

DCSA Minutes

Date: 30/04/04

To: Bee Smyth, Bojana Popovic, Amyas Phillips, Claudia Crovace, Massimiliano Molinari, Fanar Haddad, Michelle To, Peter Ahnesorg, Kate Kenny, Andreas Sattler, Shauna Garvey, Kathleen Breslin, Hannah Rippin, Martyn Dade-Robertson, Jessica Beckett

Cc: Michelle Crowe (ents), Peter Brindle (bursar), DCSA members

From: Amyas Phillips

RE: Minutes of meeting of 29th of April 2004

Present:

Bojana Popovic (treasurer, *finance committee rep*) BP
Amyas Phillips (secretary, *buildings & grounds committee rep*) AP
Claudia Crovace (sports) CC
Michelle To (welfare & external, *library committee rep*) MT
Kate Ni Chionnaith (green, *health & safety committee rep*) KC
Shauna Garvey (women) SG
Kathleen Breslin (admiral) KB
Jessica Beckett (College council rep) JB
(LBG)

Apologies:

Bee Smyth (president, *education committee rep*) AIS
Massimiliano Molinari (ents) MM
Fanar Haddad (ents) FH
Peter Ahnesorg (bar chair) PA
Andreas Sattler (international, *meals committee rep*) AGHS
Hannah Rippin (comms, *computer committee rep*) HR
Martyn Dade-Robertson (College council rep) MR

Action:

1. GU Elections Tuesday 4th May

AIS and JB will take the luncheon shift 1230-1400. AP and CC will man the ballot box for the dinner time shift 1800-2000.

2. DCSA Elections

Notice was given that President, Treasurer, Secretary, Sports, Ents and maybe Welfare are all elected at the end of May / early June, probably coordinating with the DCSA AGM on Saturday May 30th.

3. TV Room

There has been a problem concerning conflict between those wanting to watch football and those wanting to watch Angel.

AP said that he had found a technical solution to the problems of showing telly in the bar using a wireless link from a decoder box in the TV room to a TV in the bar, but this would require an extra decoder box and Sky subscription. KC said that PA thought there remained considerable licensing issues – both bar license and TV license.

It was the committees opinion that restricting bookings to one week in advance would be an imposition on the film club coordinator, and that since this was the first time a problem had arisen it was probably a one-off and no action is required. The first-come first-served system will remain, especially as it was felt provision of football can be found elsewhere.

4. DCSA Dinner

A quick survey showed that FD is away 15-20 June, KC is away 27th May – 1st June, SG will possibly be away during the week, and MT will be at Magdalene formal exchange on Friday 4th. The optimum time for a committee dinner was determined to be **Saturday June 5th**, subject to confirmation with those members not present. SG will contact John's about dinner. AP expressed a desire that the DCSA photo should be taken in Darwin.

5. Officer's reports

Treasurer

BP reported from the Finance Committee that the Malting house with 14 student rooms will be ready in time for next term.

KB relayed a suggestion that DCSA surplus funds be used for a DVD library. BP asked an adjournment for this discussion.

May Ball Treasurer

The ball finances look healthy as they are approaching break-even ticket sales at 420 of 550. Maximum of 750 is possible but the Ball can not use last-minute sales to improve the event itself so the ball committee is keen to push early sales in Darwin.

Welfare & External

MT has supplies of fair trade Coffee Direct tea and coffee sachets to give out. She may use them to promote sales of charity chocolates.

Green

KC said the Green Guide went live online since the last meeting. However she has thus far had only 3 responses to her competition.

Sports

A putative cricket club has asked CC for funds to buy equipment and rent pitches. Caius pitch would be cheap if they agree, otherwise Kelsey Kerridge is possible but expensive. Although the sports budget has already been allocated CC has £250 spare from running an efficient Sports Day. KC suggested that some be used to improve the smell of the gym, by fixing the ventilation fan, shampooing the carpet, air fresheners and perhaps a floor fan. CC said she would report back when the cricket club confirmed their request.

CC also reported that she had located nearly a dozen Blues and half Blues in Darwin and that she would be designating a Friday formal the Blues Dinner and inviting Margaret Kone and the Master also.

Women

SG reported Yoga lessons have started in the common room. KB said the common room was too public and KC supported this by reporting that she had seen groups of male students looking through the windows. SG countered that the class was full so it couldn't be that big a problem.

Council

JB asked the committee to read "College Life of 50 Students and their Families" and to give her any suggestions they had for improving College's provisions for students with families, of whom we have many.

Admiral

KB has insured the punts and paid dues of ~£1000 to the Conservators of the Cam. To recoup these monies she proposes to link punt membership cards with student card numbers to encourage more people to buy their own memberships. The committee assented to this.

The committee also decided that reserving two of the 6 punts for long bookings of 4 or 5 hours while keeping the rest for 2-hour bookings was a good idea and left it to KB exactly how to implement this. Also anyone taking punts out after 2000 or 2100 will have the punt all night and must return the key by start of bookings next morning.

Other officers nothing to report.

6. Other business

The next meeting will be at 20:00 on Thursday 13th May.

In an **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING** of the DCSA Directorate BP transmitted important **INFORMATION** pertaining to the full meeting of 04/03/04. In that meeting the committee was of the opinion that handing over surplus funds to the College to be managed as part of its general 'pot' would render them liable to be forgotten and thus of no use to the student body. In new information BP revealed that this was a misunderstanding of the situation and that in fact there is a separate high-interest 90-day DCSA account, controlled by the Bursar for continuity's sake, which already holds some £7000, and which would become instant-access if brought to over £10000 by the addition of the current surplus. DCSA funds would therefore be fully transparent and immediately accessible. The question is to be revisited at the next meeting.

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