



RCSA Open Meeting Minutes

7pm, JCR, Thursday 13th June 2013



1. Apologies for absence or lateness

John Jarman: attending the Union Dinner.
David Hoare: in a rehearsal.
Laurie Dudley: arriving late.

2. Announcement of the presence and purpose of guests

No guests were present.

3. Approval of the presence and purpose of guests

No guests were present.

4. Approval of the order of the agenda

No issues were raised.

5. Reading by the secretary on request by a 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.

6. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

7. Reports from the Committee

There were no reports from the Committee

8. Questions to the Committee

Robin Smid: How was your day?
Mark Driver (MD): Fine, thanks.

9. Extraordinary Motions

a) Teddies for Exchange Students departing at the end of this term

RCSA notes:

1. Three exchange students are leaving this year.
2. They deserve a souvenir and reminder of their time at college.

RCSA believes:

1. That £30 should be allocated to the Overseas Officer to cover the cost of purchasing the bears.

RCSA resolves:

1. To allocate £30 to Michael Panayi, Overseas Officer, for purchase of the bears.

Proposed: RCSA Executive

The extraordinary motion is backed by over two thirds of the RCSA executive committee.

FOR:

Michael Panayi (MP): The teddy bears would be a nice send off for the students and a reminder of their wonderful time here. They deserve a going-away gift as valued members of college. Sentimentality is one of the foundations of the RCSA. (?)

AGAINST:

None.

QUESTIONS:

Mary Hughes (MH): Is this a one-off or a perpetual thing?

MP: What?

MH: (repeats for clarity)

MP: I'll let the future Overseas Officer worry about that! *(It will be a one-off payment as far as the RCSA is concerned).*

Lewis Blackwood: Where does the money gained from selling the bears go?

MH: To charity? Not sure which one though...

Bryn Pickering: The college is a registered charity...

Groans from the room

VOTE:

FOR: 30

AGAINST: 0

ABSTENTION: 1

MD: Nathan, you didn't put your hand up...

Nathan Proctor: I'm just here to play Scrabble...

ABSTENTION: 2

The extraordinary motion passes.

10. Ordinary Motions

a) Sailing Cuppers

RCSA notes:

1. Robinson has entered a team into Sailing Cuppers.

2. This is a fun way for those involved to proudly demonstrate their sporting abilities under Robinson colours.

3. The entrance fee for Sailing Cuppers is £32.
4. All other sports teams have their league fees and entries paid for by the RCSA, and some of their travel expenses too.

RCSA believes:

1. That the RCSA should fund the entry fee for Sailing Cuppers.

RCSA resolves:

1. To allocate £32 to pay for the entry fee for Sailing Cuppers.

Proposed: Arthur "El Capitan" Henderson

Seconded: Harry "First Mate" Orchard

FOR:

Arthur Henderson (AH): Sorry, I should have done it for the Budget Meeting (as *Robinson College sailing captain*) but I was unaware of the proper way to do it. Basically we need to pay the entry fee to cuppers. I'll put it through properly next time.

AGAINST:

None

QUESTIONS:

Conor O'Malley: How much is it?

Mark Driver: It's in the agenda.

AH: £32

MH: Will it be in the budget meeting next time?

AH: Yeah, sorry!

VOTE:

FOR: 31

AGAINST: 0

ABSTENTION: 1

The motion passes.

b) Boat Club reallocation of funds

RCSA notes:

1. The Boat Club has retired two boats this year, resulting in savings of £256.15 in insurance, £107 in Cam Subs and £21 in British Rowing subs.
2. That the Boat Club is running low on funds in their Race Costs category (currently having only £290 left), as they have entered slightly more races this year and race fees have gone up, following the introduction of a new Conservators fee for Cam races.
3. Whilst the Boat Club has already paid for all this year's races, they may struggle to pay for all the novice races they would usually enter next term, before the Budget Meeting.
4. That reallocating funds from one category to another has previously been used by past Hockey, Netball and Boat Club committees in order to make the best use of

money allocated.

5. Reallocating funds will not cost the RCSA any more money that which was originally allocated to the Boat Club.

RCSA believes:

1. It would be a shame if next year's novices could not enter as many races as normal because the Boat Club didn't have the money to enter them.

RCSA resolves:

1. To reallocate the £256.15 saved in the insurance category, the £107 saved in Cam Subs and £21 saved in British Rowing subs into the Race Costs allocation of the RCBC budget.

Proposed: Alice "Purse-strings" Udale-Smith

Seconded: Alexander "pizazz" Himsworth

FOR:

MH: Basically they need to reallocate this before the Budget Meeting as the races happen before it takes place, so they won't be able to enter the races otherwise. The Boat Club isn't looking for any more money from the RCSA.

AGAINST: None

QUESTIONS:

Kitty Somerville (KS): How are they doing it?

MH: (Begins to explain, reading from the agenda)

(KS nods and dismisses further explanation as she realises the RCSA doesn't need to supply extra funds to the Boat Club)

VOTE:

FOR: 30

AGAINST: 0

ABSTENTION: 1

The motion passes.

(Laurie Dudley enters late)

11. **Any other RCSA business**

Peter Judge: Can people help us move stuff out of here for the May Ball?

MD: That's not RCSA business.