

St Catharine's MCR- Committee meeting

28th October 2013, 6pm

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 2nd June 2013 in The MCR Common Room

Present: Kirsty Brain, Elena Loche, Josh McTigue, Ismahan Suleiman, Glenn Masson, William Bernard, Amanda Kennedy, Charles Northrop, Jerome Greenfield, Ryan Griffiths.

Absent: Simon Wright

Agenda:

1. College Consultative Committee agenda items and charity suggestions
2. Open meeting agenda and Green Officer elections
3. Things to ask college to buy - e.g. picnic benches at SGL, bike maintenance
4. Update on social events and room bookings
5. Fourth Years as MCR members
6. Sky update
7. Fresher's Bop update
8. MCR - biscuits and coffee machine
9. "Thibaut's" informal graduate seminars
10. AOB

1. Sky update

- Sky card sent to Josh, purchased through college. Has not been installed yet. Still waiting for Sky to contact us.
- **Josh** will call Sky to get it installed.

2. Update on Social events and room bookings

- Ryan has emailed the Bursar, Dean and Martin: We are fine to have costumes and decorate hall as long as it is inoffensive.
- Decorations: Main decorations in the bar but also add some to hall. We have champagne flutes, tumblers, Menus. Glenn has decorations for the Ramsden room; dry ice, 10 pumpkins and various Halloween themed drinks, port. We should also get lanterns, spider webs, etc.
- **Will** to get Menu to Isi.
- DJ Tim booked for bop. Bar booked, exclusively. **Committee** to help with set up (currently this will be at 1pm). **Isi** will confirm what time committee should turn up and will also look into using the lift at the back entrance.
- Bop entrance: MCR members and their guests coming to formal are allowed into the bop. Other than that ONLY MCR members are allowed in, no JCR. We will have to follow the protocol and count everyone in and out and stamp their hands. Max is 180 people.
- **Charles** to buy Sean of the dead on DVD for tomorrow's film night. Will need more snacks and soft drinks which **Josh** will get.
- **Ryan** to double check with the dean that we don't have to wear gowns to the Halloween formal.
- Auditorium booked for film nights until December.
- **Isi** and **Ryan** to look into booking Uni brass band for Christmas formal and to sort out when Ceidleigh band can set up before Burns night. They should also book the Ramsden room for coffee after Burns night formal to allow band more time to set up.

3. Fresher's Bop update

- Porters were missing because they were resolving an issue in the SCR
- Booking system has been blamed and has been asked to be changed.

4. College Consultative meeting agenda suggestions and Charity Donation suggestions

- Charity suggestions to be submitted by the 1st November. **Committee** to send in any suggestions they have.
- Things that could be improved in college: JCR are concerned about the upcoming refurbishments to the Ramsden room which would include a floating ceiling, and also to the basement. We should inquire as to whether it will affect the MCR room.
- House 5 in SGL are paying a lot more on their electricity bills due to the addition of the common room: to be brought up with the Bursar.

5. Things to ask college to buy - e.g. picnic benches at SGL, bike maintenance

- Maximum ask is about £5000
- Amanda suggested picnic benches
- Ryan suggested a bike repair station
- Other suggestions: Access to printing facilities

6. Open meeting agenda

- The addition of video game facilities to the MCR and any other refurbishments in the MCR
- Hustings: Green officer elections to take place
- Film night movie suggestions

7. Fourth Years as MCR members

- Suggestion: Give 4th years the option to pay the MCR subscription to join the MCR. This would mean they would be added to the MCR mailing list and allowed in to all our events and formal halls. **Josh** to push ahead with this.
- This could include up to 45 people.

8. Coffee machine

- It is no ones responsibility in the constitution to clean the machine but it is also not the bedder's responsibility.
- We will encourage people to keep it tidy in the next MCR bulletin.
- Any committee members in the MCR room should clean the machine.
- Sponges to be bought for the MCR kitchen.
- **Josh** to email housekeeping about providing cleaning equipment.

9. "Thibaut's" informal graduate seminars

- Kang to continue these sessions.
- Committee are happy to support Kang e.g. buy supplying refreshments. **Jerome** to email Kang.

10. AOB

- Removal of old bikes from SGL: to be organised with the porters. Old bikes can be auctioned with proceeds going to Jimmy's night shelter.
- Movember: organised by Will. Aim is to beat Oxford's total from last year. Other college's getting involved.