

DCSA Minutes

22nd May 2007

Present

Sarah Hamylton (SH)	President
Svetlana Yudina (SY)	Treasurer
Rosienne Farrugia (RF)	Secretary
Will Flynn (WF)	Council Rep
Caren Weinberg (CW)	Council Rep
Maia Ivankovic (MI)	Womens
Bettina Schreck (BS)	Greens
Jenny Symonds (JS)	Ents
Tomas Ryan (TR)	Ents
John Mifsud (JM)	Punts
Chris Wright (CWF)	Comms

Apologies

Nico Petty (NP)	Welfare
Graham Robinson (GR)	Sports
Alice Hall (AH)	External

River Rat – CWF

The latest issue of River Rat is ready to be printed next week. 150 copies will be printed and the document will be made available in pdf format on the Darwin website.

Calendar – CWF

Ideas for format were requested:

JS suggested adding pictures of events such as the May ball

CW suggested a competition for contributions like that held last year

CFW suggested using archive photos

The target is to print calendar by July, starting with August as the first month

Report from Computer Committee – Webpage

The online calendar has been set up such that DCSA events can be added directly by Ents, DCSA president etc.

Smoking Ban – Bursar reporting

As of 1st July 2007 it is illegal, in England, to smoke in any enclosed public space. This description includes any structure with a roof and walls on 3 sides. For Darwin this means that smoking will no longer be allowable in the college Domus, particularly in the bar which is currently the only smoking area.

Cannot smoke outside the doors – college council is prohibiting this because if there are cigarette butts up to a 100m outside the main door it is for college to have the pavements cleaned. Fines of £2500 per offence are applicable for the organisation and £50 - £80 for the offender.

This affects the whole college including students and staff. Some colleges have already come out with rules ranging from no smoking anywhere to the basic law which allows smoking in bedrooms but none in the corridors, bathrooms etc. If allowed to smoke in the bedroom and maintenance are doing work then cannot smoke whilst the workers are there.

There are certain issues where there is no flexibility. Main college public areas will be no smoking. Discussions for the situations in rooms happening at this meeting. Previously the DCSA carried out a referendum to gauge the feeling in college. The people who voted indicated a preference for an outright ban. However, we need to think about the needs of people with different cultural habits. The final decision will be for the governing body.

JS opinion for people smoking in bedrooms : (1) the room smells for the next person (2) problem for the other people who live in the same accommodation.

Would it possible to have smoking accommodation – a house that is always inhabited by smokers and new students asked to specify if they want smoking or no smoking. Choosing no smoking means you cannot smoke.

Bursar replied that it will be difficult to enforce anyway and also in an all smoking house the inhabitants will want to smoke in kitchen and bathrooms which is illegal. Also a house which gets continual smoking will become smoky and dirty and cannot be refurbished. The numbers of smokers changes every year.

SH – our job as DCSA is to facilitate the change over to no smoking and to get a feel of what the college students feel. It is possible to use the upcoming elections to gauge student response too.

Importantly this has to be a yes/no vote as this is the easiest way to read the results. If a third option is put in (eg ask if people think a smoking house is a good idea) this will allow for a better picture of people really want but will blur the lines.

Advertising properly that the smoking ban is coming in and this one point is the only discussion point then there might be a better turn out for voting.

Decision is to add a question to the ballot paper. We will use the time between now and election to iron out the exact wording.

WF asks what facilities and provisions will be set up in the case of events like bops and balls for people who smoke.

Bursar replied that the city council will prosecute pubs in towns whose clients walk out to the doorway and hang out near the door and cause rowdiness. In Darwin smoking outside the doors will not be allowed but bins and ashtrays will be provided in the gardens.

Bursar will take the issue to the governing body along with the opinions of the students and the staff and the governing body decides.

May Ball – update from Rachel

Everything under control and going well. Only 50 -60 tickets left to sell but there is demand daily. Application for the evening's licence is on the way. All H&S has been approved. There is one space left for an ents event during the night.

There is talk of the possibility of having a camel – a tame camel from a film set. Discussion ongoing with the CoW

Punts will be available for the evening. Will use granta punts and punters. They will store our punts over night

Food organised with Crucial cuisine will have a marquee area at the end of the lawn, serving a BBQ, pizza, falafel and waffles. Drinks will be ordered in the next few days.

400 tickets for sale and therefore only 99 spaces for non-paying guests. This includes the committee, staff and all the acts. Thus ents people will need to arrive and leave at specified times and committee will have to ensure this as well as take on some bar works and other jobs.

SH asked for budget – will need to email Maia to ask for a copy.

Committee will need help – possibly from DCSA with decorations, fireproofing etc. JS suggested that may ball committee might want to join in on the decorations for a bop to get an idea.

PA system will be leant to the ball

Survivors photo will be taken as usual from the dining hall staircase. Photos will be available at a discount on the day after the ball.

For residents of the Rayne building who are not attending the ball – they have to be in their room by 9pm – the start of the ball – and stay in their room all night. This is to avoid individuals crashing the ball. If they cannot be in their room by the set time then they will need to find alternative accommodation.