

# DCSA Minutes

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2006

<b><u>Present</u></b>	Katie Tanner (KT) Melanie Keene (MK) Rosienne Farrugia (RF) Caren Weinberg (CW) Patrick Boner (PB) Scott Shackleford (SS) Caroline Scott (CS) Joab Rosenberg (JR) Will Flynn (WF)	President Treasurer Secretary Womens Sports International Punts Comms Council Rep
<b><u>Apologies</u></b>	Claudia Crovace (CC) Robin Usher (RU) Nico Petty (NPY) Sull In (SI)	Ents LBGT Welfare Council Rep
<b><u>Observing</u></b>	Louis-Philippe Romer	Running for Ents

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## *Punts – Membership fee*

Last meeting the issue was raised about whether the DCSA had voted on raising the membership fees before these were raised. CS reports that the fees have gone up to £20 because the cost of taking care of the punts had gone up, otherwise the punt club would run at a deficit. About 85 people have already joined the punt club and CS received no complaints about the price. The cost for winter storage and maintenance will go up further next year.

JR noted that the DCSA money is there to be spent on the students and so the raise in expenditure on punt maintenance should be absorbed by the DCSA maybe using left over monies from the officers' budgets that are not totally used up.

KT explained that the DCSA already funds the punt club. The DCSA pays for replacement of punts. The membership fee is necessary to cover maintenance and ensure that no DCSA account goes into deficit. MK pointed out that the punt club has already received £700 from the DCSA.

The punt club is one of the clubs with the largest membership. If it were to be subsidised £5-£10 per member the money for the subsidy would have to come out of the DCSA's savings because this was not budgeted in November. Such a subsidy could only be a one off for this year only.

The DCSA voted retrospectively for increasing membership to £20: 8 for, 1 against. Motion passed.

Alternatively the DCSA could fund punting events like the freshers' punting. This money would still need to come out of the DCSA savings. Initially the DCSA would allocate £200 and then review this based on the popularity of such events. Guests of Darwinians will be welcome but have to pay a fee.

The DCSA voted to allocate £200 for punting events: 9 for 0 against  
Motion passed.

*- Use of punts by college staff and fellows*

CS has been asked by the Bursar to reserve 3 punts for the use of an alumni member on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2006 for the duration of the whole afternoon free of charge.

DCSA notes:

- Individuals who are not members of the punt club do NOT get use of the punts, and especially they do not get free use of the punts.
- College staff, fellows and alumni need to pay full membership even if they only need to use the punts once. £20 is after all less than it would cost to rent a punt from one of the commercial outlets.

KT suggested that the college can buy a number of memberships to give out to college guests, fellows and staff as it deems fit. The alumni office can do the same for the alumni. Kt will discuss this with the Bursar.

The DCSA also notes that no money has been put into the punts account by college in the last 2 years. For the next financial year the DCSA needs to formalise this arrangement and make it clear that staff and fellows need to take out memberships like the student members of college.

For the future: the DCSA needs to clarify the relationship between the punt finances, the college's contribution and the DCSA's contribution.

*Gym*

PB reports that a small electric fan is needed in the gym. There is still some money from the gym refurbishment budget and there is space for the fan.

DCSA voted for buying the fan: 9 for 0 against  
Motion passed. PB will look into purchasing a fan

*Tennis and use of tennis courts*

Darwinians can use 1 court at Newnham. Previously Newnham college moored a punt on the Darwin banks in exchange for our use of one of their tennis courts. Newnham no longer owns a punt and therefore now wants payment for our use of their court. This will cost £300 for this year – until September – and then £500 for next year. The options are:

- Pay for this year
- Pay for this year and next year
- Not pay and give up use of the court.

CS noted that she has used the court in the past and found that the Newnham porters were not helpful. Also Newnham students have priority and if there are no free courts Darwin students will get kicked off the court in the middle of a game.

A fourth option was put forward:

- Allow Newnham students the use of one of our punts free of charge in exchange for the use of their courts.

DCSA notes that if we decide to pay for use of the courts then Darwin students may not be kicked off the courts if there is no free court for Newnham students.

DCSA also notes that we have the arrangement at Fenner's for Wednesday evenings.

The decision to use Newnham courts needs to be taken by 1<sup>st</sup> of June. DCSA members will assess the situation at Newnham till then and gauge student's response.

#### *Garden Party*

CC has informed KT that she has not had any news from the Bursar regarding permission for this event even though Ruth McKnight has emailed him numerous times. The bursar had told KT on the previous Monday that he is still trying to get approval from the city council. KT will follow this up at her next meeting with the Bursar.

#### *DCSA Annual Dinner*

Chris Tighe, KT and CS cannot make it the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of June. No premises available the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. CC suggested the DCSA choose a date between the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 9<sup>th</sup> of June. CC will send out an email and ask everybody for feedback on available dates.

#### *Open Meeting*

This term's open meeting is generally a meeting which prospective DCSA members attend to see how DCSA meetings are carried out and get a chance to ask questions. Since it is now too late, the open meeting will be a Q & A session. It will be held on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May in the Old Library at 8pm

**Open Meeting: Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2006 at 8.00pm in the Old Library**

**Next meeting: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2006 at 8.00pm in the Old Library**

**DCSA Elections: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2006**