

Caltech Russian Club Annual Meeting on August 23, 2004.

Minutes.

Present (in no particular order):

Alexey Pankine
Alexei Dvoretzkii
Rassul Karabalin
Mikhail Kislitsyn
Alexei Kopylov

Agenda

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- 1) Status report
- 2) Adopt club bylaws
- 3) Elect officers for 2004-2005
 - a. Board Chair - directs activities of the board
 - b. President - chief executive
 - c. Treasurer - finances
 - d. Secretary - club documents, minutes
- 4) Approve 2004-2005 budget
 - a. Funding (GSC, CAA, SIF)
 - b. Establish dues for 2004-2005
- 5) Discuss upcoming activities
 - a. GSC funding application

1) Rassul reported on the purchase of the samovar, DVDs and the Stalker movie party. The movie party was a big success, people ate everything we brought and stayed to watch the whole movie (all 6 hours)! **Congratulations and to everyone involved!**

As it turns out Samovar requires 220 V. As a result it takes forever to boil even a glass of water. So, for now it's just an expensive decoration. Two solutions were proposed; return it or get a transformer. **The President gets an action item to resolve the problem with the Samovar.**

Rassul also bought several Russian movies on DVDs. According to the funding deal, we have to turn the movies to the library at some point (within a year). We also want to watch them first. Thus, we need to have a movie show maybe once in 2 month. **The time is TBD, responsibility is President.**

2) Bylaws are adopted unanimously with minor changes. **Alexei Dvoretzkii takes responsibility to do the final edit and post the bylaws on the Club web page.**

3) The Meeting elected Club officers for 2004/2005:

BoD Chair: Alexey Pankine

President: Rassul Karablin

Treasurer: Mikhail Kislitsyn

Alexei Dvoretzkii kindly agreed to remain a consultant until he finally graduates and leaves Caltech.

It was decided to not to have the position of the Secretary.

The leaving Pres Timoxa and Tres Alexei Dvoretzkii receive highest marks for their efforts in reviving and reinvigorating the Club, creating the new organizational structure and receiving substantial funding from Caltech (probably, for the first time ever).

4) First, the funding schedule:

Sep 1 – GSC

Jan 1 – Caltech Alumni (CAA)

Apr 1 - Caltech Investment Fund (CIF)

It also possible to get “quick funding” during a year.

- a) Last time we got \$250 from GSC and it was not enough. This time we will ask for \$500. To get more funding we need more Club members, since the amount of funding is directly proportional to the number of club members. Rassul will send an e-mail to the list asking people to join the club and will create the list of members. We also need to reduce the number of parties to 2 - \$250 each. Rassul and Alexei Dvoretzkii will work on the funding proposal to GSC. Last time we got \$450 from CAA – let’s aim for the same number this year too.
- b) The dues for 2004/2005 remain at \$5

5) The following upcoming activities and action items were suggested:

- buy the official bottle opener for the BoD meeting (Pres)
- fix the Samovar problem (Pres)
- organize Russian movie nights (once in 2 months) (Pres)
- welcome new students (at the orientation Sep 12 - Tres and Ivan Grudin – get the list of names)
- final edit of Club bylaws (Dvoretzkii)
- rewrite the Technique welcome (Chair)
- organize meetings with alumni (Pres)
- submit GSC funding proposal by Sep 1 (Pres, Dvoretzkii)
- participate in the Club Fair (Sep 25, Pres)