



# Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2012

## 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
8. Questions to the Committee
9. Extraordinary Motions
10. Ordinary Motions
  - a) Netball budget reallocation
  - b) Hockey Budget Reallocation
  - c) Robinson College Croquet Club – Comedy Corner Motion
  - d) Computers in the cafe
  - e) Proposal for Yoga Classes and subsidy
  - f) Proposal for Robinson College Motor Racing Society
  - g) Dart's Board
  - h) Drum Kit Restoration
  - i) Glass Board
  - j) TV Room
  - k) Bop Room Sound System
11. Any other RCSA business

Finance section of the RCSA constitution.

2. The previous captain of netball spent money allocated for court hire and equipment on kit.
3. In order to reimburse the previous captain of netball for her expenditure an open meeting motion is required under article 65b of the RCSA constitution.

### RCSA Believes:

1. Reallocating funds will allow RCSA to function without incurring any financial cost to any of its members or any additional cost to the RCSA.

### RCSA Resolves:

1. To reallocate £42 from netball's pitch hire allocation to netball's allocation for equipment.

**Proposed: Lara 'Made a booboo' Tembey  
Seconded: Peter Judge**

### b) Hockey Budget Reallocation

### RCSA Notes:

1. The hockey goalkeeper kit's kickers are currently unacceptable, and are dangerous to play in.
2. The hockey club has £130 allocated for goalkeeper kit, but this isn't enough to buy a good set of kickers.
3. The hockey club will have excess money in its Astroturf allocation, and this money could be used to buy kickers.

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## Ordinary Motions

### a) Netball Budget reallocation

#### RCSA Notes:

1. The captain of netball was unaware that spending in excess of individual spending categories, but within the society's cumulative spending allocation, is prevented by the

4. In order to reallocate funds an open meeting motion is required under article 65b of the RCSA constitution.

**RCSA Believes:**

1. RCSA members should not have to play sport in a manner which is unnecessarily dangerous.
2. Reallocating funds will allow RCSA to function without incurring any financial cost to any of its members or any additional cost to the RCSA.

**RCSA Resolves:**

1. To reallocate £80 from hockey's Astroturf allocation to hockey's allocation for goalkeeper equipment.

**Proposed: Tim Headley**

**Seconded: Peter Judge**

**c) Robinson College Croquet Club – Comedy Corner Motion**

**RCSA Notes:**

1. Robinson College Croquet Club (RCCC) have competed in Cuppers in previous years and intend to enter at least one team this year
2. When competing in Cuppers games are played against other colleges on our "Court"
3. One corner of the college croquet court has been progressively getting worse over the last four years and has gained the nickname "Comedy Corner"
4. "Comedy Corner" is in the North-West corner of the court

**RCSA Believes:**

1. It is embarrassing for RCCC, its members, and Robinson College as a

whole to have an almost unplayable corner of the court

2. The gardeners may not be aware of this
3. The gardeners could significantly improve this corner by conducting some work on it

**RCSA Resolves:**

1. To mandate the green officer to raise the issue of "Comedy Corner" at the next garden committee meeting, or to contact the head gardener to raise the issue within a month, whichever comes first
2. To mandate the RCSA President to campaign to get the gardeners to work to improve "Comedy Corner" in particular, as well as the rest of the lawn (if the root in the South-East corner could go too, that'd be great)

**Proposed: Hannis "hadn't written a motion for a while" Whittam**

**Seconded: Jack "loves croquet so much he could cry" Cummings**

**d) Computer's in the café**

**RCSA Notes:**

1. There were two computers in the cafe for people to use.

**RCSA Believes:**

1. We should keep the computers

**RCSA Resolves:**

1. To badger college to let us keep them there.

**Proposed: Jimmy 'such a badger' Campbell**

**Seconded: Pete 'can we just pass this motion so I can leave and get pissed' Judge**

**e) Proposal for Yoga Classes and subsidy**

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

**RCSA Notes:**

1. There is not currently any Yoga sessions or Yoga clubs in the West Group area.
2. After conducting an informal survey over Facebook, it is apparent that Yoga classes in Robinson would be very popular among students here.
3. Pilar Carrillo, the coordinator of the local Yoga Scholar Programme, has spoken with Daisy and agreed in principle to the possibility of running classes within college for Robinson students.
4. In order to do this, the instructor would require payment of £40 per class, and Pilar has mentioned that they often run classes at the cost of £2 per head when there is a subsidy to make up the potential difference.
5. This means that in the event that attendance is less than 20 people, it would be necessary to use money from a reserve budget allocated by the RCSA in order to pay the remainder of the £40 fee.

**RCSA Believes:**

1. That running Yoga sessions in Robinson would be very popular and well-received among students here.
2. It would be difficult to run yoga sessions without a qualified yoga instructor.
3. That Yoga would de-stress and relax the members of college, giving them a well-earned break from work!
4. That given that the RCSA has money to spend, donating a small amount of money to a reserve pool that would not even necessarily be used would be a worthwhile long term investment.

**RCSA Resolves:**

2. To pay a yoga instructor to run weekly 75 minute classes (likely on the weekend) for Robinson students, to take place in the games room.
3. To allocate £100 from the open meeting budget to be used as a reserve pool in the event that the attendance for the Yoga classes drops below 20 people, as a way of making up the difference to pay the instructor.
4. To discuss with the RCSA Treasurer about how to manage this budget, and where will be kept, as the instructor would need to be paid on a weekly basis.

**Proposed: Daisy 'Zen Guru' Pope**

**Seconded: Toby 'whipped' Hayward-Butcher**

**f) Proposal for Robinson College Motor Racing Society**

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

**RCSA Notes:**

1. Many RCSA members have an interest in participating or watching motor racing.
2. A small number of RCSA members regularly participate in Cambridge University Automobile Club (CUAC) go-karting.
3. Having a society would allow any Robinson College Cuppers Go-Karting squad to request a budget.

**RCSA Believes:**

1. Go-karting is fun, and more RCSA members should do it together at CUAC events.
2. Formula One has never looked better than on a 60 inch HDTV.

### **RCSA Resolves:**

1. To create the Robinson College Motor Racing Society (RCMRS)
2. That this society will be bound by the constitution of the RCSA.
3. That this society will be responsible for the encouragement of RCSA members to enjoy motorsport through watching it on Robinson College's televisions and participating in CUAC go-karting or other motor racing related events. The society will also be responsible for entering a Robinson team into the annual Go-Karting Cuppers.
4. "To amend appendix 1 of the RCSA constitution to include the Robinson College Motor Racing Society."

**Proposed: Daniel "Prost" Dyer**

**Seconded: Peter "Senna" Newton**

### **g) Dart's Board**

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

#### **RCSA Notes:**

1. Robinson College is a big name in the collegiate darts world.
2. Students also enjoy this 'sport' in a more leisurely, relaxed atmosphere amongst friends.
3. The college currently has a darts board which is not up to sufficient standard to facilitate enjoyable play.
4. Other college students have been heard to speak badly of our dart board.

#### **RCSA Believes:**

1. Students should be able to enjoy their free time doing as wide a range of sports or activities as possible.
2. To maintain a strong college darts team, a better quality darts board is

needed to complement the newly purchased darts.

3. That our college's fine name should not be the source of ridicule because of a poor quality dart board.

### **RCSA Resolves:**

1. To mandate the Sports and Societies officer to purchase a new darts board to replace the current one.
2. To allocate £22 from the reserves for this new dart board.
3. To allow Simon to set up the new darts board when it arrives.

**Proposed: Steven 'Straight to the point'**

**Gordon**

**Seconded Peter 'High Court' Judge**

### **h) Drum Kit Restoration**

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

#### **RCSA Notes**

1. The RCSA drum kit is in a sorry state
2. The snare drum is completely broken and unusable
3. All of the drum heads (skins) are totally worn out and do not produce a desirable sound
4. Fellow Elliott Schwartz has composed a piece for drum kit and trumpet, for which a kit will have to be rented at expense to RCMS if the RCSA one is inadequate

#### **RCSA Believes**

1. That there are always opportunities to use the drum kit, especially now with RBCB Open Mic Nights and (forthcoming) RCMS Saturday Sessions
2. A kit would not only benefit RCMS, but other musicians and musical groups wishing to rehearse or jam in College

### **RCSA Resolves**

1. To allocate £100 from the reserves for the restoration of the RCSA kit: a new snare drum and new heads for all drums (plus any subsidiary improvements, should the money suffice).

**Proposer:** Rob "Sweetstix" Ashcroft  
**Seconder:** Alvo "Dumb-and-Drummer" von Cossel

### **i) Glass Board**

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

#### **RCSA Notes:**

1. Students are often curious creatures, particularly about matters of college sporting pride.
2. There exists an outdated, aesthetically offensive, and barely readable chalk board outside the plodge currently used to proclaim sporting results to the masses.
3. The college overall has a rather modern look, the dilapidated chalk board on the other hand is rather archaic.

#### **RCSA Believes:**

1. Students should be able to easily access information regarding the college's sporting prowess, or lack of, as the case may be.
2. The means by which this information is presented should add to the visual appeal of the college, not detract from it.
3. This information should continue to be available in its current prominent position adjacent to the college entrance.

#### **RCSA Resolves:**

1. To mandate the very capable Sports and Societies Officer to purchase a glass board to replace the existing chalk board.
2. To allocate £599.99 from the reserves for the purchase of the new glass board.

**Proposed:** Steven 'Not Yet Bored of it all' Gordon

**Seconded:** Bryn 'a very glassy chap' Pickering

### **j) TV Room**

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

#### **RCSA Notes:**

1. The TV room is, by its very name, where members of college should be able to watch TV.
2. The current TV in the TV room is the cast-off from the JCR and is barely usable.
3. The TV room is the only place in College with access to Sky.
4. Sky is very important for viewing several sports fixtures of interest to members of the RCSA.

#### **RCSA Believes:**

1. The TV room should have a good quality TV in it.
2. If we're going to purchase a new TV, we may as well go the whole hog and get good sound quality as well.
3. The TV room should be an enjoyable place for everyone to go.

#### **RCSA Resolves:**

1. To allocate £642.61 from the reserves to purchase Package 1 with full warranty (see Report).

2. To allocate £396.69 from the reserves to purchase the Sound System and Speaker brackets.
3. To allocate £60 from the reserves to purchase cables for connecting sound system and TV.
4. To allocate £20 from the reserves for the purchase of accessories.
5. To Mandate the Catering and Amenities officer and Vice-President to purchase and liaise with the Maintenance department to organise the installation of all the above.

**Proposed: Bryn 'TV's on, but no-one's at home' Pickering**

**Seconded: Mary 'Sky High' Hughes**

#### **k) Bop Room Sound System**

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

#### **RCSA Notes:**

1. There are many practical problems with the current sound system in the party room:
  - a) The bass doesn't work properly – there is too much of it even when its turned down to a minimum
  - b) The sound quality is generally quite poor
  - c) There is an odd feedback sound that plays constantly in the background of every track
  - d) Occasionally it is impossible to get any sound out of it at all, and it requires a very stressful hour prior to bops to rectify this.

e) At this stage the wiring is very complicated and no one in college actually knows how it works.

2. The problems seem to be getting worse
3. The sound system is fairly old, and there comes a stage in the life of all electronic equipment where it needs replacing, rather than repairing.

#### **RCSA Believes:**

1. The entire sound system needs to be fully replaced, including the following:
  - a) Mixing decks
  - b) Amplifier
  - c) Speakers
  - d) Leads
  - e) Sound card
2. This replacement will be a long-lasting benefit for members of the college, and the new sound-system, properly maintained, should last for 15-20 years at least.
3. The kind of new sound system that would be purchased would be appropriate for the size of the room, and the kind of events that are put on in the party room – there would be no excessive spending.
4. Given that the RCSA has money to spend, the price being put forward is reasonable.

#### **RCSA Resolves:**

1. That the sum of £5,500 should be allocated from the RCSA reserves in order to finance the cost of fully replacing the sound system, which

has been calculated as coming to  
£5478 including VAT.

2. To mandate the Ents Officers and  
President to organise the purchasing  
an installation of the equipment.

**Proposed: William 'Slam Dunk the Funk'  
Nyerere Plastow**

**Seconded: Toby 'Music to your ears'  
Hayward-Butcher**

## **Ammendums:**

1. **Robinson College Motor Racing Society Constitution**
2. **Whiteboard Cost Break Down**
3. **TV Room Reports**
4. **Bop Room Sound System Reports**

## **Robinson College Motor Racing Society Constitution**

### **Chapter I: THE SOCIETY**

#### Section 1: Title

The society shall be called the Robinson College Motor Racing Society, or RCMRS.

#### Section 2: Objects

The Objects of the Society shall be to encourage RCSA members to enjoy motorsport through watching it on Robinson College's televisions and participating in Cambridge University Automobile Club go-karting or other motor racing related events. The society will also be responsible for entering a Robinson team into the annual Go-Karting Cuppers.

#### Section 3: Membership

Any Member of Robinson College may become a Member of the Society.

#### Section 4: Amendment

Any member can propose an amendment to the constitution and if at least the two thirds of the society members support it, then it becomes part of the constitution.

#### Section 5: Schedules

Schedules will be determined by the society members in the future.

#### Section 6: Policy

Policy will be determined in the first meeting of the society.

### **Chapter II: MEETINGS**

#### Section 1: Annual meeting

The annual meeting will be held on the first Sunday within full term of either Lent or Easter on which there is a Formula One grand prix starting after midday. The meeting will be held at a time convenient as to be just after the conclusion of the race. As an example, in 2011/12, the AGM will be held at 2:30pm on 13 May 2012, shortly after the conclusion of the Spanish Grand Prix.

#### Section 2: General meeting

Every member has the right to call a general meeting in any general or annual meeting. The committee members have the right to call a general meeting anytime, but they cannot pass any Amendment or Policy Changing decision on those meetings.

### **Chapter III: THE EXECUTIVE**

## Section 1: The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the following democratically elected Officers in order of seniority:

- i. the Team Principal
- ii. the Treasurer
- iii. the Karting Officer
- iv. the Television Officer
- v. the Chief Aerodynamicist

## Section 2: Eligibility

Only one natural individual who is also a Member shall hold any office. Every member can hold at maximum one position at any time.

## Section 3: Term

Each Officer shall hold office for a term of one year from that date on which he or she enters service, provided that:

- i. the Officer may, for violation of the Constitution or Schedules be removed from office by impeachment;
- ii. the Officer may resign his office;
- iii. if the Officer should cease to be a Member of the Society then he or she shall be considered to have automatically resigned his or her office;
- iv. a petition of no fewer than half of the total number of Members shall call a re-election of those Officers stipulated in the petition.

## Section 4: The Presidential Oath

The President shall make the following oath, in the presence of other Members, before assuming his or her office "I do solemnly affirm that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the Robinson College Motor Racing Society, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the Society."

## Section 5: Election

Elections shall only be held at General Meetings. There shall be the annual election of all Officers at the Annual General Meeting. A bye-election shall be held at an Extraordinary General Meeting neither fewer than seven Days nor more than fourteen days following the resignation or petition of the Officer(s) to be replaced.

## Section 6: Duties of the Officers

**Team Principal:** To chair meetings of the society, to represent the society in general external business, to promote the society to Robinson members.

**Treasurer:** To keep records of money raised and spent by the society, to claim funds from the RCSA at budget meetings, to keep an eye out for affordable sources of stash.

Karting Officer: To promote karting events that members may wish to attend, to assemble a team for cuppers.

Television Officer: To promote and organise the watching of motor racing or related television programmes.

Chief Aerodynamicist: To ensure the society is kept as streamlined as possible whilst still generating sufficient downforce to round the corner into the JCR from the bar at full racing speed.

## **Chapter V: POLLS**

### Section 1: Valid Nominations

A valid nomination for an election shall consist of the verbal or written consent of the nominee indicating his or her willingness to stand and agreement to abide by the Constitution and Schedules together with the agreement of one other Member.

### Section 3: Order of Elections

The elections will be held in the order of seniority of the Officers to be elected. A person already elected to an office shall not be eligible for an inferior office at the same General Meeting.

### Section 4: Withdrawal

Each nominee shall be allowed to withdraw his or her nomination from any election before the poll for that election.

## **Chapter VI: FINANCE**

### Section 1:

The Committee shall decide how funds at the disposal of the Society shall be disbursed in pursuance of the Objects of the Society.

### Section 2:

The students' Association treasurer shall have the power to inspect all documents pertaining to financial transactions conducted on behalf of the Society.

### Section 3:

The RCSA has the right to check any account held by the society at any time.

## **Chapter VII: DISSOLUTION**

### Section 1:

The Society may be dissolved by a majority vote of its Committee at a General Meeting. The Society may also be dissolved by decision of the RCSA.

### Section 2:

On dissolution of the Society, its assets shall become the property of the RCSA.

## Whiteboard Cost Break Down

Item	Cost
6mm Sandblasted 1500 x1000 mm glass board	£271
Bespoke Planner and Logo	£150
Delivery	£49
Pack of Markers	£9.75
Non-Scratch Acrylic Eraser	£13.50
Fasteners	£8.09
Total (inc VAT)	£599.99

This will benefit everyone who happens to cross its path, not just athletes, by providing a moral boosting way to quickly find out the achievements of various Robinson teams on the pitch, track, or river. The reason this wasn't requested at the budget meeting was because the idea hadn't yet been hatched to replace the current board, no other sinister motives.

Readers may note that the maintenance department have agreed to facilitate the removal of the old board and the erection of the new one.

## Report on the proposed replacement of the Bop Room Sound System

### Reasons for the proposed replacement

Although functioning, the current sound system in the Bop room is highly problematic, and we believe in need of replacement. Although efforts could be made to replace individual parts of it, or to repair some of the many individual faulty components, for a variety of reasons we believe that full replacement of the system is preferable:

- 1. Firstly, and at a most basic level, the sound quality produced by the current system leaves quite a bit to be desired.**
  - There is constant distortion, an odd feedback noise that nobody in the current or previous ENTS team have been able to get rid of and the system produces too much bass.
- 2. Secondly, as the system has had individual elements added ad hoc over a significant amount of time [nobody I can find remembers or can find out when most of it was bought], and it has been rewired by different individuals literally dozens of times it is now extremely complicated.**
  - I think it not an understatement to say that at the moment there is nobody in college who properly understands how it works.
  - This can lead to some extremely stressful moments for the ENTS officers as it sometimes stops producing sound or creates unacceptable feedback, and we must spend considerable time before some bops to get it working again.
  - A new system would be properly set up and much more straight forward which would be a major improvement.
  - To make an analogy, the current sound system is like a very old car, with regular attention and replacement of individual parts it can probably be kept alive indefinitely, but with ever

diminishing quality and an ever increasing amount of effort required to keep it running. At a certain point replacement is simply a better alternative to repair.

- 3. Finally, over the last few years, all other areas of the bop room have been brought up to scratch, the walls have been repainted, the lights and dance-floor installed, and the proper bar has been put in. We think that now, as the RCSA has the resources, it would be great to bring the sound system up to the standard of the rest of the Bop Room.**

The money was not requested at the budget meeting because we had not started our terms in office. The new system would be a benefit to all College members who attend any events in the party room over several generations.

### **The New System**

The proposed new sound system has been fully costed and the proposed set up has only been agreed at after a significant consultation with professionals working at Cambridge Sound and Lights. Most importantly, the proposed system would be purpose assembled for the Bop Room environment and would be an enduring investment for the Robinson College student community.

When questioned on the lifespan of the proposed system, Martin at Cambridge Sound and Lights told me that it should last indefinitely, when I pressed for a specific lifespan he said that the proposed rig could be expected to function excellently for between 15 and 20 years. The specific reasons for the longevity of the proposed rig are expanded upon in the appendix entitled longevity.

### **Compatibility**

The proposed system would also be set up specifically for use with computers, with its own internal sound card, and would be easily compatible with a wide variety of music systems, making it easy for us to invite non-resident DJs as they could easily attach it to their equipment.

### **Quality**

Also, and not unimportantly, the new system will kick out extremely high quality sound at any level of volume required for Bop Room use. For those who have questions concerning the quality of key elements of the speaker system, it will primarily be constructed from elements made by the extremely reputable producer Zenith Audio.

### **Installation and Maintenance**

The new system will be full installed by Martin at Cambridge Sound and Lights, and will be significantly more easy to use than the current system. Unlike the current set up it will not require rewiring to be used by different groups such as exercise classes, and the Bop DJ's. In addition, as it would be an entirely new system, an exhaustive manual could be compiled by the ENTS team in conjunction with Cambridge Sound and Light, ensuring that current and future ents teams could have a complete knowledge of the working of the system. Finally, I have been reliably assured that the system is entirely idiot proof, which is of great relief to me personally as will be responsible for it.

### **Individual elements of the System and Prices**

**2x Twin 15" Bass Speakers**

**£1860+vat**

<b>4x 15" Full Range Speakers</b>	<b>£1032+vat</b>
<b>2x 2.5k Amplifiers</b>	<b>£930+vat</b>
<b>1x Xlovet DBX</b>	<b>£99+vat</b>
<b>1x 12V Rack Case</b>	<b>£90+vat</b>
<b>1x Graphic 24 Dual Equalizer</b>	<b>£189+vat</b>
<b>1x Creonic USB Mixer</b>	<b>£205+vat</b>
<b>1x19" Racmont Mixer</b>	<b>£80+vat</b>
<b>8x XLR Leads</b>	<b>£80+vat</b>
<b>4x Speaker leads [Made on Delivery]</b>	...
<b>1x 4 Way Gang</b>	...
<b>Total Before Vat</b>	<b>£4565</b>
<b>Total With Vat</b>	<b>£5478</b>

**Non priced elements included in package price.**

#### **Appendix: Longevity**

- The proposed rig is intentionally designed to have a maximum power output in excess of the usage to which it will ordinarily be put in regular college Bops. This means that no stress will be put on the speakers significantly increasing their lifespans.
- In addition the incorporation of independent Bass and Full Range Amps and speakers removes the need to overload a single speaker to accommodate the bass, which is a common cause of speaker degradation.
- The system is also almost impossible to blow out, the amps, speakers and crossover all have fail safe mechanisms which will kick in to protect the amps and speakers from being blown out by excessive current.
- Finally it is all of excellent quality, which is always a good way to guarantee long lifespan. With some TLC, this rig could still be running when our children go to university.

#### **Report on the TV Room**

See attached pdf documents