



RCSA Open Meeting Minutes
2pm, 30th October 2016, Umney
Theatre



1. Apologies for absence or lateness

Kayani Kayani, Martha Krish, Claire Hemingway, Cammy Mitchell, Dexter Chua, Patrick Lundgren

2. Announcement of the presence and purpose of guests.

Emma Altman-Richer (EAR): I've brought the Selwyn representative for our joint women's football team.

3. Approval of the presence and speaking rights of guests

Approved.

4. Approval of the order of the agenda

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.

N/A

6. Matters arising from the minutes

N/A

7. Reports from the committee

N/A

8. Questions to the Committee

N/A

9. Extraordinary Motions

N/A

10. Ordinary Motions

a) RCSA Badminton Club Budget Reallocation

RCSA Notes:

1. RCSA Badminton Club has money left over from the 2015-2016 allocation
2. They have used up their Kit allocation already but have money left in other allocations (namely Court Fees)

3. The year's Court Fees will not be fully spent and the club would benefit from extra Racquets, Kit and Shuttles
4. No additional money is being asked for!

RCSA Believes:

1. RCSA badminton club should reallocate excess money from Court Fees into Racquets, Kit and Shuttles, which will still enable court bookings to be made as well as allow more racquets, kit and shuttles to be purchased.
2. In addition, the RCSA believes that one of our regular members who receives additional training and support through University (blues) membership should have some of her blues subscription fee subsidized using money allocated to "Court Fees".

RCSA Resolves:

1. To reallocate £211 from Court Fees to Rackets
2. To reallocate £161 from Court Fees to Kit
3. To reallocate £32 from Court Fees to Shuttles

Proposer: Jonathan Lau - Men's 1st Team Captain for Open League (Division I), Men's Cuppers and Mixed Cuppers

Seconder: Louise De Paepe - RCSA Badminton Club treasurer

FOR:

Matt Kite (MK): They want to move money around, they're not asking for more.

Rhys Goodall (RG): There's a constitutional precedent for no blues subscription to be paid.

Karl Thompson (KT): It's fine – Martin has approved this.

AGAINST:

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QUESTIONS:

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VOTE

For: 30

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

This motion passes.

b) Purchase of parts for college drum kit

RCSA Notes:

1. That Robinson College lacks a functioning drum kit for music practice and performance.
2. That there is a significant community of students who would benefit from having a functioning kit.
3. That repairing the existing drum kit is very cheap in comparison with buying a whole new kit.

RCSA Believes:

1. Such equipment helps students throughout the year and in the May Ball period.

RCSA Resolves:

1. Mr Tiernan Banks has already purchased a new snare stand, drum pedal and A-DAC.
2. That £100 from the reserve funds should be used to refund Mr Tiernan Banks for this equipment.

Proposer: Tiernan Banks

Secunder: Dom Christie

FOR:

Tiernan Banks (TB): The college agreed to buy a new drum kit which would have cost £700 – we realised we could fix the issue for £100 by buying three parts. We've already bought them so it would save college money.

AGAINST:

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QUESTIONS:

RG: Has £800 been allocated? You have more money to spend on stuff.

KT: Better to sort budget first.

Ed Butler-Caddle (EBC): Why is this coming from reserves?

KT: It's not for a society, it's for the benefit of all of college.

VOTE

For: 31

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

This motion passes.

c) Bike Rollers

RCSA Notes:

1. It's hard for cyclists to train during the winter months, because it's cold, wet and damp outside, and it's very easy to pick up illnesses if you're cycling in those conditions regularly.
2. The gym has a lot of options for those looking to build their upper body strength, but for us weedy kids, all we want is something that lets us make our legs suffer a bit.

RCSA Believes:

1. Anyone can use the rollers, you just have to put your bike onto them. They look scary and inaccessible, but it's pretty easy to learn how to balance on them and even if you can't, you can just put them next to a wall and hold yourself up using your hand, which is what I do.
2. They're very useful for those wanting to stay fit, or to train certain muscles on their legs without having to brave the elements. Nearly everyone in Cambridge rides a bike, so there's very few people who wouldn't be able to utilise this.
3. They don't require a lot of maintenance. They should work for years before needing to be fixed barring extenuating circumstances.

RCSA Resolves:

1. Should buy these rollers. https://www.amazon.co.uk/Tacx-T1000-Antares-Training-Rollers/dp/B001VRJ4RG/ref=cm_cr_arp_d_product_top?ie=UTF8 They're £120.84, and this money could come from the reserves.
2. They don't take up much space, and are very portable, so they could be placed in the games room or the gym potentially (not sure if there is room in the gym, it's pretty crowded in there).

Proposer: Peter Curry
Secunder: Matty Spry

FOR:

Secretary reads the motion

AGAINST:

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QUESTIONS:

EAR: Where would they go?

Ben Morris (BM): Gym?

EAR: There's not enough space

RG: Games Room then

EAR: Do you have to book that?

RG: The porters are quite lenient if it's not booked for a different use

EBC: 5 days a week its booked out for student gym use, so things like this.

VOTE

For: 34

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

This motion passes.

d) Colouring-In Society

RCSA Notes:

1. College is lacking in colour, innovation and neatness.

RCSA Believes:

1. That these deficiencies can be remedied with the creation of a colouring-in society. Buildings, flowers, kings or queens, maybe even a trifle, all can be drawn. All that is required is hands.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To set up Colouring-In Society.

Proposer: Oli Friend
Secunder: Lorenzo Leoni

AGAINST:

Mark Driver (MD): They need a constitution ready for this, so shouldn't be put to a vote now.

FOR:

Lorenzo Leoni (LL): Although this seems legally sound, colouring in should not require a constitution. [*Oli and Lorenzo create a new constitution*] The aims of the society are to colour in and have fun.

QUESTIONS:

MD: We need an amendment – add a resolve to amend the appendix of the current RCSA constitution.

VOTE

For: 34

Against: 1

Abstentions: 0

This motion passes.

e) The Budget 2016-17

RCSA Notes:

1. The budget for the next year needs to be discussed and voted on.

RCSA Believes:

1. That this is essential.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To discuss the budget and vote on it, according to the constitution
2. To approve the RCSA budget for 2016-17 as detailed in the attachment.

Non Clubs and Societies

Academic Affairs

Passes

Access

Passes

Miscellaneous

Passes

Open Meeting Snack Budget

Passes

TV Licence

Passes

Matriculation Photo

Passes

Auditor's Fee

Passes

Computing

Passes

Catering and Amenities

Passes

CUSU

Passes

Ents

Lilly Judd and Sarah Ferry: Can we get more money for decorations/props for bops?
Will Scott (WS): We can move £200 from arts and photography which I run (£100 off prints and £100 off equipment) to ents?

Passes

Ethnic Minorities

Passes

Green

Passes

LGBT

Passes

Men's

Passes

MCR

Passes

Overseas

Passes

Newsletter

KT: No longer printing copies of this. We've allocated money to sports and societies for travel to St Catharine's Oxford.

EBC: This cost works out at about £25 a head so it's good to have college pay for it.

Passes

RCSA Refund Scheme

Passes

Sports and Societies

Passes

Vice President Expenditure

Passes

Welfare

Passes

Women's

Passes

Expenditure for Open Meetings

Passes

Clubs and Societies**Amnesty International**

KT: No contact for this?

Passes

Badminton

Passes

Baking

Passes

Basketball

Passes

Board Games

Passes

Boat Club

Passes

Chess Club

Peter Curry (PC): There's a league fee but £15 should cover that

Passes

Christian Union

Passes

Cricket

Passes

Fairtrade

Passes

Feminist Society

Passes

Film Society

BM: Why do we pay for auditorium hire?

George Barton (GB): Just have to, it's just paying back money college has given us.

KT: There's also money allocated for making films.

MD: People have to be Robinson members to apply for funding for this

Passes

Men's Football

Passes

Women's Football

Passes

Geography Society

Passes

Hockey

EBC: If hockey doesn't end up in a league this year what happens?

BM: Can this money be reallocated to hockey events?

MD: College won't subsidise this.

EBC: Will college take the money away next year if it doesn't get spent?

KT: No.

Passes

Jelly Society

MK: Does it exist?

Lizzie Palmer (LP): Yes we've had several freshers signing up

KT: We assume they'll charge us for J8 but will try and work to remove this in future

Passes

Jewish Society

Passes

Mixed Lacrosse

Passes

Motor Racing Society

Passes

RCMS

Passes

Mixed and Woman's Netball

Passes

Philosophical Society

Passes

Photography Society:

MD: We've already taken money from it for ents.

Passes

Pool

Passes

Windsurfing

Passes

Cross Country

Passes

Men's Rugby

Passes

Squash

Passes

Swimming:

RG: There's been no budget for this for the last two years. I thought I'd apply for budget so that we could do cuppers if wanted to.

Ping Pong Society

Passes

Tea Society

MK: Does this still exist?

KT: Amanda and Cammy are running it

PC: Are they asking for money for books?

KT: Should be £20 for equipment and £0 for books

Passes

Tennis

Passes

Ultimate Frisbee

Passes

Video Games

Passes

Vocal Chords

Passes

Volleyball

Passes

Water Polo

RG: I only got 3 sign ups this year so not going to buy hats – that £192 can be spent elsewhere. The Addenbrookes travel fee is also new this year.

Passes

MD: So we now have about £440 to reallocate?

Money allocated to ents, photography, netball, women's football.

KT: If you need any more money then bring it to the open meeting, things normally pass.
Ed, hockey and colouring-in need to claim at open meeting.

VOTE (on entire budget)

For: 38

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

This motion passes.

11. Any other RCSA business

There is no other RCSA business.