



**RCSA Open Meeting Minutes**  
2pm, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2015, JCR



**1. Apologies for absence or lateness**

James Clark  
Brian Wang  
Karl Thompson  
Toby Marlow  
Elle Shea  
Martha Krish  
Annabelle Monnot  
Jack Sibley

**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**

There are no reports from the committee.

**8. Questions to the Committee**

Steven Gordon (SG): When is the Brick going to be published?

George Barton: It will be out on a Wednesday. I'm working on it.

Chris Barton (CB): I've inspected the bike pump and it's definitely broken.

Greg Barbour (GB): Do you want to submit a motion to get it fixed?

**9. Extraordinary Motions**

CB:

**RCSA Notes:**

1. The bike pump is broken.

**RCSA Believes:**

1. There should be a working bike pump for members of college to use.

**RCSA Resolves:**

1. To allocate £30 from the open meeting budget to purchase a new bike pump.

**VOTE****For:** 24**Against:** 0**Abstention:** 1*This motion passes.***10. Ordinary Motions****a) Robinson College Ladies Badminton Team****RCSA Notes:**

1. Robinson College Ladies Badminton Team does not have any badminton kit.
2. The current budget does not cover the cost of kit.

**RCSA Believes:**

1. Robinson College Ladies Badminton Team should have kit.

**RCSA Resolves:**

1. To give £68.40 to the budget of Robinson College Ladies Badminton Society for the purpose of buying kit.

**Proposer:** Laura Ridley**Seconder:** Tilly Roberts**FOR**

Laura Ridley (LR): Currently Robinson College Ladies Badminton Team doesn't have a kit and our budget only covers rackets and shuttlecocks. All the other teams we play against have kit. I've looked at 5 different companies and have found the cheapest option. Also, as co-captains, Tilly and I are keen to reduce the cost to the RCSA and as such have decided to buy our own tops so will only ask for money for four tops instead of six.

**AGAINST**

N/A

**QUESTIONS**

Mark Driver (MD): Where is the money coming from? It doesn't say in the motion – can I make an amendment to allocate the money from the open meeting budget?

LR: Yeah, that's fine.

Tom Baines (TB): Why don't you just ask for money for all 6 tops?

LR: It would be an extra £31.20, so £99.60 in total to get 6 tops instead of 4.

MD: Potential problem – I don't know if we have enough money left from the open meeting budget to get all 6 tops.

Richard Odle (RO): Does the RCSA fund kit for other sports societies?

GB: Apart from rowing kit, which people like to keep, yes I think so.

Niamh Spence (NS): If the RCSA buys the kit, will it stay for next year or will the members keep it?

LR: Yes, it would stay with the society throughout the years.

## VOTE

**For:** 25

**Against:** 0

**Abstention:** 0

*This motion passes.*

## b) Purchase of Chocolate Fondue

### **RCSA Notes:**

1. That Robinson College do not currently have a chocolate fondue set.
2. The purchase of a fondue set would be a great benefit to any member of college.
3. The fondue set could be used by any society or committee at functions (within college).

### **RCSA Believes:**

1. We should buy a fondue set.
2. This would be a minor expense for the RCSA but could be a great help to many societies in helping to raise funds at functions/ events (within college).

### **RCSA Resolves:**

1. To purchase a fondue set for the use of the members of Robinson College, costing around £30.

**Proposer:** Cameron Holloway

**Seconder:** Rohan Giblin

## **FOR**

Rohan Giblin (RG): I'd like to make an amendment to the motion – RCSA resolves to allocate £30 from the open meeting budget to purchase a fondue set. I've spoken to many societies and they all say they would be happy to use it – catering and amenities, rowing, the Christian society, save the children, the baking society. It would help make money for charity and anyone could use it.

## **AGAINST**

MD: This seems a bit like the curling table incident.

\*general disagreement\*

## **QUESTIONS**

CB: Haven't we allocated all of the open meeting budget?

MD: No we haven't because we only allocated money to badminton for 4 tops, not 6.

RG: The chocolate fondue would only be ~£27.

CB: Why don't we get a chocolate fountain not a chocolate fondue?

Grace Atkinson (GA): I thought that's what this was?

NS: No, a chocolate fondue is essentially just a bowl.

SG: It's a nice idea but how long before it gets broken?

Alex Maynard (AM): How will you make sure it doesn't get lost or stolen by one of the societies who uses it?

RG: It'll be kept by the baking society.

NS: How do you contact them to get it?

RG: Email Arturo, he's in charge of the baking society.

MD: Is anyone from the baking society actually here?

RG: No, but I have checked this with Arturo and he is fine with it being stored with the rest of the baking things but available for anyone to use.

George Barton: Who will be in charge of replenishing chocolate supplies?

TB: Whoever uses it will have to buy their own chocolate.

MD: Why is this necessary – why don't you just put some chocolate in a glass bowl?

RG: Because it solidifies.

Helen Briggs (HB): Surely it would be better to use the open meeting budget to get all 6 badminton tops and then buy the fondue with the next one?

NS: But some people will have other motions planned for later open meetings. There might not be enough money next time either.

MD: I want to propose a procedural motion to amend it so we give the extra £31.20 to the badminton kit instead of the £30 for the chocolate fondue.

RG: In that cause it would reject the fondue set entirely?

MD: Yes.

AM: Come back next time Rohan when we have more money.

GB: This is basically an issue of do we allocate the money to the badminton society or to the fondue.

SG: This is a stealthy rejection – we don't just not want the fondue set at all, but we want to give the money to badminton.

RO: All I'm saying is that if we do that then we go from giving money to a motion that could potentially benefit many members of college for a long time to a motion that will benefit just two members of college. Is that fair?

John Jarman: Can we get the money for the fondue set from the RCSA reserves as it's a lasting thing for college? And then use the open meeting budget for the badminton kit?

GB: Good idea. Okay, so here's what I'm suggesting. Change the previous allocation from £68.40 to £99.60 from the open meeting budget for the badminton kit. And then amend Rohan's motion to allocate £30 from the RCSA reserves for the fondue set. So we vote on that.

## **VOTE**

**For:** 19

**Against:** 3

**Abstention:** 3

*This motion passes.*

## **11. Any other RCSA business**

N/A