



**RCSA Open Meeting Agenda**  
2pm, JCR, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2014



**Agenda**

1. **Apologies for absence or lateness**  
Aislinn McDonagh  
Chris Barton  
Brian Wang  
Tom Baines
2. **Announcement of the presence and purpose of guests**  
No guests present.
3. **Approval of the presence and speaking rights of guests**  
N/A
4. **Approval of the order of the agenda**  
N/A
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.**  
N/A
6. **Matters Arising from the minutes**  
There are no matters arising from the minutes.
7. **Reports from the Committee**  
Steven Gordon (SG): Good job all committee people for the help in freshers' week.
8. **Questions to the Committee**  
John Jarman (JJ): I've been asked how BT Sport is coming on.  
Chris Parmee (CP): We need to look into how much it costs because it cost way more than we thought so we need to reevaluate the costs.  
  
Peter Carey (PC): Is the internet getting fixed?  
Richard Allitt (RA): I'm working on it.  
PC: Have you shown them the Facebook post?  
Emily Shaw (ES): Probably not because you can't get on the internet.  
  
Mark Driver (MD): When is the budget meeting going to be?  
Doug Robinson (DR): I'll send out an email tonight with all details from what you should know.

## 9. Extraordinary Motions

There are no extraordinary motions.

## 10. Ordinary Motions

### a) Jelly Society Budget Reallocation

#### **RCSA Notes:**

1. We have a Jelly Society.
2. In the budget meeting in 2013 the jelly society received funding for the following categories: Moulds (£40), Cutlery (£10).
3. The Jelly society has a lack of good storage for existing moulds, due to damage to boxes. The society has also relied on members to provide other equipment essential for jelly making.
4. This would require money to be in a general equipment category, which would allow the committee to buy the storage boxes/containers required and digital scales.
5. The society is not asking for any more money

#### **RCSA Believes:**

1. The current budget categories restrict the ability of the Jelly society to purchase what is required.
2. The society should be able to reallocate money within its budget, in order to meet its needs.

#### **RCSA resolves:**

1. £40 from the moulds category and £10 from the Cutlery category of the Jelly Society budget 2013-2014 should be reallocated to an equipment (and Storage) category (providing a total of £50 in equipment).

Proposer: Mark 'THE JELLY LORD' Driver

Seconder: Fiona 'Jelly Spiller' Howells

#### **FOR:**

MD: This motion isn't asking for any more money, but the current categories the money is in isn't correct so we need to move money around to allow us to store stuff in and also maybe buy electric scales and a pressure cooker.

#### **AGAINST:**

None

#### **QUESTIONS:**

Steven Gordon (SG): Do we really need the RCSA to approve all the money people want to move around in societies and sports?

Chris Parmee (CP): No it'd be too much money to rejig the constitution.

#### **VOTE**

**FOR: 26**

**AGAINST: 1**

**ABSTENTION: 0**

*This motion passes.*

### b) Women's Football

**RCSA Notes:**

1. Sports teams should have access to the appropriate basic equipment
2. Basic equipment can be damaged in storage over the summer
3. Women's football did not have a budget last year
4. The football season has started

**RCSA Believes:**

1. In order for our sports teams to be successful, the RCSA should help to provide appropriate basic equipment

**RCSA Resolves:**

1. To allocate £15 per ball from the Open Meeting Budget to Women's Football, so that they can buy 2x new Adidas footballs
2. To allocate £10 from the Open Meeting Budget to Women's Football to purchase a new pair of goalkeeping gloves.

Proposer: Emily Shaw

Secunder: Nicole Manion

**FOR:**

Emily Shaw (ES): Women's football needs some money. The kit used to be stored at Selwyn, but where it was stored was crap and the balls actually burst so we have no balls. So we need some money.

**AGAINST:**

None

**QUESTIONS:**

None

**VOTE**

**FOR: 27**

**AGAINST: 0**

**ABSTENTION: 0**

*This motion passes.*

### c) RCBC – Race Costs and Cam Subs

**RCSA Notes:**

1. RCBC bought a new boat this year. It needs to be registered with Conservators of the Cam for us to be allowed to use it.

2. RCBC has spent a lot more on races than in previous years as we have had a significant increase in numbers of people rowing

**RCSA Believes:**

1. RCBC's new boat should be registered otherwise it is not allowed to be used on the Cam.
2. All members of RCBC should be allowed to race often.

**RCSA Resolves:**

1. To reallocate £64 from Repairs, Refits and Equipment into Cam subs.
2. To reallocate £399.25 from Repairs, Refits and Equipment into Race Costs.

Proposer: Ed Osbourne

Secunder: Will Tremellen

**FOR:**

Will Tremellen (WT): We have more members this year so more racers and we always have to register one of our boats so we just need to move some money around.

**AGAINST:**

None

**QUESTIONS:**

None

**VOTE**

**FOR: 27**

**AGAINST: 0**

**ABSTENTION: 0**

*This motion passes.*

**d) PhotoSoc Budget Reallocation**

**RCSA Notes:**

1. Photography and Art Society has overspent in certain sections of their budget
2. There is enough money in other sections to reallocate and balance the budget

**RCSA Believes:**

1. Reallocation should be allowed to prevent confusion at the Budget Meeting

**RCSA Resolves:**

1. To reallocate from 52.38 Prints to Equipment
2. To reallocate 12.10 from Speakers to Prizes

Proposer: Adam Runacres  
Seconder: Douglas Robinson

**FOR:**

DR: We just want to move some money around because printing was less than we thought it would be so we need to move some money to equipment and prizes.

**AGAINST:**

None

**QUESTIONS:**

SG: Did you have speakers?

DR: We had one, but we need some more.

**VOTE**

**FOR: 27**

**AGAINST: 0**

**ABSTENTION: 0**

*This motion passes.*

**e) Vocal Chords Society**

*This motion requires two-thirds assent to pass*

**RCSA Notes:**

1. People in college want to be involved in a college singing group
2. Not all people can commit to chapel choir
3. People enjoy attending singing group concerts

**RCSA Believes:**

1. It would be good for singers to have an opportunity to sing together
2. Vocal Chords should be officially recognised by the RCSA

**RCSA Resolves:**

1. To create Vocal chords
2. That the society will be bound by the constitution of the RCSA
3. "To amend appendix 1 of the RCSA constitution to include Vocal Chords"
4. To approve the Vocal Chords constitution

Proposer: Douglas 'lowest of the low' Robinson  
Seconder: Sam 'that'll be a tenor please' Holmes

Constitution of Vocal Chords

**Article 1 Name of the Society**

The name of the Society shall be Vocal Chords, hereinafter referred to the as 'the Society'.

**Article 2 Aims of the Society**

The aims of the Society shall be:

1. To provide opportunity for the enjoyment and performance of acapella and accompanied choral music

The society agrees to be bound by the constitution of the RCSA.

### **Article 3 Membership and the Conduct of Members**

Opportunity for membership shall be open to anyone. Arrangement of the choir shall be decided by the committee.

Should anyone harm the reputation of the society or any other members enjoyment of the society they will be banned from the society at the discretion of the committee.

### **Article 4 The Committee**

The committee of the society will be decided at the first meeting of the term and will include the following positions:

1. Director
2. President

The society will be run by these officers who comprise the committee whose roles will include the following:

1. Organising every meeting of the Society
2. Applying for funding from the RCSA after determining the budget
3. Managing the finances of the Society
4. Administration of the social media of the Society (Facebook page, etc)
5. Organising of events and performances.

The responsibilities listed above will be divided among the officers at their discretion at the first general meeting of the society.

### **Article 5 Rights of the Committee**

The committee reserves the right to control the music list and any music printed or purchased for the use of the society.

The committee reserves the right to rescind membership to the society.

### **Article 6 Changes to the Constitution**

Changes to the Constitution may be proposed by any member of the society and enacted following a majority vote by the members of the society. Any changes to

the constitution may result in the need to submit a new constitution to the RCSA, the responsibility of that committee.

### **Article 7 Dissolution of the Society**

The society may be dissolved by decision of the committee or the RCSA. On dissolution of the Society, its assets shall become the property of the Robinson College Student Association.

#### **FOR:**

DR: Vocal Chords is a singing group that Sam Holmes and I started last year. We just want to make it an official society so we can get money. We also do concerts.

#### **AGAINST:**

None

#### **QUESTIONS:**

MD: This is separate to RCMS then?

DR: Yes.

MD: Why is this not under the umbrella of RCMS.

DR: As far as I'm aware, RCMS don't have their own choral group.

#### **VOTE**

**FOR: 27**

**AGAINST: 0**

**ABSTENTION: 0**

*This motion passes.*

#### **f) Talking over Tea – Robinson College Tea Society**

*This motion requires two-thirds assent to pass*

#### **RCSA Notes:**

1. People in college want to be involved in drinking tea (60 people signed up for the mailing list)
2. People enjoy drinking tea
3. There is a demand in college for collective welfare efforts which Tea Society would be a part of

#### **RCSA Believes:**

1. It would be good for people to have the opportunity to collectively drink Tea and to have the ability to have a safe haven away from the stress of College
2. 'Talking over Tea – Robinson College Tea Society' should be officially recognised by the RCSA

#### **RCSA Resolves:**

1. To create 'Talking over Tea – Robinson College Tea Society'

2. That the society will be bound by the constitution of the RCSA
3. "To amend appendix 1 of the RCSA constitution to include 'Talking over Tea – Robinson College Tea Society'
4. To approve the 'Talking over Tea – Robinson College Tea Society' constitution

Proposer: David Lewis

Secunder: Georgie Edmonds

## **Constitution of 'Talking over Tea' – Robinson College Tea Society**

### **Article 1 Name of the Society**

The name of the Society shall be 'Talking over Tea' – Robinson College Tea Society, hereinafter referred to the as 'the Society'.

### **Article 2 Aims of the Society**

The aims of the Society shall be two fold.

1. To celebrate and promote Tea within Robinson College
2. To further the knowledge of Robinson College Students about Tea
3. And, most importantly, to provide a space for students as a safe haven from the stresses and pressures which accompany a Cambridge degree, to provide a possibility for them to get together in a calm manner, talk about whatever is on their mind and to support the Welfare efforts of the College

The society agrees to be bound by the constitution of the RCSA.

### **Article 3 Membership and the Conduct of Members**

Membership is open anyone.

Should anyone misuse the social networking platforms provided by the Society or misrepresent the Society with inappropriate images and other such things, they will be banned from the society and blocked from the sites.

### **Article 4 The Committee**

The committee of the society will be decided at the first meeting of the term and will include the following positions

1. President
2. Vice President

The society will be run by these officers who comprise the committee whose roles will include the following:

1. Organising every meeting of the Society



2. Applying for funding from the RCSA after determining the budget
3. Managing the finances of the Society
4. Administration of the social media of the Society (Facebook page, etc)

The responsibilities listed above will be shared among the officers at their discretion.

### **Article 5 Rights of the Committee**

The committee reserves the right to rescind membership and block users from the social media sites.

### **Article 6 Changes to the Constitution**

Changes to the Constitution may be proposed by any member of the society and enacted following a majority vote by the members of the society. Any changes to the constitution may result in the need to submit a new constitution to the RCSA, the responsibility of that committee.

### **Article 7 Dissolution of the Society**

The society may be dissolved by decision of the committee or the RCSA. On dissolution of the Society, its assets shall become the property of the Robinson College Student Association.

#### **FOR:**

David Lewis (DL): We want to found a tea society. We had 60 sign-ups from the freshers fair and we think it'll be a great way to get away from the stress of exams.

#### **AGAINST:**

None

#### **QUESTIONS:**

MD: Nothing against the society, it's more from experience. College were not happy to give societies money to be spent on food. So would you just be asking for money for equipment.

Geordie Edmonds (GE): Yeah we're thinking of making our own food tea.

MD: So will members need to subsidise?

GE: We have a lot of tea ourselves so it probably won't be necessary.

Peter Iltchev (PI): Where will you be hosting the meeting?

DL: We don't know how many people are going to show up. If it's 5, do it in the house. If it's 60, somewhere else.

MD: Do it in the JCR?

#### **VOTE**

**FOR: 27**

**AGAINST: 0**

**ABSTENTION: 0**

*This motion passes.*

g) **Robinson College Jewish Society**

*This motion requires two-thirds assent to pass*

**RCSA notes:**

1. The number of Jewish students at Robinson has grown considerably in recent years.
2. Other colleges with comparable numbers of Jewish students have set up Jewish societies. These include Trinity, Queens' and Jesus.
3. Robinson has a Christian Union and an Islamic Society but currently no Jewish Society.
4. Jewish Societies have been known to put on great events for their colleges.

**RCSA believes:**

1. The creation of the Robinson College Jewish Society would be a good idea.
2. Diversity is an important aspect of college life.
3. The Robinson Jewish Society will have events at which the whole college will be welcome.

**RCSA resolves:**

1. To create the Robinson College Jewish Society.
2. That this society will be bound by the constitution and policy of the RCSA.
3. The society will contribute to the cultural, religious and social diversity of the college and the fostering of inter-faith relations.
4. That this society will also help to support Jewish students at Robinson.
5. "To amend appendix 1 of the RCSA constitution to include 'Robinson College Jewish Society'.
6. To approve the Robinson College Jewish Society constitution.

Proposer: Zac Shear

Secunder: Miriam Shaul

**FOR:**

Zac Shear (ZC): We've noticed that the college are getting a few more Jewish students so we thought it'd be nice to have an official society and probably have a Hannukah party and provide support for Jewish students.

**AGAINST:**

None

**QUESTIONS:**

None

**VOTE**

**FOR: 27**

**AGAINST: 0**

**ABSTENTION: 0**

*This motion passes.*

11. Any other RCSA business

a) Green Officer wants student opinions about the gardens

Emily Shaw (ES): Does anyone think the gardens are too dark?

Ben Peacock (BP): Going down the path to 2 Adams, it's definitely quite dark down there. It doesn't bother me, but it may bother others.

Mark Driver (MD): The bit where the diversions is is quite light.

Alex Bate (AB): 6 Adams is quite dark too.

DR: 4 Adams residents would like the gardens back.

DL: When's the construction going to be completed?

MD: May I think.

GE: The new bit of the garden, the bench is slipping down. You can't go into it. You have to go all the way round.

CH: Could Chris ask at the committee meeting whether the things I've seen are rats or otters? They're like this big.

BP: Applications for the shadowing scheme technically close at the end of October so hopefully that should work out. If you look on the freshers' Facebook page or email, there'll be a link to sign up.

CH: The elections for the next RCSA committee will be in about a month.