

## Minutes of January 2007 Meeting of the Northampton Branch BCS Committee

Meeting Held 8pm, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2007 at The Turnpike Beefeater Harpole

### Present

Johnny Beardsmore – YPG Representative  
Malcolm Collins – Membership Secretary & Email Coordinator  
Richard Cooper – Webmaster  
Brendan D'Cruz – Chair Person  
Andrew Page – Public Relations Officer  
Paul Squires – Secretary  
Mike Wilkins – Treasurer

### Apologies

Kevin Crocombe – Educational Liaison Officer  
Carol Long – Female Membership Officer

### Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes for the last meeting were accepted.

### Matters Arising

### Actions Review

Action Ref	Action	Responsible	Complete
0906-9	Arrange speaker from HQ to give CareerBuilder Presentation	Paul	N
1106-01	Email to Brendan to obtain more details on his possible event, particularly when it could be arranged to happen	Paul	Y
1106-02	Investigate possible venues for Networking Event as alternative to Beefeater at Harpole  Thresham college and County Cricket Ground offered as suggestions for potential venues.	Johnny	N
1106-03	Make contact with Motor Sports acquaintance to see if he can help with setting up an event  Malcolm's contact has retired so this is a no go.	Malcolm	Y
1106-04	Take a look at using Thresham college to hold events  Johnny ascertained that the college is not very busy so it would be possible to hire rooms easily.  Costs are awaited before the next committee meeting, capacities as follows: Classroom 15 – 20 persons Lecture Theatre 45 – 45 persons	Johnny	90%

## Treasurers report

Mike advised the meeting that since the last meeting no funds had been spent, and as yet he has received no invoice for the xmas meal. It was agreed that this is needed to ensure funds paid by attendees are used to pay it.

Current balance is £1051.69 in this budget year to June '07

Anticipated expenditure was discussed as follows:

Andy – The previously discussed BCS stand for £400 - £600

Malcolm – Networking event, approximately £400 last time

Brendan queried whether we have put in a budget, to which the answer was no. Mike then questioned whether we really need one as we have only spent 46% so far this year, general consensus was no.

## Membership report

Members 656

Email contactable 565            No email 91

Female: 102    Male: 549    Unclassified 5

Fellows 11; Affiliates: 46 Associates: 31 Members:475 Students: 93 (CITP: 143)

Prime branch members: 545 Secondary Branch:111

Age:	up to 20	6
	20-30	144
	30-40	170
	40-50	174
	50-60	118
	60-70	31
	No DOB	10

## Current Programme

New Action 0107-01 to Tidy up and update the PDF of our current programme on the website as it is now out of date

January '07	Joint with Bedford	This has slipped to 1 <sup>st</sup> February and a new room has been found to accommodate an increased number of 110. It was felt by the committee that it would be a largely Northampton membership event based on current "booked" places. Therefore those from the committee attending to wear name badges and arrive early to meet and greet.
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March 07 #1	6 <sup>th</sup> or 15 <sup>th</sup> March	<p>Kevin has provided details to Malcolm re his event which is about "The Cutter Project" which is all about using a standardised Open Source software platform in Schools. He has the speaker lined up for either date mentioned.</p> <p>New Action 0107-02 Kevin to confirm date (preferably 6<sup>th</sup> March) and get definite booking for speaker and venue</p> <p>New Action 0107-03 Kevin to make contact with Gary Hill or Nick Boutle at UON Avenue campus to hold the event there.</p>
March '07 #2	During Science week 9th to 18th March	<p>Networking event in the form of a "pub" quiz.</p> <p>Several rounds, not all related to Computing. Event to be marketed as a 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Event. Committee to have a team.</p> <p>Action 1106-02 carried over to arrange venue for networking event, currently assigned to Johnny.</p> <p>Venue to supply food similar to last years Networking Event.</p>
April '07	Mike	<p>It was suggested that Mike was going to speak at an event to do with Contracting.</p>
May '07		<p>Jubilee – Bletchley Park event to be marketed as our event.</p> <p>New Action 0107-04 to chase HQ for information.</p>
June '07	All	<p>AGM and student showcase</p> <p>Committee nominations were discussed and it was agreed we should start canvassing the membership mid to end of March for this. New Action 0701-05 to do this.</p> <p>Johnny suggested that the prize should be free membership of BCS for 1 year. Brendan confirmed this is already a part of the prize.</p> <p>Brendan lead a discussion regarding the student showcase prizes due to lack of interest from UON.</p> <p>If no further positive input from Susan it was agreed that we should widen the scope of establishments able to support us better. Malcolm suggested a potential idea was to invite institutions to put forward their best students then the committee to select the prize winners. Others agreed this was good, however the age range should be limited to &gt;16.</p> <p>New Action 0107-06 for Brendan to discuss with Susan on Feb 1<sup>st</sup> to come to a resolution.</p>

		New Action 0107-07 for Mike to put in a new bid for student prize funds as our current bid runs out this year.
July '07		Potential BBQ event to keep in mind

### **Any Other Business**

New Action 0107-08-Brendan to chase Project Management lady about her book

It was agreed that the new website design Richard put up as a test site should be implemented. To achieve this, Paul will not apply any further updates to the old site, New Action 0701-09 for Richard to implement the new design on the live site by 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 07.

Brendan queried whether it would be possible to have a photo gallery on the new site. Both Richard and Paul agreed that it could be done after the new design had been implemented. New Action 0701-10 for Richard/Paul to implement a website photo gallery.

Paul queried who was going to attend the next branches congress which is soon. It was agreed that Johnny and possibly Richard would go.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2007, 8pm, Harpole Beefeater

## Actions

### Carried Over

Action Ref	Action	Responsible	Target Completion
0906-9	Arrange speaker from HQ to give CareerBuilder Presentation	Paul	End November
1106-02	Investigate possible venues for Networking Event as alternative to Beefeater at Harpole	Johnny	Next Committee
1106-04	Take a look at using Thresham college to hold events – specifically confirm pricing	Johnny	Next Committee

### New

Action Ref	Action	Responsible	Target Completion
0107-01	Tidy up and update the PDF of our current programme on the website as it is now out of date	Paul / Richard	2 <sup>nd</sup> week February
0107-02	Confirm date (preferably 6 <sup>th</sup> March) and get definite booking for speaker and venue	Kevin	Next Committee
0107-03	Make contact with Gary Hill or Nick Boutle at UON Avenue campus to hold the event there	Kevin	Next Committee
0107-04	Chase HQ for information on Bletchley Park event	Brendan	Next Committee
0107-05	Canvass membership for committee nominations	Malcolm/Brendan	End March
0107-06	Discuss with Susan @ UON Student prizes	Brendan	1 <sup>st</sup> week Feb
0107-07	Put in a new bid for student prize funds	Mike	Next Committee
0107-08	Chase project management lady about her book	Brendan	Next Committee
0107-09	Implement new website design	Richard	1 <sup>st</sup> Feb
0107-10	Implement new website photo gallery	Richard/Paul	End Feb