

# Minutes for ACCU Committee meeting

## 12th May, via Hangouts

<https://hangouts.google.com/>

Meeting started at 2:30. All invitations to new members went without real hitches.

### 1. Attending

Roger Orr, Phil Nash, Matt Jones, Patrick Martin, Ralph McArdeell, Guy Davidson, Felix Petriconi, Rob Pauer, Bob Schmidt

### Apologies for absence in advance

Bob Schmidt(!), Russel Winder, Jim Hague

### 2. Minutes from last meetings

The committee approved the minutes of the previous meeting

### 3. Actions in progress from previous meeting

**Note:** the Google Sheet for actions is here:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RMTorasYR\\_A94VBjv-Dn6ghhTVWLbW0w1ekhN994qFI](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RMTorasYR_A94VBjv-Dn6ghhTVWLbW0w1ekhN994qFI)

### Actions from previous meetings:

Action item	Action
119	Nigel: GDPR to create steps to take on breach and similarly procedure to handle takedown notices - Patrick to confirm all is done
122	Seb? Bob?: update the very old advertising card
129	Deal with at conference: Bob: ask Russel his opinion on turning off YouTube comments; asking authors if they are willing to provide a link that can be embedded with videos so that viewers can contact them. This might involve changing the speaker's form to include that information.
137	Roger: Contact Bryce re insurance / public liability for US meetings

### Actions added by this meeting:

<b>Action item</b>	<b>Action</b>
138	Bob to redirect ads@accu.org, given Seb is no longer handling this
139	Matt to pass on the Meetup admin role to Phil to help the local groups
140	Phil to write up and pass round his suggestions for local group affiliations

Also Action All - ensure that everyone that can reads Rob's insurance proposal and gets feedback to him with a deadline of 7 days from now

## **4. Reports**

### **4.1 Advertising**

*Rob indicated that Seb and he communicate ; QBS renewal is coming up soon. [ads@accu.org](mailto:ads@accu.org) is getting all the enquiries - Action #138 to redirect*

### **4.2 Conference**

*Roger verbal report*

*Spring conference - dates announced at conference*

*Conference feedback has been received*

*Pressure on the corridor in the Bristol conference is the main practical difficulty*

*Remember - Bristol Marriott is good for relationships and Wifi!*

*Autumn conference - call for proposals has gone out*

*Travel is worrying people - we think this *\*should\** be fine at the time, though.*

*AYA has set up dual booking for ACCU and ACCU/ WG21*

*Discussion with sponsors are ongoing, and ACCU might be tapped as one of the sponsors of last resort*

### **4.3 Local Groups**

*Welcome Phil*

*Matt mentioned he should pass on the admin tasks for the  
Action for Matt to pass on the meetups admin to Phil - Action #139*

*Phil proposed expanding out some support for local groups like affiliation / community sponsorship /  
mentoring - Action #140*

#### **4.4 Membership**

*Matt Jones - nothing untoward to report - the Google sheet is up to date*

#### **4.5 Treasurer**

*Rob Pauer verbal report*

*The accounts have been finalised and agreed.*

*Julie from AYA has sent a note on the fees due; Tee shirts etc. The bill to AYA will be sent shortly.*

*Our deposit account with Natwest has 40K earning a very low interest rate. Natwest has an account type  
that offers a higher interest rate, but there is a 30 day notice requirement to withdraw funds, but that  
should be OK.*

*Per Bob's query: there is a current account with 20K available for time critical contingencies*

#### **4.6 Publicity**

*No reporter*

#### **4.7 Standards**

*Guy Davidson verbal report.*

*Next copy of CVu is due at the end of May.*

*Question on what is the right content?*

*Roger mentioned there have been other languages' standards process documented. Guy will concentrate  
on placing his stamp on the articles first.*

#### **4.8 Website**

*From Jim's email:*

*I've been on holiday since Bristol, so nothing new to report other than  
no significant incidents on the website and mailing lists. Oh, and  
removing the user home page from the website user info does seem to have  
reduced the number of obviously junk signups to the website.*

#### **4.9 Social Media**

*Bob discussed the position with Samathy Barratt at the conference. She expressed an interest, but not*

*until she is finished with her studies.*

#### **4.10 Publications**

*Roger Orr: verbal report - the ongoing problem of low throughput on content submissions persists*

### **5. Any other business**

**5.1** Suggestion from Phil: Discussion about possible migration of mail servers, example: Discourse. Deferred until Jim is in the meeting. Discussion about the original reasons for sticking with the existing mailman- perhaps conditions have changed for the user base, and more mobile device support is becoming important?

**5.2** Suggestion from Ian Bruntlett -

“I have a suggestion... get a replacement for Astrid Byro (former book review editor). She arranged for publishers to send books for reviewing in CVu.”

Discussion on how a possible replacement for Astrid might be found- last prospect was via conference.

Response to Ian is yes, we would love to - Bob will ensure that these queries are in VFTC and try to get message out in local groups.

Also Matt mentioned that book reviews are happening, but on an individual basis.

Rob suggested that book prizes should come with a gentle hint that a review would be welcome  
Roger mentioned that locating the book reviews has become harder in the current iteration of the searchable database.

Phil suggested that a format like a blog with the RSS feed.

Ask whether Jim could do with some help by giving out some tasks to speed things up - During the conference, Bob spoke with Jim about helping move content to the new format, but Jim wasn't quite ready for help. Bob also mentioned that Jim mooted hiring a contractor to provide a custom Hugo template.

### **6. Date of next meeting**

The date of the next committee meeting will (provisionally) be July 7th 2:30PM BST, via the usual Google hangout.