

HAJET SUMMER MEETING

June 28th, 2008

PC Members present: Kate Allison, Vanessa James, Krystal Cooley, Judy O'Brien, Katie Plummer, Bryony Dunlop, Wayne Bennison, Jennie Brady, Austin Corbett, 28 HAJET members in attendance

- I. The Meeting is Called to Order
- II. Secretary's Review of HAJET Winter Meeting and HAJET PC Meeting Minutes
- III. PC Reports
 - a. President
 - i. Content contributions to the website to make it a good resource for the incoming JETs
 - ii. HAJET calendar keeps track of important/interesting events
 - iii. Lookbook – pictures and information for newcomers to get an idea of Hokkaido JET life
 - iv. HEC and Hokkaido Players listservs
 - v. Coordinating Japanese translations for the website
 - vi. Hokkaido life articles are being revised
 - vii. Foxy Phonics – last 10 copies, Planet Eigo is good
 - b. Vice President
 - i. Tonight's enkai
 - ii. Hakodate is leading for fall meeting location
 - iii. Winter meeting in Asahidake
 - c. Secretary
 - i. Newcomers manual
 - ii. Directory
 - d. Treasurer
 - i. Waiting on HEC requests
 - ii. If you owe money let's sort it out
 - e. Social Coordinator
 - i. Received emails asking about Yuki Matsuri for next year
 - ii. HAJET welcome enkai at Sapporo Orientation – No Booty!
 - iii. Nijikai? Rad Brothers? Mole? If you have any ideas please contact Kate, Jennie, Tiffany
 - iv. Wii pii contest for Fall Meeting?
 - f. Publications
 - i. Fully stocked on publications
 - ii. Can we store books in Sapporo JETs' houses?
 - iii. If you would like to write or edit a publication please let us know!
 - iv. Hokkaido Guidebook revision (Leslie)– getting local JETs to add info on their towns, get the new JETs involved
 - v. Publications aren't in digital format – How do we make editing easier?
 - vi. Caroline is willing to do illustrations for publications
 - g. Regional Representatives

- i. Northern Party - August 30th-31st
 - 1. Welcome party plans are coming along
 - 2. Shosanbetsu – nice location, camping, onsen
 - 3. Menu – yakiniku, yakisoba, vegetarian options
 - 4. Getting another person to help Wayne represent and connect the northern region
- ii. Central Party – September 6th-7th
 - 1. Morappu camp site - Shikotsu-ko
- iii. Eastern Party – September 13th-14th
 - 1. Nakashibetsu
- iv. Southwestern Party – September 20th-21st
 - 1. Shakotan – coral reefs, hiking, 2 hours west of Sapporo
 - 2. SW listserv is being setup
- h. Librarian
 - i. Updating the booklist
 - ii. Katie will represent the Sapporo JETs at Sapporo Orientation
- i. Polestar
 - i. May/June issue
 - ii. Extra December issue
 - iii. Hate mail issue
 - iv. No July or December issue
 - v. Working on August issue, wants to make it a big deal for the incoming JETs – let's share our newbie stories
 - vi. Comic – send Caroline your stories so she can convert it into a 4-panel comic strip
 - vii. Give topic suggestions to encourage contributions
- j. HEC
 - i. Camp has enough volunteers, 35 kids
 - ii. Campsite for next year has onsen – close to Takikawa
 - iii. Rent out HEC tents at welcome parties for the whole year 5000 yen refundable – but is 5000 too much? 1000 yen to rent a tent for one meeting
 - iv. Non-Hokkaido volunteers – it's hard to get volunteers so let's bring in people from other prefectures
 - v. This year's campers have consented to using their images etc. in promotional materials
 - vi. Selling tents? Costumes?
- k. Musical Report!
 - i. Budget attachment
 - ii. Lost money
 - iii. Nayoro was a bust
 - iv. Iwamizawa – Building has become private, so they charged a lot to use it
 - v. 200 tickets short of breaking even, but according to feedback it was the best musical yet

- vi. Next year's musical – proposed musical "You're a good man, Charlie Brown"
 - vii. Let's get everyone to promote the musical – ticket sales make the money
 - viii. Marketing position for musical? April/May, someone who isn't directly involved in the show
 - ix. Straightening out the records to help out next producer
 - x. Collecting quotes for promotion
- l. Website
- i. Has gone through some changes, always adding new content
 - ii. HAJET member teaching section? Copyright issues?
 - iii. HEC past tests are on the website, let's put practice sections, comics need to be redrawn to be put up due to copyright laws
- m. Non-JET Rep
- i. Has a list of COs
 - ii. Send letters to BOEs to pass on to ALTs?
- IV. New JETs!
- a. Sapporo Orientation (Monday – Wednesday, August 18th-20th)
- i. Two presentations – getting involved in the community, and HAJET. Please send pictures for the presentations! Facebook pictures, Flickr, photo albums for the website.
- b. Newcomer's Manuals at the Airport on July 30th & August 6th
- i. We need volunteers! Jude, Jennie, Steven, Wayne, Chris
 - ii. Hokkaido maps and guidebooks, put in an envelope with HAJET info printed on it
 - iii. Kate will gather emails at Tokyo orientation
 - iv. Glossary "Alphabet soup" in the Newcomers Manual
- c. About 100 new JETs coming to Hokkaido. CLAIR is working on expanding JET.
- V. Fall HAJET Meeting
- a. When? Probably November 1st and 2nd
 - b. Where? Probably Hakodate
 - c. Anything in particular you'd like to see? Wii pissing contest, Halloween Party
- VI. Election of Open Positions
- a. Musical Producer – Vanessa James
- i. "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"
 - ii. Double casting to get more people involved?
 - iii. Japanese narrator
 - iv. Japanese helper for Vanessa
 - v. Very simple costumes and set to save money
- b. HEC Coordinator – Moraya Cortez
- i. Get entry rates up
 - ii. Get non-JET ALTs to enter students
 - iii. Telling newcomers about HEC
 - iv. Presentation at Mid-year conference

- v. Encourage ALTs to enter students despite low English level
 - vi. Revise application timeline
 - c. Project Outreach Coordinator – Tara
 - i. Project Paper Chain
- VII. New Projects
 - a. Hokkaido Guide Re-write (Leslie)
 - b. First Year Representative PC Position
 - i. Introduce at Sapporo Orientation, take nominations afterwards, election at the fall meeting.
 - c. New HAJET Dues Policy
 - i. 2nd years can do lifetime membership for 2000 yen, but no paper Polestar option
- VIII. Announcements
 - a. Wetland volunteer project
 - b. Iwamizawa International Festival was a success. Let's have Anne tell us how to do something like it in our towns.
 - c. Sapporo listserv
 - d. Send emails to HAJET members for important announcements?
 - e. If you're planning something please inform us well in advance so we can tell people about it.
- IX. Fun!