

R.C.S.A. Open Meeting Minutes

14th October 2012, Umney Theatre, 2pm

1. Apologies for absence or lateness

Apologies: Mimi, Will, Hannah

2. Announcement of the presence and purpose of guests

NA

3. Approval of the presence and speaking rights of guests

NA

4. Approval of the order of the agenda

Order approved.

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.

None made.

6. Matters Arising from the minutes

Jimmy Campbell (JC): I did not mean to insinuate that Heather Holland was bribing people in my speech in the last open meeting. I am very sorry if people took it that way.

7. Reports from the Committee

a) Taryn Edwards – JC

The basics, there was a women who came to Cambridge last summer who didn't pay any of the Cambridge students who worked for her. CUSU passed policy to say we won't let this women back. She set up the summer school under a different name, she was originally meant to go to Churchil but they didn't Etc.

b) The Great Flood of 2012 – Toby Hayward-Butcher (THB)

There was a flood end of August that effected several areas of college, the worst being the party room. Some stuff has been salvaged, new party room furniture has arrived and more stuff will be arriving soon to replace the JCR stuff. However the sound system and other bits and bobs have been kept as they were fine.

c) Recycling – Catherine Mansfield (CM)

Some of you might have noticed that not all the recycling boxes have been put out yet. Housekeeping agreed to store them and clean them at the end of last term because I wasn't here as I had to leave early. This term when I tried to get them back I was told somebody had borrowed them, they said they would get them back the next day but I kept asking and they never appeared. Apparently somebody had stolen the recycling boxes when housekeeping left them outside at the end of term last year. Housekeeping have ordered some more, but in the meantime it's a pain and there doesn't seem to be anything I can do about it.

d) Constitution Review Update – Harry Brunton (HB)

College Council rejected our constitution. We've had a meeting with the Warden, and he said he liked our content changes but didn't like the reformatting of the constitution as "it needed wheels to be brought into a meeting". So the bits that we wanted from the proposed constitution have been copied and pasted into the old formatted version. We therefore have to have another referendum at the

same time as the whole committee elections to decide whether or not to pass the new (but essentially the same) version.

e) Fresher's Week – Bryn Pickering (BP)

Freshers's week went off without a hitch. If freshers want to give feedback that would be helpful.

f) Budget – Peter Judge (PJ)

Peter – budget for this open meeting is £480

Harry – 496 claimed so all motions cannot pass

g) Elections, HB

We recently held elections for a new Sports & Societies Officer – Michael Taplin has been elected and Mike Curtis has been elected May Ball President as well. Main committee elections probably in a couple of weeks, President and Chair on the 30th October and main committee sometime the week after.

8. Questions to the Committee

No questions.

9. Extraordinary Motions

No extraordinary motions.

10. 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 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

Speaking **for** the motion: PJ

The women share a football club with Selwyn, Selwyn paid for equipment so they'd like to move the money into reallocation for kit.

Speaking **against** the motion: nobody

Harry Brunton (HB) asked if there were any **questions**.

HB invited the meeting to vote on motion a):

For: 27

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion a) duly passed

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 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

Speaking **for** the motion: Alice Udale-Smith (AUS) so BP took over minutes...

*Alice had to stand up and talk – basically money left over in race fees etc. Boat was gotten rid of, fewer races.
Extra money to move to repair for the bumps and scrapes in May Bumps
Sarah Pamenter walked in with hair in rollers – everyone laughed*

Speaking **against** the motion: nobody

HB asked if there were any **questions**.

HB invited the meeting to vote on motion b):

For: 28

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion b) duly passed

c) Ents Cash Box

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

Speaking **for** the motion: THB

Robstock was a great success, we could pay for everything if the last year's ents officers had managed to hand over access to our bank account yet– also we can reduce the amount by £16 so we come within budget for the open meeting.

Motion amended to ask for £124

Speaking **against** the motion: nobody

HB asked if there were any **questions**.

HB invited the meeting to vote on motion c):

For: 29

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion c) duly passed

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

Speaking **for** the motion: PJ

We spent a fair amount of money sorting out the TV, so we thought we could make it up to. Sky HD £50 box, £130 for installation = £216. It will benefit any member of college who wants to watch TV in higher definition. The reason we didn't budget for it was because we didn't know we'd want it then.

Speaking **against** the motion: nobody

HB asked if there were any **questions**.

Sam Wreath – could the money be better, spent getting Sky for the JCR?

PJ – this is a one off payment for the box whereas Sky in the JCR costs nearly £300 a month because it counts as a public space so we need a different license.

Maria Farrimond (MF): Do we actually get Sky movies?

Alex Marshall: we don't know, possibly not.

MF: is this just so you can watch football in HD?

(laughter)

BP: why don't we get Sky 3D?

PJ: we only have like 5 pairs of glasses...

HB invited the meeting to vote on motion d):

For: 25
Against: 0
Abstain: 3

Motion d) duly passed

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' Pamentor

Seconded: Daisy 'moonpig' Pope

Speaking **for** the motion:

Now Frederick has left, we thought it would be nice to have some other free exercise available for those who aren't very sporty. We're not asking for any money yet but we were thinking of getting some exercise DVD's etc.

Speaking **against** the motion:

HB asked if there were any **questions**.

Ewan McGregor (EM): could you demonstrate?

AM: What's on your head?

Josh Hoskins (JH): Do Truly Medley Deeply do exercise DVDs?

MF: Can they ask for money today I the motion passes today?

PJ: Yes they can just put in a late claim for the budget meeting.

HB invited the meeting to vote on motion e):

For: 25
Against: 0
Abstain: 3

Motion e) duly passed

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

Speaking **for** the motion: PJ

Two of our reporters are retiring, we thought it would be nice to get them some presents to say thank you.

Speaking **against** the motion: nobody

HB asked if there were any **questions**.

HB invited the meeting to vote on motion f):

For: 28
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion f) duly passed

11. Any other RCSA business

None, Harry suggested freshers could stay and talk to us. But none did.

Time of end of meeting: 2:34