



Robinson College Students' Association Open Meeting



Sunday May 5th 2013

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) 2013 Yearbook
 - b) Foundation of Robinson College Islamic Society
 - c) Water Polo Cuppers
 - d) Croquet equipment
 11. Any other RCSA business
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Ordinary Motions

a) 2013 Yearbook

RCSA Notes:

1. The yearbook represents the culmination of 3rd and 4th year student's time at university.
2. Students enjoy reading the yearbook and it holds sentimental value for the future.
3. This motion does not request full payment for the yearbooks, rather for the RCSA to front the cost and accept reimbursement from students the following month.
4. The cost of printing the yearbooks (£1760) is too great for the editors to front themselves.

RCSA Believes:

1. The RCSA's ability to front the printing costs prevents having to disrupt students during exam term to collect money.

2. The RCSA will be reimbursed for expenses when students purchase the yearbooks.
3. A one off payment from the RCSA will ensure the yearbooks are printed in good time - before students leave for summer.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To front the cost of printing the 2013 yearbook, totalling £1,760.
2. To accept reimbursement from students purchasing a yearbook.
3. To retain control of the printed yearbooks or appoint Callum to distribute them and collect payments.

Proposer: Callum McCutcheon

Seconder: Toby Hayward Butcher

b) Foundation of Robinson College Islamic Society

RCSA Notes:

1. That there is no society for people interested in Islam within the College.
2. That there is widespread interest in Islam within the College.

RCSA Believes:

1. That there is a need for a College Islamic Society to provide a collective forum for everyone interested in Islam.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To form the Robinson College Islamic Society (RCIsoc). The RCIsoc agree to be bound by the constitution of the RCSA.
2. To amend Appendix 1 of the constitution to include the Islamic Society.
3. The aim of the RCIsoc shall be: to provide a collective forum for everyone with an interest in Islam within the College.
4. To approve the RCIsoc constitution (see addendum).

Proposed: Toni Jokinen

Seconded: Faruq Quadir

c) Water Polo Cuppers

The RCSA notes:

1. There has been a good level of interest in the entrance of a team into water polo cuppers.
2. This is a fun way for those involved to let off a bit of steam in exam term.
3. The cost of entrance into cuppers is £27
4. All other sports teams have their league and entry paid for by the RCSA

The RCSA believes:

1. That the RCSA should fund the entrance of the team into coppers.

The RCSA resolves:

1. To allocate £27 of the open meeting budget to pay for the entrance of the team into coppers.

Proposer: Tom Bennett

Secunder: Sam Kaplan

d) Croquet Equipment

RCSA Notes

1. The croquet set is in a poor state of repair, there is only one complete set of balls and these are not in good condition.
2. The existing set of croquet balls is 'first colour' (Blue, Yellow, Black, Red).
3. We are currently lacking a 'second colour' set of croquet balls (Green, Pink, Brown, White).
4. Having two sets that are 'first colour' and 'second colour' allows two games of croquet to take place simultaneously on a single lawn (accommodating up to eight players).
5. There are currently no corner boundaries to the lawn; these are a pre-requisite for Association Croquet.
6. Croquet is a game open to all.
7. The college, particularly the gardeners, invest a great deal of resource (time, effort, money, care) into the preparation of a croquet lawn; this is something that few colleges do.

RCSA Believes

1. Croquet is a perfect tonic to the exam term stress.
2. Croquet is a quintessential part of the Cambridge experience.
3. Members who wish to play croquet should have access to the necessary equipment.

RCSA Resolves

1. To allocate £77.50 (including delivery) from the Open Meeting Budget to pay for a full set of 'second colour' croquet balls.
2. To allocate £70.00 (including delivery) from the Open Meeting Budget to pay for Corner flags.

Proposer: Robin Šmíd

Secunder: Rupert Price

Addendum

1. Proposed constitution of Robinson College Islamic Society:

ROBINSON COLLEGE ISLAMIC SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

CHAPTER I: TITLE

SECTION 1:

The name of the Society shall be 'Robinson College Islamic Society' (RCISoc).

SECTION 2:

The aim of the Society shall be to provide a collective forum for everyone with an interest in Islam within the College.

SECTION 3:

Membership of the Society shall be open to any Member of Robinson College. Any eligible person shall become a Member of the Society on signing their name to the official Membership list of the Society.

SECTION 4:

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 5:

In case of doubt interpretation of this Constitution of the society shall rest with College Council.

CHAPTER II: GENERAL MEETINGS

SECTION 1:

There shall be an Annual General Meeting called by the Committee during Lent Full Term neither earlier than ten months nor later than fourteen months after the previous Annual General Meeting. There shall have been three and only three Annual General Meetings within any period of three years. Every Member of the Society shall be entitled to attend and shall have been given one week's written notice.

SECTION 2:

There shall be an Extraordinary General Meeting at the call of the Committee or on petition to the Secretary signed by one tenth of the total number of Members of the Society. Every Member of the Society shall be entitled to attend and shall have been given three days' written notice.

SECTION 3:

The quorum for General Meetings shall be one fifth of the total number of the Members in the Society.

CHAPTER III: THE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1:

The Committee shall consist of the following four Officers in order of seniority:

- i) President;
- ii) Vice President;
- iii) Treasurer;
- iv) Secretary.

SECTION 2:

No person shall hold more than one office at any time.

SECTION 3:

Each Officer shall serve on the Committee from the end of the General Meeting at which he or she shall have been elected until the earliest of the following conditions:

- i) The end of the next Annual General Meeting;
- 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) He or she shall have been challenged by the signatures of one sixth of the total number of Members of the Society.

SECTION 4:

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 challenge of the Officer to be replaced.

SECTION 5:

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:

A Committee Meeting shall be allowed to be called for any time and any place by either the President or a majority of the Officers.

SECTION 2:

The quorum for Committee Meetings shall be half of the Officers.

SECTION 3:

The President shall have overall responsibility for the Affairs of the Society. The President shall chair all Meetings of the Society, unless decided otherwise by the Committee.

SECTION 4:

The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President should the President be absent or unable to fulfil their duties. Where a conflict of interest may arise, the Vice President will assume chair of the Meetings of the Society.

SECTION 5:

The Treasurer shall present to the Annual General Meeting a written report detailing the financial position of the Society and explaining income and expenditure since the previous Annual General Meeting.

SECTION 6:

The Secretary shall maintain a list of Members of the Society which shall be available for inspection by any Member of the Society. The Secretary shall give notice of each General Meeting and each Committee Meeting to those entitled to attend. The Secretary shall keep minutes of each General Meeting and each Committee Meeting which shall be available for inspection by any Member of the Society. The Secretary shall invite nominations for elections.

CHAPTER V: POLLS

SECTION 1:

A valid nomination for an election shall consist of a note declaring the Office for which the nominee shall be a candidate bearing the signature of a Member of the Society indicating his or her willingness to stand and agreement to abide by the Constitution together with the signatures of two other Members of the Society.

SECTION 2:

Any Member of the Society shall be allowed to be nominated for more than one Office and retiring Officers shall be allowed to stand for re-election.

SECTION 3:

The close of the nominations shall be noon on the day before the General Meeting at which the election is to be held. At the close of nominations the Secretary shall prepare ballot papers and shall advertise all the Candidates to each Member of the Society.

SECTION 4:

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 5:

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

SECTION 6:

The President shall act as Returning Officer for the elections. Where the President intends to be a candidate in any election, a Returning Officer, who is not a candidate in any election, shall be appointed by the Committee.

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

SECTION 3:

The Treasurer of the Society shall appoint a person independent of the Society as auditor who shall check the financial statement presented by the Treasurer to the Annual General Meeting.

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.