



# Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2010

## Agenda

1. Apologies for absence or lateness
2. Announcement of the presence and purpose of guests
3. Approval of the order of the agenda
4. 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.
5. Matters Arising from the minutes
6. Reports from the Committee
7. Questions to the Committee
8. Extraordinary Motions
9. Ordinary Motions
  - a) MCR Budget
  - b) Rainbow Robinson
  - c) Freeview Box
  - d) May Bumps
  - e) Cooking society
  - f) Hockey Kit
  - g) Croquet
  - h) Sports Day
10. Any other RCSA business

### RCSA Believes:

1. That the current system, by which the RCSA determines the size of the MCR budget, is totally arbitrary.
2. That it would be simpler and easier for all involved if the MCR budget was paid to the MCR directly by the college.
3. That the college may not agree to this system, and if this is the case then the amount the MCR receives should be defined somewhere.
4. That this definition should retain a degree of flexibility so as to be able to take account of changing financial requirements in the future.

### RCSA Resolves:

1. To lobby the relevant college authorities to pay the MCR budget to the MCR directly.
2. That whilst the RCSA continues to pay the MCR budget it's size shall be set at 30% of the total RCSA budget.
3. That this figure can be changed in any given year by a resolution of both the RCSA and MCR committees.

*Proposed: Duncan 'RCSA President'  
Stibbard Hawkes*

*Seconded: Patrick 'MCR President Fox-  
Roberts*

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## Ordinary Motions

### a) MCR Budget

#### RCSA Notes:

1. That the sub-committee for constitutional reform has recently finished proposed rewrites of the RCSA constitution.
2. That the proposals do not address the issue of the MCR Budget, which as worded in the current Constitution is essentially undefined.
3. That in the 2009 budget meeting, the RCSA granted the MCR a budget of £10,350 out of a total of £35,000, which is 29.6%.

### b) Rainbow Robinson

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

#### RCSA Notes:

1. The costs for the publicity and decorations for Rainbow Robinson have come out of the LBGT Officers own pocket.

2. The publicity brought in a lot of people (full capacity) including a large number of people who haven't previously come to a Rainbow Robinson.
3. The Ents committee made a large profit which will be used to benefit future ents.
4. The decorations will be reusable for future LBGT bops.
5. The LBGT budget is reserved for LBGT Drinks in freshers week (and wouldn't cover the costs anyway).

**RCSA Believes :**

1. No RCSA Officer should be out of pocket for RCSA related expenses.
2. Events such as Rainbow Robinson are great for Robinson's profile in Cambridge.
3. The event wouldn't have been as successful without good publicity and decorations.

**RCSA Resolves :**

1. To reimburse the LBGT Officer £61.70 to cover the costs incurred.
2. To mandate the committee to consider Rainbow Robinson in future budgets to avoid similar claims in the future.

*Proposed: Dan "Head Gay" Green*

*Seconded: Niall "Putting the Fun in Funding" Browne*

**c) Freeview Box**

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

**RCSA Notes:**

1. The freeview box in the JCR has been missing for some time
2. The Catering and Amenities Officer has investigated its whereabouts and concluded it has gone missing, never to be found.

**RCSA Believes:**

1. Having Freeview in the JCR is a good thing

**RCSA Resolves:**

1. To allocate £25 from the Open Meeting Budget to buy a new Freeview Box
2. To mandate the Catering and Amenities Officer to buy and install the new Freeview box

*Proposed: Andy "TV Time" Aitken*

*Seconded: Duncan "will look good next to the Wii" Stibbard Hawkes*

**d) May Bumps**

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

**RCSA Notes:**

1. The Boat Club is under unprecedented demand, with an extra three boats on top of the five we normally have in May Bumps
2. Lots of rowers means we need lots of boats
3. That "Bill Nolan" was taken off the Boat Register to save money
4. That, actually, we need Bill Nolan to be able to enter as many crews as we have rowers in May Bumps

**RCSA Believes:**

1. That everybody who wants to row should be able to do so
2. That the Boat Club Committee shouldn't have to foot the bill

**RCSA Resolves:**

1. To allocate £52.48 from the Open Meeting budget to reregister Bill Nolan

*Proposed: Simon "Blades" Bushell*

*Seconded: Andy "No Blades" Aitken*

## **e) Cooking Society**

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

### **RCSA Notes:**

1. There is currently no cooking society.
2. Other College societies also have the abbreviation RCCS.
3. College cooking has been under increased pressure lately.

### **RCSA Believes:**

1. College needs, now more than ever, a cooking society to promote, provide, educate and entertain in the culinary arts.

### **RCSA Resolves:**

1. To form the Robinson College Nomic Cooking Society (RCNCS). The RCNCS agree to be bound by the Constitution of the RCSA.
2. To amend Appendix I of the Constitution to include the "Nomic Cooking Society".
3. The objects of the RCNCS shall be to:
  - i. provide for and improve food cooking facilities for Members in Robinson College;
  - ii. defend the arcane practice of cooking food in Robinson College;
  - iii. further the culinary finesse of its Members;
  - iv. teach men and women to fish;
  - v. be a democratic society.
4. To approve the RCNCS constitution provided as an addendum (separate document).

5. To appoint the proposer of this motion as 'Temporary Convenor' of the RCNCS, who shall give notice of the RCNCS's due elections and meetings until a permanent committee is formed.

*Proposed: Dave 'Pan-demonium' Bewicke*

*Seconded: Barnaby 'Fry Day I'm In Love'*

*Mollett*

## **f) Hockey Kit**

### **RCSA notes:**

1. That Robinson College Hockey Club was allocated £250 for equipment by the RCSA.
2. That it has spent none of this money thus far because the goalkeeping kit, which was expected to fall apart at some point during the season has held up remarkably well.
3. That it is in urgent need of some more team shirts as inevitably several get lost each year and there aren't currently enough for the starting XI and substitutes waiting to come on.

### **RCSA Believes:**

1. Some of this money would be best spent on the necessary team kit.
2. That the rest of the equipment budget should be retained for the upkeep of the goalie kit.

### **RCSA Resolves:**

1. To transfer £165 from the equipment budget to team kit.

*Proposed: Amarjeet 'grabs his stick and smacks his balls' Johal*

*Seconded: Niall 'likes to get his kit...on'*

*Browne*

## **g) Croquet**

### **RCSA Notes:**

1. The College currently has no croquet club
2. That an orphaned society can be adopted by members of the RCSA.
3. That Cuppers croquet has been "re-launched".

### **RCSA Believes**

1. That people love playing croquet.
2. Robinson needs a team to win another cuppers sport that doesn't require much moving.
3. That croquet is a relaxing but intellectual game - perfect for Easter term.

### **RCSA Resolves:**

1. To re-form the RCACC.
2. To instil Mr E.F. Hyde as captain with responsibility for cuppers croquet fixtures.

*Proposed: Niall "peg out" Browne*

*Seconded: Edward "secondary ball colours" Hyde*

### **RCSA Resolves:**

1. To allocate £30 from the open meeting budget to buy sacks, ties and fun prizes

*Proposed: Andy 'won the egg and spoon race in year 3' Aitken*

*Seconded: Gigi 'is a demon in the sack...race' Woolstencroft*

## **h) Sports Day**

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

### **RCSA Notes:**

1. It would be amazing fun to have a sports day in college
2. Sack races and three legged races are particularly fun.
3. Although winning isn't everything, prizes are very nice too

### **RCSA Believes:**

1. The RCSA should help to fund the costs of a sports day