

DCSA Minutes

24th October 2006

<u>Present</u>	Sarah Hamylton (SH)	President
	Svetlana Yudina (SY)	Treasurer
	Rosienne Farrugia (RF)	Secretary
	Will Flynn (WF)	Council Rep
	Caren Weinberg (CW)	Womens
	Robin Usher (RU)	LBGT
	Jenny Symonds (JS)	Council Rep
	Thomas Ryan (TR)	Ents
	Patrick Boner (PB)	Punts
	Louis-Philippe Romer (LPR)	Ents
	Graham Robinson (GR)	Sports

<u>Apologies</u>	Nico Petty (NP)	Welfare
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Budget Discussion

SY has not heard from all societies. GR will contact them and see if they want to put in an application by Wednesday 25th October at noon. Budget meeting will be held Wednesday 25th October at 8pm in the bar.

GR also asked that some money be put aside in a miscellaneous fund within the sports' officers budget for help in setting up clubs that come together later on in the year. The allocation of money, even though some has been set aside, will still need to be discussed and approved at a DCSA meeting. It was decided to put £500 aside.

From last year's budget allocations, £5500 were not spent. The is suggested that they be used as following:

£1000 to go towards buying a piano to put in Newnham terrace No 1

£3000 pounds used as a contingency fund towards this years budget to help with the contingency fund towards the may event (£2000) and towards payment of the conservation of the cam fees for the punts (£1000). What is left over can then be put

in the savings account or used to fund small projects that might be presented to the DCSA during the year.

CW recommended that some statistical information be kept on the number of members in each club and the money each club gets to be able to get a feel for the proportion of money going towards funding each member of different clubs.

SY presented this year's budget and the DCSA took the following decisions:

Amnesty: DCSA notes that as a charity itself the college and DCSA do not give money to other charities. In the case of the money allocated to the amnesty society no money goes to amnesty itself, it is all spent on running the society within college.

- Budget allocation approved

Badminton: Application received just before DCSA meeting. Cost for courts is very high and GR will look into the possibility of making arrangements with another college or maybe an overall deal with Kelsey Kerridge since we use their facilities a lot.

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Basketball (M): No team shirts for the men's team will be subsidised unless the shirts are left with the team. This was not made clear in the application form and needs to be clarified.

- End of year BBQ will not be subsidised.

Basketball (W): Approved

Boat Club: DCSA notes that we are billed directly for use of the boat house and the boat insurance to a total of £2000. Together with this the money asked for would amount to £3950, more than 10% of the total DCSA budget.

- The allocated money will be reduced to a maximum of 10% of the total budget.

- It is recommended that the £1500 for the Pembroke ergo be removed from the application and the boat club can put in an application for a special project that will cover this

Chess: JS questioned why new clocks are needed since some were bought last year. RF noted that last year chess spent only £10 which apparently covered the clocks whilst this year each clock is estimated at £35. Ten lessons are too much to ask money for. DCSA would be willing to pay for 2-3. However, DCSA will not pay for a Darwinian to teach fellow Darwinians. Books and computer programs can be bought through Darwin library, by putting in an application with the student librarian, and computer resources respectively.

- DCSA will only allocate £180 to the chess club: £50 for equipment replacement, £50 for lessons and £80 for prizes.

Cricket: approved

Curry Club: The money for ingredients requested will not be funded

- Allocated £120 for the BBQ

Film Club: A very popular club but no budget application put in.

- Allocated £150 to keep the club running this year

Football (M): Cost for floodlit pitch rental split with the women's team

- Kit washing not funded by DCSA
- Advertising and Marketing not funded (posters need not be the most expensive full colour laminated ones we currently have)
- End of season awards which are not prizes for winning a competition and stay with an individual not funded.

Football (W): Cost for floodlit pitch rental split with the men's team

- Kit washing not funded by DCSA

Greek Dancing: 35 of the 45 members in the club are not Darwinians. DCSA does not subsidise events for non-Darwinians. DCSA also notes that the Greek Dancing club uses the Darwin Common Room free. DCSA also notes that the moneys asked are a very small contribution of the whole cost of running the society as presented in the application. DCSA also needs a breakdown of costs and what the money allocated goes towards.

Allocated only £100, like last year

Immature Cartoon: DCSA notes that the library is trying to set up a video library. This can be used to supplement the immature cartoon DVD collection along with what is given by the DCSA. Furthermore, a library can be built over a few years not all at once.

- Allocated £150

Independent Music: DCSA notes that selection of music to be played in the bar rests with the bar staff on duty. The current practice is to play music off mp3 players. bar staff are happy to receive mp3s to play.

- No CDs for the bar will be funded

Photography: £150 allocated in total

- Radio not funded
- Plastic bags and dustbins can be obtained from housekeeping
- DCSA does not fund unspecified miscellaneous

Poker: Need to check with college if the proposed table can be bought and there is place to put it up and store it when the common and bar need to be cleared for bops. £120 allocated in total.

- No book allowance – ask through the library
- No ‘personal’ magazine subscription. Ask through DCSA for the magazine to be subscribed to and placed in reading room (subject to approval)

Running Club: Singlets will only be funded provided they stay with the team. £300 allocated to team

- Funding for transport not approved and allocated beforehand. Should the occasion arise, the team can ask DCSA for special funding.

Table Tennis: £220 allocated

DCSA notes the coaching fees are too high. A provision of £200 towards coaching will be made BUT only half the coaching fees incurred will be subsidised by DCSA. Also note that DCSA does not pay for a Darwinian to teach fellow Darwinians.

Waterpolo: Approved

Officers' Budgets

Ents: JS peaking for the Ents officers was concerned that an overall expense of only £290 had been allocated to Ents when they have the refurbishment of the cellar to undertake which will in itself cost around £450. SY explained that this is a projected overall subsidy by DCSA. Ents generally make profit from all their events. That money goes to DCSA and DCSA pays all Ents bills. When all this is calculated SY estimates that DCSA would have contributed about £290 towards Ents costs. Therefore the refurbishment of the cellar will be possible and the money will be paid out by DCSA, it will be replaced over the year by the earnings from the bops etc.

LBGT: RU noted that the LBGT budget does go towards the subsidy of refreshments at LBGT events.

- Approved

Comms Officer: Removed allocation of money for year book and leave the option for it to be done as a project at the discretion of the comms officer who will be able to apply for project money towards the end of the year.

Sports Officer: GR asked for a club setting up fund to be added to the sports officer budget. This money will be used to help new clubs start up later on in the year. A final allocation of £500 was agreed upon. Requests from any new clubs will still need to be submitted and discussed by the DCSA before money is given out from the start up fund.

Since there was no application to form a tennis club and also since very few people are currently playing tennis, it was agreed that GR would ask Newnham College (whose tennis courts we use for a yearly fee of £500) if we could drop the current arrangement and then re-establish it should a tennis club be put together later on in the year. SH will advertise in whatsapp for someone interested in setting up a tennis club.

Court use: We are paying substantial amounts of money for pitch and court hire to different institutions. It would be a good idea to look into having an umbrella arrangement with one college or one gym/sports facility to use all their grounds for an overall lower fee. GR could discuss this with the bursar.

Punts: The punt officer pays more than £1000 fees towards the conservation of the Cam. The money in the punts account this year (~£3900) will be needed to pay for winter storage and maintenance. Therefore the punts budget will need extra money for the fees and punting outings.

PB will need to come back to DCSA with a breakdown of revenues from this year as DCSA will need to calculate membership costs for next year.

The possibility of asking college for help in maintaining and replacing the punts was raised.

Other business: Ents position

Unfortunately LPR will be leaving Cambridge in November and will tender his resignation. The committee took the opportunity to thank LPR for all his work and involvement in all college activities so far. He will be missed.

Filling in the position can be by co-option or election. JS is interested in the position.

DCSA notes that the Ents team, elected in the June elections, is elected as a pair and not as 2 individuals, they need to be able to work well together and share 1 vote on the DCSA.

DCSA decided the place should be filled by co-option till the position comes up again in June. Voting to co-opt JS:

JS abstained

8 in favour, 1 abstention

JS co-opted as the 2nd ents officer to take over once LPR resigns.

In view of this JS will resign from her position of college council rep and this position will be filled at the November election. WF expressed his disappointment at losing JS as a council rep – a role she was very good in.

Budget Open Meeting: Wednesday 25th October 2006 8pm in the Bar

Next Meeting: Tuesday 7th November 2006 in the Old Library