MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE SOUTH WEST BRANCH OF THE BCS HELD AT ROYAL OAK, SOUTH BRENT ON MONDAY 13th June 2011

Present:

Prof Steven Furnell(SF), Dr. Shirley Atkinson(SA), Dr. Nathan Clarke (NC), Ted Draper(ED), Janet Kneller(JK), Dr. Jonathan Fieldsend(JF), Dr. Paul Dowland(PD), Alastair Revell (AR), Kevin Chamberlain(KC)

Apologies from Nathan Clarke, Kent McClymont

Minutes of previous meeting:

Minutes of meeting on Sept 6th were approved, subject to correction:

Andy Phipps, should be Phippen

Matters Arising:

Video camera still in Exeter from Apple event – Returned with Alistair.

Past events:

Apple – State of computing

Physical security

History of computing- A good event as got people networking, and could repeat annually

Hawkeye

Joint BCS/IISP – Security

Events program:

SF has concerns that most events are Plymouth centric, and despite size of committee, we have not had many meetings.

Proposed that we fix dates of committee meetings for whole year, prior to AGM

Does the committee needs extra persons, or do we need to be better organised?

Branch has 2 places at convention(s) which have not been taken – Branches convention is on 18th October.

We should aim to put on 2 big events each year – 1 in Plymouth & 1 in Exeter

Option for joint talk with IISP about "Should Web 2.0 (Facebook/Twitter) be allowed in workplace?" –Could expand to use of Web 2.0 within small business (esp tourism), but care needed to balance needs of BCS (and branch) members, with wider public promotion.

Base joint event in Plymouth (Mid-end October) and a debate style at The Bridge, Exeter (January)

"Why should I be CITP?" – ask HQ to supply speaker – schedule for Feb, as of interest to student members.

SA – ICT teachers are interested in getting together, could combine with ChildLine. Relevant to both Plymouth & Exeter – so could video link both venues. Ideally September, but too soon to arrange this year, so better in December.

Games development (Plymouth Univ based), also iCub(Tich) – robot baby project

History of Computing - November

AGM at end of September – possibly Mobile computing/Apps – can we get a big name industry player to speak?. Cloud computing another possible topic? Possible date Thur 29th Sept.
SA – Suggests 'DigPen', a new network of developers being brought together in SW.

Committee meetings:
 19th September 2011
Mid November (14th),

Finance:
Spent £1820 of £2857 budget – Poss some catering, and student prizes to be claimed, so have around £400 left.

Next year budget is £2337, including student prizes. If this does not cover the running costs we can apply for additional funding.

HQ Matters:
Nothing significant to report, PWP report, and streamlining of management of member groups.

AOB
Some press coverage has been attained for events.
Check mailing list – Mark, Andy and Max have not been at meetings or responded, so remove them.
KC to investigate if HQ can provide a committee list, otherwise Paul will investigate alternatives.
SF to circulate invite to stand for election at AGM, and for all to provide statement about their thoughts on branch committee.