

AGENDA

ST. EDMUND HALL MCR

GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 10th June 2016,

7:30 PM

Confirmation of Minutes from the Last GM

Reports from MCR Committee Members

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)
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Motion to Purchase a New MCR Croquet Set

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

The current MCR croquet set has become unusable, as many of the components have now broken after years of use. Beatrice Tyrrell proposes the purchase of a new croquet set (spending up to £200 for a 6-player set) to replace the old set.

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

The MCR Charity Fund Constitution currently states that any surplus that is not allocated to charitable organisations by votes at the final General Meeting of each term shall be disbursed in proportion with the results of an online vote between 3 charities proposed by the Welfare Officers and the Treasurer.

Having operated the Charity Fund for the first time this year, we have found that this is impractical to do on a termly basis as the majority of funds have been allocated through GM votes, as intended. This has left little money to be allocated to the 3 charities voted on (being only £5 last term). Therefore it is proposed that we amend the MCR Charity Fund Constitution so that any surplus from GM votes each term is pooled until Trinity Term, and then an online vote (as previously described) is conducted to allow disbursement to 3 further charities.

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**)
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ANNEXURE I

STATEMENT IN FAVOUR OF MOTION BY ALEX BLAKES

In the Spring of 2017 I am spending a medical elective in Mongolia. This is an opportunity to practice in and contribute to a less developed country, and experience medicine in a new environment. To make the most of our time there, we want to do some charity work. We are going to drive an ambulance to Mongolia and donate it to the authorities there, as they have a shortage of service vehicles nationwide. The ambulance will be donated by SCAS (South Central Ambulance Service).

This is in support of the two charities I mentioned: GoHelp and Medics2Mongolia.

GoHelp is a UK charity which aims to work with communities in Central Asia. It focuses on improving access to education and health care services. A well-publicised Go Help event is the annual Charity Rally, which encourages participants to raise money and drive across the world for charity. The Ambulance Project is a part of the rally: the teams' ambulances are donated to the Mongolian emergency services to support their currently limited ambulance force.

Medics2Mongolia is an organisation which aims to set up elective placements in Mongolian hospitals for medical students, in exchange for English teaching to the health care staff. Health care professionals in Mongolia have been stymied by lack of translation of medical books and journals from English to Mongolian. As English has only replaced Russian as the country's second language in recent years, most adults over the age of 35 have not had formal English teaching. Medics2Mongolia decided to encourage future medical students to give free English lessons to their elective placement teams, equipped with teaching materials and resources assimilated from previous students, teachers and volunteers.

I am asking for £500 to donate to GoHelp. This will support their charitable work in Central Asia through the Ambulance Project. To be clear: this money is going to charity. It is not supporting the cost of the ambulance (which is free), nor food, supplies, spare parts, accommodation, etc. I am one of three medical students on this trip. We are budgeting £2500 each of our own money for the trip, and are hoping to raise about £10,000 from other sources for GoHelp and Medics2Mongolia.

Thanks and all the best,

Alex