

JCR Meeting Minutes – Sunday 4th week HT09

Chair: Preeti Dhillon (JCR President)

Secretary: Nikki Hutchison (JCR Veep)

MEETING STARTS: 7.35PM

- Preeti Dhillon (President) - Welcome! Officers' reports are as of this term being put on the Corpus notice board; do look at them and approach the officers directly with any questions.
- David Giles (OUSU Rep) - Recapped what happened at the OUSU meeting, where 4 ½ hrs was spend discussing the motion on the conflict in Gaza – it failed. (See attached appendix for details of this.)
- Preeti D - 2ndly, The '10 Ball: We've been approached by St Hugh's, asking if we want to have a joint Ball in '10. They aren't allowed a ball by their Deans unless they have a joint one. We wanted to ask your thoughts on this.
- Katie Bayliss - Will the Ball be at St Hughes?
- Rhiannon Ward - Last year the Dean were talking of cementing a merged St Hugh's-Corpus biannual Ball.
- ('08 Ball Com. President) Talk then was that we would alternate who hosts it, and as they did in '08, it would be Corpus in '10.
- Adam Salt - Would there be a Ball President from each committee?
- Rhiannon W - Ideally no, as it was difficult with two last time. Hugh's JCR elect their President, Treasurer and Secretary *this term* though, so if we're going to think about this we need to do it fast. I'd advice having One president, from the Host college; then Treasurer and Secretary: one from each. Here the dean's elect our Committee – DO people think ths is good, or should the JCR elect them?
- Emily Barritt: Won't that make it a popularity contest?
- Rhiannon W: At Hugh's last year they were elected based on Theme idea; and they ran as a slate.
- Preeti D: Just to clarify we haven't talked about this with the College; this is just asking for your thoughts.
- Rhiannon W: Basically, you need to decide a) if we go for this, some people will never have a Ball at Corpus; is that okay? And b) are you happy with having part of the committee from another college?
- Ruth Simister - If we agreed, would it be binding for every subsequent Ball?
- PD & RW: No

[There is some talk of how, if the committee is elected by both colleges, then how will Corpus have a fair vote, as there are more Hughsies than Corpuscles. Rhiannon suggests that one college might provide all the main three committee members, but both colleges would vote for them, and they would make speeches and run campaigns at both colleges.]

- Rhiannon W - I don't know if our Committee were elected by the JCR before the 2002 incident. [asked to explain this to 1st years, she describes it: two non-corpuscles got into a brawl, injuries, media involvement etc.]
- Ruth S - Does Corpus Have Capacity for both Hughsies and Corpuscles?
- Rhiannon W - Barring restrictions the College has places on Ball, which we'd talk to them about, it has an 800 capacity – the numbers at St Hugh's last year.
- Sophie Rees - IN my first year, the ball here was quite empty – it would be nice with lots of people.
- Lisa Blundell - What about the College's restriction on Drinks since 2002?
- Rhiannon W - I got them to tacitly agree that if there wasn't alcohol fallout last year, they'd list the threshold, but this isn't certain. But sorting this sort of stuff out is a job for the new Ball President!
- Adam S - Asks how much vomit there was last year.
- Rhiannon W - Not much. Worse incident H&S-wise was someone being hypnotised!
- Lisa B - What we still have a cheaper 'Corpus Price' ticket?
- Rhiannon W - No, a merged price. Corpus may have dibs on dining tickets though (Hughsies can eat at St Hugh's first).
- Mike Roberts - Ball President is a tough job, I think it would be good to have some college vetting of the committee to check they can academically cope with the job.
- Rhiannon W - We could say that those running for election would have to talk to Deans, tutor, & Domestic Bursar 1st.

START OF MOTIONS.

Emily B - Procedural Motion for my Motion to go first!

[No opposition.]

5. Artwork by Corpuscles

This JCR Notes:

1. That there is a severe lack of any student artwork being exhibited in Corpus
2. That the new Auditorium should be finished at the end of Trinity term.

This JCR Believes:

1. That art is good for the soul
2. That students should be encouraged to develop artistic/poetic/literary/photographic/dramatic abilities, and encouragement for some of these is currently lacking somewhat
3. The new Auditorium provides an ideal place for artwork to be displayed
4. That the Big and Small TV rooms and the JCR would also all look better with some artwork by Corpus Students
5. That competitions are fun, and involve things like prizes!

This JCR Resolves:

1. To mandate the Art's officer to encourage students to produce a piece of their own artwork suitable for exhibiting in college
2. To also mandate the Art's officer to promote this by running a Competition, deadline MT09, for Coruscles to vie for the change to win fame and glory (and prizes...) and for their artwork to be displayed
3. In order to prevent materials cost being an issue, to also mandate the Art's officer to use JCR money to reimburse Corpus Students when they have completed their piece (when they deem purchase and use of such materials to be reasonable).

Proposed: Emily Barritt (Art's Officer)

Seconded: Jane Sancinito

SHORT FACTUAL QUESTIONS [SFQs]

- Joe Fallon - What about 'The Empty Space'? [Explains what this is: area where Coruscles can display artwork/read poetry/perform/whatever.]
- Emily B - There's nowhere to put it; it used to be in the Music Room [currently being rebuilt]. Places I've talked about with the Domestic Bursar where artwork could be displayed is in area outside of Hall, temporarily in the Hall, and for winning pieces, the entrance to the Auditorium.
- Lisa B - What about Drama?
- Katie Johnston - Outlets!
- Tom Barker (Treasurer) - Budget for this?
- Emily B - Don't know? £10 per person?
- Joe F - what's the upper limit on spending?

MOVE TO DEBATE

[Some talk on what upper limits should be (As Art's officer doesn't actually have a budget), and eventually decided that £150 overall upper limit –including prizes, which are nominal, e.g. Champaign; main prize is place of glory for artwork – and limit of £10 per person. This is proposed as an amendment, and taken as friendly; also amended is the deadline, from TT09 to MT09.]

- Joe F - When is Art's Officer Elected?
- Katie J - Trinity, but as the mandate is for the Art's Officer it doesn't matter if a new Officer is elected before the competition finishes.

MOVE TO VOTE

NO OPPOSITION

MOTION PASSES

1. The Corpus Challenge: Stash, Food and Entz

This JCR notes:

1. That the Challenge is approaching (1st March/Sunday of 7th week)

2. That people need to eat lunch at the Challenge
3. That we need to rent a club for the evening

This JCR believes:

1. That Corpuscles don't want to have to pay lots to buy Challenge stash
2. That it would be good for as many people as possible to wear Challenge stash
3. That Corpus (Oxford) really should beat Corpus (Cambridge)

This JCR resolves:

1. To donate £400 to the Challenge
2. To mandate the Entz team to buy food for the Challenge and run a BBQ
3. To mandate the Entz team to rent out Baby Love for the evening
4. To mandate the Clubs & Socs officer to subsidise stash *with JCR Money, and for JCR to buy surplus.*
5. For Corpuscles to buy the subsidised stash (limited numbers – so 1st come, 1st served)
6. For all Corpuscles to get involved in the Challenge – even if only spectating – and thrash Cambridge

Proposed: Francis Carr (Clubs & Socs officer) – Laura Lee Rodgers stands in for him at the Meeting

Seconded: Naomi Ofori (Entz President)

SFQs

Alex Gee -	Are 'resolves' 5 & 6 mandatory? [No]
Rhiannon W -	How is the money being split, and is the BBQ free or subsidised?
Laura LR -	£200 for t-shirts (each will cost JCR members £6, so subbed by £3), £100 on the BBQ, and £100 to rent Babylove.
Lisa B -	Is that going to be enough t-shirt for everyone? [Should be]
Sophie R -	(Previous Challenge Organiser) Advises where to get cheap food and Equipment for BBQ.
Rhiannon W -	What if it's raining? [There's a shelter at the Sport's Ground.]
Katie J -	Are Corpus Cambridge contributing financially at all? [No; same as last year.]
Tom B -	Can College give you any money?
Laura LR -	We asked them; they said go to the JCR.
Naomi O (Entz President)-	They said they could loan us money, unless it was for alcohol.
Preeti D -	How much did the JCR give to the Challenge last year?
Sophie R -	£700; transport is a lot more expensive.
Adam Hadley -	Have you looked at Other Clubs?
Naomi O -	We did; Babylove is the best option; combo of cheap and close by.
Point Of Debate (POD)	
Joe F -	Proposes amendment – that the JCR buy back what t-shirts don't sell (i.e. as otherwise Francis will have to pay for them!) Also to change point 4 so it doesn't look like Francis is subbing t-shirts himself.

(Sophie R -

Last year they all sold. In previous years, if unsold, they sit in JCR Office, and sometimes people buy them afterwards.}

ACCEPTED AS FRIENDLY

MOVE TO VOTE

NO OPPOSITION

MOTION PASSES

2. The New Corpus Website

This JCR notes:

1. A new database-driven website has been developed and designed for Corpus JCR by our very own Adam Hadley
2. This site is exciting, looks pretty, incorporates an online formal hall booking system and is roughly ready to go live
3. The site cannot go online without an upgraded server
4. The Corpus IT department has decided to upgrade the website server but hasn't given any definite timeline for its completion
5. There are two options available: Either the JCR continues to wait for the new in-college server to be finished or the JCR buys its own web space, and hosts its website independently of the college IT department
6. Suitable web space is very cheap, and can be bought for around £80 p.a.

This JCR believes:

1. The JCR website should be something that members can be proud of, and will use regularly
2. The current site doesn't show Corpus JCR at its best and needs to be replaced as soon as possible

This JCR resolves to:

1. Allow a budget of approximately £80 p.a. for the new hosting
2. Mandate the Computing Officer to research and buy appropriate hosting for the new site *if deemed required*, to ensure that the new site is up and ready as soon as possible, and to annually maintain it.

Proposed: Alex Gee (IT Officer)

Seconded: Adam Hadley (LGBT Officer & Website Developer)

SFQs

Adam H -

Explains situation has changed slightly, as IT manager has now said server could be ready to go in a week or so, but this is vague/terse and still might not happen. Amends motion to accommodate this.

Ricky -

How does the Formal Hall Booking system work?

Adam H -

[Explains]

Naomi O -

Surely it's IT Manager's job to sort the server? Not doing it very well.

Adam S -

If we buy our own web space, can we move it back to the Corpus Server later?

Adam H -

Yes

Merlin C -

Questions need for £80 p.a. as can come cheaper? [AH and MC talk computers for awhile; MC is happy with explanation.]

MOVE TO VOTE

NO OPPOSITION

MOTION PASSES

[Preeti D - Asks AH to print off the view of the website for the Corpus Notice Board]

3. Hands Up For Darfur Fashion show

This JCR Notes:

1. Hands Up For Darfur is an organisation that raises awareness for the continuing violence in Darfur, and supports to charities that work there,.
2. The HUFD Fashion show in TT08 was one of the largest charity events in Oxford, and raised £50,000
3. This year they're planning to hold a Cabaret night in the Town Hall, and need financial help.

This JCR Resolves:

1. To donate £250 to HUFD

Proposed: Charlotte Catto

Seconded: Tisha Verma

SQFs

Naomi O - Is the £250 to cover the Town Hall? Are all colleges being asked for this?

Tisha V - Yes. We weren't asked specifically to suggest £250; Jeremy (Charities Officer) suggested this after looking at accounts.

Tom B - Charities Budget is £2000 per term; £1500 from JCR levies and £500 from other donations.

Rhiannon W - How is sponsorship going?

Tisha V - Badly, compared to last year. Credit Crunch is telling. The JCRs will be covering a lot of our costs. It costs £20,000.; we'll raise this ourselves, then all profit money from tickets goes to the two charities.

POD

Katie B - We often give money to HUFD – is this fair?

Lottie Catto - Lots' of Corpus involvement in HUFD.

Joe F - is HUFD a registered Charity?

Tisha V - Not yet; we're working on it.

MOVE TO VOTE

NO OPPOSITION

MOTION PASSES

4. Backgammon Set!

This JCR Notes:

1. Quincy Tanner (aka QT), Stanford exchange student and around nice guy, has a passion for backgammon.
2. The JCR does not currently have a backgammon set.
3. QT sent out an e-mail to assess the enthusiasm for backgammon in the college, and received lots of positive replies from Corpuses

This JCR Believes:

1. Backgammon sessions would be a good way to get to know the Stanford students, which is always a good thing!

This JCR Resolves:

1. To give QT £45 for the purchase of a backgammon set.

Proposed: Quincy Tanner (Stanford)

Seconded: James Pontifex – (absent at this stage of the meeting; Jane Sancinito Seconds in his place.)

SFQs

Naomi O - Isn't £50 a lot for a Backgammon set?

QT - Its' actually £45; I found the receipt! [Gets out Backgammon set – already purchased – it's very shiny. Chair and Secretary inspect; everyone ooohs and ahhs. QT sells it well.]

Katie J - proposed amending motion to mandate QT to encourage Backgammon in Corpus.

Naomi O - Also proposed amending to £45

ACCEPTED AS FREINDLY.

MOVE TO VOTE

NO OPPOSITION

MOTION PASSES

[Meeting finishes at 8.30pm – rock on.]