



Trinity Hall MCR

Open Committee Meeting
7.16pm, 27th September 2018
MCR Blue Room

1. Matters arising

- i. Fresher's Week**
- ii. Updated formal hall prices**
- iii. Insurance**

2. Any other business

Present: Verity Smith (VS), Alice Roullière (AR), Aime Rankin (ARa), Jules O'Dwyer (JO), Oded Rimon (OR), Zinan Zhang (ZZ)

Apologies: Stephen Rainbird, Emma Venter, Pippa Carter, Sebastian Fica, Lucy McDonald, Lucy Mackie, Ashley Clark, Holly Dayton, Daniel Ott, Josh Smeltzer, Eduardo Corredera, Tony Seston, Ben Cooper, Rhiannon Clapham, Joseph Reid, Jack Smith

1. Matters arising

i. Fresher's Week

VS plans were in place for welcome drinks. VS invited help for punting. VS suggested that the pub/walking tours could be combined, with Daniel in charge.

AR asked how many people might attend the BBQ. VS said we don't know yet. VS mentioned it would be good if people could pop in to MCR and just be friendly and helpful. VS said Ash can't do the first drop in. ARa said plans for the Pub quiz were going well.

JO said he was going to make a sign-up sheet for BYOG.

ARa said she would walk people down to Kings Evensong.

VS got stuff for grad hall on Wednesday and suggested taking people to the Maypole and adc bar after grad hall. A member said that we should maybe encourage people not to sign up if they're not freshers. OR said that we should remind freshers to sign up.

VS said to offer a demo of how to clean and refill the machine to anyone we see using it. On Friday VS is working until 12.45 so can't walk the freshers to the botanics. AR said she could maybe do it with Pippa. VS said that cocktail night is planned and that Footlights tickets were planned. VS said that we needed sign-up sheets for footlights. JO said that he could do the sign-up sheets. VS didn't get a photo and frame for committee photo. An ex-committee member explained that they did this through Lafayette. AR said that we should print off the freshers timetable and put it on a wall.

VS said that ZZ had volunteered to be the new external ents to replace Melanie Jensen.

AR asked if we were to email people and remind the freshers of the events we're planning? VS said that we needed to ask Charlotte to add the freshers to the chat list first. AR said that people who joined in Lent/Easter wanted to be included in the freshers email list. ARa asked if there was a there a College freshers fair planned. VS said we should ask the JCR.

JO wanted to know what fresher postdocs were invited to.

ZZ and OR were thinking of setting up a buddy scheme. They would like a sign up sheet for that, and for MCR members who want to participate, with an opt-in system. AR said it worked with undergrads so why not. OR said other colleges did it. A member was worried that if there were a lot of Masters, and if the family has to be PhD to PhD, Masters to Masters etc., would they benefit from having a MCR member telling them stuff? They went on to say that logistically, it would be a hassle to organise. OR said it would be about 4-5 children per parent. A member was worried that there would be too many children per parent. ZZ explained that it would just be a go to person who knows Cambridge a bit better than the fresher. JO said if poorly defined it would be more hassle than its worth. JO said that MCR committee members should make this role redundant and that what we are currently doing should be equivalent to 'parenting' everyone anyway. Jo said it would be better to have a grandparent – JCR child thing, encouraging more exchange between the MCR and JCR. A member agreed with this as presumably JCR freshers had left home for the first time. OR argued that a lot of grads are international. VS said that if OR and ZZ were willing to organise then why not. ZZ said he would put up a provisional sign-up sheet.

AR said that the College society fair would be at 6.45pm on Thursday

ii. Updated formal hall prices

VS said that the updated formal hall prices couldn't really be discussed without more information. ARa sent an email to Fiona and Glen for clarification on prices but had no answers yet. A member said that residents should pay band A. JO said band B was 100% and band A 60% of the price. Nearer to £7 for residents and nearer to £15 for gradhall. AR said that we should discuss subsidies with the new people at the next open meeting. VS said that we needed to discuss if we need to include people who live out more or not. VS said we could talk to the Master and Bampos about taking on a lot more Masters, which isn't ideal for us.

iii. Insurance

AR met with Glen who said that the JCR have insurance for members to cover contents (all college and university property) for the whole year. It was raised with the MCR a few years ago and they decided not to take it. It concerns everyone and those who already have an insurance policy. Glen says it is used if you break something of college's (e.g incident last year when a kitchen was badly damaged). A member asked the deposit we all have to pay College. ARa explained that we don't get that back until graduation. AR said it might be a good idea. Everyone would have to pay, even people living out. It would cover your general college and work stuff. OR wanted to find out what it covered exactly. VS suggested circulating information about it and bringing it up at the next open meeting. JO asked why everyone needed to pay and if it couldn't be more expensive if less people opted-in. A member pointed out that it would cover every MCR member, whether they pay or not. VS said there was no point insuring people who didn't want it. A member asked if there was a timeframe for when to reject or accept the deal. AR said that Glen had said to take our time.

2. Any other business

AR said that post-docs still wanted to create a post-doc society and wanted money for food and events. They are unhappy that they don't get events specifically for them. An ex-committee member said that they had tried to engage with them with events but that they didn't come to much. AR said

that they are allowed to create a society but that it can't be just for them. JO mentioned that they enter MCR on an opt-in basis and that we could just be more inclusive to them. A member suggested that many post-docs think they should be SCR members and that there were issues in the past of wanting to create their own shadow organisation, their own 'PCR' but still benefit from MCR resources. A different member said that the post-docs had been unorganised this year. They have had events but run by themselves and not many people came. They said they would be leaving soon, but still wanted to be part of MCR life. AR suggested that they pair up with someone in MCR committee to organise stuff.

The member said that they wanted to organise an art competition between the MCR and their community in Poland and to have an exhibition, perhaps at Anglia Ruskin University. They wanted it to run between October and December with the exhibition taking place in February. ARa said it sounded like an interesting idea. The member said that the JCR seemed interested. ARa said finding an exhibition space in College might be tricky. The member said Andrew Maar had one so we could ask. The member asked if they could have money for it. VS explained that we didn't have quorum so couldn't do it then but that they should bring it up at the open meeting next week, preferably with venue details and costs. The member said that Anglia Ruskin were happy to organise it but it was his idea to have it College. Apparently each piece would be 8"x8" canvases arranged in a mosaic. The member said they would also need money to print diplomas, buy snacks etc. AR said to send her the budget so it could be considered at the next open meeting. ARa said that the next open meeting would be on Tuesday 9th. AR said that if he intended on involving the JCR that they could fund it or part of it

A member said that the MCR football team would like to submit something for the budget next term.

Meeting concluded 20.13.

Respectively submitted by,
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MCR Secretary