

JCR Meeting Minutes – Sunday 8th week TT09

Chair: Preeti Dhillon (JCR President)

Secretary: Nikki Hutchison (JCR VP)

JCR Officers Present: Tom Barker (Treasurer); Lisa Blundell (Equal Opps); Katie Johnston (RO); Jeremy Lloyd (Charities/RAG); Alex Gee (Computing); Meera Desai (Welfare, Female); Adam Salt (Welfare, Male); Katie Doig (Tortoise Keeper and Cinema Curator); Jane Sancinoto (International students); Katie Bayliss (Libraries and Academic); Naomi Ofori (Entz President); Ned Gramich (Domestic); Poet Laureate (Ces Omissi)

MEETING STARTS: 7.40PM

Summary of Actions:

Resolves:

- To change the standing orders of the Tortoise Keeper to include passing on information about how they ran the fair etc to the next Tortoise Keeper, and include that the Tortoise Fair should have a charitable aim (financially).

Money:

- To provide £270 for the Sport Ground Party, for the Clubs and Socs officer to spend appropriately (probably less than this amount given the College usually pay for some of the party).
- To give the Entz team a £1200 pro-rata loan to buy tickets for Freshers' week clubnights

Preliminary Business

- New Officers, elected on Thursday using the new online voting system, are announced. RO reports there has been a problem however with the Clubs and Socs Officer – it was announced Lottie Carro had been elected, however the computer system may have been using a different quota [the minimum number of votes needed for a candidate to win the election without having to proceed to another round] to that which is in our constitution. We should find out if this changes the result tomorrow.
- Rent is increasing by 5%; fair as the recommended rate by the University to all Colleges based on inflation is 4.96%

1. Freshers' Week Entz!

This JCR notes that:

1. Freshers' Week will soon be upon us

This JCR believes that:

1. Freshers' Week should be an amazing extravaganza of exciting

entertainment not just for the new Corpuscles but for the whole college!

This JCR resolves to:

1. Give the Entz team a £1200 pro-rata loan to buy tickets for Freshers' week clubnights

Proposed: Naomi Ofori

Seconded: Katie Johnston

SFQs

Alex Gee asks whether there will be a non-alcohol option every night. There will be.

Francis Carr asks: if we don't sell all the tickets, will the club companies buy them back? Naomi Ofori answers that one company there are considering will, the other won't. She hasn't bought any tickets yet.

Tom Barker asks for a breakdown of the amount they've asked for. Naomi O says that each ticket is £5; she is thinking of buying ~100 for the first night, ~50 for the nights after that, based the number of tickets last year's Entz team sold, but adding some more so as to encourage 2nd and 3rd years to go out with the freshers. She may not use all the money she is asking for.

Francis Carr asks why buy the tickets in advance, why not queue? Because otherwise there is no guarantee you'll get in, as everywhere is packed in fresher's week.

POD

Tom B suggests that this could be a loan. Naomi points out if she doesn't sell the tickets – which won't happen, but if – she hasn't got enough money to pay the JCR back! [There is some debate in the JCR, some in favour of making it clear in the motion (and the minutes) that Naomi has to pay the money she gets back from the fresher's (when they pay for the tickets); others saying she's not exactly going to run off with it so there's no point.]

Jane Sancinito suggests AMMENDMENT: "1. Give the Entz team a £1200 pro-rata loan." Tom B agrees.
ACCEPTED AS FRIENDLY.

MTV

NO OPPOSITION

MOTION PASSES

2. Sports Ground Party

This JCR notes:

1. The annual sports ground party will be on Saturday of 8th week, the 20th June.
2. That all parties cost money, with estimated costs of this one as follows:
£100 for food and drink
£170 for a yet-to-be-revealed mystery entertainment...

This JCR believes:

1. That in an exam-filled term lacking in bops, the sports ground party is essential for the welfare of members of the JCR.

This JCR resolves:

1. To provide £270 for the party.
2. To mandate the Clubs and Socs officer to spend this money appropriately and responsibly.

Proposed: Francis Carr (Clubs and Socs Officer)

Seconded: Laura Lee-Rodgers

SFQs

Alex G asks: when is it? 12-4pm

James Pontifex asks: Why 8th week? So the finalists can have one last bash before they leave, to say goodbye.

Tom Barker points out that the JCR doesn't normally pay for all the entertainment at this party; that Ali Sulzer [who allocates with the Clubs and Socs Officer the money that the College give the JCR members for Clubs and Socs] usually pays for some. Francis says this should happen, but Ali hasn't answered his e-mail, and as this is the last JCR Meeting of term it's the last time he can ask, so he's asking for more than it will actually be, just-in-case- Ali says she won't pay for any of it.

NO OPPOSITION

MOTION PASSES

3. Amendments to Tortoise Keeper Standing Orders

This JCR believes:

1. That the Corpus Christi Tortoise Fair is a great tradition.
2. That the Tortoise Fair should be a fun occasion for all corpuscles.
3. That the Tortoise Fair should aim to give something back by raising money for charity.
4. That good ideas and helpful tips should be passed on by past tortoise keepers to those that come after them to make their lives easier and make the fair even better.
5. That the Corpus Christi tortoises are the speediest tortoises in oxford!

This JCR Notes:

1. That the current standing orders for the Tortoise Keeper do not mention anything about fundraising or charities.
2. That the only suggestion that there should be a charitable element to the Tortoise Fair is in the charities officer's standing orders which read "v. to organise fundraising events for charities in conjunction with the Tortoise Keeper as appropriate."
3. That it can be difficult for good ideas and information to pass down though the generations of Corpuscles.

This JCR Resolves:

1. To amend the standing orders of the Tortoise Keeper from:

1. To look after the Corpus tortoise at all times, sacrificing everything to ensure its well-being
2. To organise the tortoise fair in Trinity term

to:

1. To organise the Tortoise Fair to raise money for a charity of their choice in Trinity term.
2. To add a report on the Fair to the Tortoise Fair file including an account of expenses, takings and covering anything which might be of benefit to future Tortoise Keepers.
3. To pass on the Tortoise Keeper banner and Tortoise Fair file to the next Tortoise Keeper
4. To look after the interests of Corpus tortoises at all times, sacrificing everything to ensure their well-being.

Proposed: ~~Katie Doig (Tortoise Keeper)~~ Meera Desai (Katie had to leave)

Seconded: Katie Johnston (RO)

SFQs

A few minor errors in the wording are pointed out; Meera promises these will be ironed out.

Alex Gee questions the necessity of having “sacrificing everything to ensure their well-being”; Meera replies this is a nice tradition, and is not supposed to be taken literally, but with the spirit of fun with which it was originally written.

MTV

NO OPPOSITION

MOTION PASSES

Meeting finishes at roughly 7.55pm