

**Minutes of the Sixteenth Annual General Meeting of UKUUG Ltd.
held on Wednesday 26th September 2007 at 6:15 p.m.
Lecture Theatre 2, Cruciform Building, UCL, Gower Street, London WC1E 6AE**

Present: Alain Williams - Individual member - Council Chairman
Sam Smith - Individual member - Council Treasurer
Howard Thomson - Individual member - Council
Mike Banahan - Honorary member - Council
Alasdair Kergon - Honorary member
Sunil Das - Honorary member
Paul Waring - Individual member
Derek Bush - Individual member
Richard Westlake - Individual member
Juan Ho - Individual member
Francois Joubert - Individual member
Mark Pulmano - Individual member
Alex Owen - Individual member
Andrew Lack - City University - Academic member

Secretary: Jane Morrison

Apologies: Phil Hands, John Pinner, John Collins, Roger Whittaker,
Charles Curran, Gordon Hill

One form of proxy received: Gordon Hill - vote to Alain Williams

Alain Williams opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending and welcomed them to the meeting.

1. To approve the minutes of the fifteenth Annual General Meeting held on 28th September 2006

Mr. Williams explained that the minutes from the previous Annual General meeting were put up on the UKUUG web site at the end of October 2006 and members provided with the url. This had been the first time the minutes and attachments had not been sent out in hard copy via post.

It was proposed by Mr. Banahan, seconded by Mr. Bush and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 28th September 2006 be approved.

2. To receive the Council's Report, Treasurer's Report and the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st December 2006, together with the reports thereon of the Auditors.

Copies of the Treasurer's report were circulated to those present (see attached).

Copies of the year-end accounts to 31st December 2006 had previously been put up on the web site for members to view. Hard copies were also available at the meeting.

Mr. Williams read from the Council report and highlighted a couple of points. The report will be put on the web site in the next few days.

Mr. Williams explained that Mike Banahan having served one term of three years on Council was standing down at this AGM but was willing and eligible for re-election.

Dr. Ray Miller resigned from Council in December 2006 and this therefore left one vacancy.

UKUUG is happy to continue to use the services of Jane Morrison who runs the UKUUG office in Buntingford.

UKnet Ltd., was originally set up in the early days to bring the internet into the UK. Things have moved on and it is a dormant company. There maybe some possible re-sale value in coming years but there are no immediate plans for the company.

Mr. Williams proposed a vote of thanks to Roger Whittaker who although is no longer a member of Council remains in the role of Newsletter editor.

In Spring 2007 UKUUG ran a very successful event in Manchester. The tutorial was over subscribed and unfortunately meant the room was crammed to capacity. Mr. Williams proposed a vote of thanks to Sam Smith who organised a strong theme of Virtualisation and Google who kindly sponsored a very good dinner at Old Trafford.

Just recently UKUUG organised LinuxConf Europe (Cambridge, 2nd - 5th September) which was an outstanding success both in terms of presentations (two conference parallel sessions and some eight tutorials) and a high number of attendees.

Mr. Williams proposed a vote of thanks to Alasdair Kergon who again gave up much of his time to devote to this excellent event.

There is a possibility that the event will be held in Germany next year organised by GUUG and supported by UKUUG. There may, in addition, be a UK Linux event next Summer.

Forthcoming events include the RT tutorial (16th October) which is almost fully subscribed and the Databases seminar (16th October) places are still available and on-line booking is available via the web site.

In February UKUUG is planning a two day seminar on Disk Storage and Backups - full details will be sent to all members shortly.

Spring 2008 event will be held in Birmingham and is being organised by John Pinner and Zeth Green.

Working Groups have had a bit of activity and Council wants to devolve more time and effort into getting these working efficiently in the next year.

Membership numbers are fairly stable and we are looking to increase numbers via the one-day seminars.

Of course the Gold Sponsor members, Novell and SUN Microsystems have been of great help and allowed us to keep event delegate fees to a minimum.

In reply to a question from Mr. Ho regarding Leslie Fletcher activities and Government lobbying, Mr. Williams said that Mr. Fletcher had been paid by UKUUG to do some of this work. The current situation is that there are a number of organisations who are going to join together to spread the costs of this activity. UKUUG is waiting for these organisations to form a new group before financing can be made.

Mr. Smith added that UKUUG is still committed to this matter but can only partially finance this activity and we are waiting for the new organisation to be set up before we can move forward.

NOTE - UPDATE: The agreement is to set up 'Open Schools Alliance' (this is being done by Iain Roberts). The collective donors (UKUUG, OSC, Blue Fountain and Axiom Tech) will all then put sums of money into the pot to fund Open Source lobbying activities. It appears that IR is experiencing problems in setting up the new organisation OSA.

The position for UKUUG is to wait until the organisation is set up and at that point be ready to commit to a sum of funding (in the region of £200 - £250) per month. END NOTE.

Mr. Ho said credit should be given to Mr. Fletcher as he did get some results and the fact that he did manage to achieve the Early Day Motion should be acknowledged.

Mr. Smith agreed and said that the EDM was achieved with assistance also from other organisations. The creation of an organisation specifically to cover these activities is much better in the long term.

He added that UKUUG resources were limited and Council wanted to pursue other activities to raise the profile of the group and achieve more members.

Mr. Williams added that UKUUG is also looking at the possibility of working with the BSC OSG to run some kind of Linux Expo.

Mr. Williams explained that Council do all have full time jobs and time restraints and with that in mind at the end of last year Sunil Das was appointed as UKUUG Liaison Manager to carry out various tasks on behalf of Council. He added that UKUUG is also pleased to announce the recent appointment of Zeth Green to work on events.

Mr. Smith asked those present if there were any questions appertaining to the UKUUG year-end accounts to 31st December 2006. Mr. Kergon, noting there had been a loss in 2006, asked if Council had any indications for 2007.

Mr. Banahan replied that Council had taken the strategic decision to spend some of the groups resources on the activities/costs of the UKUUG Liaison Manager. These costs started in October 2006 and will of course continue through 2007. Expenditure will increase as we try to improve the rate of our achievements.

Mr. Smith said although events are always pitched to break even as we move to organise more seminars which hopefully will attract new members he expected that a further overall loss will be made in 2007.

There were no further questions appertaining to the reports or the accounts and it was therefore proposed by Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Waring that the Council's report, Treasurer's report and the accounts of the Company for the year-end 31st December 2006, together with the reports thereon of the Auditors, be approved. This was carried unanimously.

3. To re-appoint the Auditors, Critchleys, Greyfriars Court, Paradise Square, Oxford OX1 1BE until the conclusion of the next general meeting of the Company at which the accounts are laid before the members, and to authorise the Council to determine their remuneration.

It was proposed by Mr. Bush, seconded by Mr. Smith and unanimously agreed to re-appoint Critchleys as auditors.

4. To consider elections to Council from the Nominations received.

Two nominations have been received. Mike Banahan (standing down after one term of three years) nominated by Sam Smith and Paul Waring (current vacancy) nominated by Sam Smith.

There were no objections to these two nominations and it was proposed by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Thomson and unanimously agreed to accept them both.

To confirm the new Council is as follows: Alain Williams, Sam Smith, Mike Banahan, John Collins, Howard Thomson, Phil Hands, John Pinner and Paul Waring.

5. To transact any other business

There was no other business to transact and Mr. Williams closed the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

The AGM was followed by a presentation by Michael Meeks, Distinguished Engineer at Novell 'The Linux Desktop, present and future'

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