Minutes for additional ACCU Committee meeting

5th March 2023, via Google Meet

Meeting started at 14.30.

1. Attending

Roger Orr, Ralph McArdell, Matt Jones, Adeel Nadeem, Patrick Martin

Apologies for absence

Felix Petriconi, Geoff Daniels, Jim Hague, Guy Davidson, Bob Schmidt

2. Extraordinary Business

2.1 Proposal to provide financial support to the ACCU conference

Mosaic are struggling to make this year's conference financially viable, given the number of registrations. They have made a number of proposals for cutting costs, including reducing support for lighting in some rooms, crewed (as opposed to static) cameras, updates to the Discord server and editing of videos (notably of lightning talks). May be able to pare down costs using less drastic measures, e.g. by using media students to crew some cameras.

Costings for other items which may require support from Patrick:

Discord Server update for ACCU 2023 (could be rolled with updates for members and committee purposes too) - £300.

Lighting for Empire - £250 for the week. It seems that SSGB will have a limited number of sessions due to drop outs, it would be nice to light these sessions too, but may not be cost effective if only a few sessions will benefit from this. But we could potentially provide some basic lights if you think it would be worth it.

Editing and Release costs for the Lightning talks (around £1000).

The committee sees significant value in YouTube videos being of good quality. The significant cost of the Gathertown online meeting space definitely isn't supportable given the limited usage. It seems possible that online attendances may come in late, given experience elsewhere, but it seems too risky to work on this basis.

Patrick proposed funding all items. They were voted on individually:

Discord server upgrade: not supported;

Lighting for Empire: supported unanimously;

Editing and release of lightning talks: for 4, against 0, abstained 2.

Meeting closed 14:50