

Catz MCR Committee Meeting, 26th September 2006

Present: Ali, Dan, Lizzie, Martina, Paul, Richard, Rosie, Roy.

1. Previous Minutes

- Roy asked about the fire and it seems unlikely that we'll be able to use it.
- Roy is liaising with the relevant people about the lock on the drinks cupboard being replaced and new keys being cut and distributed
- Guest policy: Dan and Roy have discussed this with the grad tutors. The current policy on the website is the undergrad policy: this needs to be addressed – perhaps with the Dean. However, in the mean time, 4 air-beds – one for each residence – are being purchased **[Action: Dan to buy air-beds.]** Someone at each residence will be in charge of the air-bed and pump.
- It was discussed and decided that it would be un-diplomatic to formally ask Song to help with Freshers' Week and then not co-opt him on to the committee at the same time, although it is ok for him to help out on an informal basis of his own accord. Therefore, the following tasks have been redistributed amongst the committee: Ali to help Martina with hot chocolate on Fri 6th after Ghost Walk; all hands on deck for the sports afternoon at Whichcote House on Sat 7th.
- Assisi House TV License. This was discussed again and the same conclusion was drawn: that it was unfair to people in the other residencies for the MCR to purchase one; and that it was unfair to people in Assisi who did not use the TV to put it on their college bill. Thus, members of Assisi will be emailed and asked to sort out a license. If one is not sorted out, the TV will be removed.
[Action: Dan to talk to Heather about sending an email.]

2. Freshers' Week

2.1 Saturday 31st September – pub trip

Rendez-vous at 8:30pm. A pub close to each residency is to be chosen, and committee members to distribute themselves amongst the four pubs.

2.2 Sunday 1st October – Team Building

2 – 5pm, MCR. Roy has this under control.

[Action: Heather and Dan to think of alternative name.]

2.3 Sunday 1st October – Welcome Drinks,

7pm, MCR.

[Action: Rosie to sort out Polaroid camera and film; Dan and Lizzie to do a Tesco run to get provisions.]

2.4 Monday 2nd October – Punting/ Film Night

7pm, MCR. Martina and Roy have been looking into this – it seems that Catz is no longer part of the student scheme, and so students can no longer hire punts at a reduced rate.

[Action: Martina to email JCR about Scudamore's subscription and the possibility of getting a discount; Martina to book punts if price and weather look favourable.]

The possibility of a "Pirates of the Caribbean" theme, and this was popular. Thus, if punting goes ahead, there will be a punt of pirates (N.B. Dan would like to be a pirate!) who will chase and board the Freshers' punts.

[Action: Lizzie to ask Tom and Joe if they would be pirates. Tom has already said yes.]

If punting does go ahead, there will be a showing of Pirates of the Caribbean and refreshments in the MCR.

[Lizzie and Ali both have PoC dvd; refreshments covered by Dan and Lizzie's Tesco run.]

If punting does not go ahead, there will be an "Ice-Age" themed night, and Ice Age I and ice cream will be served in the MCR from 7pm.

[Action: Rosie to buy ice cream on the day; Rosie has the Ice Age dvd.]

2.5 Tuesday 3rd October – Parents' and Childrens' Formal

7pm Pre-dinner drinks in the MCR followed by formal at 7:30pm in the MCR. Organisation for this under control.

[Action: Dan to email Lizzie the list of Freshers' and their email addresses so the dinner can be advertised; Lizzie to ask Rob Lee for the menu so this can be included in the advertisement]

2.6 Wednesday 4th October – Richard's Games Night

7pm, Russell Street. Games suggested so far are: Giant Jenga, Connect 4, and charades. Need more ideas for a fourth game. It was agreed that this should be a fairly relaxed event, as it is sandwiched between two drinking events, and roughly half an hour should be allowed for each game, and there should be time at the end for mingling. Refreshments will be provided and committee members will need to distribute themselves between the four rooms to keep proceedings running smoothly. A name for the event needs to be thought of. Suggestions included: Richard's Price is Right and Jones' Generation Game.

[Action: Richard to finalise details; Richard to put up posters and email all RS residents to warn them that the kitchens will be being used that night; all committee members to think of games and names and email Richard with ideas.]

2.7 Thursday 5th October – Paws and Claws Event

7pm in the MCR, followed by pub crawl. Theme of pub crawl still to be confirmed, but ideas include a Cambridge Monopoly pub crawl, a Cluedo pub crawl, the King Street Run.

[Action: Patrick and Lizzie to finalise theme and tell the committee at the next MCR meeting.]

2.8 Friday 6th October – Ghost Tour.

Rendez-vous in MCR. Dan has booked the Ghost Tour and negotiated a reduced price of £3/ person. Hot chocolate to be served in MCR afterwards.

[Action: Dan to confirm rendez-vous and tour start times; Ali and Martina to sort hot chocolate.]

2.9 Saturday 7th October – BBQ and Sports Afternoon

3pm, Whichcote House.

[Action: Dan to buy BBQs and refreshments; Rosie to bring Frisbees; Lizzie to bring softball bat and ball; Dan to bring inflatable limbo set; all committee to bring any sports stuff you may have.]

2.10 Miscellaneous

Paul to be official photographer, in return for a cool hat and to put photos on the website daily. **[Action: Paul.]**

A more concrete timetable for Freshers' Week can now be put on the website.

[Action: Paul.]

2.11 Summary:

Sat 31 st	8:30pm	pub trip	pubs tbs
Sun 1 st	2pm	Team building	MCR
7pm	Welcome drinks	MCR	
Mon 2 nd	7pm	Punting/ film	MCR
Tues 3 rd	7pm	Freshers' formal	MCR
Wed 4 th	7pm	Games Night	Russell Street
Thurs 5 th	7pm	Pub Crawl	MCR
Fri 6 th	7pm (?)	Ghost Tour	MCR
Sat 7 th	3pm	BBQ and sports	Whichcote House

3. Website

3.1 All bios up

3.2 A skeleton Freshers' Week Schedule is up – this can now be padded out, including directions to Whichcote House, Russell Street and South Green Lodge. **[Action: Paul]** The idea of daily updates to the Freshers' Week programme to confirm last minute details was mooted by Roy, and agreed on, but the general feeling was that this should also be backed up with an email to the MCR list, also confirming details and highlighting any last minute changes.
[Action: Paul to keep the website updated; Dan and Roy or relevant committee member to send daily email advertising/ confirming details for that evening's event.]

4. Formal Hall Booking Software

Martina is looking into this at the moment. It still needs to be tested and details finalised. It was agreed that the software should be launched in a quiet period.

5. Any Other Business

5.1 Ali's squash for Greenbelt

This will be on the 2nd Thursday of term (12th Oct.) It will be held in the MCR, but will start at 7:30, after the pre-dinner drinks for formal have finished.

5.2 The MCR account

The account has been updated so that Dan, Roy and Richard are now signatories. Richard has also set up internet banking for the account.

5.3 MCR Keys

Richard is now the proud guardian of 70 newly cut MCR keys.

5.4 Intercollegiate Event

Keen as ever to maximise the Cambridge Experience, Roy is organising a formal in college for representatives from all college MCRs, CUSU and the GU. This will be at college on 28th September, starting at 8pm and will cost approx £20.

[Action: Roy to finalise details with Rob Lee and advertise the event.]

5.5 Oxford Exchange Formal, 27th October.

It was discussed and decided that 15 people was a nice number, and not to ask for a larger guest allocation.

[Action: Roy to confirm details – particularly with regards to accommodation – with the Catz Oxford people. Lizzie to advertise once these details have been confirmed.]

5.6 Matriculation Dinner

The Committee has been invited to attend Matriculation Dinner on Mon 9th Oct. In return, as many as can make it have been asked to help with the official matriculation proceedings from 4:30pm, on the afternoon of the 9th.

[Action: all members to RSVP to Heather Fong re: dinner.]

5.7 Next Meeting

7:30pm, Tuesday 26th September

[Action: email agenda points to Dan, Tuesday morning.]