

St Catharine's College MCR Committee

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 29th September 2009, 16:00 in the MCR

Present: all the Committee

Apologies: none

Agenda: 1. Christmas Formal entertainment location. 2. Open Meeting. 3. Taiwanese Society formal. 4. Freshers' Week. 5. Any other business.

1. Christmas Formal entertainment location. Pros and cons of the Hall vs. the Bar were discussed. Hall – set-up hard, space is big and people tend to go to the bar anyway. But if we set up seating + tables around a smaller dance area and more the post-drinks from SCR to Hall it may encourage more people to stay. Bar – possibly a better atmosphere, but gets crowded and noisy. Harder to dance properly. Votes: Hall – 4 yea, Bar – 3yea, abstained – 2. Hall decided on. Charlotte confirmed we'll have Caxton Swing (better to have a full band than a cobbled together Fitz Swing).

2. Open meeting – we're supposed to have 1 per term. Cat suggested we have it (with drinks) before Fireworks at Midsummer Common. Good idea, Cat.

3. Taiwanese Society wants a formal for their freshers on 15th Oct. This was okayed – John to sort out payment with Doug. Putting in place a general policy for external groups at formal was discussed. Previously this has not been necessary, but this year we have 93 freshers (rather than the usual 50-60) and formal capacity is 200.

3a. Simon said Hamish is doing a great job with taking notes and that. The rest of the Committee agreed.

4. Freshers' Week. Final arrangements were discussed as follows:

Sat: Pub trips 7pm. Sorted. Simon said that in the event of him not making it back from his conference, Mariano will lead the SGL people to their pub.

Sun: Scavenger hunt 2-4pm. Cat teddies have been bought for scavenger hunt and are being stored in an MCR cupboard.

Cheese and Wine 8pm. Charlotte and Doug will go shopping for cheese etc. and all the freshers' week food soon. Buffet style agreed on. Cheese preferences were discussed, and there was heated debate on the inclusion of cranberries and apricot etc. in cheese. **MCR to be decorated (Charlotte and Cat +?) 2-4pm**, whilst scavenger hunt is in progress. Pick up glasses etc. from Buttery from 5:30; **set up wine and cheese from 7pm (all Committee)**.

Mon: Games Night 7pm. Everyone has sorted their games out. Doug has paper plates sorted. **All Committee meet at 6pm at RS (except Si, who's organising the taxis from SGL)**.

Tue: Pub crawl 7pm. **Just meet at college bar on time (all Committee)**.

Wed: Bowling 8pm. 4 lanes booked. **Sophie said she'd organise a group to walk down from RS (on whiteboard)**. SGL people will email Becky and Doug/Charlotte to provide lifts.

Thu: Parent Child Dinner 7pm. **Tablecloths to be given to Hall staff by Wednesday. Places to be labelled and pre-drinks poured from 6:30pm (everyone). Sophie and Cat to do the seating after sign-up closes on Wed.**

Fri: Granta + Punting 5pm (7pm for punting). **Alex (+?) to meet in MCR 4:45 to walk over.** Becky has torches and batteries.

Sat: 80's Bop 8pm. DJ booked 8pm-midnight. **Decorating the bar at 4pm (all Committee).** DJ will bring lights, bubble machine etc. (Charlotte to laise). **Pizzas to be ordered on the day (Doug) for arrival at 7:15.** Doug and Charlotte to get other food/snacks on their shopping trip. Exact amount to be determined as Freshers' Week goes on. **Door rota: 8 Charlotte. 8:30 Simon. 9 Sophie. 9:30 Alex. 10 Becky. 10:30 John. 11 Cat. 11:30 Doug.**

Sun BBQ 2pm. All **Committee to meet at 12:00 to start the charcoals and commandeer the ovens.** Again, amount of food/drink to be determined later.

General: Charlotte said she'll distribute Committee **sashes to pidgeonholes** for wearing from the Saturday pub trips onwards. **Photos to be taken by everyone, especially Simon.** Sophie suggested doing **daily updates on the RS whiteboard** and agreed to do them.

Apologies in advance: Simon Wed, Tue. John Fri. Hamish Sat, Sun (Bop n BBQ days).

Charlotte and Doug's shopping list (two trips):

By Sunday evening: Cheese and Wine (Cheese, crackers, grapes. Wine, juice, soda, grenadine. 100 people) + Games night (Pizza, snacks, bread, dips. Wine, beer, juice. 50people).

Midweek/Sat: Pre-bop (Snacks, bread, dips. Wine, beer, juice. ~50 people?) + BBQ (Burgers, sausages, buns, snacks. ~50 people?).

5. Any other business.

5.1. Sophie confirmed 27th Nov we go to Selwyn formal.

5.2. Sophie mentioned that we should let it be known that Fenners gym membership is £5 cheaper for Catz students.

5.3. Telephones in College rooms – this service is being withdrawn. We should suggest to people they use Skype. Putting headsets on the MCR computers was discussed.

5.4. Committee positions to be filled – to be advertised at the same time as the Open Meeting.

5.5. Wine tasting event in January. Alex has investigated Oddbins, which seems to be very cooperative. Around £10 per head – they supply glasses for free. Cat suggested contacting the Catz Fairtrade society for more info - they held one last year.

5.6. Simon's updates on RS recycling. Hester Lees-Jeffries has expressed support for setting up a Green Team, with reduced rent for those involved. Cotton bags are on their way.

The meeting closed just after 17:15.