

# ST. CATHERINE'S COLLEGE MIDDLE COMMON ROOM OPEN MEETING MINUTES

November 14 2021, 7 PM, MCR/Zoom

*Committee Members Present: Lucy Bartel, Dorothy Chirwa, Benjamin P Wagenvoort, John C Kainer, Felice Wallner, Jeremy Sontchi, Anthony Rajecki-Doyle, Tomajin Morikaw*

*Meeting started 19:20*

*Minutes Taken by Felice Wallner*

## A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FORM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

## B. ELECTIONS

### 1. Co-President

- i. Sam Atwal (Seconders: Karl Frey & Benjamin Stefano)

Questions: -

One online vote, in person voting by show of hands

### 2. LGBTQ+ Welfare Rep

- i. Indy Sobol (Seconders: Sophie Weeden & Isabella Warrington)

Via Zoom

Questions:

- What are your plans for helping the welfare of LGBTQIA+ at Catz?  
Creating spaces to advocate for people, making invisible identities more visible and bringing us all together, finding each other and building a community

Vote by show of hands: clear majority

### 3. Merchandise Officer

- i. Sophie Weeden (Seconders: Indy Sobol & Isabella Warrington)

More kit orders, try on sessions, charity collaboration, focus on sustainability

Questions:

- DC: How much stash from your previous uni did you have?  
A lot, 5 leggings, sweaters, jackets, leotards

CC: How would you arrange for the formal wear swapping to happen?  
SW: Maybe a social group chat situation, small deposit as insurance  
CC: Brainstorm with committee on guidelines on respectful handling  
BM: When is the Patagonia merch coming?  
SW: Feedback with college, orders from certain companies could be made possible  
CC: Are you thinking of keeping the current stash up?  
SW: I don't know what the requirements by college are, not sure whether we are allowed to consider other options  
CC: this company was chosen by the previous officer, you are welcome to change it after research and feedback with college and potentially JCR  
Voting by show of hands

## C. MOTIONS

### 1. Motion to Appoint a Community Officer to the Regular Committee

- i. Proposed by: Brody McDonald  
Seconded by: Indy Sobol  
Motion to appoint a community officer to the Regular Committee  
The elected position would be responsible for being an extra helping hand as we are (re)building a community coming out of the Covid-19 pandemic  
Questions:
  - CC: What happens if you are needed at 3 different events, for example? What is the scope and how much time would you give?  
BM: would try to do as much as I could, anytime I can, unless it collides with academic responsibilities
  - JS: Why do we need this position? Couldn't you just be a regular MCR member who volunteers his help regularly?  
BM: wish to be more involved than just an ordinary MCR member
  - LB: What makes you think you have the time to commit to this position if you stepped down from the last (Male Welfare Rep)?  
BM: Saturday welfare brunch falls into responsibilities, prior teaching commitments at that time, ad hoc events fit into schedule better  
LB: Correction, Welfare brunch on Sundays  
BM: teaches Saturdays and Sundays
  - SR: How do you know that you are doing enough?  
BM: feedback from committee
  - CC: Various events require extra helping hands, how to manage contact and make sure commitment is held?  
BM: 24h in advance  
CC: Being on the committee will help keeping in touch with planned events

- JS: Could you not expand or modify male welfare instead of doing new position?
  - BM: Teaching commitments Sat and Sun
  - CC: Possibility of shifting brunch responsibility to the female and LGBTQ+ Reps
  - BM: would rather hold title of community officer, cannot guarantee availability for welfare support
- BW: Sounds like you are looking to help but only at your convenience
  - BM: Yes, due to schedule constraints
  - BW: Could you not just offer help without holding a position?
  - BM: But with more expectation and responsibility
- BW: Are we voting for the creating of the position and simultaneously for Brody?
  - CC: consequential vote for the motion, then the person
  - JS: shouldn't time be left for other people to run?
  - CC: Done previously, members can bring up positions at any open meeting, announcement in agenda allowed for enough time
  - DC: in future there should be separation between creation & voting
  - FL: person could hold position until the next open meeting and then up for reelection

Voting on the motion to create the position by show of hands  
 5 votes for creating the position, motion denies motion as moot

#### D. AOB

1. IC: Arrived in Oxford after Week 0, possibility of making up for missed tours of college?
  - LB: delegates to Social Secretaries and Welfare Reps
  - CC: unfortunately, no overview over arrivals of graduates, email MCR committee for support and IT offices if not on mailing lists
  - LB: the MCR is always open, room bookings of the lower rooms are college matters
2. GM: Is there the possibility of an event where DPhils present research?
  - TM: plan to do this in future, incentivizing with dinner is a good idea
  - CC: has been attempted in the past without great popularity, college organizes Catz exchange

Meeting adjourned: 20:15