



Robinson College Students' Association - Open Meeting



14th October 2012: Umney Theatre, 2pm

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
 - a) Taryn Edwards
 - b) The Great Flood of 2012
 - c) Recycling
 - d) Constitution Review Update
8. Questions to the Committee
9. Extraordinary Motions
10. Ordinary Motions
 - a) Women's Football Budget Reallocation
 - b) Boat Club Budget Reallocation
 - c) Ents Cash Box
 - d) Sky HD Proposal
 - e) Robinson College Aerobics Society
 - f) Porter's Presents
11. Any other RCSA business

they could keep clean and not have to borrow smelly kit.

RCSA Resolves

1. To reallocate all funds from equipment into kit

Proposed: Sarah 'safe hands' Pamerter

Seconded: Peter 'more game than Campbell' Judge

b) Boat Club Budget Reallocation

RCSA Notes

1. Last year seven Robinson crews competed in May bumps, compared to only five the previous year as the club increased in size.
2. As a result the boats were used more frequently and therefore need to be repaired in order to be fit for use, and ensure the ongoing safety of members of the RCSA who use them.
3. The Equipment and Repairs allocation in last year's budget does not have enough money in it to cover these repairs as the Boat Club did not expect to have so many crews and so didn't expect the boats to be as badly damaged.
4. Due to the senior boats (M1/W1) not entering as many races as expected and Insurance and Cam Subs coming in under budget, due to the disposal of an old boat, there is some money assigned to the Boat Club for these uses that hasn't yet been claimed.
5. Repairing boats extends their lifetime considerably and delays the need to buy a new boat, which would cost several

Ordinary Motions

a) Women's Football Budget Reallocation

RCSA Notes

1. Funds allocated to equipment are no longer required as Selwyn college purchased the required equipment
2. The women's football club require more kit than originally predicted

RCSA Believes

1. It would be nice if the women's football team could have their own kit which

thousands of pounds, so is good value for money.

6. That in similar situations where there has been an excess/deficit of funds between allocation categories it has been common practice to reallocate money from one category to the other. (Netball Budget Reallocation and Hockey Budget Reallocation Motions, both 29th January 2012)

RCSA Believes

1. RCSA members should not have to use unsafe boats.
2. Reallocating funds will allow the RCSA to function without incurring any extra financial cost to any of its members or any additional cost to the RCSA.

RCSA Resolves

1. To reallocate the remaining funds in the Race Fees (£291), Insurance (£250.88) and Cam Subs (£82) allocations to the Repairs and Equipment allocation to cover these repairs.

Proposed: Alice 'I just love being on committees' Udale-Smith

Seconded: Peter 'I hate boaties' Judge

c) Ents Cash Box Motion

This motion requires a two thirds majority to pass.

RCSA Notes:

1. The freshers week finale (Robstock) was a great success, enjoyed by everyone who attended.
2. The event was quite expensive to run, and in order to pay for it we needed to sell over 350 tickets (we only sold around 300).
3. There is £750 in the ents bank account, and over the past year the RCSA ents officers have been trying to get the previous ents officers to sign over the rights to this account. Alex Kennedy has

done this, but we have been unable to get hold of Martyn Statter for the past year, so cannot access this money.

4. The ents cashbox is short of approximately £600 needed to pay Blue Parrot, the production company used for Robstock.
5. We have been informed that Martyn will be sending us his signature so we can access the bank account in the next few days, but given his previous unreliability with this, we cannot rely on this.
6. Bops are planned for every Friday of this term.
7. There is not currently enough money in the cashbox alone to fund the bops for this term, given the outstanding payment to Blue Parrot.
8. The invoice for payment for Blue Parrot expires 05/11/12.

RCSA Believes:

1. Bops are important and enjoyable for many Robinson students, and so it would be regrettable were they not to go ahead because one former student is too unorganised to send across his signature to the RCSA ents officers.
2. A small injection of funds could temporarily fund bops until such time that the RCSA ents officers are able to access the money in the bank account.
3. That the small profit made on drinks sales in bops would mean that no further money should be required.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To allocate £140 from the budget for the Open Meeting of 14/10/2012 to be paid in cash into the ents cash box, so that bops can continue for the course of the term.
2. To make a renewed effort to get Martyn to sign off on the bank account, and failing this, to negotiate with HSBC to hand over the rights to the account without his signature, so that money can be accessed.

Proposed: Toby 'First world problems' Hayward-Butcher

Seconded: Will 'More reliable than Martyn' Nyerere Plastow

d) Sky HD motion

This motion requires a two thirds majority to pass.

RCSA Notes

1. Students enjoy watching TV.
2. Students enjoy watching high quality TV even more.
3. We've just spent a lot of money on pimping up the TV room.
4. Sky HD costs £216

RCSA Believes

1. Student welfare is very important
2. Sky HD would help make students happier
3. We should have Sky HD.

RCSA Resolves

1. To allocate £216 out of the Open Meeting budget to pay for the upgrade.
2. To mandate the RCSA Treasurer to sort out payment for Sky HD.

Proposer: Peter 'giving the people what they want' Judge

Secunder: Jimmy 'the people's president' Campbell

e) Robinson College Aerobics Society

This motion requires a two thirds majority to pass.

RCSA Notes

1. Sweat the Swedish Way was a popular exercise class that provided RCSA members with a free and convenient way to boogie on down to some massive tunes at the same time as keeping fit.
2. Sweat the Swedish Way is no longer running now that Fredrika has deserted us.

3. Hiring an instructor to give exercise classes would be expensive and such an instructor could never live up to the level of enthusiasm and cheese set by Sweat the Swedish way.
4. There are many relatively cheap (~£10) exercise DVDs available set to music of varying degrees of cheese.
5. Such a DVD could be shown once a week in the bop/games room to provide RCSA members interested with the opportunity to do some fun communal exercise

RCSA Believes

1. That aerobics is a great way to keep fit, have fun and destress from work especially for those who aren't particularly sporty
2. That showing an exercise DVD in a large room in college would be easy to organise and be free to run once DVDs had been purchased

RCSA Resolves

1. To create the Robinson College Aerobics Society
2. That this society will be bound by the constitution of the RCSA.
3. That this society will be responsible for organising weekly aerobics sessions lead by an exercise DVD (or otherwise)
4. "To amend appendix 1 of the RCSA constitution to include the Robinson College Aerobics Society." (see attached constitution)

Proposed: Sarah 'likes getting sweaty in the games room' Pamenter

Seconded: Daisy 'moonpig' Pope

f) Porters Presents

This motion requires a two thirds majority to pass.

RCSA notes:

1. Alan and Malcolm the porters have retired over the summer.
2. They were both lovely porters, and helped all the students a lot.
3. Alan had a cracking beard.

RCSA Believes:

1. We should in some way acknowledge their contribution to the students, by buying them presents.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To allocate £140 from the Open meeting budget to buy presents for the porters.
2. To mandate the RCSA Treasurer to find someone who's willing to buy said presents.

Proposed: Peter Judge

Seconded: Alice Udale-Smith

The Robinson College Aerobics Society Constitution

CHAPTER 1

SECTION 1: The name of the Society shall be 'The Robinson College Aerobics Society'

SECTION 2: The object of the society shall be to meet weekly and exercise and get sweaty to cheesy music.

SECTION 3: There shall be standing orders for the conduct of general meetings, committee meetings and any other activities of the Society. Their amendment shall be the province of the committee.

SECTION 4: A Member of the society shall be a Member of Robinson college who shall have satisfied the Committee of her or his qualifications for membership specified in the standing orders.

SECTION 5: Amendment of this constitution of the Society shall require the assent of two thirds of the Members of the Society present and voting in a general meeting.

SECTION 6: In case of doubt interpretation of this constitution of society shall rest with College Council.

CHAPTER II: GENERAL MEETINGS

There will be no need for general meetings

CHAPTER III: THE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1: The Committee shall consist of the following [insert number] officers in order of seniority: [the order may differ]

- . i) Chief Sweaty Betty;

SECTION 2: Each Officer shall serve on the Committee from the beginning of Michaelmas term until the earliest of the following conditions:

- . i) the next Chief Sweaty Betty is appointed at the end of Easter term;
- . ii) He or she shall cease to be a member of the Society;
- . iii) He or she shall have published written notice of resignation;
- . iv) The majority of the society think he/she's doing a shoddy job;

SECTION 3: Elections shall be held at the last aerobics event of Easter.

SECTION 4: After every election the Secretary of the RCSA shall be notified of the names of each of the holders of all the Offices of that Association.

CHAPTER IV: DUTIES

SECTION 1: The Chief Sweaty Betty shall maintain a list of members of the Society which shall be available for inspection by any member of the Society. The Chief Sweaty Betty shall be responsible of advertisements and shall give notice of each aerobics event. The Chief Sweaty Betty shall invite nominations for elections. The Chief Sweaty Betty will organize the purchase of

new aerobics DVDs when members of the society get bored of current DVDs and will organize a budget for the purchase of up to 2 new DVDs per year which it will submit to the RCSA budget meeting annually.

CHAPTER V: POLLS

SECTION 1: A valid nomination for an election shall consist of a member of the society indicating in any way that they would be interested in being next years Chief Sweaty Betty.

SECTION 2: Any member of the Society shall be allowed to be nominated and retiring officers shall be allowed to stand for re-election.

SECTION 3: The close of the nominations shall be the beginning of the last aerobics event of Easter term.

SECTION 4: 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 society shall decide at aerobics events how funds at the disposal of the society shall be disbursed in pursuance of the objects of the Society.

SECTION 2: The RCSA Treasurer shall have the power to inspect all documents pertaining to financial transactions conducted on behalf of the Society.

Report on getting Sky HD

- Sky box costs £50 + VAT.
- Installation costs £130 + VAT.
- We get warranty plus a professional with installation, so we felt it was worth it.