

Selwyn College MCR Committee Meeting 17th August 2015

Apologies from Milan. 7 present. Meeting opened at 19:39.

Agenda:

- 1) Voting in of Micle Kisonaite as Female Welfare Officer
- 2) Buying a punt pass
- 3) Buying a game console
- 4) Sky subscription
- 5) Payment method for Annual Dinner photos
- 6) Freshers month events

- 1) Micle Kisonaite was voted in as Female Welfare Officer by the committee via an online poll.
- 2) Members agree that it would be beneficial to purchase an annual punt pass. The card could be handed over to the porters, and they would sign out MCR members when they want to use the punt. The porters should check individuals' cards to confirm that they are Selwyn, and have used their real name.
 - Isabelle has emailed the JCR president to inquire if the JCR would like to share the pass, but she has not yet replied.
 - The pass costs £300 for 1 year, and would allow MCR members to hire one boat (punt, kayak or canoe) one at a time for free.
 - The committee members present agree that the pass should be used by the MCR only for the moment. If individuals are not using it frequently, the committee will look into a partnership with the JCR.
 - A vote was taken to determine if the MCR should purchase a punt pass. Those present voted unanimously in favour of purchasing a punt pass.
- 3) In the online poll, committee members' voted to purchase a PS4.
 - Prices: For 500 GB, £307.47 pounds; For 1 TB, £311 pounds. Because there is only a £4 price difference, the committee agrees to purchase the console with 1 TB for £311.
 - Committee agrees that the first games to be purchased should be social/multiplayer games, such as *Call of Duty* and a racing game. The MCR will purchase the new FIFA when it comes out.

- Josh will create a poll to ask people for suggestions, and pick the top 2 games. A request system will be set in place for the future. As the computing officer, Will will purchase approved requests.
 - The MCR requires a new Xbox 360 controller. Wireless controllers are £26 each, and committee agrees to purchase two controllers.
 - Josh will make these purchases and receive a same-day reimbursement.
 - Farid raised a question about the internet connection for the games consoles as it appears Wi-Fi does not currently work. If there is no connection, the committee will ask college to set up an Ethernet connection.
- 4) Sky has decided that because Selwyn College has a drinks license, the MCR should be paying a pub rate. Unfortunately, this has raised the monthly bill to £500. Although Max argued that the bar and the MCR are separate entities, the company would not alter their opinion and sent a cancellation notice.
- Max will look into Virgin, which would be substantially cheaper and also provide Sky sports. He is unsure if they would be able to serve commercial premises. Through Virgin, the MCR would receive internet and two boxes (one for the main room, and another for the games room). Virgin would be approx. £30 per month.
 - The JCR subscribes to Sky through CUSU, so the MCR could keep Sky through their current CUSU membership. However, the committee is still considering disaffiliation from CUSU, and they have not replied to MCR emails in months.
 - The other option would be to see if the committee could persuade the bar to renew their Sky subscription.
 - An issue was raised about setting up a separate internet for Virgin. Max will look into this before the next committee meeting.
- 5) The committee can set up an events system online to help members order their photos. They would be charged via their college bill. However, this poses a problem for MPhil students who can no longer assess their raven account or receive a college bill. Heidi also raised a concern about having one individual make this large purchase. Although she would be later reimbursed, it may be a significant sum of money for one person to momentarily provide.
- Committee agrees that the MCR members should be able to purchase the photos online using the access code. Heidi will order the photos for the MCR, the Bar, and Josh, and be reimbursed for this purchase.

- 6) The Residents of 21 Grange have faced issues when they wanted to hang a washing line in their back garden to dry their clothes. The residents were upset by their treatment and the tone of correspondence later forwarded to them. Due to several issues raised by the MCR throughout the year, Josh plans to meet with the Dean to ask for advice, and plan how the MCR can work to improve the relationship between college and the porters.
- 7) The events planned for Michaelmas term will be similar to those of the previous year. In addition, there will be a LGBT event, rugby specific socials, and hopefully a JCR/MCR event.
- A minimum of 2 committee members will be required for each social.
 - Harvey will post a spreadsheet on facebook and committee members can sign up for events. If no one signs up for particular events, they will then be assigned.
 - While there are several smaller drinks events before the beginning of term, the main drinks events start on the 4th of October.
 - College parents will be allocated children when the committee receives a list of new members. Samantha Carr will provide this information as soon as she has obtained it.

Meeting adjourned at 20:30.