

# **RCSA Open Meeting Minutes**

## **Sunday 2pm 30<sup>th</sup> October 2011, Umney Theatre**

### **1. Apologies for absence or lateness**

Samantha Harrison (SH) and Forbes Lindsay (FL) gave apologies for absence

### **2. Announcement of the presence and purpose of guests**

There were no guests.

### **3. Approval of the order of the agenda**

The order of the agenda was approved.

### **4. 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.**

There were no amendments.

### **5. Matters Arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### **6. Reports from the Committee**

Alex Brazier (AB) reported on the level of RCSA Reserves at the moment. He said that many cheques relating to money from the reserves had yet to be cashed, and some money allocated from the reserves had yet to be asked for. As it currently stood, there was at least £25,000 in Reserves, perhaps more. AB intended on passing on further details to his successor

Harry Brunton (HB) reported that he had bought 2 sets of darts (after the Motion passing in the previous Open Meeting) and they are now available as part of the 'deposit system' behind the bar.

Rosalyn Old (RO) reminded all members that this was the last meeting of the current committee and thanked everyone on the committee.

Ewan McGregor (EM) reminded all members that elections for RCSA Chair and President were now open (until Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November) and the rest of the positions would open for nominations on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November, so everyone should run! (for the positions, not out of the room)

### **7. Questions to the Committee**

There were no questions to the Committee.

### **8. Extraordinary Motions**

There were no extraordinary motions

## 9. Ordinary motions

### a) Darts, part II

*This motion requires two-thirds assent to pass*

#### RCSA Notes:

1. We have just bought two decent sets of darts, but only spent £16.97 of the £50 allocated.
2. The darts are on sale at the moment.
3. People like to play darts.
4. Darts break easily.

#### RCSA Believes:

1. People should always have darts available to play.
2. A couple of extra sets would be convenient to have, if only as spares, and it is best to get them whilst they are on offer.

#### RCSA Resolves:

1. To allocate £25 from the Reserves to Purchase 2 new sets of darts.
2. To keep the darts behind the bar using the proposed 'card deposit' system to keep them safe.
3. To mandate the Sports & Societies Officer and/or the Catering & Amenities Officer to organise the purchasing of said darts.

*Proposed:* Harry 'Straight to the point' Brunton

*Seconded:* Rosalyn 'banned from playing darts' Old

HB explained that the darts were bought at a steal, so it would be good to buy more such darts while they could and have more behind the bar in case of breakages.

Tobias Paul (TP) asked why HB didn't just use the leftover money from buying the darts from the last open meeting to buy these darts.

HB explained that as it was a new Budget year, the money unspent from that motion had gone back to reserves.

#### EM invited the meeting to vote on motion a):

For: 54

Against: 0

Abstain: 4

**Motion a) duly passed**

## **b) Pool Cues, with a vengeance**

***This motion requires two-thirds assent to pass***

### **RCSA Notes:**

1. The pool cues are in poor condition (again...).
2. People like to play pool.
3. The bar staff have agreed to a new, more secure, way of looking after pool cues.

### **RCSA Believes:**

1. People should have good quality cues for playing pool, especially when they have to pay 50p per game.
2. We should not have to continually fund new cues if they keep getting damaged; however
3. We should have 'rack cues' for the majority of people who just want a fun game, and slightly better cues for the more experienced player who can be bothered to sign out the cues as they will be able to tell the difference.

### **RCSA Resolves:**

1. To allocate £90 from the Reserves to purchase 4 new pool cues – 2 standard cues for leaving in the rack, and 2 better cues to be kept behind the bar using the proposed 'card deposit' system to keep them safe.
2. To allocate £10 from the Open Meeting Budget to purchase new tips/tipping sets/chalk.
3. To mandate the Sports & Societies Officer and/or the Catering & Amenities Officer to organise the purchasing of said pool equipment.
4. To mandate the Robinson College Pool Club to organise the re-tipping of some of the current cues.

*Proposed:* Peter 'Yoda' Newton

*Seconded:* Harry 'On Cue' Brunton

Peter Newton (PN) explained how the current cues weren't in good condition. This is a similar motion to the previous meeting's one for pool cues, in which a few good cues would be bought for putting behind the bar, a few mediocre cues to leave out for use without a deposit and then an added tipping set and chalk to revive some of the old cues.

Alex Kenned (AK) asked PN if he had talked to the Bar Manager about this, as he supposedly had a few good cues behind the bar that needed re-tipping. PN replied that he had spoken to the Bar Manager in the past but that he had said that he couldn't be bothered with re-tipping. AK said that the Bar Manager would be happy to re-tip them if he was given the equipment. PN noted this.

TP asked if they couldn't mark the good cues so it was easy to differentiate from the mediocre ones. PN replied that it would be pretty obvious which ones were which.

### **EM invited the meeting to vote on motion b):**

For: 50

Against: 1

Abstain: 6

Motion b) duly passed

### c) New Renewable Policy – Open Meeting attire

#### **RCSA Notes:**

1. That the Budget Meeting is the highlight of every RCSA committee's Open Meetings.
2. The Budget Meeting is the best attended Open Meeting of the year.
3. The Budget meeting occurs every year

#### **RCSA Believes:**

1. Such an important meeting deserves formal recognition
2. Everyone enjoys dressing up in black tie, especially when it is for an event (based on 2011 prices) £85 cheaper than the Robinson May Ball.

#### **RCSA Resolves:**

1. To make the Budget meeting a formal event, and have the Secretary advertise it as such.
2. To request that all attendees to the Budget Meeting are dressed in formal attire (Suit/evening dress/national dress) each year.

*Proposed:* Bryn 'formalities aside' Pickering

*Seconded:* Rosalyn 'suits you' Old

Bryn Pickering (BP) explained that the Budget Meeting would be the last meeting for every RCSA committee each year and it should be honoured with formal attire, as a few had at this meeting. BP went on to explain that the college is quite young so we should try making traditions now so we as a college look older than we are.

Arun Niranjana (AN) asked if there could be alcohol at the meeting. BP explained that he would need money for that and so it wasn't possible to add it to the motion. RO made a friendly amendment, creating RCSA Resolves: Part 3 'To investigate the provision of alcohol at the Budget Meeting to increase turn-out'.

Alex Carruthers (AC) asked if it would alienate first years if they haven't come to Cambridge with Black Tie attire. BP explained that the motion wasn't requesting that people wear black tie, only formal dress, which everyone would have as you need it for the Matriculation photograph. RO noted that the last Open Meeting had been not black tie and no freshers turned up, this Budget Meeting was formal attire and there were freshers attending, so in fact it encouraged people.

Andrew Shipley (AS) asked how likely it would be for people to turn up if more effort was required, BP explained that most people had to turn up to the Budget Meeting to ensure they got their Budget allocations, so it was the perfect time to also force them to dress smartly.

Sarah Pamenter (SP) asked if attendees were required to wear formal attire under the

renewable policy. BP replied that it was recommended, no required.

TP suggested that the word 'expected' in RCSA Resolves: Part 1 be changed to 'encouraged'. BP made a friendly amendment accordingly.

**EM invited the meeting to vote on motion c):**

For: 43

Against: 9

Abstain: 7

Motion c) duly passed

**d) New Renewable Policy – Matriculation Photographs**

**RCSA Notes:**

1. We like matriculation photographs.
2. We tend to allocate money every year for the buying of said photographs.
3. If the money is allocated in the budget, nobody is actually responsible for buying the photo.

**RCSA Believes:**

1. There should be someone responsible for buying the matriculation photo, to ensure that it is done.
2. This needs doing annually.

**RCSA Resolves:**

1. To update our renewable policy list to include: "Matriculation photographs: To mandate the Catering and Amenities officer to purchase the matriculation photograph available at the end of the committee's term, provided they have sufficient funds."

*Proposed:* Harry 'Matric-elation' Brunton

*Seconded:* Rosalyn 'Seconding tends to get' Old

**EM invited the meeting to vote on motion d):**

For: 56

Against: 0

Abstain: 2

Motion d) duly passed

## e) Laminator

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

### RCSA Notes:

1. The RCSA does not have a laminator.
2. The Porters don't want to laminate everything for us.
3. Rymans have a good deal on a laminator/guillotine/laminator sheets at the moment (appendix A)

### RCSA Believes:

1. Things look better laminated
2. The RCSA should have its own laminator

### RCSA Resolves:

1. To allocate £30 from the Reserves for the purchase of a laminator (and other accessories if part of a deal)
2. To Mandate the Catering and Amenities officer/Sports and Societies Officer to organise the purchasing of the laminator.

*Proposed:* Harry 'la-MAN-ator' Brunton

*Seconded:* Steven 'Tough and Clear' Gordon

Dan Green (DG) asked HB if provisions had been made to ensure that more laminating sheets could be bought. HB replied that it had been budgeted in the Catering & Amenities expenditures.

TP asked why it was the Sport and Societies Officer down for buying the laminator when laminating sheets would come out of the Catering and Amenities Officer's budget. HB explained that it was initially necessary for membership cards for the gym, but would then be maintained by the catering and amenities officer.

### EM invited the meeting to vote on motion e):

For: 56

Against: 0

Abstain: 3

Motion e) duly passed

## f) Matriculation Photo Budget Re-allocation

### RCSA Notes:

1. 1 year ago, £250 was allocated from reserves for the purchase of the 2005,2006,2007,2008 and 2010 matriculation photos.
2. The 2005 photo is not available.
3. The other Photos have been ordered at a total of £200

4. The 2011 photo is available for ordering in the Plodge until the 5<sup>th</sup> November

**RCSA Believes:**

1. The 2011 Matriculation photograph should be ordered whilst it is easy to do so from the Plodge
2. The Budget allocation for matriculation photographs starting this year should be spent on the matriculation photograph available at the end of the Catering and Amenities officer's term.

**RCSA Resolves:**

1. To re-allocate £50 from the initial £250 so that it can be spent on the 2011 matriculation photo, not the 2005 one.
2. To Mandate the Catering and Amenities officer to order the 2011 photo

*Proposed:* Harry 'Matric-elation' Brunton

*Seconded:* Steven 'snap happy' Gordon

HB simply explained that as there was £50 left over from the passed motion to purchase matriculation photos, due to the 2005 photo being unavailable, he'd like it used to buy the 2011 photograph while it was still available

Chris Halcrow (CH) asked HB if it wasn't part of the renewable policy (and budgeted in the budget meeting) to buy this photograph. HB explained that it was the matriculation at the end of the Catering and Amenities officer's term that would be bought with the Budgeted £50 for Matriculation Photos

**EM invited the meeting to vote on motion f):**

For: 56

Against: 0

Abstain: 3

Motion f) duly passed

## **g) New Renewable Policy (until resolves 1-4 have been achieved) - Disco Ball**

**RCSA Notes:**

1. Long before any of us were here, a glorious gleaming disco ball used to sit pride of place in the middle of the Bassment dance floor.
2. Legend has it that one fateful night, some students from another College TOOK our beloved disco ball from the bop room!

**RCSA Believes:**

1. That the disco ball may have been taken to St Catherine's College.
2. The dancing light of a disco ball can only add to the excellent vibe of any bop
3. There is a space on the ceiling in the bop room to hang a disco ball

### **RCSA Resolves:**

1. To mandate the RCSA Committee to do everything in their power to investigate the loss of; and
2. To find the RCSA disco ball.
3. To return the disco ball to its rightful place in the Bassment once more.
4. To take precautions to avoid further loss of any RCSA disco balls.

*Proposed:* Rosalyn 'the bop can't handle me' Old

*Seconded:* Chris 'blame it on the boogie' Halcrow

RO explained that we used to have a disco ball and it disappeared and that St. Catherine's College also have got a wonderful disco ball

This Renewable Policy would be to ensure that the stolen Bassment Disco Ball would be found and returned.

Martyn Statter (MS) said it shouldn't be a motion as it would be minuted that illegal activity may occur in the returning of the disco ball.

EM asked TP to wade in. TP explained that the RCSA didn't have the power to mandate or authorise any of the members of the committee to undertake any illegal activities, therefore no statement was necessary to explain that it must be done legally.

James Goodwin (JG) noted that a large disco ball probably cause damage to many heads if installed in the bop.

RO made a friendly amendment to RCSA Resolves: Part 3 to read 'To return the disco ball to its rightful place within Robinson College'

Katie Reid asked how likely it would be, if the disco ball was in another college, that anyone would try to retrieve it. Cheers could be heard from the corner in which the Rugby Club were situated, thus answering the question.

### **EM invited the meeting to vote on motion g):**

For: 42

Against: 0

Abstain: 17

Motion g) duly passed

## **h) Budget**

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

### **RCSA Notes:**

1. The budget for the next year needs to be discussed and voted on.

### **RCSA Believes:**

1. That this is essential.

### **RCSA Resolves:**

1. To discuss the budget and vote on it, according to the constitution
2. To approve the RCSA budget for 2011-12 (see appendix B of the Agenda for breakdown)

*Proposed:* The 'framework to work out of, not to restrict us' Constitution.

AB explained the College was willing give the RCSA £36,962, equivalent to the amount requested by all societies/non-societies. AB went on to explain that if the budget as it stood was changed to request more money then everyone would have to stay in the room until the amounts requested balanced the Budget allocated.

### ***Non-Society Budget:***

#### Miscellaneous - 500.00

AB explained that it was higher than the previous year due to going over budget that year with lots of old unpaid bills popping up, which might happen again this year.

#### Open Meeting Snacks - 80.00

AB explained that they'd cut it the previous year to ensure they were within budget, but this year they could have them and they were a good incentive for people to come to Open Meetings, which they had found to be an effort to make quorate. AB also said that RO and Alex Walmsley (AW) are all for it as they'd get in Fairtrade foodstuffs

#### RCSA Insurance - 0.00

College pays for insurance

#### TV Licence - 145.50

fixed sum, if they wanted a TV they had to have a licence

#### Digital Television (TV Room) - 979.20

Fixed (heavily concessioned) sum

#### Digital Television (Bar) - 0.00

Bar pays for this

#### Newspapers JCR - 620.00

At 2 Newspapers a day, the cost comes up to this.

#### Newspapers Romsey - 0.00

Only 5 people in Romsey Terrace, so not really worth it.

Punt Membership Scheme - 102.00

AB explained that the Punt Membership Scheme had been cut last year, but was back, with the MCR paying for a third of the cost. AB felt it was good as it gave RCSA members half price punting.

Matriculation Photos - 50.00

To realise the recently passed renewable policy to buy Matriculation photos each year, this money was required.

Cafe Magazines - 300.00

Suggested by the MCR and a third of the cost was paid by them, this would allow for magazines to be bought and put in the café for anyone to read.

Catering and Amenities Officer Expenses - 10.00

HB felt money was required for the role to buy things such as laminating sheets

Sports and Societies Officer, Weights Room Inductions - 48.00

The inductor asked for £8 to pay for fuel for him to come and induct students, this budget allow for 6 inductions to take place.

Sports and Societies Officer, Expenses - 20.00

For the printing of membership cards and any Sport/society based advertisements

Auditors Fee, Auditor: Chater Allan - 1100.00

AB explained that this was fixed at £1100 for this year by the Financial Bursar.

CUSU & NUS Subscriptions, Annual Subscription - 2532.60

This was based on the fee being frozen per student, and there being fewer students than the previous year. AB explained that they had to have it as the RCSA had committed to affiliation with CUSU.

RCSA Newsletter, Printing and Photocopying - 90.00

Steven Gordon (SG) didn't feel that the amount allocated in the previous year allowed for sufficient printing to meet demand, so this had been raised.

MCR, College Contribution - 10500.00

There was a formula to calculate how much the MCR should get, but AB explained that it hadn't been used in years and so this amount was agreed upon. This was a lower percentage of the Budget allocated to the RCSA than the previous year, so AB was happy with it.

RAG, Running Events - 100.00

Although really they were a society, they'd left it for this year in non-society budget.

Societies Syndicate, Annual Subscription - 0.00

College now paid that, so it is £0!

Academic Affairs, Expenses - 40.00

Required due to Clive Newstead (CN) starting, and making renewable policy, the well received Academic Review sessions. It would be used to buy pizza as in incentive for people to come.

Access, Expenses - 60.00

This had been lowered due to issues with needing a driver to take people to visit target schools.

Ents, Running Events - 600.00

This amount was always used by the ENTs Officers, for things like corruption subsidy.

Ethnic Minorities, Expenses/ Drinks - 30.00

During freshers' week there's Diversity Drinks, which needs paying for.

Green, Expenses & Equipment - 50.00

This amount is required for all Green events held in College.

LGBT Expenses, Equipment & LBGT Drinks - 50.00

Similar reasoning to Ethnic Minorities budget.

Men's Expenses, Equipment & Men's Drinks - 50.00

Similar reasoning to Ethnic Minorities budget.

Overseas Expenses & Freshers' Breakfast - 50.00

Similar reasoning to Ethnic Minorities budget.

Vice President's Expenditure, Freshers' week/ Room ballot - 430.00

There are many expenditures during freshers' week (such as meet and greet and the Fresher welcome packs). This has been increased this year as CH felt more of budget was necessary.

Welfare, Expenses & Equipment - 75.00

The previous budget was insufficient to purchase condoms and rape alarms and still have money left over if members of College required something from the NHS/CUSU.

Welfare, Easter Term Chillout Café - 50.00

There are sessions during Easter term in which there is cake, the budget is saying the same so the same can happen this year.

Women's Expenses, Equipment & Women's Drinks - 50.00

Similar reasoning to Ethnic Minorities budget.

Yearbook, Printing Costs - 170.00

This has been raised from the previous year to account for inflation.

Refund Scheme, 8 Claims at £20 each - 160.00

AB didn't feel that people quite understood what the Refund Scheme is. He explained that if a member of the RCSA is a member of a club/society of the university that is neither religious nor political then that member can claim for £20 or half of the yearly subscription, whichever is least, to help subsidise the membership. This has increased by £10 as it seemed like a pathetic amount.

Expenditure for Open Meetings, 8 meetings x £140 - 1120.00

Amount has been raised this year to ensure there are sufficient Open Meeting funds available.

Total Non-Societies - 20162.30

DG asked why the JCR newspapers were significantly cheaper than the previous year, AB replied that the previous budget had been high due to a large number of newspapers being bought at the start of the 2010-11 year (before the budget meeting) and newspapers were paid for per month. AB had cut back heavily on the number of newspapers in the JCR to ensure they stayed within the 2010-11 budget allocation and was happy to keep the number of newspapers at the current cut amount.

Richard Slade (RS) noted that there was a University Punting Society which allowed up to 2 free punts a day per member and the RCSA could look in to doing that for significantly cheaper. RO said that 2 punts per day was insufficient when most members would punt on the same day of the year.

TP asked why the yearbook was subsidised as it was of no advantage to non-graduating years and the few pounds saved per students wasn't worth it, when it could go towards more JCR newspapers. RO replied that it was a goodwill gesture from the RCSA to those who have spent their time at Robinson and that a few pounds did make the difference for some as to whether they would buy the yearbooks or not.

**EM invited the meeting to vote on the Non-Societies sub-section of motion h):**

**Non-Societies Budget passed indicatively.**

## **Clubs and Societies:**

### **Boat Club**

Insurance - 2200.00

ARA subs - 0

Cam Subs - 575.00

Fines - 50.00

Race Fees - 2100.00

Repairs, Refits and Equipment - 2800.00

Admin - 10.00

British Rowing Subs - 170.00

Total - 7905.00

Simon Bushell (SB) explained that most budget increases were unavoidable due to cost of insurance, Cam Subs and race fees going up. He also explained that ARA subs were now British Rowing subs, as a name change had occurred. Joe Griffiths (JGr) explained that repairs had increased due to having run over-budget the previous year.

RO asked why fines were still there, SB replied that it had been cut since the previous Open Meeting (in which a discussion with JGr had taken place), but a small amount was there as a buffer.

HB asked AB if RCBC could claim on money they had gone over on the previous year, AB replied that they could. RO told RCBC that the RCSA could legitimately not repay receipts from the previous year and RCBC should be careful not to run over budget in the first place.

TP asked RCBC why they asked for fines at all as it had been contentious at the last Open Meeting. CN just asked if we could pass everything as there was enough money.

DG asked RCBC if they could come to the Open Meetings to claim for fines money and only use the fines budget if there was dire need. This was noted by JGr.

**EM invited the meeting to vote on the RCBC Budget in the Societies sub-section of motion h):**

RCBC Budget passed indicatively

### **Hockey Club**

Astroturf - 800.00

Equipment - 20.00

Team Kit - 600.00

Tour - 0

Competition Fees - 0

GK Kit - 130.00

Total - 1550.00

Explained that the cost of playing on the astroturf has gone up and the further they proceed through the league the more they'll have to use it.

There was a large hike in Kit Budget due to the previous system of everyone looking after a shirt not having worked and lots of pieces of kit having gone missing. The idea was this year to buy a whole new kit and control it centrally, including Goal-Keeper kit.

**EM invited the meeting to vote on the RCHC Budget in the Societies sub-section of motion h):**

**RCHC Budget passed indicatively**

**Chapel Choir**

Cathedral Services - 0

Printing - 150.00

Music Stock - 0

Summer Tour - 350.00

Choir CD - 500.00

Total - 1000.00

EL felt that the £500 to subsidise the Choir CD was small, as they had already spent £8000 of their own money on it.

AB recalled that there might be something constitutionally wrong about the Choir CDs that the Financial Bursar should have spoken to EL about, EL said that the Financial Bursar had not approached them, so the matter was dropped.

RO asked EL where the £8000 came from, and whether College funded them further. EL explained it was from external sources, such as performing at other venues and the like. AB asked EL if their accounts were currently audited by the RCSA, EL didn't believe so. AB asked EL to put the Choir account details on the JCR notice board as soon as possible to rectify this issue. EL said he would.

**EM invited the meeting to vote on the Choir Budget in the Societies sub-section of motion h):**

**Choir Budget passed indicatively**

**Rugby Club**

CURUFC Subscription - 0

Kit - 0

Tour - 0

Referee Fees - 0

Equipment/Maintenance - 350.00

Insurance - 0

Team Photo - 0

Summer Touch Tournament - 0

Match Costs - 320.00

Transport - 300.00

Total - 970.00

TA asked if they could have some money please.

He explained that more money was required for equipment/maintenance as they were now in the first division and things were worn out much easier. He said the First Aid box really needed re-stocking as he had injured his head during a match and there wasn't even any ice!

TA went on to explain that match fees had risen slightly and that they had to take all their equipment to their matches, which was difficult on bikes, so transportation costs would arise.

**EM invited the meeting to vote on the Rugby Club Budget in the Societies sub-section of motion h):**

Rugby Club Budget passed indicatively

**Football (Men's)**

League fees - 90.00

Equipment/Balls - 100.00

Laundry - 0

Referees - 132.00

Kit - 600.00

Total - 922.00

Peter Judge (PJ) explained that league fees had gone down slightly, but all the footballs the team had have all gone missing, so more of them are required. He also said they wouldn't bother with laundry this year.

There was insufficient kit for both the first team and second team (as they had found out when both teams played a game at the same time). So PJ said the budget for kit had increased to buy first team kit, the current first team kit would be given to the second team.

**EM invited the meeting to vote on the Football Club Budget in the Societies sub-section of motion h):**

Football Club Budget passed indicatively

**Film Soc**

Licences - 300.00

Auditorium hire - 216.00

Film costs - 150.00

Total - 666.00

Krista Mumdzjana (KM) explained that the licence and Auditorium hire fees were fixed and were required to have a film every week.

CN asked KM what was happening with the replacement of the projector in the auditorium. KM

replied that she was in discussion with the Financial Bursar at the moment and would bring a motion to the Open Meeting if/when anything was required.

**EM invited the meeting to vote on the Film Soc Budget in the Societies sub-section of motion h):**

Film Soc Budget passed indicatively

**Basketball Club**

League fees - 290.00

Kit - 130.00

Court Hire - 138.20

Laundry - 0

Equipment - 45.00

Total 603.20

JGr explained that the league fees had increased dramatically as the Robinson team had now entered as a single team, and not joint with another College. Kit budget was still there as the previous year's budget had been moved to pay for that year's increased league fees (as they have to be paid before the Budget Meeting, see previous Open Meeting) so they still needed to buy kit!

**EM invited the meeting to vote on the Basketball Club Budget in the Societies sub-section of motion h):**

Basketball Club Budget passed indicatively

**Netball**

Court hire - 320.00

League Fees - 20.00

Equipment - 50.00

Kit - 200.00

Total - 590.00

Lara Tembey (LT) explained that the budget was for both mixed and women's netball. She said that court hire had increased and they were hoping to have weekly training sessions, thus increasing court hire fees further. LT also said that the bibs were in a bad state and needed replacing and that as they were hoping to be promoted this year they'd like to have actual kit.

**EM invited the meeting to vote on the Netball Budget in the Societies sub-section of motion h):**

Netball Budget passed indicatively

**RCMS**

Instrument Hire/Purchase/Maintenance - 120.00

Music Hire/Purchase - 60.00

Performers - 100.00

Reprographics - 100.00

Total - 380.00

Rob Ashcroft (RA) explained that they required money for the free concerts every Friday in the College Chapel. This included hiring any unusual instruments that neither members nor college owned. RA said that the music stock budget had gone down considerably and the Printing budget had gone up due to RCMS now (legally) obtaining sheet music from the internet for free, and so having to print the copies.

**EM invited the meeting to vote on the RCMS Budget in the Societies sub-section of motion h):**

RCMS Budget passed indicatively

**Cricket**

Cuppers Entry - 100.00

Equipment/Balls - 100.50

Nets/Practice - 110.00

Total - 310.50

The budget had been raised this year due to under-estimating costs the previous year.

**EM invited the meeting to vote on the Cricket Budget in the Societies sub-section of motion h):**

Cricket Budget passed indicatively

**Video Games**

Games - 150.00

Tournament food/prizes - 20.00

Battery Charger - 0

Xbox Live Subscription - 40.00

Total - 210.00

More money was required for new games, as this cost was always higher each year. They required that the Xbox live subscription be paid as theirs is the only Xbox in College allowed to connect to the internet.

**EM invited the meeting to vote on the Video Games Soc Budget in the Societies sub-section of motion h):**

Video Games Soc Budget passed indicatively

**Jelly Society**

Moulds - 50.00

Jelly - 35.00

Cutlery - 30.00

Events - 85.00

Total - 200.00

BP felt that Jelly and ice cream should be provided free, much like sports are free to join in College. RCJS had 45 attendees to their free event a week previously, BP said that this was more than the amount of people who turned up for many sports training sessions. There was a large request for moulds so they could try and get custom made Moulds. Cutlery was for disposable cutlery to be bought. BP explained that there had been a crisis in the jelly market in the past few weeks, with the cheapest available jelly rising from 6p to 35p a pack, which is why it was a large amount.

Hannis Whittam (HW) asked BP if they could get a Robinson crest jelly mould. BP said they were already looking into it.

TP asked BP why they didn't borrow cutlery from College, BP explained that people generally walked away with things like cutlery and thus the deposit with College would probably be lost easily. HW said they could buy a cheap set of metal cutlery for the amount asked for, which they could use instead of disposable cutlery each time. BP said the reasoning was the same, that they probably wouldn't have that cutlery for very long. HB also sullied the name of the society by hinting their washing up skills may not be up to scratch (which they most certainly are!).

AB asked for clarification that no money would be asked for from the RCSA to pay for alcohol in Jelly. BP clarified that this was the case.

**EM invited the meeting to vote on the RCJS Budget in the Societies sub-section of motion h):**

RCJS Budget passed indicatively

### **Windsurfing and Sailing**

Training- 200.00

Total - 200.00

AK explained that the society was newly regenerated and catered for many types of sailing/windsurfing as well as many types of abilities. The budget was to subsidise training of members so that in the future they may be able to enter competitions.

AN asked AK how many people were interested in getting trained, AK said that there were 20 interested members, and this would allow for a £10 subsidy each.

**EM invited the meeting to vote on the Windsurfing and Sailing Soc Budget in the Societies sub-section of motion h):**

Windsurfing and Sailing Soc Budget passed indicatively

### **Badminton**

Court Fees - 20.00

Cuppers Fees - 60.00

Equipment - 0

Kit - 0

Shuttles - 50.00

Racquets - 50.00

Total - 180.00

Michael Taplin (MT) explained that the better they did the more fees they had to pay to play at the Kelsey Kerrige and that people seemed to wander off with equipment, so they needed to buy more.

DG asked MT if they could look into a deposit system to try and stop the loss of more equipment. Kai Man Cheung (KMC) replied that the racquets were exchanged between members continuously during training sessions, so there was no real way of keeping track. MT added that they had only lost a few, but it would be good to replace them.

TP asked if they couldn't merge the expenses for racquets and shuttlecocks to avoid silly budget re-allocations later on. MT said that he knew the exact cost of the racquets he wanted to get, so it shouldn't be a problem.

TA asked if they could just move on and pass things as people had other things to do with their lives.

**EM invited the meeting to vote on the Badminton Club Budget in the Societies sub-section of motion h):**

**Badminton Club Budget passed indicatively**

**Art Soc**

Supplies/Events - 0

Supplies - 88.00

Camping Chair - 20.00

Camera - 60.00

Total - 168.00

Matija Kecman (MK) reeled off a list of supplies they would purchase. He also explained that the chair was for those who wanted to leave College to paint/draw where there were no seating facilities. The camera would be a cool wash-out effect one for anyone to borrow.

**EM invited the meeting to vote on the Art Budget in the Societies sub-section of motion h):**

**Art Budget passed indicatively**

**Pool**

League Fees - 120.00

Equipment - 30.00

Total - 150.00

Lucas Birrell-Gray (LBG) explained that the league fees had risen and as the timing for paying them was awkward, they were asking for two years' worth of fees for this year and next year, which would be paid before the next budget meeting.

LBG also felt that most people didn't appreciate a nice pool table and during some events it was likely to be spoiled, so a cover would be bought to rectify this issue.

**EM invited the meeting to vote on the Pool Budget in the Societies sub-section of motion h):**

Pool Budget passed indicatively

**Squash**

Racquets - 0

Balls - 0

Maintenance - 0

Equipment - 125.00

Total - 125.00

Ben Garner (BG) explained that the budget for racquets, balls and maintenance were all now in the equipment category.

**EM invited the meeting to vote on the Squash Budget in the Societies sub-section of motion h):**

Squash Budget passed indicatively

**Waterpolo and Swimming**

League fees - 105.00

Total - 105.00

AB spoke for the club in the absence of a representative explaining that they hadn't come back with an updated league fees budget, so it had remained as the previous year.

**EM invited the meeting to vote on the Waterpolo and Swimming Budget in the Societies sub-section of motion h):**

Waterpolo and Swimming Budget passed indicatively

**Amnesty**

Aeroograms - 50.00

Printing - 20.00

Snacks - 20.00

Total - 90.00

Jo Waters (JW) explained that she and Sarah Sheppard would be running Amnesty this year and that the budget was the same as the previous year.

**EM invited the meeting to vote on the Amnesty Budget in the Societies sub-section of motion h):**

Amnesty Budget passed indicatively

**Ski and Snowboard**

Cuppers Fees - 80.00

Total - 80.00

HW explained this fee was for one team to enter cuppers. He went on to say that it may seem expensive, but it was subsidised by the university Ski and Snowboard Club and the College came 5<sup>th</sup> the previous year and hoped to do better this year (though they would never beat Trinity, as they have 4 international level ski/snowboarders...)

**EM invited the meeting to vote on the Ski & Snowboard Budget in the Societies sub-section of motion h):**

Ski & Snowboard Budget passed indicatively

**Christian Union**

Running events - 60.00

Total - 60.00

SG explained that this amount was for food for events run by the Christian Union within College.

AN asked EM if religious Societies were allowed to claim for money. EM replied that any religion could create a society and claim for a budget, it was just that only the CU had decided to. BP added that he was an atheist and attended the events, so they weren't exclusive.

**EM invited the meeting to vote on the CU Budget in the Societies sub-section of motion h):**

CU Budget passed indicatively

**Ultimate Frisbee**

Equipment - 0

League and Cupper Fees - 0.00

Kit - 60.00

Total - 60.00

AB said that for some matches, players had turned up in their own clothes as there wasn't enough kit, which was pretty budget.

AB would be buying blank shirts for those who needed.

**EM invited the meeting to vote on the Ultimate Frisbee Budget in the Societies sub-section of motion h):**

Ultimate Frisbee Budget passed indicatively

**Table Tennis**

Equipment - 38.00

League Fees - 12.00

Total - 50.00

RA re-allocated £6 from Equipment into League fees, leaving the total the same but the sections as:

Equipment - 32.00

League Fees - 18.00

This is due to League fees actually being larger than £12

**EM invited the meeting to vote on the Table Tennis Budget in the Societies sub-section of motion h):**

Table Tennis Budget passed indicatively

**Fairtrade**

Events - 45.00

Printing - 5.00

Total - 50.00

Jessica Tweedie (JT) stressed that Robinson was one of the few Cambridge colleges with Fairtrade status, in order to keep this they had to do a certain number of events, for which funding was required as well as printing for advertising purposes.

**EM invited the meeting to vote on the Fairtrade Budget in the Societies sub-section of motion h):**

Fairtrade Budget passed indicatively

**Football (Women's)**

Equipment - 45.00

Total - 45.00

SP told the tale of how the women's team had to use the second men's team's unwashed kit for games usually and that they had a team this year (and they'd won a game already!). For these reasons, SP requested that a further £40 be added to the Budget for Kit, leaving the Budget like so:

Equipment - 45.00

Kit - 40.00

Total - 85.00

**EM invited the meeting to vote on the Football (women's) Budget in the Societies sub-section of motion h):**

Football (women's) Budget passed indicatively

**Tennis**

Balls - 40.00

Total - 40.00

AB explained that each time a team won in Cuppers they played the next game at home and had to provide the balls. If they won Cuppers they would need £40 worth of balls.

**EM invited the meeting to vote on the Tennis Budget in the Societies sub-section of motion h):**

Tennis Budget passed indicatively

**Cross Country & Athletics**

League Fees - 35.00

Total - 35.00

AB spoke for the club in the absence of a representative. AB explained that the club simply required money for league fees

**EM invited the meeting to vote on the Cross Country & Athletics Budget in the Societies sub-section of motion h):**

Cross Country & Athletics Budget passed indicatively

**Volleyball**

League Fees - 30.00

Balls - 0

Kit - 0

Total - 30.00

AB spoke for the club in the absence of a representative. AB explained that the budget was for league fee costs.

**EM invited the meeting to vote on the Volleyball Budget in the Societies sub-section of motion h):**

Volleyball Budget passed indicatively

**Chess Club**

League Fees - 20.00

Refreshments for Introductory Session - 5.00

Total - 25.00

AB spoke for the club in the absence of a representative. AB explained that the League fees needed paying and Peter Hallen hoped to conduct an introductory session with refreshments.

**EM invited the meeting to vote on the Chess Budget in the Societies sub-section of motion h):**

Chess Budget passed indicatively

**CD Library**

CDs - 0

Total - 0.00

AB had heard nothing about a budget claim so was happy to leave it at £0, there were no objections.

Total Sports and Societies - 16839.70

**Income:**

College Contribution - 36962.00

**Expenditure:**

Non Clubs and Societies - 20162.30

Clubs and Societies - 16839.70

Total - 37002.00

Income - 36962.00

Expenditure - 37002.00

As Expenditure was £40 over Income, the Budget had to be reviewed to balance the amount.

Josh Hoskins (JH) suggested that the much contested RCBC 'fines' category be cut by £40.

The RCSA committee were happy to cut £20 from the Miscellaneous Budget in Non-societies.

**EM invited the meeting to vote on the cut of £20 from Miscellaneous Budget in the Non-Societies Sub-section of motion h):**

Budget cut passed indicatively

JGr said that RCBC were happy to cut the further £20 from the RCBC Fines budget, on the assumption that a motion requesting money for fines at an Open Meeting would probably pass.

**EM invited the meeting to vote on the cut of £20 from 'Fines' within the RCBC Budget in the Non-Societies Sub-section of motion h):**

Budget cut passed indicatively

New Expenditure - 36962.00,

***Budget is Balanced.***

**EM invited the meeting to vote on the entirety of motion h):**

For: 51

Against: 0

Abstain: 2

**Motion h) duly passed**

## **10. Other Business**

CH noted that the extra money for the 2011-12 budget was all thanks to AB, and attending members should thank him accordingly. Applause followed.

TP asked to pass a vote of thanks for the 2010-11 committee.

**Passed with applause**

EM thanked all those who attended and reminded everyone that there was the chance to meet the RCSA committee in the JCR afterwards.

Entire Budget meeting – 1hr20

**BOOM.**