



RCSA Open Meeting Minutes

2pm, Sunday 3rd May 2015, JCR



1. Apologies for absence or lateness

Niamh Spence
George Barton

2. Announcement of the presence and purpose of guests

Claire Farey – 'I live in this room'
Lydia Burton – visiting

3. Approval of the presence and speaking rights of guests

Neither Clare nor Lydia wanted speaking rights but their presence was approved.

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

Mark Driver (MD): Have you been going to CUSU council and if not why and have you sent proxies? There's one tomorrow.

James Clark (JC): Yes.

Greg Barbour (GB): I'll be sending a proxy tomorrow in the form of Mark.

MD: If I go, I'll end up doing something stupid.

Greg: Ok I'll go.

MD: The building works by 4 and 5 Adams – when will it be done?

Will Shackleton (WS): They said it would be done by May 22nd but it's not going to be done in a month.

JC: The chancellor's coming at the start of September.

Emma Hildyard: To be fair you can work in other places. You don't have to work in your room by the building works.

Priyesh Patel (PP): Any chance of getting more discounts?

JC: They've already given you a discount.

PP: But not this term.

JC: I'll talk to Bill about it but I'm not hopeful.

9. Extraordinary Motions

N/A

10. Ordinary Motions

a) [Video Game Society: reallocation of Xbox Live budget](#)

RCSA Notes:

1. The society currently has a £150 budget for the purchase of games.
2. The society also has a £40 budget for buying a 12-month Xbox Live Gold subscription.
3. The Xbox 360 has seen less use this year, particularly with more time spent playing with the Wii U or on PC multiplayer games.
4. This motion does not ask for any additional funds, rather just to allow buying an additional game or two using the Xbox Live budget.

RCSA Believes:

1. The Xbox Live budget would be better spent on additional new games, most likely some of the newer releases for the Wii U.
2. It would be nice to build a greater selection of Wii U titles (which continue to be available for any members of college to use or borrow).

RCSA Resolves:

1. To reallocate all £40 from the Xbox Live budget into Games.

Proposer: Richard Allitt

Secunder: David Hoare

FOR

Richard Allitt: We're just looking to reallocate money within the video game society to get more Wii U games.

AGAINST

None.

QUESTIONS

None.

VOTE

For: 25

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

This motion passes.

b) [New Croquet Set](#)

RCSA Notes:

1. That the current croquet set does not meet the standard required to compete properly at the highest level.
2. That the mallets have been warped beyond repair by years of use, and one of the balls has cracked.
3. That Robinson has never won Croquet Cuppers, the pre-eminent college event on the Croquet Calendar.

4. That doing so would promote Robinson once and for all to the highest echelons of the College hierarchy, in the process raising the individual winners from abject mediocrity into the blinding glare of comparative celebrity.
5. That it is better to spend more now on mallets that will last for a very long time rather than slightly less on mallets that will break after a couple of years.
6. That it's not sure if the RCCC officially exists, but that either way it was not on the budget, and a purchase like this will be its only expense for years.
7. That it will not spend the money on anything else nearly as good.

RCSA Believes:

1. Robinson Members have the right to represent the College in all available sports.
2. That in order to fulfil these opportunities, the members need access to good quality equipment.
3. That encouraging physical & mental exertion is beneficial to members of college.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To allocate £278 from the reserves to buy two mallets and a new set of balls, and maybe also finance some sort of National Lottery-esque funding program to sift through the talent and discover the next Reg Bamford.
2. To make college members aware, even if only via this motion, that croquet coppers only costs £5 and can pave the way to potential immortality.

Proposer: George 'I'm OK and ready to roquet' Barton

Seconder: Jack 'I don't need a valet, just give me the mallet' Sibley

FOR

Tom Baines (TB): A lot of people in exam term like to play croquet to relax. It doesn't disturb anyone, it's very quiet. The college usually puts a few teams into coppers. But one of the mallets is broken and some balls are missing. So we're asking for some new mallets and balls to go in the plodge for everyone to use.

AGAINST

None.

QUESTIONS

Steven Gordon (SG): Which balls are missing?

TB: I don't know.

Mikey Teal (MT): It's mainly the mallets – they really need repairing or replacing.

MD: There are two sets of balls, a newer set was bought a couple of years ago.

SG: Yeah, Andrew Shipely sorted that set.

Greg Barbour (GB): Well I think you need to amend the motion because George has added it up wrong – he needs £288 not £278.

MD: Does that include postage?

GB: No.

MD: It might be safer to ask for £300 then.

TB: Or just get cheaper mallets.

MD: Also, the mallets are square.

JC: What do you mean?

MD: The heads of the mallets they're planning to get are square instead of circular which is a bit confusing.

TB: Ok, well I'll amend it to £300 then shall I?

JC: Can we make it contingent on making George publish a brick?

GB: Can we do that? We technically could kick him off the RCSA.

MT: They have lots of stuff and ideas just haven't put it all together yet.

JC: Well can't we amend it to say that we won't give him the money if he doesn't publish an episode?

MT: If you're gonna do that, make an extraordinary motion because that has nothing to do with croquet –it's a totally different issue.

GB: Shall we just set that aside for the moment and focus on the croquet motion?

JC: But-

MT: They don't affect one another – I could put the croquet motion in with Jack and get the croquet stuff, it's not about George just cos he submitted the motion.

GB: Do you want to make an extraordinary motion to make George publish a brick? Cos it's a bit late now.

Paddy Roddy (PR): He's got a week after exams before May week that he could publish one in.

MD: Technically, according to the constitution, he has to publish five a year.

TB: Well he could just do one really big good one. Or one now and one for freshers week.

JC: It'll be full of in jokes though, do we really want it to be published when all the freshers come?

WS: Does it have to be published as a hard copy? Does he have money for printing?

TB: It can go online but yeah he has £50 for printing costs.

MD: Ok, well we could make an extraordinary motion quickly now or spend time doing a proper motion for the next open meeting giving him a hard deadline.

GB: I don't think we should make an extraordinary motion. Any more points actually about the croquet motion?

MD: Just amend it to £300 to give some money for postage.

VOTE

For: 25

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

This motion passes.

11. Any other RCSA business