

**Minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013 in The MCR common room**

Present: Kirsty Brain, William Bernard, Simon Wright, Amanda Kennedy, Charles Northrop, Jerome Greenfield, Elena Loche, Josh McTigue, Ismahan Suleiman.

Absent: Glenn Masson (in Scotland), Ryan Griffiths (in America).

Agenda:

- Update of committee details
- Fresher's week
- Regular annual events: Halloween/Christmas/Burns/Valentines/Paddys/Easter/Midsummer
- Other events that need rooms booked?
- Swap with our Sister College in Oxford, Worcester
- Decorating the MCR – what should we buy?
- Wedding present for Martin
- Any other ideas for what the committee should achieve this year

**1. Decorating the MCR**

- Need stuff for the walls but will also need to leave space for more photos (which are in the drinks cupboard), look into putting these up. There should also be a second blade coming.
- Someone should start to build up a books/dvds library in downstairs MCR: should advertise to people leaving to leave behind unwanted books. Set up a book swap so people can take away books if they swap it or bring it back. Does not apply to magazines. Can also leave board games, DVDs.
- Install phone charging ports: like the ones in airports, a pod with different chargers attached.

**2. Fresher's week suggestions**

- Starts: 5<sup>th</sup> October, Saturday. Ends: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>. i.e 8 separate events.
- Drinks with house, housewarming: Saturday.
- Meet your flat mates (could do this in common rooms instead of going to the pub): board games, BBQs. Saturday.
- CUSU society fair: 8-9<sup>th</sup>. We can advertise but don't need to be responsible for taking people there.
- Catz society fair: Wednesday Evening
- Parent child dinner: Thursday of Freshers week (first formal hall of term), i.e. 10<sup>th</sup> October
- Wine and Cheese intro: Maybe get grad tutors to come. This is when Josh and Amanda will do their welcome.
- Could organise something for people arriving early
- Matriculation dinner is on the 14<sup>th</sup>
- Speed mingle: like speed dating. Speak to someone for 5 minutes, ring a bell, move onto next person. Can't meet many people in the space of 1 hour though.

- Million mile march: a long walk around Cam to see the historical sights. Followed by a night cap.
- Tour around Cambridge with MCR members as tour guides. Do we want to include south green and the sports fields in the tour?
- Sports day at South green lodge fields: egg and spoon race, rounders, hire sumo suits, bouncy castle. Probably best on a Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> or maybe Monday evening. Could do BBQ or a picnic at the same time. Maybe BYOfood and we supply some drinks. Could be a problem as Russell street people rarely come as far as south green so may be better to do it on Parkers piece/ lammas land. Or could just have it early in the week so people are more inclined to go.
- Cocktail evening
- Picnic with garden games e.g. Frisbee
- Punting
- Brunch/tea and cake on last Sunday.
- Visit to the ADC, eg. Footlights if they have anything on during freshers week. Could delay this until later on in term.
- Treasure hunt
- May be nice to have some events after freshers week so there are no empty periods of any events.
- Film nights. Either in MCR or Ramsden room. See point 4.
- Pub golf or pub crawl. Maybe piggeback on Mike's thing with John's.
- Something for families?
- Rough Schedule summary:
  - **Saturday 5th: Housewarming**
  - **Sun: Tour of Cambridge during the day. Brunch at college. Wine and Cheese evening.**
  - **Mon 7<sup>th</sup>: Quiz night**
  - **Tue: Pub golf/crawl**
  - **Wed: Punting in evening (cheaper in evening). 7-8pm ish.**
  - **Thurs: Parent child formal with pre dinner drinks in Ramsden room. Lolas after (someone should book guest list).**
  - **Fri: day off followed by GU night at revs/lolas if people want (or whatever's organised by GU, just advertise it to interested freshers).**
  - **Sat: BOP. Theme: Heroes and Villains. Push to get it in the bar. Bring in a DJ?**
  - **Sun 13<sup>th</sup>: Brunch followed by Sports day at south green during the day. Amanda will look into the formal procedure for booking Catz pitches.**

### 3. Netflix.

- For movie nights. **Will** has a subscription we could use.
- Netflix would require direct debit and comes with certain problems.
- May not be worth the investment as we already will have SKY.
- For now just stick with SKY subscription.
- **Will need to get 1 more HDMI cable with a MAC adapter for the MCR: Charles.** To connect laptops to TV to watch films.

### 4. Halloween Bop and formal

- On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November: Book bar and formal.
- 5. Burn's Night**
    - 25<sup>th</sup> January (formal needs booking).
    - Ceidleigh in the hall: book
  - 6. Christmas formal**
    - 7<sup>th</sup> November? Check with catering and book. Black tie.
    - Brass band: look into booking
    - Spanish band: look into booking
  - 7. Midsummer dinner**
    - 21<sup>st</sup> June: book formal/bar
  - 8. Easter formal**
    - 10<sup>th</sup> April. Provisional date.
    - i.e. a usual Thursday formal. Still need to book as out of term time. Just make it Easter themed.
  - 9. Swap with sister college in Oxford**
    - **Will** has emailed and is waiting for a response.
    - 2 x per year. Them to us and visa versa.
    - Cancel Thursday formal and make it all happen on a Saturday.
    - **Amanda** to ask grad tutors if they have to come in formal wear.
  - 10. Start inviting catering staff to formals, maybe once per term.**
  - 11. 4<sup>th</sup> year undergrads to be included in the MCR?**
    - General consensus that this wouldn't be a bad thing
    - If they are willing to pay the MCR subscription and officially join: should give them a choice.
    - Ask college where the line is between JCR/MCR.

### To Do summary

**Charles:** get a HDMI cable with MAC adapter. Update committee details on website. MCR facebook group for chatting about when to meet. New photos on website.

**Amanda:** look into booking of catz pitches for sports day. Ask grad tutors if oxford swap would have to come in formal wear.

**Ishmahan:** Book Bar(!!!) for Bop on the last Saturday of freshers week. Book punting etc for freshers week. DJ Tim for bop (make sure he has a parking space). Book hall/bar/live bands for main events listed. Freshers booklet by end of July.

**Will:** Book Ramsden room for cheese and wine and for Quiz night (Sunday and Monday) and for pre-dinner drinks before formal (Thurs). Look into cheese purchase. Get back money from the Dutch.

**Everyone:** Send Charles a picture and a blurb for MCR website/freshers booklet.

Meeting Ends: 14.45pm.

Next meeting things to discuss:

- Pricing for formal hall