo, feedback was good
 - a. Mental Health updates – good outreach, not necessarily from university members though
6. Shabd Singh Talk – brilliant from ASL's perspective; reach was perspective
 - a. Good talk, good running
7. SavingPunjab Talk – really good; slight issue at the end; video will be edited by SavingPunjab; great turnout; publicity was great on both ends
8. Elections: Friday 26 = elections, manifesto deadline

Financial figures

1. £2300 in the bank
 - a. Of the whole year, £1500 income
 - b. £700 ~ expenditure
 - c. £700 ~ profit
 - d. All of 2020

Event ideas

1. Carrying on energy of farmer issues
 - a. Organising something in the Union
2. More emphasis on sevadaar role: more member-run than committee-run
 - a. Vichaar:
 - i. Good turnout and engagement
 - ii. Might be worth “targeting” those who are less knowledgeable – diversifying it
 - iii. Might be worth opening to other universities
 - iv. Next committee – content is there for next committee to pick up
 - v. It’s Vichaar, not a katha – a discussion, not Kiran or whoever teaching
 - vi. Accessibility – watching videos together and forming ideas together
 - vii. Vichaar maybe an off-putting word – emphasising discussion for beginners
 - b. Forum to ask really basic questions for people not at all in the clue about Sikhi: need to find a way for beginners to be introduced to Sikhi
3. Virtual Common Room – good, want to keep it up
4. Constitution:
 - a. Getting rid of fees in verbiage
 - b. Currently committee has to be comprised of full-time university members
 - i. Changing to only a majority of the committee has to be full-time students, and 2 out of 3 of the executive committee
 - c. Clause re: running for same committee positions again
 - i. If positions are unfilled; can’t contest role
 - ii. At all or consecutively