

GREATER MANCHESTER SKEPTICS SOCIETY

General Meeting
Thursday 26th February 2015, 7:00pm
Minutes

Minutes by: Malcolm Chambers

Agenda:

1. Apologies
2. Thanks for Website
3. Bank Account Update
4. Discussion of Committee Members' Roles
5. Future Speakers
6. Survey of Members
7. AOB

Attendees:

- Malcolm Chambers
- Andy Bowers
- Victoria Stiles
- Andrew Taylor
- Caroline Meek
- Roy Koifa
- Another GMSS Member Contributing

1) Apologies

- Paul Fitzgerald
- Geoff Whelan (late due to work)

In Geoff Whelan's absence, Victoria Stiles chaired the meeting.

2) Thanks for Website

Group thanks Andrew Taylor for website. Andrew says the group is welcome.

There are only a few minor bugs with it, so very good.

3) Bank Account Update

[Unfortunately Rick Owen is in Jersey so couldn't attend.] Bank account can be opened, signatures to be done later tonight, need constitution to sign.

4) Discussion of Committee Members' Roles

[See 9th October 2014 AGM minutes for list of current committee members and roles.]

Caroline Meek is Outreach Officer. She and the group discussed her role. The following was noted:

- Geoff Whelan organises talks
- Could share contacts so Caroline can help organise
- Outreach should include events for groups / bodies / organisations, e.g. humanists, maybe joint events?
- **ACTION** Andrew Taylor to provide Caroline Meek with email to facilitate communication.
- Caroline Meek to confirm with Geoff Whelan before using his contacts
- **ACTION** Victoria Stiles will ensure facebook group and other sites (e.g. meetup) show all events.
- Noted we should be sharing tasks Geoff Whelan's doing – part of purpose of committee.

5) Future Speakers

Fracking talks have been done elsewhere with expert speakers. However it attracted people with strong opinions.

[See AOB for further discussion.]

6) Survey of Members

The group has multiple sites – difficult to distribute info to all members.

Mailing list suggested. Need to collect members' email address. Can use it to send important messages

Mail chimp does this, includes unsubscribe etc.

ACTION Andrew Taylor to look into survey options and mailing list.

Suggestion Box on website was suggested.

Survey Monkey could be used for survey – could link to it on all formats.

Website could have 'put your email address here' option. Could have tick-boxes for what people are interested in receiving as messages.

ACTION All to think of questions to go in survey.

7) AOB

Geoff Whelan has two speakers lined up for the group.

Miles Power was mentioned at the meeting as a potential speaker.