

## **Minutes for the DCSA meeting Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

Present:

Bee (Treasurer)  
Jason (Welfare Officer)  
Jess (International Officer)  
Khanum (Bar Chair)  
Michael (Secretary)  
Nikki (Ents Officer)  
Sally (Greens Officer)  
Scott (College Council)  
Vikram (President)

Apologies:

Gabry (Sports Officer)  
Jenn (Women's Officer)  
Joe (Ents Officer)  
Jon (Admiral of Punts)  
Mike (Communications Officer)  
Tom (LBG Officer)

Begin: 19.30

### ***Corrections to last minutes:***

Sally will get additional 50£ for the CUSU "One world week" flier so it does not count towards her budget.

### ***Any other business***

#### Reports of Officers

Michael:

Computer from the loan scheme was handed over to student as agreed on last meeting.

Bee:

- ⓉThe Barclays account closure is delayed.
- ⓉBee has put a phone into the office, which should be connected soon.
- ⓉThe office needs to be cleaned up again. We will find a day via email.

Jason:

- ⓉThere will be Drunk awareness campaigns as well as STI awareness campaigns organized by CUSU. Also there were training weekends for the external officers which Tom attended, since Jason was out of the country.

- ⑩ Jason asked how to get tickets for exchange formal halls at the end of term. Bee referred him to the kitchen manager.

Sally:

- ⑩ A green map was created showing all shops in Cambridge selling fair trade products, etc. Sally will receive copies soon and make more photocopies if necessary
- ⑩ There is a company on Mill Road which offers recyclable products like envelopes, printer cartridges, ... . She will try to make these products available in college.

Scott:

- ⑩ We need a new rep for the Health&Safety committee. Meetings are every 3 months at lunchtime. Sally agreed to be the next rep for us.
- ⑩ There were bikes stolen again. Due to the even more decreased number of bike stands students don't know where to lock their bikes. We agreed that we should try to initiate the creation of more stands (Silver Street ?) which Michael should bring up in the Buildings and Grounds committee. We furthermore agreed that we should promote a scheme where all bikes should be registered. After a certain time all bikes should be tagged and all bikes where the tag is not removed will be taken away into storage. That way the bikes of people who left can be removed and the ones of people who leave for a longer period don't take up the space for people who need them every day. Michael shall talk to the Clerk of Works concerning this.
- ⑩ It was proposed that we should not keep all the international magazines since some of them are read by hardly anybody, but are quite expensive. We agreed that we should keep the internationally respected ones. Generally we should try to find out which are the expensive magazines and ask the students which ones they read. With the money freed we could buy magazines of general interest (paying attention that we don't buy any which are available in the departments anyway). We also discussed if these magazine should not be put into the library instead of the reading room. There it would be less probable that they get nicked. Jason shall take this into the Library committee.
- ⑩ The kitchen is still losing 130000£ in the year. Now it was proposed to convert lunch and dinner on Saturday into a brunch for a few hours only. We agreed to look into the statistics of attendance since there might be societies or fellows with members of their research group which come for lunch regularly.

Vikram:

- ⑩ There was a problem on the Valentines bop when Mick came down and complained that the music was still playing after midnight. Since this bop was organized so short term we agreed that we try to give people in college longer notice before events. We also want to try to give a schedule to Mick directly since there seems to be a problem of communication with the Bursars Secretary. Vikram spoke to Mick on the following days and everything could be sorted out. So the bop on the 21<sup>st</sup> will take place.
- ⑩ Vikram proposed that all DCSA committee members should know about the events coming up and their themes in case we are asked by students. There were also some requests for school discos and a karaoke bop.
- ⑩ We talked about the problem that only one of the ents officers is officially elected and thus only this one has a voting right. Since both cannot attend meetings quite

- often we often lose a vote. We agreed that the unelected officer can vote as a proxy for the elected one so that there should most of the times be a vote from ents
- ⑩ To increase attendance we will from now on hold the meetings on Thursdays at 8pm since nobody issued concerns about that day and time.
  - ⑩ The bridge will be fixed by Easter.
  - ⑩ Computer committee: It was discussed to purchase a color printer for college staff which would be put in the Porter's Lodge and would not be available to the students. We will suggested on college council that one should be purchased for students as well and installed in the study centre. The price would naturally be higher, but students would have the facility to print out color pages in case they have to hand in dissertations, theses, ...

#### Barcomm:

- ⑩ Khanum reported that the licensing laws will be changed which will also have implications for Darwin's bar. Currently the university has one license for all University bars. After the change every bar has to have its own license which will mean an increase in cost of about 300-500%. Furthermore since the licensing moves to the judge department the police will be able to check closing hours any time. The college also wants some changes. They want the bar to be run by a full time bar manager with a salary of about 30000£ to enforce licensing policies. They expect the bar to pay the man which would mean that prices will have to be increased. Khanum asked at least one DCSA rep for the next bar committee meeting since these changes are of interest to all students of Darwin and these should be expressed to the Bursar who will be present. We think that the changes are not necessary since the bar is run for ages by students and there are never any problems. Vikram and Bee will therefore attend the next Barcom meeting.
- ⑩ The pool table will be removed this week and the table football will be removed soon as well. The question is now what new arrangement can be made. The bar is not willing any more to lose as much money on the table as it did in the last 1-2 years. The annual loss was enough to cover the purchase of a new table. The football table will certainly be removed, but they are not sure what to do about the pool, which was permanently getting stuffed with paper so people don't have to pay. Also balls were stolen and queues broken. The bar looks into the pricing of a new table. We discussed several options. The problem with a bought table is that it is not foreseeable to how much the maintenance cost will amount in addition to the price in the beginning. We also agreed that the pool should not be completely free since then people would even mess around more with it. Having someone who permanently looks after it seems unfeasible. Making it only available during bar opening hours is also not a good solution since people should be able to play any time. The bar approached the pool society, but they showed no interest in helping with that issue, e.g. helping to maintain the table or moving it when the common room is needed for other things. It was suggested to introduce a 5£ fine for stuffing the pockets although it might be hard to enforce. Another proposal was to cost one game with 10p and warn people that if the pockets get stuffed the balls will not be available and thus playing will not be possible any more. Generally we should try to make students more aware of it by pointing out that the table has to be removed because of what happened so far and that it cannot continue like this further. The last proposal all of us seemed to be happy with was to get a table for a probation time of 6 months. If it is abused and the bar loses too much money it will simply not be repaired. If things run better the bar will continue to maintain it.

### ***Anything else***

- ⑩ The mayball committee has decided to respect the independence from the DCSA and therefore does not ask any more for any financial contribution.
- ⑩ Vikram will abstain from any discussions and votes about issues concerning the ball, because of his conflict of interest.
- ⑩ The ball will ask ethical issues like the Tobacco sponsorship at college council.
- ⑩ “FRijj” wants to support Darwin May Ball.

End: 21.10

Next meeting: Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 2003 8pm.