

RCSA Open Meeting Minutes

Sunday November 8th - 2:00pm Umney Theatre

1. Apologies for absence or lateness

There were apologies for absence from Grace Parker and for lateness from Lewis Hemens (LH).

2. Announcement of the presence and purpose of guests

There were no guests.

3. Approval of the presence and speaking rights of guests

There were no guests.

4. Approval of the order of the agenda

Barnaby Mollet (BM) announced that the RCMS, Chapel Choir and Football (Ladies) had requested they be moved to the top of the budget. There were no objections to this change.

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.

The minutes of the previous open meeting were approved.

6. Matters Arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

7. Reports from the Committee

a) Elections

Rahul Mansigani (RM) announced that this year's elections for President and Chair would be held online, but there would be an RCSA representative in the JCR at all times if people had any problems voting. He hoped that holding elections online would increase voter turnout. He also requested that people email himself or John Crook (JC) if they had any questions.

8. Questions to the Committee

Dave Bewicke (DB) asked whether the RCSA were planning to have a referendum on a constitutional amendment. RM replied that the Executive had not yet made a decision on that point. RM agreed that the RCSA should hold a meeting with its members to discuss the proposed reform if the Executive decided to carry it forward.

9. Extraordinary Motions

There were no extraordinary motions.

10. Ordinary Motions

a) Kit Fund

THIS MOTION REQUIRES A TWO-THIRDS ASSENT TO PASS

RCSA Notes:

1. That many of the clubs and societies that the RCSA support have made use of the budget over the years to claim for new kit.
2. The unpredictable nature of when new kit will be requested by a society makes attempts to balance the budget more difficult.
3. Most kit will need replacing after a period of time, thus increasing the budget claims of societies who require it, maybe at the expense of other societies when it comes to balancing the budget.
4. Personalised kit cannot be provided by RCSA funding, only kit that can be reused by a club or society in a communal fashion.
5. The RCSA has a large level of reserves, that should be used in a way which benefits as many members as possible.

RCSA Believes:

6. That the allocation of some reserves into a kit fund that allows for clubs and societies that need to periodically claim for new kit would alleviate the burden of this for the foreseeable future.
7. Such a fund would not only directly benefit all societies who may require kit in the future, but also other societies as an indirect result of not having the potential loss of any budget to provide for the kit allocation of another society.
8. There are sufficient reserves to provide enough funding for any society that may need communal kit in the future to the extent that each club/society could be allocated an amount that could provide/contribute to 2 new sets of kit.

RCSA Resolves:

9. To allocate a portion of £7,000 of the 'reserves' to a 'Kit Fund', with the following breakdown:

- Basketball: £400
- Cricket: £600
- Football (Ladies'): £1,000
- Football (Men's): £1,000
- Hockey: £1,000
- Netball (Mixed & Women's): £250
- Rugby (Men's): £1,600
- Volleyball: £250
- Other Societies: £900

Proposed: Barnaby Mollett, Kit Kat

Seconded: Rob Beagrie, Communal Spirit

BM said that we need to reduce our reserve level and that this motion would help to keep the budget from fluctuating too much in future years. We could allocate money now for societies to buy kit in the future, ideally each society would be able to claim two full sets of kit. Any kit

claimed from the fund would have to be for communal rather than individual use. Will Pearson (WP) said he did not think spending money on society kit was a good use of Reserves that had built up over many years. Duncan Stibbard Hawkes (DSH) asked if the RCSA could give the reserves to college to invest. BM replied that we could, but it might prove quite difficult. We probably wouldn't get more than £1000 a year return. In response to WP he said that kit money has to come from somewhere. WP said that kit is going to go missing so we shouldn't spend the money on something that we knew would get lost. We should do something else like converting the games room into the gym. Dan Green pointed out that money for kit has to come from somewhere, and since that somewhere would likely be the reserves eventually this motion was just a technicality. WP argued that no societies claim for kit, and he knew that rowing didn't. BM said that rugby, football and hockey did. The situation was a bit different from the boat club where kit has to be properly sized and therefore could not be passed on. RL asked how this money would be allocated. BM replied by the same procedure as when the current reserves are allocated at an open meeting, i.e. in the event that this motion passes, it would act as an automatic allocation of funds to the societies listed in RCSA Resolves. RM asked if it was likely that college would reduce our annual budget as a result of this allocation. BM replied that he felt that situation to be unlikely. RL said that the finance bursar would likely just decrease the budget if he sees this motion. BM said there had been no massive claims for kit in this budget and he hadn't reduced it. BM reiterated that the RCSA needs to get rid of the reserves, and although the proposed kit fund was a potential way of doing this, he said that he would rather people emailed him with ideas on how to reduce them. In light of this, he proposed a procedural motion that the question not be put. This motion clearly passed.

Motion a) was withdrawn.

b) RCSA Newsletter Budget Allocation

THIS MOTION REQUIRES A TWO-THIRDS ASSENT TO PASS

RCSA Notes:

10. The RCSA Newsletter, currently entitled The Brick, is produced a minimum of two times by a RCSA Newsletter Editor, as their constitutional duty.
11. The newsletter provides students with reading material that becomes a talking point, stimulates debate and often initiates laughter-based activity.
12. The 08/09 budget for printing the RCSA newsletter is £30.
13. It is actually the case that the current RCSA Newsletter Editor has provided material on a grander scale than that foreseen when the printing budget was allocated.
14. Total spending on newsletter spending so far in 08/09 thus exceeds £30.

RCSA Believes:

15. The RCSA Newsletter should continue to be published and printed but not at the personal cost of any RCSA member.
16. The RCSA would be able to allocate some money from this Open Meeting to allow continued printing of the newsletter, with any unspent amount going back into the budget for the 08/09 Budget Year.

RCSA Resolves:

17. To allocate £70 from the budget of this Open Meeting to the RCSA Newsletter budget (leaving the newsletter budget allocation for 08/09 at a total of £100).

Proposed: Barnaby Mollett, (New Line)

Seconded: Duncan Stibbard Hawkes, "Has lost the news!"

BM said that DSH had been a good newsletter editor. He had had to go and print out the special issue twice. DSH said that there would be another issue this term. BM said that we would need to add some extra money to print it. RM asked if BM had increased the newsletter budget for the next year to reflect this shortfall? BM said that he had.

JC Invited the meeting to vote on motion b):

For: 59

Against: 0

Abstain: 3

Motion b) duly passed.

c) Reallocation of football budget

RCSA notes:

18. That Robinson College FC currently has £40 unclaimed from the 2008/09 referee hire budget.
19. That the £100 allocated to balls/equipment is insufficient to cover the cost of match and training balls.
20. That there are very few referees.

RCSA believes:

21. That additional training balls and equipment are required following the first team promotion to division 3 last season.
22. That reallocating the 2008/09 budget will reduce the amount to be requested in the 2009/10 budget.

RCSA resolves:

23. To allow RCFC to reallocate the £40 of unspent referees fees to balls/equipment.

Proposed: Luke Mather - First team captain

Seconded: Amar Johal - Second team captain

BM said that the motion was about reallocation of the current football budget. The football team needed to move money from the referees budget to purchase new balls. This motion did not request more money and was entirely procedural. Hannis Whittam (HW) asked why there was money left in the referee fees allocation, as the rugby team were not allowed to play without a Referee. BM replied that the team often refereed themselves.

JC Invited the meeting to vote on motion c):

For: 61

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

Motion c) duly passed.

d) New Football Kit

THIS MOTION REQUIRES A TWO-THIRDS ASSENT TO PASS

RCSA notes:

24. Robinson College FC haven't had a new kit for several years.
25. Both teams currently rely on players having bought their own personalised shirts and kit from over five years ago.
26. Now that the first team have been promoted having a coherent kit is more important.
27. The RCSA budget is tight for money but there is a significant amount of money left in the reserves.

RCSA believes:

28. Any members of college who wish to play football shouldn't be expected to purchase their own kit.
29. Sports teams are an important representation of college within Cambridge.
30. One off expenditure on a new kit is a good use of the RCSA reserves.

RCSA resolves:

31. To allocate £520 of the reserves towards a new kit for the football team.

Proposed: Luke Mather, Centre (Mid) of Attention

Seconded: Barnaby Mollett, Left Wing Propaganda

BM said the football team want to buy new football kit for the first team. The first team kit would then be passed down to the second team. The kit would not be personalised, and Luke Mather had assured him that he had found the least expensive source. BM amended the motion to raise the amount specified in resolves 1 to £540. DB asked if this wasn't the same as the first motion. BM replied that it was not. Simon Bushell (SB) asked if most people are buying their own personalised kit do we really need to pay for a generic set. BM replied that there wouldn't be enough as quite a few players don't want to buy kit. HW asked if anyone had contacted the uni football team to see if they had any special deals. BM said that he would ask, but reiterated that Luke had told him he'd found a reasonably good price. WP asked if we could amend the motion to take this money out of the budget. BM said the reserves in their current form are illegal so there wasn't anything in the constitution that relates to their use.

JC Invited the meeting to vote on motion d):

For: 48

Against: 4

Abstain: 12

Motion d) duly passed.

e) Table Tennis Table

THIS MOTION REQUIRES A TWO-THIRDS ASSENT TO PASS

RCSA Notes:

32. There is currently a table tennis table in the Games Room which can be used by all RCSA members.
33. This table is quite old and is not in particularly good condition.
34. The MCR has pledged £250, half the cost of a new table, as some of its members compose of Table Tennis society players.

RCSA Believes:

35. That investing in a new table tennis table will be beneficial for RCSA members.
36. A new table might encourage members to play for a game or two when they perhaps wouldn't have before, whilst also providing a better facility for the Table Tennis society to train.

RCSA Resolves:

37. To allocate £250 of RCSA funds (from reserves) to put towards the cost of buying a new table tennis table.

Proposed: Owen Jones, King Kong of Ping Pong

Seconded: Barnaby Mollett, Got Table Manners

Owen Jones said that they had a 10-15 year old table, which was eroding. Robinson Table Tennis team were in the top division and had played Trinity a few weeks ago, who had moaned about the state of the table. Dan Green asked how long the new table would be expected to last. OJ replied that with a £500 budget it should last 10-20 years. RM asked how much research he had done into how much a table would cost. OJ said the team captain was a postgrad and the amount requested in the motion was an approximate price.

JC Invited the meeting to vote on motion e):

For: 62

Against: 0

Abstain: 2

Motion e) duly passed.

f) Robinson Filmmaking Club

THIS MOTION REQUIRES A TWO-THIRDS ASSENT TO PASS

RCSA Notes

38. There is currently no film making club in Robinson College.
39. There is a University-wide club, however it is based on individual skill-building as opposed to collaboration between students.
40. The club can borrow equipment from CineCam, the aforementioned university-wide club, and so will require very little financial help.

RCSA Believes

41. The college would be the first to have a filmmaking club.
42. The club would have the opportunity to play films in the Auditorium and at the first Cambridge student film festival which is taking place in June
43. The club would create a unique opportunity within the University for Robinson College members.

RCSA Resolves

44. To form the Robinson Filmmaking Club, which shall agree to be bound by the constitution of the RCSA.
45. The objects of the RFMC shall be:
46. To promote filmmaking as a recreational pursuit where previous experience and knowledge is non-essential.
47. To create a selection of films to represent the creative juices which flow through Robinson College.
48. To open the society to all members of Robinson College
49. RFMC shall adopt the Schedules as its initial constitution, and that a democratically elected and representative committee be responsible for their due amendment.

Proposed: Christopher 'Fellini' Halcrow

Seconded: Rosalyn 'Panini' Old

Chris Halcrow (CH), said that he wanted to set up a film making club. It was possible to have an club focused on individual skill or a collaborative club where people worked together on a joint project. If the society was created anyone would be able to come and help make a film. The experience would be both fun and joyful. He said they could borrow equipment from the uni wide society. Rosalyn had lots of junk in her room to use as props. JC said that was great. JC was then momentarily indisposed. Ed Marffy (EM) pointed out that putting movies on in the auditorium would cost them a small amount of money. Daniel Dyer (DD) asked if this activity couldn't form part of one of the existing am dram societies. CH said that would depend on what the members wanted. Francesca Kapfer-Gill (FKG) asked if there had been any interest. CH replied there had. He assured the meeting that a few people were interested. DSH asked if they had a camera. CH replied that they could get one from the uni society.

JC Invited the meeting to vote on motion f):

For: 57

Against: 0

Abstain: 8

Motion f) duly passed.

g) Hockey Budget Re-allocation

RCSA Notes:

50. That the 08/09 Hockey budget currently has a £62 overspend on 'Competition Fees' and a £18.65 overspend on 'Astroturf'.
51. That there is £209.99 left in the 'Equipment' section of the Hockey budget.
52. There may still be some Astroturf bills to come through for Hockey matches played this term that can be claimed out of the 08/09 budget.

RCSA Believes:

53. That the reallocation of funds from 'Equipment' to 'Astroturf' and 'Competition Fees' will mean that no cost will have to be imposed on any individual RCSA member.

RCSA Resolves:

54. To move £62 from 'Equipment' to 'Competition Fees' and £100 from 'Equipment' to 'Astroturf' within the Hockey budget for 08/09.

Proposed: Barnaby Mollett, did the "Hockey Cokey"

Seconded: Ed Hyde, turned around in disgust

BM said this motion was similar to the one for the football team. There was some money left in equipment and it needed to be reallocated. They were not claiming any more money, just moving it around.

JC Invited the meeting to vote on motion g):

For: 62

Against: 0

Abstain: 2

Motion g) duly passed.

h) Drum Kit Maintenance

THIS MOTION REQUIRES A TWO-THIRDS ASSENT TO PASS

RCSA Notes:

55. A drum kit is available for student use in the Music Room.
56. Currently that kit is incomplete, missing a hi-hat, crash and ride cymbals and the necessary stands. This greatly limits its usefulness despite the fact that what equipment is actually there is in good and playable condition.

RCSA Believes:

57. That the equipment available to its members should be properly maintained to ensure its use and enjoyment is maximised.

RCSA Resolves:

58. To allocate reserves up to a maximum of £250 towards the purchase of the necessary equipment to complete the music room drum kit.

Proposed: James Pacey, little drummer boy

Seconded: Barnaby Mollett, jive turkey drummer

James Pacey (JP) said that basically there was a drum kit in the music room but it was missing stuff. The stuff that was there was good quality but it was not possible to play the kit properly without the remainder. These items would then be there for anyone who wanted to use them. HW asked whether the rest of the money would stay in the reserves if the maximum limit of £250 was not reached. BM confirmed that it would.

JC Invited the meeting to vote on motion h):

For:59

Against:0

Abstain: 5

Motion h) duly passed.

i) Porter Formal

THIS MOTION REQUIRES A TWO-THIRDS ASSENT TO PASS

RCSA Notes

59. The Porters are an important part of the college, without which, said college would fail to function
60. Robinson college has the best porters EVER
61. Only one of the Porters has been to a formal
62. Two of them are retiring in the next 18 months
63. Duty Porter David Yirrell did a little dance at the idea of a Porter Formal

RCSA Believes

64. The Porters deserve a thank you for putting up with us all
65. That ALL the Porters should go to formal
66. That the Porters shouldn't have to pay for their treat!

RCSA Resolves

67. To mandate the Student Porters (Rhiannon 'Post Run' Litterick, Luke 'Switchboard' Whiting and Grace 'Porter' Parker) to organise a Porter Formal
68. To allocate up to £200 of the RCSA reserves to pay for the Porters' meals and wine

Proposed: Luke Whiting, just can't get enough of Colin Barnes

Seconded: Rhiannon Litterick, loves forwarding your mail

Luke Whiting (LW) said that the porters deserved a treat. It would be nice. Tanuj Bhojwani (TB) asked what would happen to the duty porter. LW replied that two porters have to be in the lodge at all times, so we would just have to bring them food. HW asked if we could split them into two groups? LW said that a lot of them were like "I'm not going if that one isn't going". It would be easier this way. BM proposed the motion be amended to allocate £16 per head per porter attending, in case not everyone went. LW accepted the amendment. RM asked if Colin Barnes would be attending? LW replied that he would. Andy Aitken (AA) asked if this would become an annual event? LW said not necessarily.

JC Invited the meeting to vote on motion i):

For: 64

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion i) duly passed.

j) Porter's Lodge Bike Pump

THIS MOTION REQUIRES A TWO-THIRDS ASSENT TO PASS

RCSA Notes

69. The bicycle pump in the Porter's Lodge is insufficient to meet student demands (Source: "Tyred" Duty Porters)
70. The current luggage scales have seen better days

RCSA Believes

71. That a bicycle pump in the Porter's Lodge should meet student demands
72. That the luggage scales in the Plodge should be in working order

RCSA Resolves

73. To allocate up to £60 from the budget of this Open Meeting to purchase 2 bicycle pumps and a decent luggage scale for the Plodge
74. To mandate Luke Whiting and Rhiannon Litterick to liaise with Porters as to exact specification of said bicycle pumps and luggage scale, and to purchase them

Proposed: Luke Whiting, I want to ride my bicycle

Seconded: Rhiannon Litterick, what gear you in?

LW said that the porters had been moaning about the bike pump not having all the attachments. Also the luggage scales were a bit crap. DD asked if the only problem was missing attachments why were we buying a whole new pump? LW said we would try and get the cheapest parts, which may not necessarily be new pumps. HW said he had found a foot pump for a football with all of the necessary adaptors in the Lodge recently, so someone ought to check. RM proposed the motion be amended to ensure the current facilities were checked before new equipment was purchased.

JC Invited the meeting to vote on motion j):

For: 62

Against: 0

Abstain:2

Motion j) duly passed.

k) Fruit & Vegetable Distinction Report

RCSA Notes:

75. That the term 'fruit' actually has a range of meanings depending on the context.
76. That things people may have assumed were fruits, such as figs and strawberries, are actually 'pseudocarps', and apples and pears are 'pomes'.
77. Rhubarb has a complex identity that has puzzled gardeners for generations.
78. Many RCSA members have been perplexed and stunned by these countless revelations, including the RCSA Academic Affairs Officer.
79. That the RCSA Treasurer is worried that pears could be being incorrectly claimed as an item of fruit on any financial budgets anywhere.

RCSA Believes:

80. RCSA members deserve not to be confused about the true identity of various fruits and vegetables.
81. That providing a comprehensive report on the nature of what constitutes a vegetable or a fruit would enhance the welfare of RCSA members.

RCSA Resolves:

82. To mandate the current Academic Affairs Officer, Ents Officer and Treasurer to produce a report on the true nature of many types of fruit and vegetables.
83. That a copy of this report be available in the JCR when published.

Proposed: Barnaby Mollett, fruitcake

Seconded: Rob Beagrie, couch potato

BM said that the term fruit actually had a range of meanings depending on the context. WP proposed a procedural motion that the question not be put. This motion failed. DB asked how long it would take to produce the report? BM said he didn't know how much fruit there was so he didn't know how long it would take, but he hoped to have it done this term. JP proposed an amendment to remove the reference to him from resolves 1. BM accepted the amendment. RM proposed a procedural motion that the question now be put. This motion passed.

JC Invited the meeting to vote on motion k):

For: 22

Against: 0

Abstain: 18

Motion k) duly passed.

l) Budget

1) Non-clubs and societies

BM pointed out that College have agreed to pay sports grounds fees directly this year. Certain allocations needed to carry over to the next year for example £1200 was carried over in the party room refurbishment budget. The allocation of money for a new mens boat for the boat club had changed to £2000 from £9000. Brickhouse was being underwritten for £5000 this year. There were no objections to the non-clubs and societies portion of the budget.

2) RCMS

Nia Jones (NJ) said that RCMS had asked for a lot less this year and were already a lot more successful than Daniel Tse (DT) had been last year. The concerts were a lot more interesting this year and not just Mozart, which had been successful at drawing more people in. They were asking for £60 for photocopying, down from £100. BM clarified that DT had originally asked for £300. NJ said she had budgeted for about £20 a term, including about 5 posters per term and a few programmes. She only printed 15 copies even though 30 or 40 people normally turned up. Some of this money was also required for photocopying music. Then there was instrument hire, school hire could be quite expensive but £100 should cover it. Performance costs also had to be covered, but they had had one outside performer so far this year and were not planning to invite another. There was a tradition to provide formal for instrumentalists, which was covered by £200. RM asked if NJ was sure that this allocation would fully cover the RCMS this year as it had

been reduced in all areas. NJ replied she was sure that it would. Brinda Thillainathan asked if we knew what the DT had spent last year's allocation on? NJ replied that she didn't know, but he had managed to spend it somehow. BM said there was in fact £130 left in last year's allocation. JC invited the meeting to vote on this part of the budget.

For: 57

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

The RCMS budget was passed.

3) Chapel Choir

Adam Dickson (AD) said they were not requesting as much as last year as they had less people. They were also doing lots of joint services to save money. The allocation for music stock had gone up as they needed to keep up music books etc. SB asked what the summer tour money was for? AD replied that they normally had to raise £7000 themselves to go towards the cost of the choir, this allocation would mainly go towards coaches. JC invited the meeting to vote on this part of the budget.

For: 52

Against: 0

Abstain: 5

The Chapel Choir budget was passed.

4) Ladies football

BT said they were asking for less money this year. They need extra money for shin guards and ball pumps. JC invited the meeting to vote on this part of the budget.

For: 54

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

The Ladies Football budget was passed.

5) RCBC

FKG clarification the £9000 allocation for the new boat from last year's budget. The boat club had found £7000 in an old account so they now only required a £2000 contribution from the RCSA. Their budget had gone down a little bit as they had tried to get as many quotes as possible, and had kept everything else the same. RM asked if the boat club was still actively seeking sponsorship? FKG replied that they were. JC invited the meeting to vote on this part of the budget.

For: 46

Against: :2

Abstain: 6

The RCBC budget was passed.

6) Hockey

RM took the chair. JC spoke about the hockey budget, he said that hockey was quite expensive due to AstroTurf fees. This allocation would cover both womens' and mens' teams. JC said that the men's team has to rent an AstroTurf once a week for league hockey, whilst the women's team plays on average once every fortnight. We also participate in men's, women's and mixed cuppers. This amount would quickly add up, but £450 would likely just be enough. They also entered quite a few competitions e.g. 6's and cuppers in the summer. Their Goalie kit was in poor shape so they needed £150 for kickers. JC said he knew this seemed really expensive but that's just how much it costs. RM invited the meeting to vote on this part of the budget.

For: 51

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

The Hockey budget was passed.

7) Rugby

JC took the chair again. Stefan Filip (SF) said they had made the budget much more itemised this year to make it clearer where the money is going. The equipment allocation of £100 would go towards maintaining their new kit, but they shouldn't need as much as they did last year. Their pads were old so might need replacing. There was also £30 allocated for a team photo to go in the bar. The rugby tour was not well organised last year, but this year there was a committee and a pretty much finalised trip is on the cards. They would be offering slightly subsidised transport for players who couldn't afford the whole amount. WP asked why if insurance and referees was previously one category is it now less? SF said they had not claimed for insurance

last year. RM asked if the tour would go towards anything else other than transport? SF said no, accommodation would all be paid by individuals. They were thinking of aligning transport subsidies with the Cambridge bursaries scheme. BM asked why there had been no claim for the team photo last year. HW said that last year there was going to be a photo but then there was no battery in the camera. DD said that there was a lot of talk about tours, but were there any guidelines on how much of a tour the RCSA could pay for? BM there were no guidelines, but there was a precedent not to pay for everything. Allocations like this were intended more to help out where certain people couldn't pay. JC invited the meeting to vote on this part of the budget.

For: 56

Against: 0

Abstain: 2

The Rugby budget was passed.

8) Film Society

EM said that licenses had gone up this year. Nick Milne had told him to allow £250 as they have gone up but he didn't know by how much. EM wanted to remind everyone that the license covers all of college, not just the film society, so any club could show a film under it. The allocation was based on 22 films per year, £20 for a film. This could be further broken down into £9 for auditorium hire and £11 for purchase of the DVD. RM asked if auditorium hire was £9 for everyone? EM said yes, although it was £12 if you needed to use the backstage area. JC invited the meeting to vote on this part of the budget.

For: 56

Against: 0

Abstain: 2

The Film Soc budget was passed.

9) Men's football

BM said their budget as a whole was less this year but league fees and hire had gone up. Otherwise it was very similar. JC invited the meeting to vote on this part of the budget.

For: 58

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

The Men's football budget was passed.

10) Basketball:

LH said that league fees have to be paid. He had also spent £15 on laundry out of his own pocket last year. They still didn't have any basketballs, and would probably need to buy two as one isn't enough to train. BM asked where they played that didn't charge court fees? LH replied that they played at Fenners, which is free. JC invited the meeting to vote on this part of the budget.

For: 59

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

The basketball budget was passed.

11) Netball

BM said that they also had a mixed team this year. Trinity courts used to be free but they now say they will charge £10 per hour. He had budgeted for 20 hours of court time, but was not sure if the groundskeeper would actually charge them. JC invited the meeting to vote on this part of the budget.

For: 59

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

The Netball budget was passed.

12) Volleyball

Julien Eaton said that they had only got one ball and wanted another for training. They also wanted to enter a new league this year. They may not have allocated the exact fee as there is no organiser as yet this year. They also wanted six shirts for the first team as they might get promoted this year and the higher the division the stricter the policy on kit. JC invited the meeting to vote on this part of the budget.

For: 59

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

The Volleyball budget was passed.

13) Water polo

Ryan Williams said they only needed league and cuppers fees. They didn't need any money for pool hire or equipment. JC invited the meeting to vote on this part of the budget.

For: 59

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

The Water polo budget was passed.

14) Amnesty

Sarah Sheppard (SS) said they were now using pizza from the bar as a good way to get people to come along to letter writing. They also requested £100 to put on a big event next term. DB said that people need to eat anyway. Grace Rigg (GR) said that the outcome of the eating is a human rights letter, so it was slightly different to Cheese Soc, where the outcome is simply eating. She also pointed out that lots of other societies have meetings with food in. AW said that the pizza had worked last night, as someone had come over and written a letter. RM asked what the relationship was between amnesty generally and the Robinson amnesty society. SS said they were attached to main university society but didn't get any financial system. LH asked what an aerogram was. SS said it just meant sending letters by air mail. BM asked if they spent any money on anything like paper? SS replied that they didn't. BM pointed out that with their current allocation they could only afford 8 pizzas all year. SS pointed out they could buy cheaper pizzas from supermarkets. WP asked if you want the pizza but don't want to write a letter was that allowed? SS replied that it was not. JC invited the meeting to vote on this part of the budget.

For: 58

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

The Amnesty budget was passed.

15) Badminton

Sue Yan said they were asking for a lot less than last year. Their equipment was getting a bit poor and their court bookings allocation was for places like Kelsey Kerridge, which cost around £7 for an hour. JC invited the meeting to vote on this part of the budget.

For: 56

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

The Badminton budget was passed.

16) Art Society

Sean Cunniffe (SC) said they were planning to run subsidised life drawing this year. BM asked if they were still happy to move the art supplied to the new RCSA Office? SC replied that they were. JC invited the meeting to vote on this part of the budget.

For: 54

Against: 1

Abstain: 0

The Art society budget was passed.

17) RAG

HR said that they needed some money for Mr & Mrs Robinson this year, plus for publicity. They had not claimed any money for the cake sale last year but wanted to provide a wider selection this year. JC invited the meeting to vote on this part of the budget.

For: 55

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

The RAG budget was passed.

18) Christian Union

Peter Edwards said they were asking for the same as last year. BM noted that they had spent £52.50 on potatoes during fresher's week. DD said he wanted to know what Christians did with £52 of potatoes. JC concurred, and narrowly avoided becoming momentarily indisposed once again. RL asked if we fund the CICCUC posters? PE said No. JC invited the meeting to vote on this part of the budget.

For: : 48

Against: 1

Abstain: 6

The Christian Union budget was passed.

19) Pool

BM said there would probably be 3 teams this year. The first team were in the top division and the other two were in the bottom divisions. The fees are £20 per team. Matches would be funded by the people playing as it was difficult to get receipts out of a pool table. JC invited the meeting to vote on this part of the budget.

For: 54

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

The Pool budget was passed.

20) Table tennis

OJ said they were asking for the same amount as last year. JC invited the meeting to vote on this part of the budget.

For: 50

Against: 0

Abstain: 4

The Table Tennis budget was passed.

21) Fair trade

HR said that they hadn't done much last year. They would be renewing the push for college fair-trade status. They needed to run a certain number of events each term to obtain this. They were planning an ale tasting to raise their profile and to prove that there was a market. This would also contribute to College pride as we would be one of first to get it. WP said that Johns already had Fair Trade status. HR reiterated that we would be one of the first. JC invited the meeting to vote on this part of the budget.

For: 53

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

The Fair Trade budget was passed.

22) Cross country

BM said that league fees had remained the same this year. JC invited the meeting to vote on this part of the budget.

For: 54

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

The Cross Country budget was passed.

23) Frisbee

BM said that coppers was still £10. They wanted £12 to buy two Frisbee discs. JC invited the meeting to vote on this part of the budget.

For: 54

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

The Frisbee budget was passed.

24) Cheese soc

DB said they were claiming money for some cheese for Fresher's fair and the rest of the year would be funded by members. BM said that last year they had claimed £10.19 and asked if DB

was sure he didn't want to amend the motion to request the same amount this year. DB replied that he was sure. JC invited the meeting to vote on this part of the budget.

For: 54

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

The Cheese soc budget was passed.

25) Budget as a whole:

£75 was allocated to Open Meeting snacks in the non-clubs and societies part of the budget. JC invited the meeting to vote on the RCSA budget as a whole.

For: 44

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

The RCSA budget was passed.

11. Any other RCSA business?

RM reminded members that elections for president and chair would take place on Wednesday 11th. Nominations were open until midnight and hustings would be on Tuesday.

He also said that it was likely to be our last Open Meeting and thanked the Committee for all their hard work this year.