

# DCSA Minutes

16<sup>th</sup> January 2007

## Present

Sarah Hamylton (SH)	President
Rosienne Farrugia (RF)	Secretary
Caren Weinberg (CW)	Council Rep
Will Flynn (WF)	Council Rep
Graham Robinson (GR)	Sports
Jenny Symonds (JS)	Ents
Svetlana Yudina (SY)	Treasurer
Chris Wright (CFW)	Comms
Maja Ivankovic (MI)	Womens
Nico Petty (NP)	Welfare
Mikhail Kibalchenko (MK)	International
Bettina Schreck (BS)	Greens

## Apologies

Rosemary Frances (RMF)	LBGT
Tomás Ryan (TR)	Ents
Alice Hall (AH)	External

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## **RiverRat (CFW)**

CFW is looking to revive RiveRat and aiming to get 1 out an issue each term, aiming to have one in the works by next meeting. Proposing on giving a small contribution £10 -£15 per article submitted, thus checked with SY that there is money available for this.

SH recommended CW not order too many copies because we always have a lot of left over publications which get thrown away.

CFW asked if there are any known cartoonists or graphic designers in Darwin who could design covers etc.

## **BOGS – University Year book**

BOGS asked (through the Dean) that we submit a short written report, with photographs/pictures, about what happened in college last year. This will be published in the university year book.

### **Burns Night (SH)**

Will be held Friday 26<sup>th</sup> of January at 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Booking will open on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January and will be advertised in Whatsup.

Format: It will be a long formal hall. SH is looking for the contact address of Cecilie – a Darwinian who lives in Gwen who can play the bagpipes to ask that she plays during Burns night. Volunteers to read the speeches have been found. A ceilidh will be held after dinner. Karl Sandeman has been booked to do the ceilidh like last year.

SH will organise a rehearsal for the speakers

### **International Food Evening (MK)**

An international food evening will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2007 from 6pm to 9pm in the Dining Hall or common room. Students are being asked to bring traditional foods. DCSA people need to organise the tables in the dining hall, serve wine and sell tickets at the door - £2 per ticket to reimburse people for their ingredients.

Wine: MK asked if we could get wine from Darwin and return what we do not use. He will get a wine list from the p'lodge and talk to Jose the assistant butler to make arrangements for the wine.

Music: Will use the DCSA player and borrow a CD of Greek dancing music.

Cleaning: DCSA will tidy up after the event and if necessary talk to the housekeeper Christine Wright about any other necessary arrangements.

MK is asking for volunteers to do the cooking. He will also talk to kitchens and the bursar about using College cooking and warming implements.

### **Bops (JS)**

**Three organised for this term – 27<sup>th</sup> January, 10<sup>th</sup> February and 10<sup>th</sup> March**

Next weekend is a Nights of Arabia bop – hip hop and Arabian fusion. Some Turkish foodstuffs will be available for sale. Entry for the bop is £3.00 for members and £3.50 for guests.

Valentines bop – Erotica (literary theme) bop with a speed dating session starting earlier, from 8.30pm.

Wolfson – Darwin Sports Day Bop - Sports day will be held in Darwin this year. The bop will have a 90's revival theme.

### **Women's (MI)**

#### **Regular Chick Flick movie nights**

TV room is free on Thursdays and MI is planning on organising a chick flick movie night once a month. If it is well received we can have it more often.

The first one will be held on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> of January.

MI will buy DVDs from her budget and then leave them to the College DVD library. Will also talk to Chris Tighe to see where he rents movies for the established Monday night movies.

### **TV Room**

JS reported that the projector needs to be fixed. Chris Tighe has looked into it but it will take about 3 weeks to fix and he did not want to do it in the middle of the football season. The projector had a new bulb in September. SH will email Chris to get an update on this. If the projector needs to be taken out of action for three weeks the DCSA suggests this be done in the holidays. At this time films and TV programs can still be watched on the TV set.

### **Tennis Courts (GR)**

At start of year we discussed the feasibility of keeping the Newnham tennis courts arrangement (£500 a year). Since at the time we did not have a tennis club the DCSA decided not to renew the arrangement and would revisit the issue once we got a tennis club going again. Darwin now has a tennis club and the members think that Newnham tennis courts are the best option, primarily because it is closest and not heavily used. We would need to discuss a new arrangement with Newnham as the old one did not guarantee the use of a court during the busy season.

GR looked at start of year for places with tennis, squash and badminton clubs so we could organise a college deal. Very few such places exist and even fewer are interesting in organising a deal. MK suggested GR talk to the Perse school or the Leys school, both of which have a number of outdoor courts for tennis and badminton. CW suggested that a pay per use court might be more financially worthwhile as a £500 budget would go a long way towards numerous single session bookings.

DCSA could subsidise the fees the same way the other clubs are subsidised with the club members paying a small amount each time they use the court. A maximum number of court bookings per year will need to be set. GR should ask the team captain to submit a list of team members and a budget request with a breakdown of expenses. They will need to look into court options etc themselves. The DCSA will then evaluate this the same way all other club applications were evaluated at the start of the academic year.

### **Punts Officer (SH)**

Patrick Boner has finished his PhD and left Cambridge. A new Admiral needs to be appointed as soon as possible.

John Misfud has been recommended. SH will write and ask if he is interested.

### **Recycling (BS)**

BS has been looking into each house's recycling and there is a lot that needs to be improved. It would be appreciated if the DCSA members would help out in their own houses.

BS also discussed with the bursar the emptying of bins in colleges – housekeeping will be doing this.

Recycling calendars were put in every kitchen but these have been removed by housekeeping. We need calendars in each kitchen as this tells students what can be put into each bin. It was also noted in Gwen Raverat that the separated rubbish was being mixed again before being taken out for disposal. BS will follow this up.

Blue plastic disposal bins will be available in the near future.

### **Darwin Wear**

Requests for certain unavailable sizes of clothing have been received by DCSA members. GR is keeping a list of what we are running out of, but there is a lot of Darwin wear we need to get rid of before ordering in new stock.

DCSA recommends having another sale to try and get rid of stocks, include special offers and also take orders (and maybe a deposit) for items not available. Sale needs to be advertised well. Some clothes can be given as prizes in bops etc.

GR is also considering setting up a mail order system where people can order clothes and then GR will deal with the orders once a month.

A sale will be held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2007 after lunch.

### **Website**

The current website, particularly the sports and societies page needs updating. SH will ask team captains to write a short description of the teams, including contact details, which can then be sent to the webmasters to update the website.

### **Darwin Lecture Series**

DCSA usually helps usher during these events. RF will send out a sheet to be filled in. This Friday: BS and RF will usher

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**Next meeting            Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2007 at 7.30pm in the Old Library**