

MCR General Meeting 21/11/18

- Ben Fernando absent – Ryan Daniels nominated as temporary independent chair.
- Quorum met: 12+
- President report
 - Last few weeks have gone well.
 - Discussing with JCR about old MCR punt – was previously lost but currently in workshop at ISIS guest house. Needs £2500 repairs, discussing possibly repairing it with help from JCR, or refurb it to sell to another college for profit, or could refurb and have low initial cost to book it for first year or 2 to get back some of the cost – split cost over the two punts i.e. £1.50 to book each one. LMH will charge us rent to moor it – potentially not enough space to moor it, or to store it during winter.
 - General notice from Dean – Halloween party too many people in MCR, due to various issues, couldn't go into graveyard due to rain etc. Can't take half of the bar due to issues with own alcohol and college alcohol license. Potentially put money behind the bar – will be discussed further at JCR/MCR/SCR meeting
- VP report
 - Still in China
- Treasurers Report
 - Person pretending to be Ronnie (President) requested money from Treasurer
 - Welfare and Stewards within budget
 - Reminder about Blues fund and Travel Grants (Blues fund deadline is 23rd November 2018)
- Stewards report
 - Xmas dinner – 35 people who haven't filled out seating plan
 - Xmas party 1st December
 - Cambridge exchange dinner – Fitzwilliam college. Home leg 1st Friday Hilary, Away leg Week 6. 30 people exchange, MCR only dinner in Wolfson. Minibuses to Cambridge, organised to stay over with counterparts from Cambridge, night out on Friday, Cambridge tour on Saturday. We should do tour of Oxford in 1st week.
 - Any requests/ideas for events that aren't being done, message stewards ASAP
- IT Officer
 - Jack has still not crashed the website
- Welfare
 - Welfare dogs on Saturday 24th Nov – replaced Blues massages as benefits more people. Dogs from local dogs trust to pet/play with at NSE. Cake, tea, and dog treats provided.
 - Open to ideas/thoughts for similar events next term – feedback form after dogs as opportunity to make it regular event.
- Sports Rep
 - Reminder to fill out NSE gym wish list. Talking to amalgamated clubs once wishlist filled out to discuss funds available.
- NSE Rep
 - Going well – keep putting down brunch requests.
- Academic Rep
 - 1st academic seminar successful – reminder all to apply to attend next term
 - Research expo next term – encouraged to apply to give talks and/or help out

- Guest members:
 - Zong Hao Tan – request withdrawn as already approved as full member by college
 - Anya Gleizer nominating Pablo Fernandez Velasco – husband who lives in Oxford, Studies Philosophy and Cognitive science at Imperial. No objections – voted in
 - Simon Bergant nominating Maren Fitcher – previously IT officer and Environmental Rep 2017/18. Currently works in Wolfson College office. No objections – voted in
 - Licio Ribeiro Rodrigues Romao nominating Isabela Miranda Gomes – wife, living with Licio in Oxford while completing his PhD. No objections – voted in
 - Sarah Andrews nominating Hannah Templeman – PGCE student at Teddy Hall 2017/18. Graduated and now works as a teacher in Oxford. No objections – voted in

- Motion: Alteration to the MCR Constitution, concerning Guest Membership of the MCR
 - Limiting to guests who are associated with the college – via spouse, visiting researcher, alumni etc.
 - College had issue with giving out fobs to large numbers of guest members that aren't necessarily associated.
 - Change of wording to constitution so only: Spouses/partners of ordinary members, visiting under the aegis of a Fellow of the College, people who have matriculated at St Edmund Hall can be a guest member
 - Changes also include: guest membership must actively be renewed at the end of the year, nominations and terminations are done on the MCR website.
 - Raised at previous GM in Trinity term 2018 – approved by governing body, their only point was to note that “any student that has matriculated at Teddy Hall” opens it up to all alumni but this has not been an issue in the past.
 - College raised issues with MCR guest members causing trouble in the past
 - Question raised: what counts as a partner? Trust judgment of the MCR
 - Question raised: Do guests still have to be voted in? Yes, ensure they still have a direct link with college
 - No retrospective removal of current guests that currently don't meet these rules until Michaelmas 2019 – will be unable to renew their membership.
 - Objection – Sian Brooke, unfair that post docs must be under aegis of a fellow at the college – may be working here but not directly with Teddy Hall fellow. Suggesting should be more hurdles to nomination rather than criteria i.e. normal mcr member and the guest being nominated must be present. Criteria should be altered to allow others that are heavily involved in MCR even if they don't meet criteria.
Term “aegis” is terminology from the constitution

Vote: 1 -objection, 4 abstention, 19 for. Motion passes.

- Charity Nominations:
 - Elimu Health nominated by James O'Donovan – James currently in Uganda working for Elimu, which he has set up and runs (eligible for £500). James has worked there from June 2018 and will be up until Feb 2019. MCR previously donated in Trinity term 2018
 - CHHAHARI NEPAL nominated by Julia Camps. Chhahari Nepal supervise a state-funded school, a women-school, and a few orphanages. Julia is directly involved (eligible for £500)
 - BONE CANCER RESEARCH TRUST nominated by Ed Baker, seconded by George Spill. Supports both cancer research and family support via access to clinical trials, and

specialist support. Previous MCR member Matt Greenwood died in December 2016 of bone cancer. (Eligible for £500)

- INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION nominated by Scott Small. Anti-slavery and anti-human trafficking organisation. Scott and his wife are directly involved (eligible for £500)
 - BACK TO SCHOOL COMMUNITY INITIATIVE PROJECT nominated by Ryan Daniels. Alumni from primary school in Malawi where Ryan previously did Masters project are raising money to improve their school, including providing electricity, repairing infrastructural deficiencies, building classroom and staff room. Charity is only 4 people, based in the UK, regularly return to Malawi to help. Not directly involved therefore eligible for £250
- Comment on Charity fund process: Same charity is nominated multiple times during the year. Potentially opening discussion of whether or not this should be allowed if charity was previously awarded money as it causes charity fund to be spread thinly if same charity is nominated multiple times – if this was stopped would open up space for new charities to be nominated.
 - There should be feedback process on what the charity does with the money that is donated by the MCR
 - Potential idea – not allowed to re-nominate charity unless evidence of what has been done with previously donated money is given.
 - If charities can't be nominated more than once voting is redundant as there would be enough money for all.
 - Rather than limit nominations, limit the amount of money each charity can receive each year.
 - Why limit good charities that people want to support
 - Email sent round to MCR for any thoughts – all MCR members. (include instructions on how to opt back in to charity fund)
 - Constant nomination/awarding of funding to small charities may help them as gives them constant income and can create a link to Teddy Hall which may raise their profile, helping them to get funding elsewhere.
 - Need to double check if this can be changed as standing order or in Charity constitution.