

MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING

ST EDMUND HALL MCR

MCR, 7PM 25th October 2017

Meeting opened with Ryan Daniels being sworn in by the President as Independent Chair. Quorum was exceeded by an extraordinary margin. Both rooms of the MCR were occupied for the meeting. This was warmly welcomed.

Committee Reports

President: Equalities Week is scheduled for Week 5. There had been reports of college wifi not working so well in other areas; this is now being investigated by college and they hope to rectify it soon, with greater wifi availability in the MCR. An update was given over student accommodation being made available in 24 Norham Gardens, which should be in use from February of next year. A Caribbean themed formal is scheduled for November 14th.

Vice-president: Freshers T-shirts are available from the MCR, priority for these is given to freshers. Thanked all those who attended the Freshers week library tours. The punt is soon ready to come off the water, volunteers shall be needed to help with storing it for the winter months.

Stewards: Wine and cheese sold out in 90 seconds which was remarkable. Exchange dinners and formals have also been selling out quickly through the EPOS system. Upcoming events include pumpkin carving tomorrow, a Halloween party on Saturday, wine tasting on Monday, and dinner on Wednesday. One more exchange formal shall be made available this term, with Balliol.

Welfare: Weekly welfare program is up and running

Treasurer: A report on the state of the MCR finances was given. Budgets and finances are all in a healthy condition.

ICT: A 'short and sweet' report whereby members were told about the MCR website being up and running without problem.

From the Sports Rep: The last gym inductions shall be held on Friday of this week.
Committee: nominations for sports and academic rep shall be up next week.
Independent chair shall send out more information, and an email with links to the online voting system shall be sent out too.

Guest Member Nominations

Independent Chair proceeded to explain what the Guest Member system. The following were nominated:

Ordinary Member	Guest Member
Thomas Cosnahan	Roisin Huggins
Edward Baker	Sophie Ochmann
Edward Baker	Charlotte Dormon
Edward Baker	Graham Baird
Jane Ellis	Megan McFie
Patrick Lee	Karah Binkowski
Marte Van Oort	Ewoud Moolenburgh
Napala Pratini	Thomas Sherman
Julia Camps	Nuria Sanchez
Gemma Prata	Kathryn Smith
Kusal Lokuge	Katharina Angerer
Eveliina Hanksi	Sakari Nisula
Sian Brooke	Anna Pi
Cherelle Dacon	Chan Phetsouphanh
Theresa Scharbert	Nicholas Jensen
Emily Russell	Catherine Canning
Nidi Tapoulal	Vishal Bhadresa

The MCR GM without abstention or objection approved all of the above as Guest Members. Questions were raised in a light hearted manner about whether or not most of the above could either row or bake.

Motion to Part Fund Blades Painting:

The motion was presented by Benjamin Evans. Last year the rowing MII and WI crews won blades in Torpids and Summer VIIIs respectively. The JCR offered to contribute £100 to paint blades for the crews, it is being asked if the MCR could match that contribution. The blades would be displayed in the bar.

Ryan Daniels asked if Amalgamated Clubs had been contacted about part funding the painting costs. Amalgamated Clubs would not part fund this. The Treasurer was asked whether or not the budget could stand this. A positive answer was given. It was asked if the bar staff had been spoken to, to see if they were happy with the blades to go there. They had allegedly been contacted about this, and it should be fine to display them there. It had been intended that the Boat Club use the blades in Norham Gardens Common Room for painting. It was explained that painting the actual blades constitutes the cheaper part. Acquiring the blades is more costly.

When taken to a vote there were no abstentions and no objections. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Discontinue Subscription to the 'New Yorker':

It was explained by the Treasurer that the budget for newspaper subs is £150 per month, however due to price increases the MCR is now being quoted £180 for the same newspapers as before. In order to reduce expenditure, so that we may stay within budget, it has been proposed that we discontinue subscription to the New Yorker magazine.

Nidi Tapoulal asked whether the Committee had probed the suppliers on costs and looked around for other suppliers who could possibly deliver the paper for a cheaper price. Treasurer replied that the suppliers had claimed it was down to market trends.

An amendment to the motion was proposed so that a final decision be taken by the Committee in a regular meeting, following exploration of other supply routes. No objections were made to the amendment, and no abstentions were recorded. The amended motion passed unanimously.

GM concludes with thanks given to all those who attended.