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Theory of Condensed Matter Group

Minutes of the Officers Meeting

4th May 2017, University of Warwick, 12:00-16:00

Attendees: Mike Payne (MP, University of Cambridge, Chair), Rudolf A Roemer (RAR, University of Warwick, Secretary/Treasurer), Ryan Barnett (RB, Imperial College, Member), Halim Kusumaatmaja (University of Durham, Member), Andrew Morris (AM, University of Cambridge, Member)

Apologies: Keith McKenna (KMK, University of York, Member)

1. *Welcome*

2. *Minutes of last meeting*

Action items reviewed, minutes approved.

3. *Warwick Theory Day - 6th June*

1. The meeting planning is planned much as last year, except:
 - a. We will not be able to use the Physics Concourse because of the PLT building work. We have a booking for the Chemistry concourse which we used two years ago and it seemed to work fine then. Of course if the building work is postponed as it was last year we will return to the Physics Concourse.
 - b. We have booked L3. Two years ago we used L4 and there was too much noise from the ventilation fans.
 - c. We have set up a web payment account. Hopefully most individuals will use this and get their receipt automatically and people should be able to use it on the day.
 - d. I plan to send out a reminder in about a week's time encouraging people to apply.
2. Suggest that we present the thesis prize after lunch.
3. N.B. We have the TCM AGM after lunch too.

4. *Physics by the Lake*

MP reported that EPSRC have not continued funding of Physics by the Lake. The committee felt that this was unfortunate and that a useful event for postgraduate training is in danger of no longer being available.

Action: RAR to engage other IoP groups to see if there is a way forward, perhaps in conjunction with existing CDT training schools.

5. *Sam Edwards prize 2017*

Three submissions have been received.

Action: RAR to ask for full theses (and a 1 page-max lay summary) from the top 3 submissions and invite the three nominees to attend the June 6th TCM workshop.

Action: All group members for send back their prioritized list by Friday, May 19th, 2017.

Action: RAR to ask IOP for a certificate.

6. Group finances.

Seem solid.

7. Future Group strategy, Chair, Committee, Future Meetings, etc

- TCM meeting

Action: RAR to contact Nick d'Ambrumenil to request funding bill

- CECAM meeting "Addressing metastability in interfacial phenomena across multiple time and length scales"
£500 support via TCM approved.

Action: RAR to contact organizers with a yes.

- Localization in Quantum Systems: TCM has received an email from Clare Dunning, the chair of the Mathematical and Theoretical Physics Group who has requested £400 from the IOP general fund for an external meeting on Localization in Quantum Systems. Clare has also suggested that to approach the TCM and Computational Physics Groups, if we have available funds and if we would be willing to support the meeting.

Action: RAR to contact organizers with a friendly no.

- new election in 2017 for Chair/Secretary/officers to grow the committee

Action: MP to announce elections during Warwick TCM AGM meeting.

8. IOP Group Officers Forum

- 30 May at the IOP in London (80 Portland Place)

Action: RAR and RB (?) to attend. RAR to ask about awards and the group's involvement in the awarding procedure.

9. AOB