

1 **Heidag: Membership checks**

2 A great benefit of SPiN membership are the reduced ticket prices for the activities. In order to
3 check whether it is actually the members who purchase the member-tickets, SPiN works with a
4 sticker system. This system entails that the ticket buyer should show the membership sticker of
5 that specific year to prove that they are a member of SPiN. At the beginning of the academic
6 year, it was promoted to the members that they can and should get their sticker in the SPiN room,
7 so the board can identify them as members. This is often further promoted throughout the year
8 when the notion arises that many members have not picked up their sticker yet.

9 It can occur that members do not have their membership sticker with them when coming to
10 activities, and therefore cannot prove that they legitimately bought the member-tickets. The board
11 adheres to the rule that a fine should be paid in such cases, which covers the difference in costs
12 between the member-ticket and the non-member-ticket. This rule is adhered to very strictly, to
13 prevent unfair situations where a recognized member without a sticker does not have to pay the
14 fine due to knowledge of their membership by the board, but that an unrecognized member
15 without a sticker does have to pay the fine when the board is not aware of their membership.

16 The XVIth board acknowledges the fact that this can lead to frustrating situations for members
17 who pay their contribution, but still have to pay fines when they forget their sticker. Furthermore,
18 it can allow the members to feel disregarded when they feel that the board should know that they
19 are a member as they know the board or are an active member. Although members can prove
20 their membership through logging into the website, or through being looked up in the
21 membership base, this is usually not a feasible option for activities such as parties, where the
22 membership checks need to be efficient to avoid crowding. The XVIth board strives for a situation
23 where members feel fairly treated and would like to explore the options on how to improve on the
24 procedure of checking memberships.

25 The XVIth board would like to kindly ask for your input and ideas on the following questions:

- 26
- Do you feel like the procedure of membership checks is done in a fair manner?

- 27 • Would you like to see changes in the procedure of membership checks using membership
28 stickers? What would these changes include?
29 • What improvements would you like to see in the promotion of the membership stickers?

