



# Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 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) Table Tennis
  - b) Chess
  - c) Weights Room
  - d) Pool/Darts
  - e) Treadmill
  - f) Boat
  - g) Browne Review
10. Any other RCSA business

### RCSA Believes:

1. Robinson should be able to continue to play table tennis competitively, and not charge college members for doing so.
2. Robinson now possesses high table tennis talent due to Freshers this year being particularly skillful/keen, as such Robinson could compete strongly in Table Tennis leagues this year.

### RCSA Resolves:

1. To allocate Robinson College Table Tennis Club £12 to enter 2 teams into the college league this year.

*Proposed: Owen 'King Kong of Ping Pong' Jones*

*Seconded: Robert 'Second teams don't warrant nicknames' Ashcroft*

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## Ordinary Motions

### a) Table Tennis

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

#### RCSA Notes:

1. Robinson College had 2 table tennis teams in the University leagues last year.
2. Robinson is a successful table tennis college, and would like to continue to enter 2 teams each year.
3. Entering a table tennis team to the University league costs just £6 p/ year.

### b) Chess

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

#### RCSA Notes:

1. The Robinson chess team did fairly well in the league last year
2. Entry fees for this year are £20
3. Due to the closing date having already passed the captain (Simon Taylor) paid out of his own pocket

#### RCSA Believes:

1. The captain should not have to pay

## **RCSA Resolves:**

1. To reimburse the captain for the league fees

*Proposed: Simon 'en passant' Taylor*

*Seconded: Pete 'Timelord' Hallen*

## **c) Weights Room**

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

### **RCSA Notes:**

1. The weights room in College has two speaker systems, neither of which you can plug an iPod into
2. The weights room has a clock with no second hand.
3. It is nice to listen to music in the weights room
4. It is good to be able to time yourself in the weights room by the second.

### **RCSA Believes:**

1. We should buy a clock with a second hand
2. We should buy some speakers that work and have a way of plugging other music players into them

### **RCSA Resolves:**

1. To allocate £10 from the open meeting budget for the purchase of a clock with a big second hand
2. To allocate £30 from the open meeting budget for the purchase of some speakers
3. To mandate the catering and amenities officer to buy these items

*Proposed: Andy 'The Situation' Aitken*

*Seconded: Simon 'The Procedure' Bushell*

## **d) Pool/Darts**

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

### **RCSA Notes:**

1. That the College bar or JCR currently have no pool cues with proper tips.
2. That people struggle to play pool well with broken cues.
3. Pool is a successful college sport and popular bar pastime.
4. There has been confusion in recent RCSA meetings over whose responsibility it is to fund pool in college - the RCSA or the bar.
5. Pool cues really are quite cheap to buy.
6. The College bar also has no darts
7. Last academic year there were only two plastic ones, one of which had to be held together with tape and other had a bent tip, making playing extremely difficult and not fun
8. At least 3, or preferably 6 darts (1 or 2 sets) are needed to play a head to head match
9. Darts is also a successful college sport, with Robinson the only college with two teams while most have none, and many of the University's top ranked players (e.g. David Dempster and Adam Eales) competing for college
10. Darts are even cheaper to buy than pool cues

### **RCSA Believes:**

1. That people should be able to use proper pool cues if they pay 50p for a game
2. Having good pool cues will encourage members of college to join the pool teams and improve their skills.

3. Darts is free to play, but very few people own their own darts, and members of college should not have to in order to play

**RCSA Resolves:**

1. To allocate the Robinson College Pool Club £40 to purchase 4 new cues.
2. 2 cues will be placed in the JCR, and the other 2 in the bar.
3. To allocate the Robinson College Darts Society £20 to purchase 4 new sets of darts
4. Two will be left by the board, while two will be kept behind the bar for spares

*Proposed: Owen 'mini Swindon' Jones*  
*Seconded: Charlie 'Always Checks out early' Richards*

### **e) Treadmill**

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

**RCSA Notes:**

1. A gym arrived in College on Monday morning and Andy has spent the week putting it together
2. At the moment the gym has a rowing machine and a cross trainer
3. We also wanted to buy a treadmill
4. The treadmill we originally wanted to purchase was not of a suitable quality to be used in college on a regular basis and the most suitable one costs more

**RCSA Believes:**

1. We should still buy the treadmill
2. We should allocate some money from the reserves to pay for it

**RCSA Resolves:**

1. To allocate a further £700 from the reserves to buy a high quality treadmill for the Gym
2. To mandate the catering and amenities officer to buy a treadmill and assemble it

(see Addendum)

*Proposed: Andy 'Pandy Pudding and Pie' Aitken*

*Seconded: Duncan 'Overspent' Stibbard Hawkes*

### **f) Boat**

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

**RCSA Notes:**

1. Despite having over 50 members, with half the freshers signing up for novice rowing, the boat club only has one single and no pairs or other small boats.
2. Most other colleges with which Robinson compete own at least several small boats to aid with their training.
3. There is still a large amount of RCSA reserves unspent, which should go towards something that will benefit a large proportion of the Robinson community.

**RCSA Believes:**

1. Training in small boats is an integral part of learning to row properly.
2. Owning another single or pair would greatly enhance RCBC's ability to compete effectively on the river.
3. Buying such a boat would benefit the entire boat club, as anyone would be able to use it, not just one particular crew.

**RCSA Resolves:**

1. To allocate £1500 from the RCSA reserves in order to buy a pair for the boat club.

(See Addendum)

*Proposed Chris 'On a boat' Oulton*  
*Secodeded Andy 'Also on a boat' Aitken*

**g) Browne Review****RCSA Notes:**

1. The Browne review on higher education in England has suggested removing the cap on tuition fees.
2. This concurs with a £4.2bn cut in government spending on English universities as part of the comprehensive spending review.
3. This will leave English universities no choice but to greatly increase their fees, causing students to incur greater debt whilst pursuing their degrees.

**RCSA Believes:**

1. The increase in student debt suggested by the review would discourage prospective students from applying to university, with this especially effecting Cambridge.

2. If Robinson is to continue to academically compete at the highest levels it must continue to receive the best students from all backgrounds.
3. The review would undermine what been achieved by Access programmes in both Robinson and the university.
4. Giving talented students access to tertiary education is beneficial to society as whole.

**RCSA Resolves:**

1. To endorse the CUSU and NUS campaigns against the proposals, including:
  - a) holding MPs to account over pledges made on tuition fees during the general election,
  - b) encouraging attendance at the NUS national demonstration in London on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November.
2. To pressurise the college to ensure no students are barred from study here due to debt or financial pressure.

*Proposed: Michael "Give Teach A Chance!" Boyle*

*Secodeded: Duncan "Social Morbidity" Stibbard Hawkes*

## Report for new boat

The boat club would like to request £1500 from the RCSA reserves money in order to purchase a pair for the boat house. This will be able to be used by the entire boat club, a large proportion of the RCSA membership. Rowing in a pair is different from in an VIII, and allows the user to improve their technique in a unique way, which will make all Robinson boats more effective when it comes to racing.

Examples of pairs that are for sale and would be suitable:

Rowing Service Noticeboard- Janousek 80kg 2-/2x - Janousek convertable coxless pair/ double, 1988. Hull has been refurbished and is now in very good and "ready to go" condition, as are the shoes, seats and rigging. £1000 ono.

UK Rowing Notices Page- FOR SALE - 90kg Sims 2x/2-

1990s vintage, recently refurbished with new Carl Douglas 2x riggers. £1800. Contact Jon [via email](#) or ring 07887 553634