



Robinson College Students' Association Open Meeting



Sunday May 5th 2013

Agenda

Meeting begins 14:13

MD: RIGHT LET'S GET THIS STARTED CAUSE I WANT TO LEAVE

1. Apologies for absence or lateness

Michael is skyping family so will be a bit late (he promptly arrives)

Mary is travelling back from Lincolnshire

Bryn has an exam tomorrow

2. Announcement of the presence and purpose of guests

No guests

3. Approval of the presence and speaking rights of guests

N/A

4. Approval of the order of the agenda

Order was 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

6. Matters Arising from the minutes

None

7. Reports from the Committee

None

8. Questions to the Committee

None

9. Extraordinary Motions

None

10. Ordinary Motions

a) 2013 Yearbook

RCSA Notes:

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

RCSA Believes:

1. The RCSA's ability to front the printing costs prevents having to disrupt students during exam term to collect money.
2. The RCSA will be reimbursed for expenses when students purchase the yearbooks.
3. A one off payment from the RCSA will ensure the yearbooks are printed in good time - before students leave for summer.

RCSA Resolves:

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

Proposer: Callum McCutcheon

Secunder: Toby Hayward Butcher

Callum McCutcheon – Basically we want the RCSA to front the printing cost of the Yearbook cause it's over £1000 which is a lot for me to take on myself, and it's not permanent, should all be paid back by people purchasing yearbooks. (N.B. Callum is happy to organise collecting payment to reimburse the RCSA)

Vote:

For – 26

There were no votes against or in abstention.

Motion a) duly passes, the RCSA will front the printing cost of the 2013 yearbook.

b) Foundation of Robinson College Islamic Society**RCSA Notes:**

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

RCSA Believes:

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

RCSA Resolves:

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

Proposed: Toni Jokinen

Seconded: Faruq Quadir

Toni – It's pretty self explanatory really, and also you don't have to be muslim to join just interested in Islam.

No speeches against.

Vote:

For – 26

Against – 0

Abstentions – 1

Motion b) duly passes, the foundation of Robinson College Islamic Society is approved.

c) Water Polo Cuppers

The RCSA notes:

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

The RCSA believes:

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

The RCSA resolves:

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

Proposer: Tom Bennett

Secunder: Sam Kaplan

KR (Katie Reid) – Neither the proposer or seconder could be here because they're playing water polo at the moment, which is fair enough, basically they'd just like the RCSA to pay their fee for entering cuppers, which it does for all other sports teams so it seems fair enough...

No objections or questions.

Vote:

For – 27

There were no votes against or in abstention.

Motion c) duly passes, the RCSA will pay the water polo team's fee for entry into cuppers.

d) Croquet Equipment

RCSA Notes

1. The croquet set is in a poor state of repair, there is only one complete set of balls and these are not in good condition.
2. The existing set of croquet balls is 'first colour' (Blue, Yellow, Black, Red).

3. We are currently lacking a 'second colour' set of croquet balls (Green, Pink, Brown, White).
4. Having two sets that are 'first colour' and 'second colour' allows two games of croquet to take place simultaneously on a single lawn (accommodating up to eight players).
5. There are currently no corner boundaries to the lawn; these are a pre-requisite for Association Croquet.
6. Croquet is a game open to all.
7. The college, particularly the gardeners, invest a great deal of resource (time, effort, money, care) into the preparation of a croquet lawn; this is something that few colleges do.

RCSA Believes

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

RCSA Resolves

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

Proposer: Robin Šmíd

Secunder: Rupert Price

Robin Šmíd – Croquet is quite a popular sport which many people like and play during exam term, we only have one set at the moment and I'd like another set of balls so that someone else could play with me at the same time (innuendo clearly intended)...we would also like some corner flags to mark the boundaries of the lawn. No speeches against.

Vote:

For – 27

There were no votes against or in abstention.

Motion d) duly passes, the purchasing of new croquet equipment is approved.

Meeting ends 14:27

(That has to be some kind of record...)