

MINUTES

ST. EDMUND HALL MCR

GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 8th June 2016

7:30 PM

Apologies:

Nidi Tapoulal
Tonia Thomas
Linde Wester
Pip Coore

Absent:

Megan Sloan

Confirmation of Minutes from the Last GM

Minutes approved without any objections

Reports from MCR Committee Members

President (Reported read by Vice President)

- The All Staff morning Tea was a great success and was greatly appreciated by College staff. It is hoped that this will be an annual event.
- Nothing of note to report from the Executive Lunch
- Currently working with the Steward/incoming President (Linde Wester) to finalise an 'MCR Fit for Purpose' document. This will be discussed with College to help re-fit the MCR to provide members with more amenities, such as shelving behind the bar, more access/space in the front room.

Vice President

- Sat in for the President at the General Purposes and Bursarial Committee (GPBC)
 - College has devised an action plan to address their obligations under the Public Sector Equality Duty. This has been published on the SHE website.
 - Planning to commence renovation of the Churchyard, to make the bike storage more accessible and spacious, better maintain the Gardener's area, and re-lay some of the stones – Work to commence in/around 25th July, 2016 (Diocese permission has been granted; currently awaiting Council Permission) – Hoping to finish the work by Term time – Work will not affect access to the Library

- 26 Norham Gardens
 - Recent judgment on the exemption to small sites from affordable housing contributions may affect the refitting/renovation of the building – may delay the work until next year
 - Further action currently under review
- 24 Norham Gardens
 - Planning application being finalized for submission within the next 2-3 weeks
- The Teddy Hall Research Expo has been put into the College diary as a permanent fixture – Next Expo will take place on the 25th of February, 2017 – Will be held on the Saturday of 6th (Hilary Term) every 2 years thereafter
- Nexus Mail Service
 - The college IT staff has warned that the University is planning to phase out the Nexus mail service over the next 2 years
 - This might mean manual migration as currently the attitude of the University seems to be that when the switch over happens it will mean a clean wipe
 - The IT staff will work to try and host SEH student emails on a private local server to provide ample time for migration
- Comprehensive Handover Document has been sent to the incoming Vice President (Ryan Daniels)
- Incoming VP has been told about, and arranged, the flowers for Trinity Dinner

Treasurer

- College has forwarded funds for the Academic Grant and Charity Fund

Steward(s) – Alex Blakes reporting

- NSE Garden Party was very well attended
- Whiskey tasting had to be cancelled due to low demand
- Wine tasting organized by Ben Jenkins went very well
- Exchange Dinners with St. Hugh and St. Anthony's went well – Fully attended
- Trinity Dinner tomm – **AP:** Email with itinerary will be sent out tonight
- The End of Term party in Fellow's Garden will be organized by incoming Steward (Thomas Kittel)

Welfare Officer(s)

- No report submitted
- Men's Officer – Sports Welfare Day – approx. 12 participants – was a good day, despite low participation
- Welfare Cricket this Sunday in University Parks

IT Officer

- Punt booking system online – system could still use some improvements, but is performing significantly better than the previous system

- Bookings can now be cancelled using a link in the confirmation email
- New system gives more flexibility in re: no. of hours it can be booked for
- Punt will have a ring affixed to other end to enable it to be tied off more easily – Rope provided for the same needs to be shortened
- Approx. 130 participants in the MCR survey – good level of participation

NSE Representative

- Last brunch of the term will take place Sunday, 12th June

Academic Representative

- MCR 50th Anniv grant ongoing – roughly 13-15 applicants this term – looking to possibly amend some of the criteria for next term
- Graduate seminar well attended
- Library Sub-Committee – Old Library refurbishment project ongoing – cataloguing of books currently being part-time, which would take approx. 5-7 years – looking at options to shorten the time-frame – Refurbishment not likely to significantly affect events being held in that location
- Academic Committee (Vice President attended) – No longer looking to revamp Postgraduate grant – will be more flexibility – members with children will be given more funds for partners to travel with them.

Nominations for Guest Membership

The following individuals have been put forward as nominees for Guest Membership of the St. Edmund Hall MCR:

- Federico Pulvirenti (nominated by Linde Wester)
- Andrzej Szafranski (nominated by Rachel Paterson)

Both nominations were confirmed with no objections.

Motion to Purchase a New MCR Croquet Set

Beatrice Tyrrell proposes the purchase of a new Croquet Set for the MCR.

Votes as follows:

Yay 13

Nay 0

Abstentions 0

Result: The Motion passes

Motion to amend the MCR Charity Fund Constitution

Beatrice Tyrrell, on behalf of the MCR Committee raises a motion to amend the MCR Charity Fund Constitution as stated in the Agenda.

Votes as follows:

Yay 13

Nay 0

Abstentions 0

Result: The Motion passes

Motions for Donation of monies from the MCR Charity Fund

Alex Blakes proposes an amount of £500 be donated to GoHelp and Medics2Mongolia (please find a statement in favour in ANNEX I)

Clarified that the money will be donated directly to the GoHelp charity

Medical students will be driving the Ambulance from the John Radcliff Hospital to Mongolia (5680 Miles) in March-July 2017 – Asking for the money now because the fundraising campaign has started now and basing on the fact that the last tax year has just ended and thus this is a good time to raise funds from many sources.

Encouraged to publicize their adventure and link with MCR – Claire Hooper has made contact regarding publicizing this from College

Votes as follows:

Yay 12

Nay 0

Abstentions 1

Result: The Motion passes
