

# **Meeting Handbook**



# Why the Handbook?



Time is our scarcest resource



**Speed** is our #1 competitive advantage

We commit together to these rules, to ensure that meetings are efficient, foster quality discussion, and lead to actions and decisions.

### **How we Collaborate?**

### Lean Meetings, Big Impact

- 1 Invited: Only the core crew
- 2 Materials: Sent ahead, pre-read
- **Content:** Discussion to decision
- 4 Start time: 5 minutes early
- 5 End time: ASAP! Never later than planned
- 6 After, send Action Items and track them

## **Pre-Meeting Checklist**



### **Materials:**

#### Self-explanatory and brief

Enable participants to come prepared to discuss. Write the materials to minimize presentation time during the meeting.

#### Action oriented

For each dilemma or challenge you face, flash out all the facts relevant for taking a decision, and suggest several solutions.

#### Sent on time

24 hours in advance or more.



### **Logistics:**

### • Send invites, be selective

Only invite those who are really necessary for the discussion.

#### • Book a room

Add video conference link to the invite



### **Preparation:**

### • Come prepared to discuss

Read the materials, think about solutions.

### **Your Meeting Agenda**

### 1 Goals

- What is the expected outcome of the meeting?
- What **decisions** should be made?

### 3 Content

- What do you want to teach / update / share?
- Keep it short and sweet. Focus on results, learnings, ideas.
  If it is obvious don't spend time reading through it.

### **5** Summary

 Final comments, then summary by meeting leader: decisions and action items.
Take notes and write down action items.

### 2 Action oriented

- Who was in change?
- What was the **deadline**?
- What is the **status**?

### 4 Discussion

- Frame the discussion to help achieve the meeting's goals.
- Make sure everyone get a chance to say their opinion about the decisions to be made.

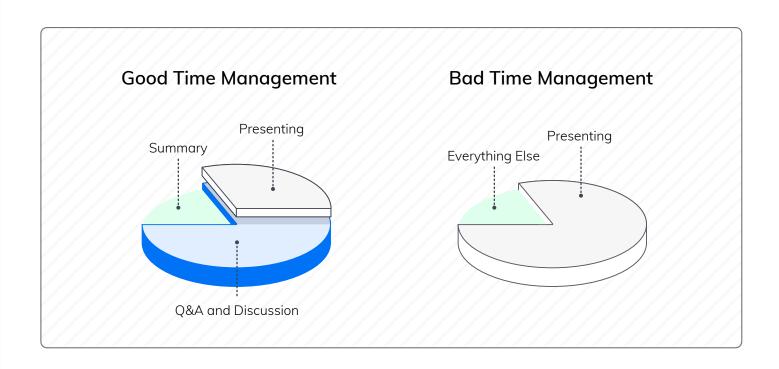
## **During The Meeting**

### **Meeting Owner:**

- Come 5 minutes early, make sure remotes are on, can hear you and see the screen.
- Keep most of the time for discussion, only review a slide if necessary.
- Aim to finish 5 minutes early.
- Make sure to accomplish the meeting's goals

### **Participants:**

- No such thing as a dumb idea. Share your opinion, show us what we might be missing, and propose alternatives.
- Respect the process. Avoid questions on things that you could have learned from the prep materials, or parts of the discussion that you've missed.
- Save time. If it doesn't need everyone's attention or won't promote meeting goals, avoid it.
- Don't be distracted, use electronics for note taking only.





### When it's Over:

### Follow up fast:

Email participants by EOD: decisions and action items

### Track decisions and action items:

Add to JIRA or any other system used by your group