

# Meeting Minutes 26-04-17

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**Chair:** Anna

**Attendees:** Pablo, Paula, Parker, Charles, Anna, Yuning, Hannah, Nicholas

**Absences from:** James, Christoph, Valentina, Neil

Key:     **Tasks** – specific tasks designated to one or more committee members

**Events** – events designated to one or more committee members

## 1 MCR Trip

Pablo and Nicholas agreed to be in charge of organizing the MCR Trip.

**Pablo & Nicholas- MCR Trip:** Present options (destination, timings, a few attractions, estimated prices) at the Open Meeting and let MCR members vote for a few days afterwards.

Discussed timings: weekends are better for PhD students and Masters students may be leaving in the Summer so best time might be around May Week.

**Task- Pablo & Nicholas:** Prepare some slides/docs to present at the Open Meeting.

**Task- Yuning:** Add MCR Trip to the Agenda and distribute slides/docs beforehand if possible.

## 2 Updates from Previous Meeting

**Task- James:** Still need to buy a couple of mics and mic stands

**Parker- WIP Talk:** Charlotte lives in Brussels and doesn't regularly/reliably come to Cambridge which was the reason the WIP got cancelled. It was agreed that we can reschedule the WIP talks for almost anytime, but if she cancels again then we should find someone else.

**Task- Parker:** Find out when Charlotte can do the WIP talk and try to reschedule.

**Hannah- Selwyn/Selwyn Swap:** Still keen to organize but should do a poll to see who's interested. It was agreed that if there isn't enough interest, we can organize it for Fresher's Month.

**Task- Hannah:** Do a Facebook poll to see how many people would be interested in the Selwyn/Selwyn Swap.

**Anna – Alumni & JCR Wine Tasting:** JCR may not be keen on an event this term. It was agreed to save this event for Fresher's Month.

### 3 MCR Dinner/Keble

**Parker- Keble Swap:** Emailed Keble again 2 weeks ago but not heard anything back. It was agreed that if they aren't very keen to come we shouldn't need to pressure them and can cancel the swap.

Discussed Harry Potter theme: lots of MCR members from older years have said they don't want any more fancy dress themes, and the survey showed that half of the participants said there were too many fancy dress themes, so it was decided that we should have an unthemed dinner for May, and save Harry Potter for Fresher's Month.

There will also be no bop for the next MCR Dinner, and it was decided that going out to Spoons and having a great time is the only appropriate activity.

### 4 Annual Dinner

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### 5 Preparation for Open Meeting

Discussed topics to be added to the agenda for the Open Meeting- decided on MCR Trip, the results of the survey (and general ents), perks from MCR/Selwyn (£10 off bike lights/helmet, punt card, 50% off language exams from college if you pass), the overspending on alcohol, college's new policies for sexual assault and religious groups.

#### 5.1 Internet Allowance

Anna reported on the internet allowance issue based on minutes from an IT meeting:

Current limits are 5 GB per day or 15 GB per week- Selwyn has one of the lowest limits out of all colleges. The university gets 1Gbit pipe and Selwyn currently pay 5p per GB to the University. It was mentioned at the IT meeting that students can avoid the limit by connecting to CUDN (network within the university), a VPN (such as departmental VPN) or by logging in anonymously into eduroam (nobody present at the MCR committee meeting knew what this meant or how it could be done).

The JCR President is in the process of writing a proposal about increasing the limits, and the MCR will get a chance to make suggestions/amendments before we bring it to college council together.

## 6 Tidying up the Cupboard

The MCR Cupboard is too messy to get to things on the shelves behind all the boxes

**Task- General:** Everyone will help tidy the cupboard after Open Meeting.

**Task- Hannah:** Ask Alex to buy some cider.

## 7 Ideas for Upcoming Events

Cocktail Class with Alex

**Task- Hannah:** Look into dates for the next Footlights show.

MCR BBQs: Last year we got a food delivery and had MCR BBQs- we need to book it 1 week in advance and need to have a water bucket and fire extinguisher. MCR committee members hosting the BBQ need to be trained- training doesn't take long and we should all get trained.

**Task- Anna:** Ask catering to find a time for training.

## 8 Future Things

All MCR Dinners have been booked up to the next annual dinner. Last year Isa booked our Burns Night Ceilidh and everyone enjoyed it so we decided to book it again for the next committee.

Discussed whether to hire a brass band for the Christmas MCR Dinner, or the Selwyn Choir and it was decided to try the choir first.

**Task- Anna:** Email the choir to see if they would be interested.

## 9 Perks for Committee

Discussed whether we should have perks for MCR committee members to increase incentive and morale for committee members.

Yuning made several suggestions which were approved:

Free drinks at bops for committee that have done bar duty, as long as the rota is fair and everyone does their bop duties.

Food at committee meetings.

Discussed how to handle cleaning up after events- options discussed were that the event hosts were responsible for cleaning up, the committee could host cleanup sessions with MCR-funded food/treats, paying for cleaners. It was decided that in general, hosts should clean up, or for Fresher's Month the next host should clean up before their event.

Also discussed discounts on ticketed events such as swaps or external events- for example Charles has bought a ticket to every swap as the Dinners Officer. In general, the committee agreed that a discount is fair but it was decided that since we have very few swaps and external events we can discuss the details and set new rules before Fresher's Month.

## **10 AOB**

Decided that we should put a link to college's sexual assault policy and religious groups policy on the MCR website.

MCR Brunch- Matt needs the trays from MCR Brunch back and has said he will charge the MCR if we don't bring them back. In future can use plastic trays instead as there are more of them.

Hannah suggested that the Ents team should have their own social bulletin, and committee agreed that a separate social bulletin would be better than combining it with the MCR Bulletin.