

DCSA Minutes

10th April 2007

Present

Sarah Hamylton (SH)	President
Rosienne Farrugia (RF)	Secretary
Jenny Symonds (JS)	Ents
Will Flynn (WF)	Council Rep
Graham Robinson (GR)	Sports
Tomás Ryan (TR)	Ents
Maja Ivankovic (MI)	Womens

Apologies

Mikhail Kibalchenko (MK)	International
John Mifsud (JM)	Admiral
Caren Weinberg (CW)	Council Rep
Alice Hall (AH)	External
Svetlana Yudina (SY)	Treasurer
Nico Petty (NP)	Welfare
Bettina Schreck (BS)	Greens

Watersports Day

Graham has £500 in budget which could be used for an internal Darwin sports day. This could take the shape of a watersports day with people trying out sailing, windsurfing, kayaking etc. There are 2 water centres at Grafham Water. GR has discussed with the relevant university clubs to see if it can be amalgamated with one of their outings, especially since it is expensive to rent out equipment.

This will all have to happen in summer so the number of people available to attend will be reduced.

There is some money left over from the sports day budget. SY will need to be consulted to see if the money can be used for the Watersports Day.

The idea for the watersports day is still work in progress. Insurance, transport and instructors still need to be worked out.

JS suggests it could be a rolling watersports event including punting and kayaking on the Cam. Bike tours at Grafham Water could be an additional element of the sports day.

BBQ Maintenance

The head porter asked JS to bring this up. Porters are finding difficulty in the maintenance of the BBQ system. There are still 3 BBQ deposit cheques left from last year as they do not know if the BBQ was left clean.

DCSA agrees that this money should be given back.

Suggestions:

Instead of a member of the DCSA checking the BBQ every day, cleaning staff can check at about 11am and if BBQ is dirty then the money is given to housekeeping and the cleaning staff clean the BBQ. Weekends are the problem since there is no cleaning staff on site. A suggestion is that if a person finds the BBQ dirty they report to the porter who possibly goes to check it out. This person will have to clean it to be able to use it and then get the £20 deposit. However, if someone does not report it then it becomes their responsibility and they will be liable if the next person finds it dirty. If this system works, then the cleaning staff need not be involved.

Closed circuit camera on the island might help solve the problem of checking the BBQ.

Taking the clean grill to the porter's lodge within 24hrs as proof of cleaning to get the cheque back is an option. Also taking a dirty grill to the lodge as proof of a dirty BBQ is a related suggestion.

Darwin – Wolfson Sports Day

Ents were informed by the previous Ents officer that the bop was run differently 2 years ago. Currents Ents staff were told that traditionally participating in the sports day meant free entry to the bop. It is good for post sports day reports to include a note that sports officers and ents officers need to liaise about the bop and decide between them whether to have a free entry bop paid for by sports day funds or a paid entry bop that pays for itself.

Publicising the DCSA

What measurements will be taken this year to publicise the upcoming elections. DCSA plans to have a drinks reception in the bar area a few weeks before elections to find interested people. This will be repeated in October for the November posts. This is being organised by TR and WF.

Next meeting Wednesday 25th April 2007 at 7.30pm in the Old Library

NOTE THE CHANGE OF DAY