

# **MCR Committee Meeting Minutes**

*8 pm, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2005  
MCR, St Catharine's College*

Present: Tom Law (chair)  
Patrick Flack  
Regina Sachers  
Lizzie Perdeaux  
Rebecca Gallagher  
Hiroki Shin  
Robin Cassady-Cain  
Michael Harfoot

Absent with apologies: Felicia Yap  
Jo Alcindor  
Richard Meeson

Absent: Poobalasantharam Iyngaran

## **1. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes**

There were no comments on the minutes of the previous meeting.

## **2. Welfare Issues**

### **2.1 South Green Lighting**

Rebecca has emailed the Senior Bursar and Marina regarding the lighting on South Green Road, specifically the dark patch at the entrance to the road, following complaints from students who have felt threatened while walking along there. The issue will be raised at the next CCC meeting. It was agreed that in order to follow this up an email would be sent to the two Bursars and Marina suggesting that lighting – possibly low-level – could be placed on the house at the entrance to the road, which is owned by college.

### **2.2 Alarms and Torches**

The personal alarms we distributed have been very popular and more have been ordered from CUSU. Rebecca also explored the possibility of getting keyring torches, but it was generally felt that these would be too expensive.

## **3. Social Events**

### **3.1 Refresher's Week**

In order to introduce the new graduates we agreed to organise a number of social events. Regina agreed to organise a cinema trip for Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>, which the MCR would subsidise. The Refresher's formal is organised for Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>, with college paying for the tickets of the new arrivals, as it will serve as their Matriculation Dinner. Finally, Paws & Claws will organise an event for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>, the organisation of which we will leave to them.

### **3.2 Burns' Night & Ceilidh**

Burns' Night Dinner will be January 26<sup>th</sup>. The band is booked and the Dean has agreed to our plans, though he has warned us that if there are any problems we will not be able to hold a similar event in 2007. We will need lots of people available to help clean up tables etc therefore all committee members are encouraged to attend.

There will be a limit of 120 attendees. It was discussed whether to limit the number of guests, as had been the case for Christmas Dinner, but after vigorous opposition from some committee members it was agreed not to impose a limit. Finally, it was agreed to charge £10 per ticket. This represents a subsidy from the MCR to pay for drinks and the band, but it was felt that it was better to encourage lots of people to attend.

### **3.3 Hellenic Formal**

A joint formal with the Hellenic Society will be held on February 9<sup>th</sup>. The Hellenic Society are taking charge of most of the preparations, with Tom liaising with them to ensure that everything is under control. Allocation of tickets will be equal, with the MCR and HS both receiving 60 tickets.

## **4. Any Other Business**

### **4.1 MCR Website**

A number of improvements to the website were suggested. Firstly, anyone with photos from MCR events are urged to send them to the computer officers, so that they can be added to the photo section. Secondly, it was suggested that a Calendar of up-coming events be added to the website. Finally, Committee Members who have not yet submitted profiles for the website are urged to do so asap.

### **4.2 TV Aerial at Russell Street**

Tom has contacted the Junior Bursar regarding getting a new TV aerial for Russell Street. The Junior Bursar requested that he provide more information, and therefore Tom has collected a number of quotes, with the JB agreeing that college will pay 50% of the cost. Committee members raised the question of whether the same would apply to other accommodation, specifically Brookside and SGL. It was agreed that Tom & Patrick would raise the issue at CCC, with the MCR offering to pay 50% of the cost for all locations.