



Sunday 3rd May 2009

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence or lateness
2. Announcement of the presence and purpose of guests
3. Approval of the presence and speaking rights of guests
4. Approval of the order of the agenda
5. Reading by the secretary on request by any member, amendment if necessary and approval of the minutes of any previous Open Meeting not yet accepted by an Open Meeting.
6. Matters Arising from the minutes
7. Reports from the Committee
 - a) College Garden Use
8. Questions to the Committee
9. Extraordinary Motions
10. Ordinary Motions
 - a) RCBC Budget Amendment
 - b) Yearbook Subsidies
 - c) PA System
 - d) JCR Computers
 - e) Porter Board
 - f) DVD Library Society
11. Any other RCSA business

RCSA Believes:

1. The nature of RCBC expenditure requires a degree of estimation in the proposed budget.
2. Money allocated by the RCSA should be put to a use that will benefit students and amendments to the proposed budget may need to be considered for this to occur.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To allow RCBC to spend up to £36.90 unspent from the category ARA Subs on a communal 'all-in-one'.

*Proposed: Jessica Rose Brush - likes to share
 Seconded: Iain Lingwood - because his body is too boatylicious*

b) Yearbook Subsidies

THIS MOTION REQUIRES A TWO-THIRDS ASSENT TO PASS

RCSA Notes

1. There is currently £150 allocated in the budget for yearbook production.
2. The yearbook editor has a £500 bill for a deposit.
3. Students graduating in 2009 and onwards will have a higher level of collective debt from tuition fees than any preceding cohort.
4. A poll on the RCSA website indicates some members will be deterred from purchasing a yearbook due to the cost.
5. The attached report in the addendum

RCSA Believes

1. Its funding is received for promoting student activities not holding in perpetual reserve
2. The yearbook represents an unrivalled record of student activities, is produced by students and involves a potential financial cost to virtually all members sooner or later.

Ordinary Motions

a) RCBC Budget Amendment

RCSA Notes:

1. RCBC has been assigned money in an itemised budget at the previous budget meeting.
2. It is not feasible for some club members to purchase kit and communal kit for racing is useful for sports clubs due to changing crews.
3. RCBC is NOT asking for more money just to be allowed to spend £31 already allocated to ARA subs and unspent on communal kit.

3. The yearbook allocation has not been satisfactorily reviewed at budget meetings as editors are not in place in Michaelmas
4. Where possible it should seek to avoid individual members entering debt in order to provide a service for other members.
5. A yearbook subsidy would provide an effective means for distributing its funds amongst a large number of members.

RCSA Resolves

1. To increase the yearbook allocation by £350 (to £500)
2. That the RCSA executive should consider this motion when preparing future budgets.
3. To promote the inclusion of a yearbook charge on College bills rather than burdening a yearbook editor, in their final term, with cheque collection.

Proposed: Fiona "send me your JPG files"

Giles

Seconded: Tom "TK Maxx" Kelly

c) PA System

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PASS***

RCSA Notes:

1. That the RCSA does not currently have access to its own PA system.
2. That currently the Ents Officers must borrow the Bar Manager's PA when holding Ents in the bar. This has often required him to drive in to College on his days off.
3. That a good quality PA system would give greater flexibility for ents in the bar and could also be used at Corruption and May Balls, saving on hire costs.
4. That the Catering Department has agreed to pay half the purchase-cost in return for use of the system for conferences.
5. That the system could be made available for college members to borrow.

RCSA Believes:

1. The current arrangements for PA use place an unfair personal burden upon the Bar Manager.
2. That it would be preferable to have a system available on site.
3. That a PA system would be a beneficial resource for college members.
4. That given RCSA Notes 3 & 5 and RCSA Believes 3 that the allocation of £325 of reserves towards the purchase of a PA system would constitute a sensible investment of RCSA funds.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To allocate £325 of reserves towards the purchase of a PA system (see addendum), three microphones, stands and cables with the other £325 of the cost to be provided by the Catering Department.
2. To mandate the Ents Officers and Treasurer to carry out this purchase and bill the Catering Department when its next budget cycle begins in July.

Proposed by: James Pacey PAthetic at puns.

Seconded by: Daniel Jackson can't wait to address his public.

d) JCR Computers

RCSA notes:

1. The removal of the computers from the JCR following damage to them;
2. The fact that College authorities will not replace the computers until payment of £119 has been made for the cost of repairs;
3. That negotiations to avoid this payment have failed and in fact resulted in the repeated removal of the computers;

RCSA believes:

1. Computers are a useful facility, especially in the JCR;
2. Facebook is very important.

3. So, technically, is Hermes Webmail.
4. Students should have the ability to use PWF machines in convenient places.

RCSA resolves:

1. To allocate £119 from this Open Meeting's budget towards the cost of repair of the JCR Computers.
2. To mandate an RCSA Officer to make this payment to College and press for the replacement of the computers as soon as possible.

Proposed: Rahul Mansigani - Facebook whore

Seconded: Robin Lawther - Doesn't have internet at home

e) Porter Board

RCSA Notes

1. Whenever people are discussing the porters with their friends they sometimes have difficulties in identifying which porter they are talking about

RCSA Believes

1. That it is important for students to be able to identify each porter and know their name

RCSA Resolves

1. To mandate the catering and amenities officer to ask the porters to produce a board for the porters lodge with each porters photograph and name on it

Proposed: Robin Lawther - Denies that "Porter Boarding" is a form of torture

Seconded: Sarah Jennings - Worried future RCSA administrations may not agree

f) DVD Library Society

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RCSA Notes:

1. That an RCSA sub-committee was set up at the last open meeting to buy some "DVDs that are not films"
2. That the sub-committee was successful in its aim of spending allocated RCSA money on said DVDs
3. That the constitution requires that this sub-committee be terminated at some point
4. That the intention of the committee was to transfer the DVDs to a "DVD Library" society
5. That Pete Wood would like to run a "DVD Library" society

RCSA Believes:

1. That setting up a "DVD Library" society to administer the loaning of these DVDs to college members is still a great idea

RCSA Resolves:

1. To create a "DVD Library" society, run by Pete Wood
2. That this society will be bound by the constitution and policy of the RCSA
3. That this society will be responsible for the storage and administration of the DVDs previously bought by the RCSA sub-committee

Proposed: Duncan Stibbard Hawkes "For HD's a jolly good format"

Seconded: Pete Wood "Hip Hip Blu-Ray"

Addendum

Use of College Gardens for Events

1. We have College Gardens where usage by members of College and outside bodies for events can be considered.
2. The prime concerns which must be addressed satisfactorily by intending users in any such consideration, are as follows:
 - a) the safety and security of the event and the well-being of the participants.
 - b) access for people and materials and their security.
 - c) the condition of the gardens. This includes the conditions of the lawns, trees and other plants, waterways, fixtures, furnishings and fittings. Intending users should note that the Thorneycreek lawn has thin soils and in places is damp and that the Croquet lawn has damp soils and that they are both susceptible to damage during heavy use and which is therefore not likely to be approved; light usage may however be viewed favourably.
 - d) the condition and proximity of the College buildings
 - e) the well-being of all College members and others not participating in the event
 - f) relationships with College neighbours.
 - g) adequate plans for clearing up and for the repair of any damage.
3. Discussions should be initiated with the Head Gardener. At the direction of the Head Gardener written applications, with the Head Gardener's written response, should be sent to the Gardens Committee through the Domestic Bursar and discussed with the Facilities Manager and other Officers where relevant. Matters may be referred to College Council for a final decision.

Dr S Trudgill

Chair Gardens Committee

1. DRAFT 1 or GF and PDGM comment 13.-04.09 herewith
2. Revised Draft then to Gardens Committee. Note this includes RCSA member.
3. Approved paper then to Council

Head Gardeners suggestion.

- a) Timing of any requested event on Thorneycreek lawn. For example when the outdoor theatre is in use. Use of Thorneycreek lawn would not be acceptable.
- b) The garden service yard should be considered a high risk area, where gate crashing could be likely.
- c) Access via Thorneycreek drive for vehicles is limited. Due to its width and foliage along both sides of the drive.
- d) Adequate notice of any planned event.

Yearbook Subsidies Report

This report accompanies the yearbook financial assistance motion, as required by article 11f of the RCSA Constitution.

The motion requests £350 is added to the yearbook category of the budget. The yearbook has received a £150 allocation from the RCSA for several years. The request to increase the allocation was not made at the budget meeting as there was no yearbook editor or yearbook committee in place to propose such a change.

74 yearbooks have been ordered costing £25.87 per book to current third years. If this motion passes, the cost will be reduced to £21.15.

While this remains a significant expense to some students, we believe:

- the yearbook is a valuable memento of time at Robinson for many members and the cost should therefore be minimised as far as practical.
- as nearly all undergraduate members will be eligible to purchase a yearbook sooner or later, an increased yearbook subsidy is an effective way of distributing funds for student activities widely, particularly when the RCSA has determined to reduced the amount it holds in reserve.
- increasing the amount in this category will enable the RCSA to pay the deposit for the books, rather than yearbook committee members having to pay themselves or third years having to pay a deposit/full amount up front. If continued in future years this may reduce delays.

PA Report

A sturdy and superb value 500 watt package from Alto, comprising 12" speakers, a portable mixer/amp, stands and leads. Ideal for small to medium venues, rehearsal rooms and anywhere where an all-in-one solution is needed. Ideal for presentations as the speakers can handle anything from the spoken word to a dj's turntable!

Alto PBM8.250 8 channel mixing desk/amp

- 2x230W RMS (EIAJ) Amplifier
- 8 Mic Input/2 Stereo Input
- Ultra Low Noise Mic Preamplifier
- 3 Bands EQ on Input Channels
- 256 Position Multieffect
- Master Equalizer for Main and Monitor
- Built in Feedback Terminator
- Dimensions (LxWxH): 550x220x310mm (21.7"x8.7"x12.2")
- Weight: 14kg (30.9 lb)

Alto PS 4L 12" speakers

Made of strong and durable polypropylene and featuring a trapezoid shape to facilitate the use as floor monitor. Several fly points on bottom, top, side and back are provided for any possible fly configuration.

- Sensitivity at 1W, 1mt: 97dB SPL
- High frequency protection: Dynamic Protection
- Trapezoidal & Monitor shape
- Dimensions (HxWxD): 660x396x384mm (26"x15.6"x15.1")
- Continuous power: 180W
- Peak power rating: 360W PEAK
- Max SPL at 1mt: 119.5dB SPL Continuous Power
- Impedance: 8Ω (Nominal)
- Frequency response: 60Hz / 20kHz +/- 10dB
- Crossover frequency: 2250 Hz 12dB/oct
- Lower frequency: 12" / 318mm, 2" voice coil
- High frequency: compression driver, 1" voice coil
- Weight: 17.1Kg (37.7 lb)
- Code: PBMPACKA
- Product Code:PRO02

Our Price: £475.00 (inc VAT and free delivery)

Reserve allocation of £325 requested to meet half the purchase cost of above system, 3 microphones (approx £20 each), stands (approx £20 each) and cables (approx £15 each). The other half of the cost will be provided by the Catering Department. This equipment would be a very useful resource for college members and the Ents & May Ball Committees.