



Sunday 8th November 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
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 - b) RCSA Newsletter Budget
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 - f) Filmmaking Club
 - g) Hockey Budget
 - h) Drum Kit
 - i) Porter Formal
 - j) Bike Pump
 - k) Fruit & Veg Report
 11. Any other RCSA business
2. The unpredictable nature of when new kit will be requested by a society makes attempts to balance the budget more difficult.
 3. Most kit will need replacing after a period of time, thus increasing the budget claims of societies who require it, maybe at the expense of other societies when it comes to balancing the budget.
 4. Personalised kit cannot be provided by RCSA funding, only kit that can be reused by a club or society in a communal fashion.
 5. The RCSA has a large level of reserves, that should be used in a way which benefits as many members as possible.

RCSA Believes:

1. That the allocation of some reserves into a kit fund that allows for clubs and societies that need to periodically claim for new kit would alleviate the burden of this for the foreseeable future.
2. Such a fund would not only directly benefit all societies who may require kit in the future, but also other societies as an indirect result of not having the potential loss of any budget to provide for the kit allocation of another society.
3. There are sufficient reserves to provide enough funding for any society that may need communal kit in the future to the extent that each club/society could be allocated an amount that could provide/contribute to 2 new sets of kit.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To allocate a portion of £7,000 of the 'reserves' to a 'Kit Fund', with the following breakdown:

- Basketball: £400
- Cricket: £600
- Football (Ladies'): £1,000

Ordinary Motions

- a) Kit Fund

***THIS MOTION REQUIRES A TWO-THIRDS ASSENT TO
PASS***

RCSA Notes:

1. That many of the clubs and societies that the RCSA support have made use of the budget over the years to claim for new kit.

- Football (Men's): £1,000
- Hockey: £1,000
- Netball (Mixed & Women's): £250
- Rugby (Men's): £1,600
- Volleyball: £250
- Other Societies: £900

Proposed: Barnaby Mollett, Kit Kat
Seconded: Rob Beagrie, Communal Spirit

b) RCSA Newsletter Budget Allocation

**THIS MOTION REQUIRES A TWO-THIRDS ASSENT TO
PASS**

RCSA Notes:

1. The RCSA Newsletter, currently entitled The Brick, is produced a minimum of two times by a RCSA Newsletter Editor, as their constitutional duty.
2. The newsletter provides students with reading material that becomes a talking point, stimulates debate and often initiates laughter-based activity.
3. The 08/09 budget for printing the RCSA newsletter is £30.
4. It is actually the case that the current RCSA Newsletter Editor has provided material on a grander scale than that foreseen when the printing budget was allocated.
5. Total spending on newsletter spending so far in 08/09 thus exceeds £30.

RCSA Believes:

1. The RCSA Newsletter should continue to be published and printed but not at the personal cost of any RCSA member.
2. The RCSA would be able to allocate some money from this Open Meeting to allow continued printing of the newsletter, with

any unspent amount going back into the budget for the 08/09 Budget Year.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To allocate £70 from the budget of this Open Meeting to the RCSA Newsletter budget (leaving the newsletter budget allocation for 08/09 at a total of £100).

Proposed: Barnaby Mollett, (New Line)

Seconded: Duncan Stibbard Hawkes, "Has lost the news!"

c) Reallocation of football budget

RCSA notes:

1. That Robinson College FC currently has £40 unclaimed from the 2008/09 referee hire budget.
2. That the £100 allocated to balls/equipment is insufficient to cover the cost of match and training balls.
3. That there are very few referees.

RCSA believes:

1. That additional training balls and equipment are required following the first team promotion to division 3 last season.
2. That reallocating the 2008/09 budget will reduce the amount to be requested in the 2009/10 budget.

RCSA resolves:

1. To allow RCFC to reallocate the £40 of unspent referees fees to balls/equipment.

Proposed: Luke Mather - First team captain

Seconded: Amar Johal - Second team captain

d) New Football Kit

**THIS MOTION REQUIRES A TWO-THIRDS ASSENT TO
PASS**

RCSA notes:

1. Robinson College FC haven't had a new kit for several years.
2. Both teams currently rely on players having bought their own personalised shirts and kit from over five years ago.
3. Now that the first team have been promoted having a coherent kit is more important.
4. The RCSA budget is tight for money but there is a significant amount of money left in the reserves.

RCSA believes:

1. Any members of college who wish to play football shouldn't be expected to purchase their own kit.
2. Sports teams are an important representation of college within Cambridge.
3. One off expenditure on a new kit is a good use of the RCSA reserves.

RCSA resolves:

1. To allocate £520 of the reserves towards a new kit for the football team.

Proposed: Luke Mather, Centre (Mid) of Attention

Seconded: Barnaby Mollett, Left Wing Propaganda

e) Table Tennis Table

THIS MOTION REQUIRES A TWO-THIRDS ASSENT TO PASS

RCSA Notes:

1. There is currently a table tennis table in the Games Room which can be used by all RCSA members.
2. This table is quite old and is not in particularly good condition.
3. The MCR has pledged £250, half the cost of a new table, as some of its members compose of Table Tennis society players.

RCSA Believes:

4. That investing in a new table tennis table will be beneficial for RCSA members.
5. A new table might encourage members to play for a game or two when they perhaps wouldn't have before, whilst also providing a better facility for the Table Tennis society to train.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To allocate £250 of RCSA funds (from reserves) to put towards the cost of buying a new table tennis table.

Proposed: Owen Jones, King Kong of Ping Pong

Seconded: Barnaby Mollett, Got Table Manners

f) Robinson Filmmaking Club

THIS MOTION REQUIRES A TWO-THIRDS ASSENT TO PASS

RCSA Notes

1. There is currently no film making club in Robinson College.
2. There is a University-wide club, however it is based on individual skill-building as opposed to collaboration between students.
3. The club can borrow equipment from CineCam, the aforementioned university-wide club, and so will require very little financial help.

RCSA Believes

1. The college would be the first to have a filmmaking club.
2. The club would have the opportunity to play films in the Auditorium and at the first Cambridge student film festival which is taking place in June
3. The club would create a unique opportunity within the University for Robinson College members.

RCSA Resolves

1. To form the Robinson Filmmaking Club, which shall agree to be bound by the constitution of the RCSA.
2. The objects of the RFMC shall be:
3. To promote filmmaking as a recreational pursuit where previous experience and knowledge is non-essential.
4. To create a selection of films to represent the creative juices which flow through Robinson College.
5. To open the society to all members of Robinson College
6. RFMC shall adopt the Schedules as its initial constitution, and that a democratically elected and representative committee be responsible for their due amendment.

*Proposed: Christopher 'Fellini' Halcrow
 Seconded: Rosalyn 'Panini' Old*

g) Hockey Budget Re-allocation

RCSA Notes:

1. That the 08/09 Hockey budget currently has a £62 overspend on 'Competition Fees' and a £18.65 overspend on 'Astroturf'.
2. That there is £209.99 left in the 'Equipment' section of the Hockey budget.
3. There may still be some Astroturf bills to come through for Hockey matches played this term that can be claimed out of the 08/09 budget.

RCSA Believes:

1. That the reallocation of funds from 'Equipment' to 'Astroturf' and 'Competition Fees' will mean that no cost will have to be imposed on any individual RCSA member.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To move £62 from 'Equipment' to 'Competition Fees' and £100 from 'Equipment' to 'Astroturf' within the Hockey budget for 08/09.

Proposed: Barnaby Mollett, did the "Hockey Cokey"

Seconded: Ed Hyde, turned around in disgust

h) Drum Kit Maintenance

THIS MOTION REQUIRES A TWO-THIRDS ASSENT TO PASS

RCSA Notes:

1. A drum kit is available for student use in the Music Room.
2. Currently that kit is incomplete, missing a hi-hat, crash and ride cymbals and the necessary stands. This greatly limits its usefulness despite the fact that what equipment is actually there is in good and playable condition.

RCSA Believes:

1. That the equipment available to its members should be properly maintained to ensure its use and enjoyment is maximised.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To allocate reserves up to a maximum of £250 towards the purchase of the necessary equipment to complete the music room drum kit.

Proposed: James Pacey, little drummer boy

Seconded: Barnaby Mollett, jive turkey drummer

i) Porter Formal

THIS MOTION REQUIRES A TWO-THIRDS ASSENT TO PASS

RCSA Notes

1. The Porters are an important part of the college, without which, said college would fail to function
2. Robinson college has the best porters EVER
3. Only one of the Porters has been to a formal

4. Two of them are retiring in the next 18 months
5. Duty Porter David Yirrell did a little dance at the idea of a Porter Formal

RCSA Believes

1. The Porters deserve a thank you for putting up with us all
2. That ALL the Porters should go to formal
3. That the Porters shouldn't have to pay for their treat!

RCSA Resolves

1. To mandate the Student Porters (Rhiannon 'Post Run' Litterick, Luke 'Switchboard' Whiting and Grace 'Porter' Parker) to organise a Porter Formal
2. To allocate up to £200 of the RCSA reserves to pay for the Porters' meals and wine

Proposed: Luke Whiting, just can't get enough of Colin Barnes

Seconded: Rhiannon Litterick, loves forwarding your mail

j) Porter's Lodge Bike Pump

THIS MOTION REQUIRES A TWO-THIRDS ASSENT TO PASS

RCSA Notes

1. The bicycle pump in the Porter's Lodge is insufficient to meet student demands (Source: "Tyred" Duty Porters)
2. The current luggage scales have seen better days

RCSA Believes

1. That a bicycle pump in the Porter's Lodge should meet student demands
2. That the luggage scales in the Plodge should be in working order

RCSA Resolves

1. To allocate up to £60 from the budget of this Open Meeting to purchase 2 bicycle pumps and a decent luggage scale for the Plodge
2. To mandate Luke Whiting and Rhiannon Litterick to liaise with Porters as to exact specification of said bicycle pumps and luggage scale, and to purchase them

Proposed: Luke Whiting, I want to ride my bicycle

Seconded: Rhiannon Litterick, what gear you in?

k) Fruit & Vegetable Distinction Report

RCSA Notes:

1. That the term 'fruit' actually has a range of meanings depending on the context.
2. That things people may have assumed were fruits, such as figs and strawberries, are actually 'pseudocarps', and apples and pears are 'pomes'.
3. Rhubarb has a complex identity that has puzzled gardeners for generations.
4. Many RCSA members have been perplexed and stunned by these countless revelations, including the RCSA Academic Affairs Officer.
5. That the RCSA Treasurer is worried that pears could be being incorrectly claimed as an item of fruit on any financial budgets anywhere.

RCSA Believes:

1. RCSA members deserve not to be confused about the true identity of various fruits and vegetables.
2. That providing a comprehensive report on the nature of what constitutes a vegetable or a fruit would enhance the welfare of RCSA members.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To mandate the current Academic Affairs Officer, Ents Officer and Treasurer to produce a report on the true nature of many types of fruit and vegetables.
2. That a copy of this report be available in the JCR when published.

Proposed: Barnaby Mollett, fruitcake

Seconded: Rob Beagrie, couch potato

Addendum

Football Kit Report

£520 is being requested from the RCSA reserves to put towards the cost of purchasing a new set of football kit for the Robinson College Football Club. This will act as communal kit and will not be personalised, and will be used in matches and training. This will buy a full set of team kit, including a goalkeeper kit.

The money was not requested at the Budget Meeting last year because the second team kit in the last year has deteriorated in quality notably, and as a result a new kit is now needed. Additionally, claiming the kit from last year's budget would've added unnecessary financial strain on the budget and it would've been more difficult to balance.

The kit will benefit all members of the RCSA interested in playing football, and will mean that nobody in the team will be financially disadvantaged when it comes to representing the Robinson Football team at college sport, as kit will be provided to all who play.

Table Tennis Table Report

£250 is being request from the RCSA reserves to put towards the cost of purchasing a new table tennis table, to be situated in place of the old table in the Games Room. The actual cost of the table will be up to £500, with the other 50% of the cost being provided by the Middle Combination Room (MCR).

The money was not requested at the Budget Meeting last year because the deteriorated state of the table had not been brought to the attention of the RCSA through any means. Furthermore, the Table Tennis society, as a relatively small club, could not really justify claiming this sum of money for a new table out of the annual budget, and hence for this reason the money requested is from the current RCSA reserves.

The table has the potential to benefit all members, and can be used for a fun knock-around with a friend or two in the Games Room, as well as the obvious benefit to the Table Tennis Society in giving them a decent surface to practice and play on.

Kit Fund Report

This motion sets up a fund from which sports societies will be able to claim for their kit in future budget years. It is intended to make the creation of the annual RCSA budget easier as in previous years it has been the case that much of the variation in society claims has come from kit purchases. This has meant that if in any given year a large sports team wants to claim for kit, the increase in their budget inevitably has negative ramifications for smaller societies claiming less money. The Motion requests the following amounts per society (a total of £7000):

- Basketball: £400

- Cricket: £600
- Football (Ladies’): £1,000
- Football (Men’s): £1,000
- Hockey: £1,000
- Netball (Mixed & Women’s): £250
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Porter Formal Report

This report accompanies the Porter Formal motion, as required by article 11f of the RCSA Constitution.

The motion requests up to £200 from the reserves to pay for all the Porters to attend a formal hall free of charge and to have wine with the meal. The money will NOT pay for Grace, Rhiannon and Luke’s meals! We’ll pay for ourselves!

This money was not requested at a Budget Meeting since we only thought of this idea over the holidays having worked with the Porters, having seen just how much the Porters go out of their way to help all of us! We are also not requesting at this year’s Budget Meeting since it would be unnecessary to put strain on the budget when there are sufficient reserves available.

This will just be a very nice gesture to show the Porters how much we appreciate the work they do!

Drum Kit Report

The music room drum kit is currently incomplete, missing a hi-hat, crash and ride cymbals and the necessary stands. Good quality equipment is available for second hand purchase and likely offers the best trade-off between quality of sound, durability and value for money. Unfortunately, by taking this route, the scope for a comprehensive report on what exactly will be purchased and how much it will cost is somewhat limited but the purchase is expected to cost somewhere in the region of £200. A fully equipped drum kit would benefit both current and future Robinson students and therefore constitutes a sensible investment of RCSA funds.