**GENERAL MEETING**

**ST EDMUND HALL MCR**

**MCR, 7PM 29th January 2020**

Present: FS, HS, HB, RS, BW, PR, KM, AG

Absent: JH

Apologies: FJG, TW

Quorum reached (12+)

1. **Approval of minutes of last MCR General Meeting**

*Approved with revision to the website*

1. **Reports from MCR committee members**

President

**1.** All committee positions that were announced before Christmas holidays have been filled. We will define what the Access and Outreach officer role will include over the next term, with help from college and other MCRs

**2.** There are lots of new committees and subgroup work going on in college, meaning the MCR will have a lot of input into how college works in a number of different issues .e.g. sustainability, inclusivity diversity and access, communication academic and cultural events. This aims to modernize college and upgrade on all of these fronts. There will be surveys and input requests sent out to MCR members from all the new committees, please take time to deliver input as this will direct how college acts over the next few years, and that MCR input is taken on board.

**3.** There is also a workshop for the future of the chaplaincy in college, working on a short time scale. A survey will be sent out soon regarding the college and the chapel, and what students think the role, if any, of the chaplaincy should be in Teddy Hall. FS and HB are representatives, please talk to them if you’d like to input or have any questions. GB will make a decision regarding the chaplaincy taking on board the output of the committee and the survey. For now, we still have an interim chaplain.

**4**. We have received the go ahead for a charity formal on Friday of week 4 (14/02), organized by Maria the Charities officer in the MCR.

**5.** The ODH is being completely refurbished on 1st March, and will be closed until the start of May.

BW: The Jesus exchange home leg will be in the Wolfson hall to accommodate for this.

**6.** NSE refurbishment: These ideas are still in the planning stages, but currently the plan is to extend 17 NSE into the garden to build more rooms for students. There will be a design/architectural competition for this. College is aware 17NSE needs a major overhaul. Currently college only houses 23% postgrads and ~40% undergrads, and they want to increase this.

HB: We need to pressure college about NSE refurbishment, rather than just building new rooms. Will it just be postgrads, or a mixture of postgrads and undergrads?

FS: It is likely that some undergrads will live there, but could be in a specific area of the accommodation. This will have to be decided closer to the time.

**7.** College is undergoing a massive overhaul of all the college websites, including the MCR website. Please talk to FS, JH or PR if this will affect you.

**8.** There has been 3 weeks of Meat Free Monday dinners, with 2 more left of trial period. These dinners are entirely meat free on Monday. FS hasn’t noticed a decrease in attendance, but kitchen and chef will rely on feedback and attendance if it’s going to continue. Please send any feedback you have.

VP:

Please keep sending me things to put in the weekly emails!

Also a reminder that everything said during the GM can (and will) be minuted.

Stewards:

The Hearne dinner is coming up. This dinner is aimed at students to invite their college supervisor/advisor. You have to bring a supervisor and cannot attend without one. If your supervisor is part of Teddy Hall, the college will pay for their ticket. If not, you will have to pay for it.

There are a few events on the way which aren’t on the term card – keep an eye out for them. Also sign up for the rum tasting, which will be run by Freddie.

Treasurer

The Blues funding email will be sent out shortly.

Welfare

The Sexual health clinic was postponed so we can get testing kits, and will be rearranged when we have them.

The Sleep workshop has also been postponed, and the counselling service will put on this event in the near future.

Academic rep

New CASES subcommittee will send out a survey about college culture. This committee aims to bring together disparate JCR, MCR, SCR college cultures and separate identities, to make it more coherent.

Up-coming events: Lightening talks. 8 signed up for this so far. It will be on Thursday 4th week in ODH, you will have up to 5 mins and 3 slides of talk, then drinks and pizza afterwards.

The Academic seminar will be on Tuesday of week 6, and sign ups in week 4. For this, there will be 3 presenters.

Please send website feedback to PR.

SPORTS REP – No updates

NSE REP – No updates

IT OFFICER – No updates

**3. Nominations for Guest Membership**

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

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| **Ordinary Member** | **Guest Member** |
| Sophie Jordan | Julia Bouquet |
| Felix Fleschhut | Elisabeth Rothweiler |

Julia Bouquet is admitted as a guest member without abstentions or objections

Elisabeth Rothweiler is admitted as a guest member without abstentions or objections

Update – visiting students who live in NSE (but are not part of another college) are now allowed to become guest members.

1. **Motions**

Motion title: **Purchase a console for the common room at Norham St Edmund**

Proposed by: Ioannis Spanos

Seconded by: Zubin Deyal

IS: The Motion speaks for itself, a console will be used a lot and goes along with renewal of the NSE common room, and will increase usage of NSE.

HB: Objection – things kept in the NSE common room get broken, and it is a lot of money to spend on something. How many people will actually use it?

Response (IS): Getting a console seems like a popular option with a lot of people. The group that frequently uses the common room has a lot of interest in looking after it

AG comment: A new console could be incorporated into a games night

KM Question: Where will the money come from? £300 is a lot of money.

FS answer: it will come out the MCR budget

FS: 2 points/suggestions for amendment to motion: 1) if we buy a console, we need to make sure it isn’t wrecked or stolen. The motion should be amended so that the purchase of a console is contingent on the maintenance team setting up a protective box 2) The approval of this motion should be up to the MCR treasurer if we have the money in the current budget.

IS and ZD: Agreed to changes

HS Question : How would you decide which console to buy, and which games? There are differences in price and performance of consoles, and different groups of people will have interest in different games.

Response: it will be researched, and a range of multiplayer games will be purchased.

FS: Amendment suggested: IS and ZD to bring the committee a proposal of what console and games to buy, with specifications and within budget.

SJ question: How dead is the wii? Could it be fixed or got for second hand?

Response; It is very broken, probably had several drinks spilled on it.

PR question: With the money, we might just get one game, although we would need two or three

Response: £300 includes a console and around 3 games

HB question: Wii had a lot of cases of games but no games, and things go missing from NSE a lot especially with high turnover of students.

Response: could download games onto the console instead of buying a physical game

Question: Who will be responsible to look after it?

Response: The console will be part of MCR property, and probably the NSE rep will look after it.

Motion proposed with friendly amendments proposed by FS

VOTES:

Favour 13

Against: 2

Abstain: 4

**Motion passes**

1. **Any other business**

**Maria Prange-Barczynska: Charities formal**: Feb week 4 (Valentines day) Fundraising for St James’ charity.

To raise money, there will be an auction including prizes such as yoga classes – please let Maria know if you have something to donate.

The JCR is organizing raffle of smaller items, which can be bought by anyone and is not just for people with dinner tickets.

The money from formal dinner ticket sales doesn’t contribute towards fundraising. The MCR and JCR charities officers will organize a social event afterwards with tournaments e.g. board games, darts to raise money. The dinner will be Ugandan themed.

We will need people to help on the night with organizing, and setting up. Please reach out to Maria if you can help.

Tickets will go on sale on Friday.

**Question from VO**: Tortoise races – can we get a tortoise to enter to the tortoise races?

SJ (Tortoise racing history expert) Some fall down stairs, some live for a long time, we cannot guarantee it would be looked after

VO suggested to talk to committee members regarding obtaining a tortoise.

**Meeting adjourned: 19:54**

**Next meeting: Wed 7th week 4th March.**