

MCR Meeting 9th April 2012 18:00 B2

Present: Aaron, Adam, Dan, Melodie, Ollie, Sarah, Sophie L, Sophie W.

Absent: Marc, Owen, Victoria.

Agenda:

1. Barton Road
2. Rents Update
3. Process documentation
4. Website update
5. Charities
6. Dining Hall officer and charges update
7. Elections
8. Committee photo
9. MCR Jubilee big lunch
10. Midsummer dinner
11. Easter events
12. AOB

1. Barton Road

Latest update with contractors is that the renovations are on time. Students will move in the end of July.

2. Rents Update

Final results that have been agreed with the senior bursar:

- Russel Street's (RS) rent to go up 6% next year. This is still below average for ensuite rooms in Cambridge.
- South Green Lodge (SGL) will go up 5%.
- Barton Rd rooms will be the same price as RS except the 3 basement rooms which will be at SGL rates.
- Kitchen fees are increasing 1 pound per term for students living less than 1 mile away from college while the fees for those living more than one mile away are not increasing.
- Electricity fees will not be renegotiated until the summer.

3. Process documentation

Melodie set up a place on website to the mcr committee to upload their instructions. The **MCR** committee must do this before the next meeting. **SARAH** will send out an email to remind everyone to do so.

4. Website

Ollie has set up a 'test' mcr website. New drop-down tabs have been added and several other visual displays have been changed. Ollie is currently fixing any bugs but the new website should go live in the next couple of weeks. The next priority is to update the website's content and make everything more recent. The **MCR** committee is reminded to think of things that can be added to the news feed / events section. **SARAH** is to email Ollie and the mcr presidents with the minutes so they can be uploaded and archived.

5. Charities

The mcr has been asked to come up with a list of local charities that St Catharine's would like to donate to for next year. Some have already been suggested by the mcr. List of suggestions should be taken to the College Consultant Committee meeting tomorrow (10/05/2012). **AARON** will take the list to the meeting.

6. Dining hall officer

It has been decided that Melodie will continue being both the food and drinks officer and the dining hall officer until the summer elections. Melodie suggested that the dining hall officer should be split into two positions (one for formal halls and one for organizing swaps). **AARON**, **SOPHIE W** and **MELODIE** will look into editing the constitution and will show the mcr committee in the next meeting.

7. Summer Elections

Election results will be announced on June 23rd. Voting will be open from Wed 13th to Fri 15th. An open meeting must be scheduled 10 days before – Mon 11th 7pm. The mcr constitution states that election results should be announced in an open meeting. This was not done for last year so **SOPHIE** and **AARON** will look into editing this out of the constitution.

8. Committee Photograph

Has been organized for the day of midsummer dinner at 6:45pm. Any mcr committee member who is not planning to come must email the committee! Will arrange the midsummer dinner photo to be at 7pm.

9. Queens Jubilee dinner

A BBQ has been organized for Sunday 3rd June at SGL. Decorations that have been suggested are bunting, napkins etc. **ADAM** will look into the possibility of hiring a bouncy castle. It was also suggested to that tennis rackets should be available for students to play on the courts.

10. Midsummer Dinner 23rd June

Will be re-announced by **ADAM**. **ADAM** will also book the photographer. **VICTORIA** will book the SCR room and the band. Theme will be a 'summer fete'. There will be traditional British games e.g. coconut shy, hook a duck etc set up in hall after dinner. **MELODIE** will organize fruit wines for post-dinner drinks and sparkling wine for pre-dinner drinks.

11. Other Easter events

Cambridge Beer festival is a week-long event. be a **ADAM** will email the MCR to suggest that Wed May 23rd will be a St Catharine's mcr event. **OLLIE** will announce this on the website's news feed.

12. AOB

SOPHIE W wants suggestions from the mcr committee for possible mcr events to be held over the summer. E.g. a tennis tournament, photography / painting days, Summer formals.

Meeting finished at 19:00. Notes were taken by the Secretary.