

St Catharine's College MCR meeting minutes, 13rd of November 2021

Committee members present:

Praharsh Babu, accommodation officer
Louis Christie, social secretary
Claire Guimond, LGBTQ+ officer
Simone Monti, education officer
Souradip Mookerjee, president
Moritz Müller, formal officer
Sam Stephenson, green officer
Callum Watson, secretary
Livia Wilod Versprille, treasurer

Not present:

Charlotte Guffick, welfare officer
Frey Kalus, LGBTQ+ officer
Rachel McKeown, access officer
Nathaniel Tye, computer officer
Felix von Horstig, food and drink officer

Formals

- When and how should we host predrinks/port?
- People have been turning up late – causes issues for catering, so we should move to an earlier time.
- The bar continues to be a very handy location.
- Possibility to supply fizz and port through college's catering. Could be much easier and streamline supply chains.
- We would still handle the pouring etc on the day.
- Action required: supply chain must be sorted by the time of Bridgemas formals on the 26th and 27th.

Treasurer

- It's taking college a long time to send money through from the MCR account, causing severe cashflow issues – e.g. nearly £1000 has been owed to Louis for 6 weeks.
- May be necessary to contact the bursar to see if this can be sped up.
- Liquidline delivery for the coffee machine is still pending despite them having been paid.

- We need to complete yoga payments.
- We still haven't heard from college how much money we have from MCR subscriptions – currently working from a projection.
- Budgeting for MCR social events needs to be sorted out, and a miscellaneous budget for ad-hoc items.
- Proposal to be written for the next open meeting: a stronger requirement for assistance if necessary during the handover of a committee position.

Committee

- Action to be taken: arrange an open meeting in early December, perhaps just before the MCR bar night.
- Committee rotas: would be useful to get a steady level of help with free drinks, and have regular committee attendance at e.g. MCR bar nights.

Green

- Barclay's (currently one of the MCR's banks) has prominent issues with its environmental record.
- There's a motion to move away from Barclay's for this reason – this will be raised in the next open meeting.
- This would additionally simplify our banking setup.
- Coffee grounds are currently going in the bin – could we move this to compost or re-use.

Christmas tree(s)

- We've had a request to fund a Christmas tree for Russell Street.
- Potential dilemma between arguments of unfairness over doing this at just one accommodation site, versus the large cost and effort required to have one at every site.
- Compromise agreed among committee: tree and decorations in the MCR. Setting it up could make a good social event.
- We can potentially decorate for other events and festivals too.

Motions from SU

- A few motions have been drawn up by Cambridge SU. We should read these and decide whether we want to adopt them.