



YOUNG INDEPENDENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 23/12/2017

Meeting commenced at 10:45am

Attendees Present

Nathan Ryding [NR] (Chairman)
Reece Coombes [RC] (Deputy Chairman)
Sebastian Cheek [SC] (Treasurer)
George Pykov [GP] (Secretary)

Absent

N/A

Chairman's Report

- **NR:** Congratulates **SC** on being elected treasurer
- **NR:** Not much to say since the last meeting, however refresh: secured 5 new patrons
 - **SC:** Congratulates **NR**
- **NR:** Spoken with Jake Painter to call a meeting to discuss a number of things:
 - Membership fee increase
 - Something that Jonathan proposed at the last meeting – financial support for UKIP Students. Jonathan had proposed a lump fee of £1000 but this depends on what the current treasurer feels is fit.
 - **GP:** Will this likely be a lump fee or continuous payment?
 - **NR:** Suggests that this will be a lump fee.
 - **SC:** UKIP Students still doesn't have a bank account so physically sending money may be a bit difficult right now.
- **NR:** Most likely will happen after the New Year but main things to discuss is the membership fee increase. Will be working with senior and elected party officials about this, as well as the rest of the Exec once elected. The main thing that will be raised is printing for letters that YI doesn't really need.
 - **SC:** Would like to make a table of the age range & demographics of our members as younger members may not be able to afford the £20 fee increase.
 - **NR:** I did look at this the other day, under 22 accounts for around 800 of our membership.
 - **NR:** Main issue with the membership fee is to make this the main issue. Final resorts if negotiations don't work then we can put out open letters and referendum results amongst YI. Also is confident that the NEC will be on side.
 - **SC:** Feels that a small raise to something like £5 (such as the Conservative's youth wing) will mean we are paying our fair share to the party for the support they give to YI.

Deputy's Report

- **RC:** Designed/formatted a standardised email and explained how to insert the formatted email.
- **RC:** Going to design a 'shell' application form for function team applications to be used after we have a fully elected Exec.

Treasurer's Report

- **SC:** Currently liaising with Jonathan to get a smooth transition. Before the New Year he would like to see the current financial position on the account and the process that is needed for him to take over control of the account.
- **SC:** Wants a demographic of YI's membership for negotiations with Henry Bolton about the membership fee increase.
- **NR:** Take off everyone who is not currently in the Exec that is a signatory to the bank account to be taken off.
 - **SC:** Agrees

YI Patrons

- **NR:** 5 new patrons after Christmas. All guaranteed to be *at least* Silver tier (£25 per month). Looking at merchandise to give them and writing up benefits for each tier.

Tiered Patrons System

- **SC:** Will have 4 categories: Purple, Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Each will receive a colour coded pin badge. Those pins will be re-issued each year. Merchandise needs to be done and should be done quickly.
- **RC:** One issue with patrons system: that we don't make a loss from the lesser paying patrons from merchandise.
- **SC:** Rough limit in terms of months, so for example a purple patron receiving £10 worth of benefits over the course of the year

Exec & Council Elections

- **GP:** First order of business is deciding on a Returning Officer
 - **RC:** Suggests the appointment of a Deputy Returning Officer
 - **GP & NR & SC** agree but all voice concerns
 - **RC:** If someone doesn't get an email they should be able to add a second email address into the system.
 - **GP:** Need to make sure, if this is done, that each membership number is checked against the membership list to make sure each one is valid. Using a second email address opens the system up to abuse; otherwise I do tend to agree that we should allow a second email address for those struggling to vote.
 - **GP & NR** agree with **RC's** motion
- **NR:** Proposes **RC** as Returning Officer
 - **SC** agrees. **GP** abstains.
 - **GP:** Is confident that **RC** will be a good and impartial returning officer, however raises concerns about how the rest of the YI membership will perceive this.
- **RC:** Proposes Jonathan Wood as Deputy Returning Officer
 - **SC & NR** agree. **GP** abstains.
- **RC:** Discuss after the Exec elections the Returning Officer for the Council elections.

Matters Arising

- N/A

Any Other Business

- **RC:** Has put together a draft version of the 'How YI Works' page on the website which he will send to the rest of the Exec.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:55am