Community Engagement and Communications

Subcommittee

October 2014

Community Engagement

- A small but enjoyable community 'coffee session' forum was held on the 12th of October. Notes from Bill attached.

CE – Decision making alignment

- After a discussion about the best procedure to do this, it was felt that CECS should first look at the decision making process and come up with a proposal to align it with the CE processes. This can then fed back to the GSC and followed up with a combined meeting. There is no urgency for this matter as there are processes in place currently.
- A meeting to discuss this has been scheduled for 3 November.

Website

- An amendment of the website maintenance procedure was proposed by Carol and is attached. Once finalised by CECS it will be presented for the consideration of the committee. The rationale for the change is to make the procedure to post ongoing content less cumbersome by introducing pre-approvals. The amendment will make it possible for following changes to get pre-approval:
    1. Adding classes
    2. Adding groups
    3. Posts announcing community events (of non-profit nature)

- **Comments on posts**: CECS agreed that, as long as comments are non-controversial, they can be published by the website editors. Comments to be passed on to the relevant subcommittees or SIRAC as soon as possible. Subcommittees are responsible for reply (if needed).
- **Uploading documents into the library:** SC Chairs can send documents for uploading in their respective areas in the file repository. No approvals required

- The following website projects are in progress:
    1. A section about books
    2. A section about wildlife/wildlife observations
    3. Work on historical photographs
    4. Section on artists
    5. Section for and by kids: Suggested to ask high school kids to coordinate.

Communications

- **CECS** facilitated communications for the community forum on website, via PON and email to members.
- 8 campaigns / stories and announcements were published on the website since the last meeting. Important one was the publication of the update on Church Point.
- The following campaigns for the various SIRA groups:
    - Water & Wastewater
    - Vision
    - Community Vehicle

Other

- **Internal communications:** CECS is working on a proposal to use Yammer for internal communications, which would be available to SIRAC and all subcommittees.
- **Meetings on Website Calendar:** CECS is inviting all subcommittees to make use of the website calendar for their meetings. These entries can automatically be shown in our personal calendars via the iCal feed.

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