

**MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE SOUTH
WEST BRANCH OF THE BCS HELD AT
ROYAL OAK, SOUTH BRENT
ON WEDNESDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2009**

Present:

Prof Steven Furnell(SF), Ted Draper(ED), Mark Culverhouse(MC), Nathan Clarke (NC), Dr. Jonathan Fieldsend(JF), Alastair Revell (AR), Kevin Chamberlain(KC), Kent McClymont (KM)

Apologies:

Phil Chivers(PC), Janet Kneller(JK), Dr. Paul Dowland(PD), Dr. Shirley Atkinson(SK), Andy Phipps(AP)

Minutes of previous meeting:

Were accepted as true record.

Matters Arising:

- Exeter Chamber of Commerce – costs £75/year which includes page on website and event invites for up to 6 committee members
- Name badges have been ordered
- Signs – Ordered 6 x Direction/site + 4 ‘Branch’ signs
- History of Computing exhibition is progressing

Events:

The following outline event program was discussed:

- Jan (end) IP on Social Networking sites (AR)
- Feb John Haggarty – Forensics (NC)
- Mar IBM Testing at Exeter (JF)
- Apr / May ?

Suggestions:

- Fly Safe (Met Office project) (JK)
- Games design + Development (KM)
- Microsoft (PC)
- Apple (SF)
- Major joint Branch meeting with Bristol & Dorset (KC)
- AGM will be in September
- Platform for 3 or 4 members to speak about their IT – suggested email out or invite via BCS Member network.

Finance:

Budget for FY09-10 is £2020. Current spend is: £113.60

Still awaiting confirmation from BCS HQ about which period the £2020 is to cover.

[Post meeting response from HQ: "*Budgets for the May-August months of 2009/10 financial year are currently being looked at and nothing had definitely been decided. Having said this however, and having looked at the what individual branches actually spent last year compared with the budgets they have already been given and the lack of activities during the summer months, it seems unlikely that there will be any automatic top-up to the £2,020 you have already been given.*"]

HQ:

Branches Management Committee(BMC) and Specialist Group Exec (SGEC) are to be merged into a new Membership Board, with committees – Finance, Policy and Best Practice.

AOB:

- Press release to be produced – Project prizes and Awards
- BCS has launched Member Network – South West Branch page has been created – all Committee members are encouraged to sign up (N.B. Different login to BCS secure area)
- For future discussion – Should BCS be accrediting companies – c/f Microsoft
- Schools Security workshop in Plymouth 3rd February

Next Meeting:

Monday 11th January 2010, 7pm at Royal Oak, South Brent