



# UKNOF Status Update

UKNOF 35 Meeting,  
Glasgow  
8<sup>th</sup> September 2016

UKNOF AGM  
9<sup>th</sup> September 2016

**Keith Mitchell**  
**UKNOF**

# Current Status



- We have run 35+ successful meetings 😊
  - ~40-350 attendees each time
- Mailing list of ~1400 people
- Programme Committee
- Advisory Committee
- Board
- Meeting Committee
- Committed regular volunteers
- Secure ongoing financial base

# UKNOF Activities



- Meetings 3 times/year
  - Current, interesting, stimulating, relevant sharing of knowledge, experiences and best practices
  - Wider-ranging and less specific remit than other UK Internet bodies
  - OPEN to all, bring in new blood
  - Bring world-class international speakers to UK audience
- LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube/Google+ groups

# UKNOF Meetings

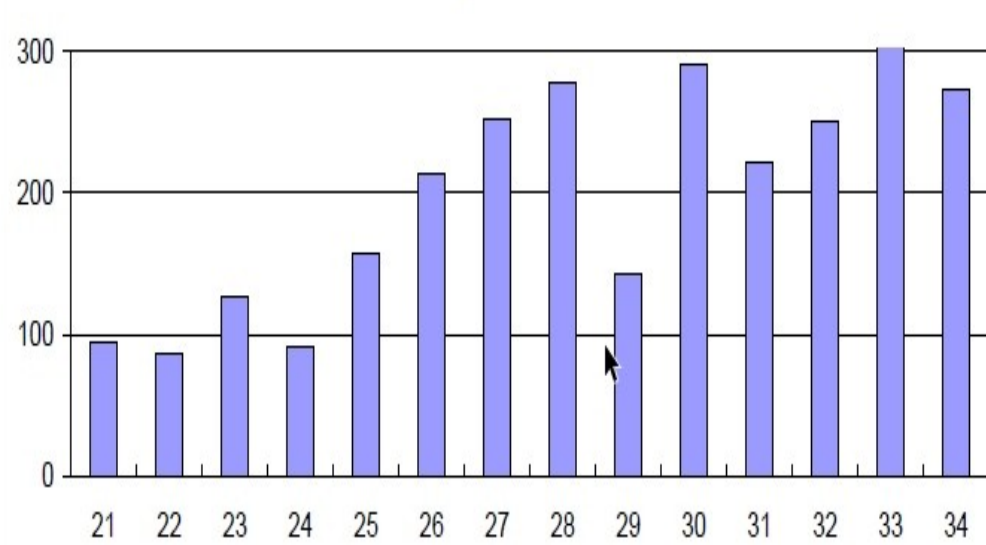


- Frequency
  - At least one per year in London
  - At least one per year outside London (Manchester)
  - September meetings over >1 day
- Dates are notionally 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every Jan, Apr & Sep
  - subject to venue/calendar etc availability
- We are always looking for venues/sponsors

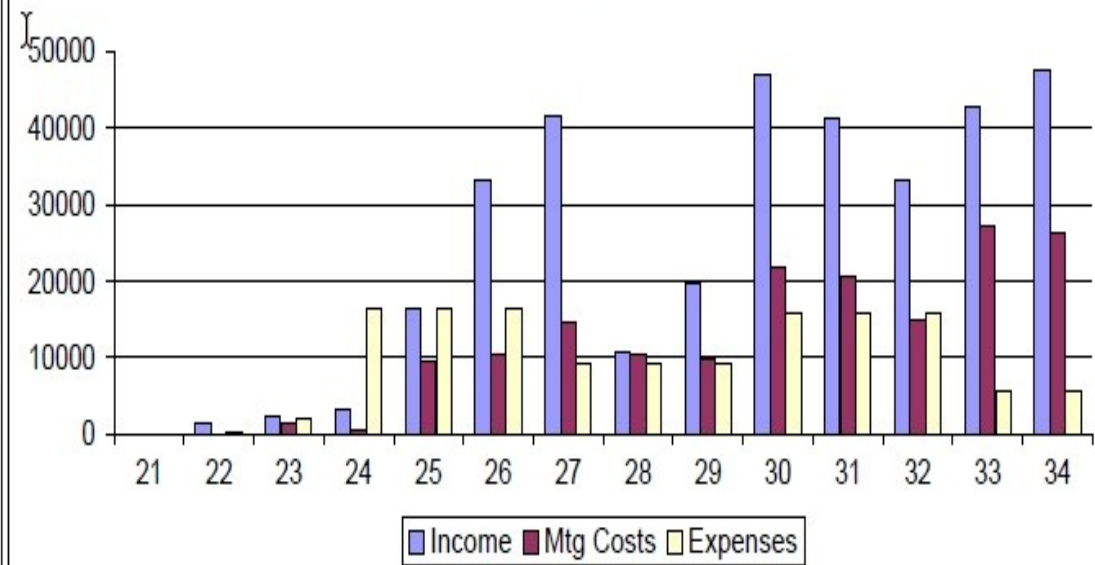
# Meeting growth



### Registrations



### Income and Expenditure



# Funding Model



- Non-profit
- We prefer to avoid charging meeting registration fees
- This has been possible so far through per-meeting vendor sponsors
  - want to continue this !
- Please talk to Denesh if interested in sponsoring
- Paid-for registrations to discourage late registration *only*
- Contributions welcome via Patrons
- We have a good operating cash buffer

# Sustainability



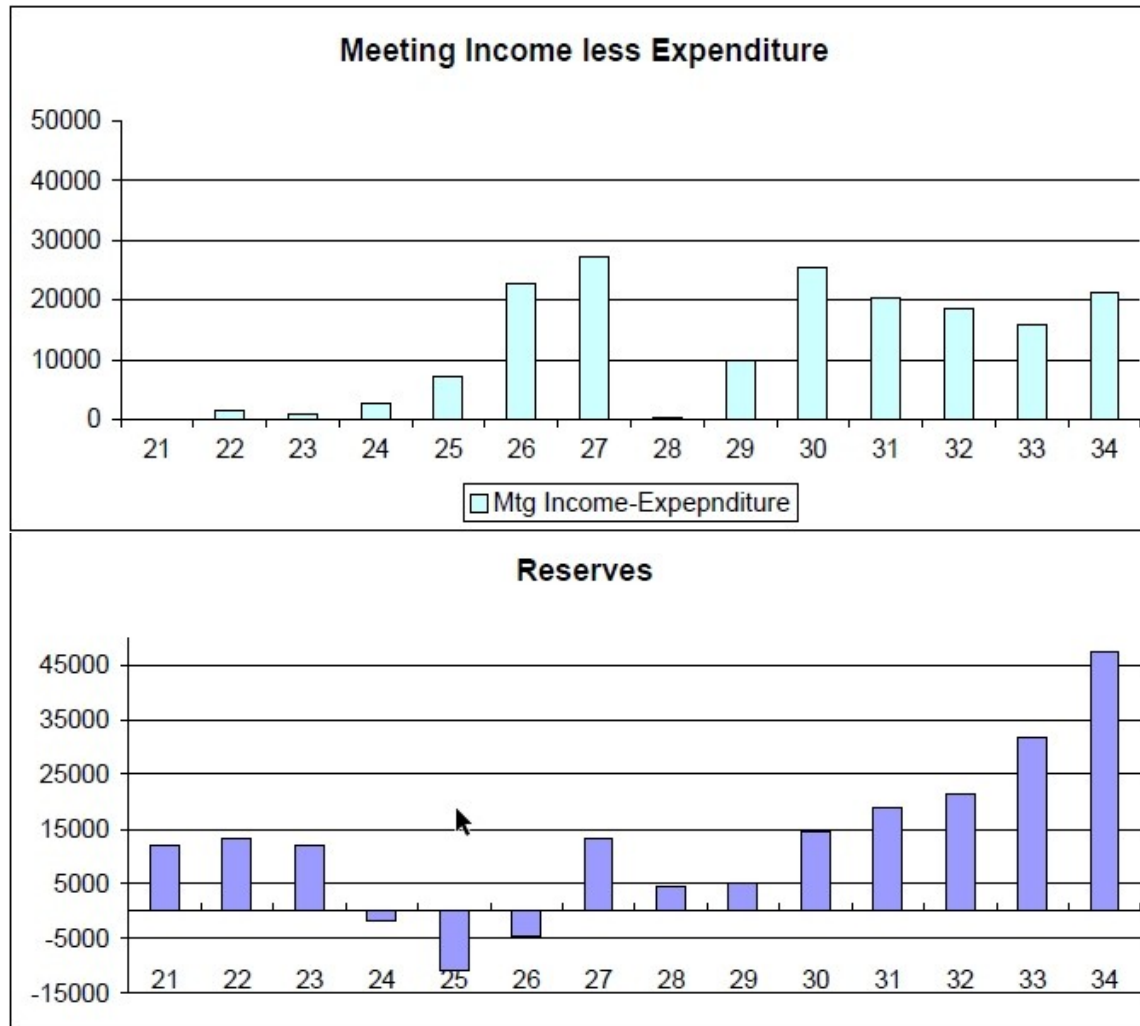
- Venues for >100-attendee meetings (& catering) need to be paid for
- Keeping attendance free means raising sponsorship funds
- Raising sponsorship funds needs dedicated professional approach
- Funds raised need to pay for individual's time to do this, as well as cover meeting costs
- UKNOF reimburses the time of individuals who make significant time commitment

# UKNOF Running Costs

- Typically about £20-30k per meeting:
  - Around £100-125/attendee/day
    - venue, catering
    - varies by city
  - also admin, badges, connectivity, travel, misc expenses
  - plus re-imbursed time:
    - 4 months @ ~100hrs/month of some Directors' time
    - aim to compensate these at £30/hour as we can afford it
    - compensated Directors submit fixed quotation for services at start of each year as input to Budget
- Detailed accounts (including per-meeting P&L) will be presented at AGM, and are always available on request



# Meeting Finances



# UKNOF Systems Migration



- Website, Indico, Mailman, Wiki and DNS have been hosted on VMs contributed by various Partners
- This was becoming unwieldy to manage, so an invitation for proposals to provide a paid-for managed service was issued to these partners
- Best bid was from Mythic Beasts, all UKNOF systems have now been migrated to their service
- Will save **many** hours of volunteer-time !
- THANK You to Bytemark, LONAP, Jump for their donated hosting support over the past years
- Big thanks to Nat Morris for managing the process

# UKNOF Governance



- Principle has been to put things on a stable footing, without over-thinking or creating structure with too much overhead
- We are **not** running monopoly, mission-critical national Internet infrastructure here !
- UKNOF Board accountable to community through stakeholder *non-profit* Internet organisations that contribute in some way to UKNOF's operation
- Implemented via *Advisory Committee* of individual representatives appointed by these organisations
- Appointment is by invitation from and approval by existing company members

# UKIF Ltd and UKNOF



- The UK Internet Forum (UKIF Ltd) was set up as an Internet trade association in 2005
  - Public company limited by guarantee
- Hosts UKNOF secretariat:
  - Book-keeping, invoicing, holds bank accounts
  - Supporting UKNOF its only activity for past 10+ years
- UKIF legal entity dedicated to supporting UKNOF

# UKNOF/UKIF Board



**Denesh Bhabuta**  
**(Executive)**



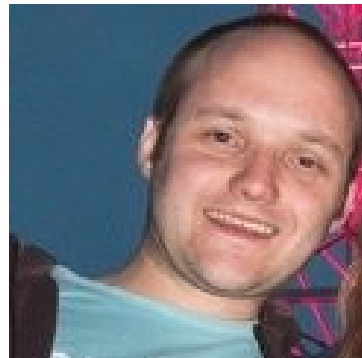
**Dr Willie Black**  
**(Chair)**



**Keith Mitchell**  
**(Managing Director)**



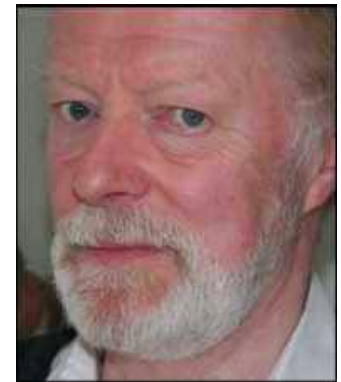
**Mike Hughes**



**Nat Morris**



**Nigel Titley**



**Steve Dyer**

# Board Powers and Duties



- [https://wiki.uknof.org.uk/Board\\_of\\_Directors](https://wiki.uknof.org.uk/Board_of_Directors)
- The Board:
  - can appoint and remove committee members
  - signs off finances
  - can be natural persons only
  - has usual Company Director fiduciary duties
- 1/3rd of Board must step down for reappointment at AGM each year

# Supporting UKNOF



- Advisory Committee Members are not expected to make an ongoing financial commitment to UKNOF, but are expected to devote time to providing oversight
- UKNOF provides full financial disclosure to the Advisory Committee
- We believe that our Advisory Committee and thence UKNOF is accountable to the wider community through their stakeholders
- Individual membership for meeting attendees has been considered, but need or demand not so far materialised
- If you ever have questions/concerns, please raise them through your AC representatives

# Advisory Committee

- Comprises the following organisation representatives:
  - BBC: Brandon Butterworth
  - IXLeeds: Andy Davidson
  - ISC: Stephen Morris
  - LINX: John Souter
  - LONAP: Will Hargrave
  - JANET(UK): Rob Evans
  - RIPE NCC: Jochem de Ruig
- Attend AGM and have Board/Fiscal oversight



# Programme Committee

- 16 volunteers
- Chair: Chris Russell
- Co-Chair: Cathy Almond
- Ensures supply of interesting presentations
- [https://wiki.uknof.org.uk/Programme\\_Committee](https://wiki.uknof.org.uk/Programme_Committee)
- We are **always** looking for interesting, topical, relevant speakers and presentations
- Call for abstracts issued at end of previous meeting to promote quality of material
  - <http://uknof.org.uk/cfp36>
- Ideas and suggestions to: <pc@uknof.org.uk>

# PC Members



**Bob Sleight**



**Cathy Almond**



**Charlie Boisseau**



**Chris Russell**



**David Farrell**



**Denesh Bhabuta**



**Fearghas McKay**



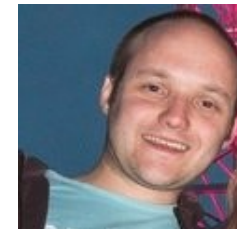
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**Liz Stevens**



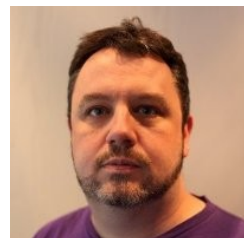
**Mike Hughes**



**Nat Morris**



**Neil McRae**



**Ray Bellis**



**Rob Evans**



**Steve Karmeinsky**



**Tim Chown**

# Programme Content

- We take seriously ensuring high-quality content at UKNOF
- All submissions are scored by the PC, these scores are compared to survey feedback
- Sponsor and Submitted talks are accepted on very different criteria
  - meeting sponsorship and talk submission are not permitted by the same organisation at the same meeting
- There have been attempts by certain parties to suppress controversial content at UKNOF events – we will offer a right of reply, but will otherwise robustly protect our independence

# Meeting Committee



- This comprises *regular* volunteers we rely on to make meetings happen
- [https://wiki.uknof.org.uk/Meeting\\_Committee](https://wiki.uknof.org.uk/Meeting_Committee)
- Important to have “editorial separation” between programme content versus meeting logistics and sponsor interest considerations
- Co-ordinate per-meeting helpers

# MC Members



- Denesh Bhabuta  
*(Chair)*
- Brandon Butterworth
- Chris Russell
- Debbie Casey
- Fearghas M<sup>c</sup>Kay
- Keith Mitchell
- Mike Hughes
- Nat Morris
- Tom Bird
- Will Hargrave
- Willie Black

# Our Valued Volunteer Helpers



*<volunteers@lists.uknof.org.uk>* list  
– great way to get involved !

- Too many to name them all
- And all our speakers
- **THANK YOU !!**

# Contact Details



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# Questions Discussion ?