

St Catherine's College MCR

Trinity Open Meeting Minutes

Sunday, 3rd June 2012

Call to Order 7:20pm

Committee Present: Linda Geaves, Renzo Corrias, Andrew van Paridon, Massimiliano Colonna, Victoria Sainsbury, Caroline Alewaerts, Anna Murphy, Michael Saliba

MCR Members Present: 21 Members

Guests Present: Martin Johansson

Apologies: Hege Larsen, Giorgio Stefanoni, Daniel Wilhelm

1. Executive Committee Reports

All committee members have been supporting the organisation of the Garden Party and helped with the smooth operation of guest dinners.

1.1 Co-Presidents

Renzo reports that the MCR scholarship is going ahead. We are hopeful that it can be awarded in the 2012-2013 academic year, but it may have to wait until the year after if more funding is required. We are officially not supporting the JCR scholarship anymore. Acknowledgement is made of the efforts of the previous committee to get this award started.

New additions to the MCR room include the PS3 (including Singstar that has been very popular), the croquet set (where we have won two games by forfeit and lost the third), and the new amplifier for music.

Linda has supervised 4 exchange dinners this term with Lardy Margaret Hall, New, St Antony's and St Peter's Colleges. **Linda and Renzo** have both been attending many committee meetings at the college on behalf of the MCR. They are currently negotiating to stop the college's attempts to have rent and tutor fees rise next year.

1.2 Treasurer

The treasurer was not present deliver a report and none was sent.

1.3 Secretary

Andrew has been collating and distributing the MCR's weekly bulletins, organising the committee meetings, and taking minutes for them as well.

1.4 Social Secretaries

Massi reports that he has been overseeing the guest night signup, the weekly movie nights, Game of Thrones screenings, and the charity football tournament.

Anna has organised a trip to London to see Matilda the musical and held the bar at MCR event nights.

Renzo reports that **Hege** has been running circuits, yoga the weekly Wednesday night games.

1.5 Bar Manager and Bar Officer

Victoria and Caroline report that Leffe and Corona have been added to the MCR bar, as well as a much reduced wine list and cocktails. Coffee and biscuits have been received well.

Victoria would like to remind people that we need to clean up after ourselves, especially if something gets broken or food trays that need returning to the kitchens.

1.6 IT Manager

Michael reports that the MCR website is being kept up to date and that the new MCR blog has been set up. The new MCR website is progressing with the help of Jamie Keets. There has been a new routine put in place for dealing with significant internet black outs as occurred a few weeks ago at the college.

Linda would like to reinforce that any internet problems should be reported to the lodge ASAP as they will sort them out more quickly if they know that a few people are suffering the same problems.

1.7 Questions from the floor

A question is raised as to whether we can purchase badminton equipment for the MCR. The matter will be addressed further by the committee and is likely to go ahead if the budget allows.

2. Motions

(Voting was taken by secret ballot on the night, as well as email voting for 24 hours from 7pm 3/6/12 to 7pm 4/6/12)

2.1 Associate Membership nomination of Martin Johansson

Andrew van Paridon proposes Martin Johansson for associate membership of the MCR, and raises a motion that the MCR support Martin's case to the College Committee. Martin presents himself to the Meeting for questions from the floor.

For: 28

Against: 1

Motion Passed. Membership will last until September 2012 (start of Michaelmas).

2.2 Associate Membership nomination of Daniel Wilhelm

Andrew van Paridon proposes Daniel Wilhelm for associate membership of the MCR, and raises a motion that the MCR support Daniel's case to the College Committee. Daniel sends his apologies but is not present.

For: 27

Against: 2

Motion Passed. Membership will last until September 2012 (start of Michaelmas).

3. Executive Committee By-Elections

3.1 Secretary (end of Trinity 2012 until end of Hillary 2013): Chintan Chandrachud

Seconded by Renzo Corrias and Malak Bhatt

Chintan presents himself to the MCR with plans to instigate kick-boxing classes (fitness and stress-relief), charity events and football. He answers questions from the floor before voting commences.

For: 31

Against: 0

Motion Passed. Chintan is appointed Social Secretary

4. Other business

Too much pizza has been ordered. Or people don't have large enough stomachs - one or the other. The secretary is displeased that the pizza that is left has gone cold.

Renzo reports that a Catz member was recently attacked returning to college alone at night. Although they were not hurt, it is urged that walking through the the city alone is to be avoided wherever possible at night. **Linda** reminds all that the safety van is available for £1 from anywhere to anywhere, and that not enough people take advantage of this service.

Katherine Smalley extends a farewell on behalf of the MCR to Lindsey Tammen Collins who is leaving the college that weekend.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15pm.