

JCR Meeting Minutes – Sunday 6th week HT09

Chair: Preeti Dhillon (JCR President)

Secretary: Nikki Hutchison (JCR VP)

MEETING STARTS: 7.35PM

Emergency Motion - Ball Merger

This JCR notes:

1. That the JCR President and Ball President 2008 have been in discussion with the St Hugh's JCR and MCR Presidents about a possible ball merger for the 2010 ball.
2. That the college authorities from both Corpus Christi and St Hugh's are enthusiastic about the merger.
3. That Corpus JCR and MCR have been consulted about a possible merger and the response has been positive.
4. That the JCR Constitution needs to be amended to account for the procedures of the merger.

This JCR believes:

1. That procedure should be done according to the JCR Constitution.

(NB: the following resolves have been highlighted to make the actual changes in the constitutional text more obvious.)

This JCR resolves:

1. To change the JCR Constitution clause 3.i

FROM:

The Ball Committee shall include, principally, a **Chair**, Secretary and Treasurer.

TO:

The Ball Committee shall include, principally, a **President**, Secretary and Treasurer.

2. To change the JCR Constitution clause 3.ii

FROM:

These three persons will be full members of the Corpus JCR or MCR at all times between their appointment to these respective positions until the term in which the ball will be held.

TO:

The Ball President will be a full member of the host college's JCR or MCR, whilst the Secretary and Treasurer may be full members of either college's JCR or MCR at all times between their appointment to these respective positions, until the term in which the ball will be held.

3. To combine and change the JCR Constitution clauses 3.iii and 3.iv

FROM:

Individuals wishing to apply to the positions of Ball Chair, Ball Secretary, and Ball Treasurer, will be invited to apply to these positions by the end of 1st week of Trinity Term at least three terms in advance of the proposed Ball.

Applications will be on forms provided through the JCR and MCR and will be submitted to a **panel consisting of the JCR and MCR Presidents, JCR Treasurer, the previous Ball Chair (where possible), Dean, Domestic Bursar and Junior Dean**. This panel will be responsible for selecting the three individuals most likely to plan an enjoyable and profitable ball. The panel will assess applicants on the strength of their written applications, and, if it is deemed necessary, will invite applicants to interview.

TO:

If the ball is to be hosted in Corpus, individuals wishing to apply to the positions of Ball President, Ball Secretary, and Ball Treasurer, will be invited to apply to these positions by the end of 1st week of Trinity Term at least three terms in advance of the proposed Ball. **If the ball is to be hosted by St Hugh's, Corpuscles are eligible for all but the positions of President and Site Manager**. Applications will be on forms provided through the JCR and MCR and will be submitted to a **panel consisting of the Dean, the Domestic Bursar, and possible others**. Where possible, the panel will

consist of the St Hugh's Dean and Domestic Bursar also. The panel will select the most capable candidates after assessing the strength of their written applications and a potential interview.

4. To change the JCR Constitution clause 3.v

FROM:

It will be the responsibility of the **the successful Ball Chair, Secretary and Treasurer** to table the initial formal request to have a ball to Governing Body. This request will be tabled in time for discussion at the College meeting in 6th week of Trinity Term one year ahead of the planned ball. The composition of the request will involve regular consultation with the Dean and Domestic Bursar.

TO:

It will be the responsibility of the **Corpus Ball Executive members** to submit a formal request and any subsequent reports that Governing Body requires. The request will be tabled in time for discussion at the Governing Body meeting in 5th week of Trinity Term, one year ahead of the planned ball.

5. To change the JCR Constitution clause 3.vi

FROM:

It will be the responsibility of the Ball Chair, Secretary and Treasurer to co-opt the remainder of a larger Ball Committee composed of members of the JCR and MCRs no later than the Michaelmas Term following the appointment of the three principal Ball Committee members. All Common Rooms hope and expect that individuals unsuccessful in their applications to the positions of Ball Chair, Secretary and Treasurer will join the Ball Committee in other positions, in order to ensure their ideas and talents are not wasted.

TO:

It will be the responsibility of the Ball President, Secretary and Treasurer to co-opt the remainder of a larger Ball Committee **composed of members of Corpus and St Hugh's JCRs and MCRs** no later than Michaelmas Term following the appointment of the three principal Ball Committee members. All Common Rooms hope and expect that individuals unsuccessful in their applications to the positions of Ball President, Secretary and Treasurer will join the Ball Committee in other positions, in order to ensure their ideas and talents are not wasted. **The site manager must be recruited from the host college's JCR or MCR.**

6. To change the JCR Constitution clause 3.vii

FROM:

The Ball Chair, Secretary and Treasurer will ensure that at least one of these three is present at all ordinary JCR Meetings between their appointment to the Ball Committee and the night of the Ball itself. This person will be responsible for giving a verbal report on the progress of the ball at the same time as the elected JCR Committee officers give their verbal reports, and will answer any questions from JCR members concerning the progress of the ball thereafter.

TO:

Either the Ball President, Secretary or Treasurer must be present at JCR and MCR Meetings from their appointment until the Ball. **The position(s) held by a Corpus JCR/MCR member will be required to do this. This does not include the position(s) held by St Hugh's.** This person will be responsible for giving a verbal report before motions are begun, and will answer any questions from members concerning the progress of the ball.

7. To change the JCR Constitution clause 3.viii

FROM:

The JCR or MCR Committee can, through their respective Presidents, bring a motion of no confidence in the Ball Chair, Secretary or Treasurer **to the appointing panel** at any time between the appointment of these persons and the staging of the Ball. **If a motion of no confidence in the Ball Chair, Secretary or Treasurer is passed at an ordinary JCR meeting the JCR President will be obliged to submit it to the appointing panel.**

TO:

The JCR or MCR Committees of the respective colleges can, through their respective Presidents, bring a motion of no confidence in the Ball President, Secretary or Treasurer **in a common room of one college, and it must also be passed in a common room of the other college, before submitting the result to the appointing panel.** This can be at any time between the appointment of these persons and the staging of the Ball. **This can occur within an ordinary or extraordinary JCR meeting, and requires a 2/3 majority to pass.**

8. Add to the JCR Constitution a new clause as 3.ix that:

All applicants to the Ball Executive Committee are required to get academic permission from their tutors before they apply. All other members of the Committee must seek permission when they are on the Committee, at the latest.

Proposed: Rhiannon Ward (Ball President 2008)

Seconded: Meera Desai (JCR Welfare Officer)

SFQs

Rhiannon Ward: St Hugh's JCR Committee are also taking this to their JCR tonight. To change the constitution, we need to bring the motion twice, so if the plan to merge falls through we simply won't bring it again in 8th week. [Talks through constitutional changes proposed.]

Meg Powell-Chandler: So this means the merger will be for more than one ball?

RW: Yes; we haven't taken it to Governing body yet, so it's not definite, but the College seem pretty supportive of the idea.

Rhys Parfitt: If the ball is held in Corpus, there are limits to how many people we're allowed.

RW: Yes, 650. But we're working on getting the college to lift this to 900, including staff/workers.

RP: What if more people want to come? Combined total of JCRs of 2 colleges is much higher than 900.

RW: It's simply unlikely we'll send that many tickets

Lisa Blundell: If we can't get the College to agree to 900, can we still have the merged Ball at St Hugh's, or will the merge fail?

Preeti Dhillon: Hugh's are fine with that, it just seemed to be the feeling of Corpus that we'd like a Ball here.

Francis Carr: Will we be allowed unlimited drinks?

RW: So far, no-one had spoken against the idea (unusual as that is).

MPC: Can we amend 'JCR Resolves 7' to 'ordinary JCR meeting *and extraordinary meetings*? Not a good thing to limiting ourselves, surely?

RW: Taken as friendly.

'JCR RESOLVES 7' AMMENDED.

RP: Couldn't we have this as a referendum, as this meeting isn't representative of the college – several people I know wanted to be here but couldn't.

RW: Because it's a constitutional motion, it has to be brought twice, so if they have objections, they can raise them at 8th week if the motion is brought forward again.

MPC: Proposes taking motion in parts. Taken as friendly.

MOVE TO VOTE

'JCR Resolves' 1,2,3,4,5,6,7, & 8 all passed without opposition.

MOTION PASSES.

1. Xbox for Charity...

This JCR notes:

1. We have no games console
2. We like giving to charity

This JCR believes:

1. It would be beneficial and enjoyable to have a communal games console

This JCR resolves:

1. To put a reserve of £40 on the X-Box, for the use of JCR members if purchased successfully.

Proposed: James Pontifex

Seconded: Ross Bickerton

SFQs

David Giles: Xbox or Xbox 360?

Jeremy Lloyd: Xbox.

RP: What games does it come with?

JL: 2 controller, don't know about games. Packaged in original box.

POD

Jeremy: PREPOSES striking 'JCR notes' 3, as RAG week happened in 5th week.

TAKEN AS FRIENDLY. AMENDMENT MADE.

Joe Fallon: Can the amount of money go down (from £100)?

RP: It's coming out of the Charity Budget anyway.

JL: No it's not! That would be pointless.

Tom Barker: Can't you get an Xbox for about £15 now?

Adam Salt: 2nd hand: £30; New: £70

JL: PREPOSES AMMENDMENT: 'Resolves to put a reserve of £40.'

TAKEN AS FRIENDLY; AMMENDMENT MADE.

TB: How will you ensure it's not stolen? [Various ideas are suggested; agreed that for now it's enough to know that there *are* ways to prevent this.]

MOVE TO VOTE

NO OPPOSITION; MOTION PASSES

2. Tortoise Fair

This JCR notes:

1. The Corpus Tortoise Fair is a long running charitable event hosted annually by us in college.
2. An event of this sort needs to have a decent sum of money in order to raise money and to make it an enjoyable event for all.
3. Further, this year we are going to have to make the event even more spectacular than usual, as Blue Peter have been invited to attend the fair and from their reply seem very likely to come to the fair and make a short film on the event for the program.

This JCR believes:

1. That we should support the well established tradition of the Tortoise Fair and endeavour to make it as successful as possible.
2. That the tortoise fair should aim to raise as much money as possible for the charities that it is supporting which this year will be Keen and Helen & Douglas house (which are both Oxford based charities working with children and young people).
3. To allow this to be the case the tortoise fair will need the JCR's financial backing.
4. A rough estimate to the costs of the fair based on an estimate of 210 people attending are as follows:

Barbeque-food £100

Barbeque-potential additional costs £50

Drinks £20

Sweets £10

Strawberries and Cream £50

Publicity £10

Prize for children's art competition £40

Refreshments for performers £20

Bouncy Castle £70

[I would like to stress that the amounts I have listed here provide only rough estimate of costs that may be incurred and have been included here to provide some sort of guidance as to why I have arrived at my suggested figure.]

This JCR Resolves:

1. To donate up to £370 to the running of the tortoise fair from the charities account
2. That this will be a one-off event on a trial basis; future Tortoise Fair budgets should be brought to the JCR.
3. That JCR members should contribute in any way they can to bring the costs down.

Proposed: Katie Doig

Seconded: Rhiannon Ward

SFQs

AS: Will the bouncy castle be usable by student-sized persons?

Katie Doig: Yes.

MPC: Last year's fair didn't make much profit because of rain.

RP: How much did we raise last year?

Sophie Rees: £400; I spent £150.

KD: I've looked at Pelican Records; in recent years we've raised about £200, but in the 80's/90's it was about £400, and once (in the 70's?) £700. I won't of course spend all the money before having an idea of the weather; I can change e.g. the amount of barbeque food I buy to accommodate weather forecast. I've been allowed use of the Hall if it rains, and am looking at possible outdoor shelters.

JL: I have Gazebos at home!

RW: Katie is looking for sponsorship elsewhere, so she won't use all of the £500 if she doesn't have to.

TB: So will excess be donated?

KD: Ideally, yes.

FC: Can we afford £500 from the JCR Budget?

TB: Yes.

SR: When will it be?

KD: Sat of 2nd week; okayed that with Colin Holmes.

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TB: PREPOSES AMMENDMENT: delete last 4 words of 'THE JCR RESOLVES:1' as this gives him freedom over which account is used (will be the general account).

KD: TAKEN AS FRIENDLY

MPC: Where's the estimate of 210 people come from?

RW: ½ of the JCR; Trinity, Mansfield, Magdalen, potentially Christ Church, Regents and St Anne's are all coming/expressing near definite interest; also looking in to inviting schools, children + parents, enticed by an art competition judged on the day; I'm personally inviting all the fellows, Sir Tim will be speaking, Blue Peter are sounding like they will come, enter a tortoise and film the event (though not finalised)...

Meg: What if we spend £500, and 210 people don't come? Last year only 3 people came from other JCRs.

KD: I'm going to try and muster enthusiasm – hence there'll be an entrance fee for each tortoise entered by a college.

RP: Could we change it to 'up to £500'?

KD: Well, this way I have more incentive not to spend as much, because the leftover will go to charity.

FC: But the remainder should surely go back to the JCR?

JL: Agrees

RW: The worry then is that if we don't make a profit, no money will go to charity.

SR: £500 for a £100 profit is a lot.

RW: £500 IS *contingency*, not necessarily all used.

JF: But the JCR could always be asked to donate more money later if none is made. PREPOSES AMMENDMENT: Change it to 'up to £370 in running costs'.

KD: NOT TAKEN AS FRIENDLY.

MTV

SPEECH FOR – JF: We all seem to agree £500 is too much. A lower budget encourages frugality.

SPEECH AGAINST – KD: I won't use what I don't need.

FOR: 18

AGAINST: 10

AMENDMENT PASSED. JOE FALLON NOW CONTROLS THE MOTION.

TB: Can we state that this is a one-off, not ground for a regular tortoise fair budget of £500?

JF: PREPOSES AMMENDMENT: 'One-off event on a trial basis; future Tortoise Fair budgets should be brought to the JCR.

JL: PREPOSES AMMENDMENT: '3. That JCR members should contribute in any way they can to bring the costs down.' (E.g. cake baking, providing gazebos...)

JF: TAKEN AS FRIENDLY

MOVE TO VOTE

NO OPPOSITION; MOTION PASSES.

3. Corpuscles' action in The Oxford Development Abroad Program

LB: Withdraws motion; (will be brought again in 8th week when Charities budget is decided.)

4. RAG - Champagne and Chocolates, Friday 6th March (7th week)

This JCR notes:

1. On Friday of 7th there is a RAG auction with champagne and chocolates
2. Champagne and chocolates are expensive
3. It would be good to raise some money from the tickets as well as the from the auction itself
4. Last terms the JCR cut its newspapers budget in order to give more money to charity/plays etc.

This JCR believes:

1. Champagne and chocolates are yummy
2. This event will be a positive addition to the college social year
3. We should raise as much money from this event as possible

This JCR resolves to:

1. Donate £150 to subsidise the purchase of chocolates and glasses
2. Find lots to donate to the sale
3. Go to the auction and bid aggressively, enthusiastically, charitably, and to the death.

Proposed: Jeremy Lloyd
Seconded: Meg Powell Chandler

SFQs

FC: What Chocolates?

JL: Undecided.

AS: Can't you borrow glasses from the Kitchen?

JL: No, in use for formal hall. I'm looking into wither hiring them cheaply from company that sells us Champaign, or buying plastic ones.

RW: How much will tickets be.

JL: £4

LB: Estimate of Profit?

MPC: We're hoping most of the JCR will come; nice posh event, £4 covers Champaign and Chocolates, and you can have as much as you like.

FC: Dress code?

JL: Smart.

RP: Non-Corpus People allowed?

MPC: Definitely. Especially if they're rich!

AS: Can't we have sparkling wine instead of Cava? [General consensus – no!]

TB: Coming out of the RAG Budget?

JL: Yes.

MPC: Explains they're working a similar event to Mansfield Last year, who managed to raise £2000 (admittedly with massive lots, but Corpus can still try!)

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MOVE TO VOTE

NO OPPOSITION; MOTION PASSES

MEETING FINISHES: 8.45pm