

DCSA Minutes

20th September 2005

<u>Present</u>	Katie Tanner (KT)	President
	Melanie Keene (MK)	Treasurer
	Rosienne Farrugia (RF)	Secretary/Womens
	Claudia Crovace (CC)	Ents
	Chris Tighe (CT)	Greens
	Su Il In (SI)	Council Rep/Interantional
	Will Flynn (WF)	Council Rep

<u>Apologies</u>	Patrick Boner (PB)	Sports
	Claudia Crovace (CC)	Ents
	Yuri Ji (YJ)	Welfare
	Julia Parker (JP)	Ents
	Martyn Dade-Robertson (MDR)	Comms

Freshers Bop – 8th October 2005

There is an issue about having a bar in the dining hall. Initially there was no problem with this so long as there would be no ice in there. However the CoW was not happy about the idea of a bar upstairs. The concern of the Ents officers is that if there are 300 people present, 1 bar will not be enough to serve everybody. At least 2 places serving alcohol are need, the second one being either in the common room or the dining hall. CC will discuss this once more with the bursar and the CoW.

CoW was also concerned that there might not be enough bathrooms available since the basement bathrooms of NT1 will not be accessible due to ongoing works.

The college authorities would like this Bop to be a function open only to Darwin members but the DCSA feel that you cannot ask members not to bring their partners. Therefore each member will be allowed to bring 1 guest.

Meanwhile the porter on duty on the 8th has agreed to stay on late (till 2am). The DCSA will pay of the half hour overtime – approximately £15.

Security issues during Bop – The bursar would like 3 or 4 professional security personnel and St John's Ambulance to be on duty during the night. The security alone will cost about £150 each.

DCSA will also have to pay the housekeeping staff to clean the premises on Sunday.

CC asked if the DCSA would be able to afford to pay for all of this. Tickets will be sold at £2 for members and £3 for guests. The ticket desk will be located at the main entrance. This would amount to about £700 from ticket sales, and MK can budget an extra £500 for all of freshers' week Ents, the bulk of which could be spent on the Bop.

DCSA think that 1 security at the glass doors leading to the dining hall and one security at the main entrance should be enough to keep an eye on the premises and keep out random people off the street. DCSA is ready to pay for these. Should college think it imperative that we have more security personnel, then, the DCSA would like college to pay for the extra staff. KT will go with CC to discuss these issues with the bursar.

Music during the Bop – Ents would like to have music (a DJ and/or a band) in the dining hall. Probably only a DJ as this would work out cheaper. A karaoke was suggested for the common room. However, most of the DCSA present thought that new members would not be keen to join in a karaoke and so the music from the bar stereo should be enough in the common room where the pool table and the table tennis table could be set up for a tournament.

CC is discussing with the catering manager timings for dinner and ensuring that we have enough time to clear the dining hall and set it up for the Bop. Dinner usually finishes at 8pm. If it could finish 30 min earlier or only use half the tables then it would be much easier to clear up.

CC will send an email to check who of the DCSA will be available to help on the night.

It is felt that if no drinks can be served in the dining hall (warm drinks; no ice) then it would be very difficult to get people to move away from the bar and go upstairs to enjoy the music. In this case we would have about 250 - 300 people crammed in the common room. This is not feasible and Ents are seriously considering having a standard Bop with the usual numbers in the common room if no alcohol can be served in the dining hall.

Other Ents dates

Pub crawl on the 1st October is being organised by JP. Another DCSA member has been asked to volunteer to help. PB was suggested.

Bar Quiz on the 2nd October. The Cambridge Quiz Society has been approached and they are willing to host the quiz for £40. DCSA has to provide the prizes. Darwear has been suggested for these.

Film Night

CT is organising a film each night of the welcome week (Monday to Saturday) starting at 8pm. CT asked for extra money to cover the snacks and the extra movie. £10 a day - £3 for the movie hire and £7 for the drinks and snacks would be enough. MK budgeted a total of £80 for the entire week.

CT will send a whatsapp item regarding the film nights.

CT reported that a member of the Immature Cartoon Society has approached him with the idea that said society would like to purchase a DivX player to add to the facilities in the TV room and would like the DCSA to share the cost. The player will cost £40.

Greens

CoW has arranged for proper recycling facilities in Gwen and Frank Young. Unfortunately the students have already started using them for regular trash!

To date the main site, Gwen and Frank Young all have the various recycling boxes in all the kitchens. Boxes will have to be moved to the main recycling bins. Small hostels near these sites can use these recycling bins. The smaller hostels further afield can use the regular council picking facilities.

CT will put laminated posters up in all the kitchens explaining what goes in which box before the new students arrive.

Only 1 green bin has been kept on college property. We will give the organic recycling a test run at No 10 Barton Road.

Welfare

YJ has asked for a list of events planned so far so that she can plan events for freshers and not clash with what has been decided already. MK will send her a list of scheduled events.

DCSA office

The office now has a printer and a computer. The computer Officer has donated a printer that was left behind by a student. This printer, scanner and photocopier can be set up in the Old Granary for use by DCSA members.

The DCSA office will be open for a few hours a day at the start of term with biscuits, tea and a selection of second hand odds and ends previous students left behind. This will be given free to any of the new students who need pots, pans, plates etc to get them started.

An email will be sent out to the DCSA members to ask for volunteers to man the office during freshers' week. The office will be open from 4pm to 7pm.

2005 – 2006 Budget forms

The new budget forms have been drawn up. MK asked for feedback from all DCSA members present. The new budget will be of effect from the 1st of November.

Punt

Punt is still at Jesus loch. On Sunday KT spoke to CS. CS was going to ask Scudamores to tow the punt back to Darwin and also see what the situation is with fixing the sunken punt. KT will reconfirm status of these 2 ongoing issues with CS.

Renewal of journal subscriptions

CC suggested that it might be time to review the DCSA's journal subscription list. In particular CC would suggest that the subscription to Prospect not be renewed as someone consistently takes it away from the reading room and does not return it. This issue will be discussed in full at the next meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday 4th October 2005 at 7.30pm in the Old Library