

RusClub BOD meeting on September 29, 2004

Agenda:

1. Beslan charity event follow-up. Identify deserving charities. Send out donations. Thank donors (especially Marengo school kids) and let them know how their money was spent. Now, that we've done something good, we may as well get the credit for it and raise the club's profile. I am personally thinking about writing an editorial to the GSC October newsletter. Can we think of anything else?
2. Club fair/orientation week/GSC funding proposal. Discuss results.
3. Sponsoring Playgroup. Who they are, how many kids they have, what their Caltech affiliation is. If we are sponsoring this we must make sure that this is well advertised and open to all members of the community.
4. Follow up on the action items from the last meeting – see minutes (bottle opener and the rubber stamp among others).
5. Dues and BOD composition. So far only eight people have paid them: Karabalin, Kopylov, Kislitsyn, Dvoretzkii, Tkacheva, Pankine, Kondrashova, Kossakovski. We need to collect more dues. Also, we have a new set of bylaws and we need to uphold them. Those who do not pay dues automatically lose their member status and cannot participate in any club decisions. This mailing list is our main channel for communication within the BOD. Those who have not paid dues should probably be unsubscribed and remain on the general rusclub list. Also, we need to update posting privileges accordingly.
6. We keep getting emails to sovok@its from kvn-la folks. If there is no interest on our side we should probably unsubscribe.
7. Discuss upcoming events.

Present:

Pankine
Dvoretzkii
Karabalin
Kislitsyn
Grudinin
Gross
Taganov
Playgroup:
Irina Parchomchuk

Viktoria Rozenbaum

Minutes:

3. Met the Playgroup people. We are going to reserve Winnet lounge for their activities. The place is need for Wednesday and Friday from 10 to 12. They need it for the whole school year (till June), but it can only be reserved for a term or something. Tim did it before; we can ask him how it is done. Rassul is in charge.

Some of the Playground people are affiliated with Caltech/JPL, while others are not. Question is, can we accept them into the club? This would require rewriting the bylaws. Did not reach any conclusion after lengthy discussion. When did we become such bureaucrats?

1. Voted on where to send the money. Two organizations were proposed: Red Cross and International Foundation for Terror Act Victims. The majority voted for IFTAV since it's a small volunteer organization with no overhead – so more money will get to the victims; we know they are not fraudulent because they helped people in the past after the Nord-Ost hostage crisis. After some discussion Dvoretiskii is charged to find out how to transfer the money and to post the results on our web-site.

3. We got \$500. Need to do something. Suggestions: involve undergrads, Russo-French movie night, party. See 7.

4. We have the can opener now. Need to buy the stamp. Also, Pankine promised to write for Technique and did not. What a shame. The samovar is not working, because it needs 220V. We have several options:

- just keep it as an expensive (\$150) place holder;
- get a transformer (need to test the transformer – do we have anyone with access to a lab with a transformer);
- buy a foreign samovar (check out how much will it be).

5. No decision.

6. Voted to unsubscribe.

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