Minutes of PhRS meeting, 27th January 2016

Present:
Sam Thompson (chair), Paul Davies, Greg Melia, Lianne Crooks, Barat Kurbanjan, Alec LaGrow

1. Apologies for absence:
   There were no apologies for absence

2. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

3. Matters arising from previous meeting

   **Career development**
   Kromek visit, later this term, potentially Paul Scott, Friday afternoon. **Action: PD**

   Peer review panel: This was going to be organised by Richard Evans, drop him an email for an update. **Action ST**

   Recent academic speaker?
   - Martin Bee (Maths/physics) **Action ST**
   - Consultant from London **Action BK**

   **General department/society matters**
   Use of PhRS email address: Access to be given on the basis of anyone who needs access can have it. Currently owned by Lianne and will need transferring in new few months.

   Induction process for new postgrads/postdocs: The department has started looking into a buddy system for new postrgads, though not for postdocs. Regular social events are were proposed as a means of providing integration and social opportunities for postdocs – this feeds in well to the PhRS. For example a regular pub quiz, either at a pub (eg Deremore Mondays, Rook and Gaskill Thursdays), or in-house BYOB in SCR.

   **Social Activities**
   Walk/hike to be organised when the weather has become slightly more predictable...

   Coffee and cake has gone down well in the past, next coffee and cake scheduled for 1530 in SCR on 11th March, meeting to follow immediately afterwards, followed by pub trip. **Action LC**

   Beer tasting evening, 17th Feb (Wednesday), 1700, physics SCR. £3 cost per person to cover beer, request all attendees RSVP by email for numbers. **Action GM and AL**

   Joint event with psychology researcher society, 'Science Slam' style short talks with slide limits. **Action AL**

4. Any other business
   Facebook presence **Action GM**

   Chair of next meeting was elected, **GM to organise next meeting 11.3.16 P/T/111 after coffee and cake.**