

DCSA Minutes

13th September 2006

<u>Present</u>	Sarah Hamylton (SH)	President
	Rosienne Farrugia (RF)	Secretary
	Mike Hoenig (MH)	Bar chair
	Patrick Boner (PB)	Punts
	Louis-Philippe Romer (LPR)	Ents
<u>Apologies</u>	Svetlana Yudina (SY)	Treasurer
	Will Flynn (WF)	Council Rep
	Caren Weinberg (CW)	Womens
	Robin Usher (RU)	LGBT
	Joab Rosenberg (JR)	Comms
	Jenny Symonds (JS)	Council Rep
	Thomas Ryan (TR)	Ents

Freshers Week Events

Ents have more freshers week events confirmed:

Curry Club BBQ on Darwin Island – Sunday 1st October 2006 at 6.30pm

Bar Quiz in the Common Room/Bar – Monday 2nd October 2006 at 8.30pm

Pub Crawls - Thursday 28th September 2006 at 9pm

- Tuesday 3rd October 2006 at 9pm

- Thursday 5th October 2006 at 9pm

Freshers Bop – 7th October 2006

SH to send a whatsapp asking for volunteers to help set up for bop

LPR noted that the bursar would prefer housekeeping to deal with the cleaning the day after the bop

MH asked that it be noted that anybody booking events in the bar needs to obtain approval for the event from Ents, Bursar's secretary and the Bar. A list of non-Darwinians attending the event needs to be given to the Bar staff at the start of the event so that the guests can be served drinks.

College Tours will be held every Friday and Thursday of the last week of September and the first week of October. Tours will start at 7.30pm. A tour for the late arrivals will be held on the 15th of October.

So far, CW will lead the tour of the 15th October, RF that on the 5th October and PB that on the 6th October. Volunteers need to be found for the 28th and 29th September.

Ents

LPR looked into organising a salsa lesson on the evening of the 30th September. He was asked for £250 for the one off event and thus this will not be organised. MH will contact the group who gave a Tango lesson during freshers week last year and ask for some information which will be forwarded to LPR.

Punts

Punting trips organised for freshers: Saturday 30th September 2006 at 1pm
Saturday 7th October 2006 at 1pm

Finch has sustained damages to its stern when it got stuck under the mooring railing. PB discussed the issue with the CoW who suggested that attaching tyres to the moorings at water level might help as a damper to bumps etc.

Freshers Fair

Previously proposed dates were 16th and 17th October. Captains of various sports teams have noted that the sports seasons would have started by those dates. Suggested alternative dates are the 12th and 13th October. SH will check if this is possible since the college calendar states that there is a Darwin Society dinner on the 13th. If the dining hall will not be available on the 13th, the freshers fair will be held on only 1 evening - 12th October from 8pm to 9.30pm
MH noted that the Bar would like to have a stall this year.

Treasurer

Women's basketball team thought the annual budget ran till September and therefore they need £70 more to cover the fees for pitches until November.
Present DCSA members voted on allocating this money: 4 in favour
0 against

Men's basketball team are £105 over budget. £100 had been left over from last year's budget and the team thought these would still be available to spend this year. Team will need approximately £100 for pitch rentals in October. Present DCSA members had no objection to the team applying to SY for extra funding.

Welcome desk

RF to send out empty time tables for volunteers to sign up to man the welcome desk.
RF to include a short list of welcome desk duties.

Meal Prices

It was brought to SH's attention that the meals prices had gone up as from Monday 11th September. Furthermore, SH has been approached by a few people who remarked that the quality of the food served in the college hall had gone down.

As a new year starts, it would be the best time serve better quality food in hall and thus make a better impression on the new arrivals to increase the chances of having higher attendance in hall throughout the coming year. An idea from Pembroke college dining hall is to have questionnaires on small slips of paper on the tables asking people for feedback on the lunch or dinner served that day.

DCSA could also run a small poll in the next whatsapp on the lines of:

Do you eat in hall? Yes/No

If no, why?

This will highlight practical issues, such as people whose department is too far away to make their way to hall for lunch.

Addenda:

SH has since enquired of the bursar re the increase in food prices. The food prices listed outside the dining hall are the prices that were set in October 2005. It is only the lists that were updated recently to provide information not previously shown about the cost of guest meals. It was noted, however, that the prices were about to be reviewed for the coming academic year effective from 1st October 2006.

Next meeting: Wednesday 20th September 2006 at 7.30pm in the Old Library

It is important that everybody tries to attend this meeting as it is the last one we have before we are hit by freshers week!