

**St. Catharine's College MCR Committee Meeting**  
**Friday 9 May 7:30pm**

**Present**

Richard Jones, Doug Speed, Max Kendrick, Joanna Heald, Martina Diep, Mark Hopkin, Julia Armstrong, Cameron Rye

**Apologies**

Melissa Ruseler, Max Kendrick, Rosie Fera, Owen Hammond, Natalie Au-Yeung

**Agenda**

**1. Previous Minutes**

**2. Midsummer Dinner**

Natalie making arrangements, to be discussed fully at next meeting when Natalie present. Definitely need to finalise date and ensure Hall is booked.

**Action: Natalie**

**3. Russell Street 'goodbye to the garden' party**

Richard proposed an idea for a party in Russell Street garden the weekend before the building work begins. Possible idea for Rodeo theme. Budget would come from this year and should not need to overrun into next year's finances, as there should be surplus left by the end of term. It was discussed whether fellows and their families should be invited, and agreed that this may be a good idea, as we would need to get permission for a party for more than 8 people and inviting fellows would guarantee this (although likely to get permission anyway). It was however noted that fellows may be unlikely to attend.

**Action: Richard to get confirmed date of beginning of building work**

**4. MCR events calendar (including with other MCRs)**

Upcoming dates:

12 May – Emma Formal

19 May – Supervisors' Dinner

21 May – Champions League Final = beer and snacks in MCR

23 May – Indiana Jones Film

Fancy dress trip to cinema to watch film in opening week. Concerns were expressed about booking tickets. Committee agreed Arts Picture House would be preferable location, owing to location in town and bar in-house, however, poses more difficulty for booking, if everyone is to book their own seats independently as group booking has proven complicated in the past, as seats are allocated. Grafton Centre cinema could be easier owing to free seating and online booking.

**Action: Dan – to enquire with Arts Picture House about possibilities**

24 May – Eurovision = drinks and snacks in MCR, possible fun scoring system. Richard expressed concerns that this event could be dropped owing to the number of events this week, and poor attendance in the past, but committee agreed it could be popular and a cultural experience for those who have never seen Eurovision before.

ALSO : Week beginning 19 May is Cambridge Beer Festival – MCR could run trip, but no days really left this week – people would be likely to attend independently.

27 May – Queens / Catz event = Pub Golf – fancy dress bar crawl, route to be confirmed but likely to begin at Cow and go through town to the Maypole.

7 June – Strawberry Fair = Mass trip from MCR

18 June – May Ball

20 June – Fellows / Grads garden party

Other possible dates which could be run during summer holidays:

Wine cellar tour

**Action: Martina to keep asking Ron**

Fitzwilliam Museum trip

Also possibly coming up:

Garden party with Jesus College – need to confirm date, but Sat 28 June most likely, so it does not conflict with May Week. Jesus College would host event.

Possible themes for this event could be standard garden party, or music jam  
Need to confirm how much financial contribution we would be expected to pay.  
Some concerns were expressed whether this would be well attended, owing to the high number of garden parties going on in preceding days, and to ensure this did not conflict with Caius garden party which is popular.

## **5. Formals**

Mark to be formal hall officer for 15 May formal

It was agreed that formals should be advertised on the preceding Sunday.

## **6. Picture hanging in MCR**

Large pictures were hung up. Small pictures to be hung, may need to ask maintenance for more hooks.

Need to order 2007 Matriculation Photo from Jet Photography

**Action: Joanna**

## **7. MCR Plants**

May Ball committee will be buying plants for ball, Doug expressed MCR interest in keeping the plants in the MCR after the ball. We may need to provide a financial contribution, but MCR will try to get them for free, as ball committee would otherwise just throw them away.

## **8. College consultative committee items**

This is taking place this week. Issues to be raised:

- Driers for South Green, as discussed at open meeting

Picnic table for Brookside has already been agreed to, need to remind maintenance.

**Action: Joanna**

## **9. Any other business**

College needs Health and Safety representative, Doug agreed to do this.

Need to agree date for MCR elections and open and close of nominations. Could hold hustings at open meeting.

**Action: This will be finalized at next meeting.**

Check MCR constitution so updated version can go on website. Also Dan and Richard confirmed the terms for disaffiliation from MCR. Social sec / events officer being turned into two social secretaries has been passed by governing body and will be in new constitution.

Russell Street needs new air beds

**Action: Doug to buy air beds**

#### **10. Next meeting**

Monday 26 May, 7pm