



Saturday 19th May 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) May Ball Umbrellas
11. Any other RCSA business
3. It costs £1150 (incl. VAT) for 500 black umbrellas from Umbrella World and 500 umbrellas would be approximately 1 umbrella per 2.5 people.
4. The Ball gets no funding from college (unlike some other balls) but is underwritten by the RCSA. Therefore the RCSA would be required to bail out the ball committee if everything went tits up.
5. Last year the ball committee made a large loss.
6. This year's committee froze the standard ticket price.

RCSA Believes:

1. The Ball reflects Robinson and its students and for the ball to get glowing reviews reflects well on the college and visa versa.
2. It is unfair for this year's Ball's guests to be expected to pay for umbrellas when they may not be used if weather is pleasant.
3. The ball usually sells out before general release, and so the ball guests are college members or college member's guests, much like bops, and so the money would make a positive impact for many college members.
4. Buying umbrellas for the ball is an investment as they can reused for futures. They may not be used every year, but are good to have as a back-up in case it does rain.

Ordinary Motions

a) May Ball Umbrellas

This motion requires a two thirds majority to pass.

RCSA Notes:

1. Last year, during the Robinson May ball (hereafter referred to as the Ball), the weather was bad, and umbrellas were needed, however the Robinson May Ball Committee (hereafter referred to as the Ball committee) did not supply these to guests. In the ball's review, this was the only piece of negative feedback.
2. Many other May balls provided their guests with umbrellas.

5. It is nice to be dry during May Balls.
6. The ball committee's dwindling reserves should be saved for emergency costs only.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To allocate £340 to the ball committee from the open meeting budget to help cover costs of the umbrellas, and for the committee to pay the rest from this year's ticket sales.
2. The ball committee shall store these umbrellas in its storage shed until a year when it rains where they can be used.

Proposed: Heather "Never Dry" Holland
Seconded: Charlotte "We've got it Covered" Bellamy