

## **Minutes for the DCSA meeting Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 2002**

Present:

Vikram (president)  
Jessica (international officer)  
Mike (communications officer)  
Sally (greens officer)  
Bee (treasurer)  
Michael (secretary)  
Tom (lbg officer)  
Jonathan (admiral of punts)  
Jennifer (womens officer)  
Jason (welfare officer)  
Scott (college council rep)  
Joe (ents officer)  
Khanum (bar chair)

Apologies:

Nikki (ents officer)

Begin: 19:45

### ***Update of the webpage***

- Gennerlly the web page needs updating and more content
- Whatsup shall automatically be available on the webpage
- We want to have a calendar with all relevant events available on the website

### ***Darwin wear***

- Mike will produce a Darwin calendar. This will be sold at the Darwin wear sale
- Bee asked everybody to keep track of all wear sales since this was a problem in the last budget. There are forms provided which should be filled in after anything is sold.

### ***Catz Dinner***

- Catz invited us for their Christmas dinner. The problem is that we cannot invite them in return for our Christmas dinner. We could only invite them to a formal hall.

### ***Children's Christmas Party***

- It will take place on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> Dec

### ***Officers Reports***

- Khanum: Report about the latest news concerning the new pool and football tables. Khanum has to leave after that.

- Bee: The Auditing for the last year has been done. A few things need to be changed. First exact books must be kept about the Darwin wear sale. The college also needs an updated list of all equipment which it needs for insurance purposes. The final budget is finished. Bee received an email from the boat club concerning the allocated budget for the coming year. We discussed the issue and decided that we want to see all request and rejection letters for sponsorship. Furthermore we will offer them that if they provide £500 pounds of funding or more we will add another £500. The tennis club also complained about the budget cuts.
- Joe: The Bop on Friday is cancelled because of the fire strike. There will be an evening with mince pies and mulled wine. On the 13<sup>th</sup> Dec there will be a x-mas bop.
- Jason wants to start a library of welfare information in Darwin since that does not exist at all so far.
- Jessica wants to organize an international party in Gwen. We proposed booking the common room. That is safer and has more capacity. Next term there will also be an international party.
- Jennifer: There was a discussion at the CUSU Women's council about the "Take back the night" initiative. There were protests from men that they were excluded from the event. Three options were discussed and the colleges were asked for their opinion: a) with men (7 votes) b) without men (4 votes) c) men walking behind (0 votes) Nobody abstained. Jennifer did not get any attack alarms, condoms or pregnancy tests from Harriett. She and Tom will purchase them from CUSU.
- Michael: The Computer Loan scheme applications deadline has passed by. 8 applications for 7 computers. One applicant is not living in a networked room and therefore was not entitled anyway. The computers need to be set up and will be given out starting Thursday. He also reminded Vikram that the committee had decided that we want more information about the topup fee issue but that Vikram did not forward the subsequent information and the announcement of the event in town to us. Last he asked for the opinion of the others about Whatsup since he receives regular complaints about it. The others agreed that it has to come out more regularly. Some people also complained that it contains too little information and sometimes provides it too late. Therefore we decided that it should go out every Wednesday. The submission deadline for postings will be Tuesday. It will also contain a short summary of the articles in the beginning of the email.
- Scott: A student of Darwin cut off his fire alarm in his room in Gwen. He will have to move out of college accommodation. We discussed our position on this and if and how far we want to support him. He complained that we would not represent him in the way we should be. On the other hand we also have to represent the student's interests put at danger because of his actions. We agreed that we should have a meeting with him to hear his side of the story.
- Sally: In the Recycle Paper Campaign Darwin scored 0 in all categories. On the Greens council there was a discussion whether one should use recycled paper or paper made of sustainable forest. There is also a discussion if Cambridge should go green in terms of electricity after Oxford decided to do so. We discussed if and how we could introduce fair trade products in college. The catering manager says coffee and tea are too expensive. In his opinion it is also not possible to offer them along with regular coffee and tea because of

the minimum amount which has to be bought and which is quite substantial. We decided that we would like to see costings before we make up our mind.

- Mike: The college calendar will come out soon. River Rat will be published in January.
- Jonathan: The punts have gone to Scudamore's. He is waiting for a repair estimate. Bee wants to give the Punts £1000 since they are separate from the DCSA budget now and don't cover their full expenses. She wants to take it from the Buildings Society account. She also wants to get more access to this account since the Bursar controls it but it actually belongs to the DCSA

### ***Surplus spending***

- We decided not to pay part of the new pool table since we do not want to get involved with the whole management which would become more complicated if the bar and the DCSa would both be involved.
- A new table tennis table will be bought. Bee is waiting for more info from Katy.
- We will buy a new TV and the sound equipment in the TV room needs to be fixed. Bee needs to talk to Becky about that.
- Darwin shield: There was a proposal to put up a Darwin shield since a lot of people don't know where Darwin is. The locations discussed were the Study centre, above the Front door and on the corner Silver Street, Newnham Road. We decided to wait for the costing and then also ask the college for support.
- The office will be cleaned up on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> Nov after lunch at 2pm

### ***Next meeting***

- Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 2003 20:00

End: 21.10