**Minutes of JCR Meeting - 9 March 2014**

**Chair: Erika Pheby**

**Secretary: James Wells**

**Returning Officer: Olivia Thompson**

**Apologies from:**

**Harry Begg (VP)**

**Bethany Currie (AA)**

**Phoebe Brereton (Arts)**

**Emily Miller (Careers)**

**Constitutional Amendments (Second Reading)**

**1. Truth is the highest thing man may keep (Geoffrey Chaucer, *The Canterbury Tales*)**

**This JCR notes:**

**-** That members of the JCR are not allowed to challenge candidates on factually incorrect statements during their husts.

- That not everyone in the JCR knows when candidates make factually incorrect statements, especially freshers who were not present at the time of many of the issues raised.

**This JCR believes:**

- in truth

- in ensuring that JCR members, especially freshers, are accurately informed before elections.

**This JCR resolves:**

- To introduce a period after general questions in which JCR members can ask questions addressed to specific candidates about the contents of their speech and manifestos.

- To change Article 28 of the constitution such that it reads:

"Immediately after the candidate's initial speeches, there will be a period of general questions. During this period, all questions must be addressed to all candidates through the chair, and each candidate must be given an equal opportunity to speak. The chair shall have the right to rule out of order any question they deem to be irrelevant, offensive or implicitly aimed at a particular candidate, unless this ruling is overturned by a two thirds majority of those JCR members present. After the general questions, there will be a period of time (length subject to the RO's discretion) during which members of the JCR can ask questions directed to specific candidates. These questions must be related to the content of their hust or their responses to the general questions."

Proposed: Navya Anand

Seconded: Tom Heaps

**Short Factual Questions – None**

**No Opposition – Motion Passes**

**Motions as submitted**

**2. New Games Console for the JCR**

**This JCR notes:**

1) The future has arrived.

2) Next generation gaming consoles are here.

3) Standing in the way of progress would be foolish.

4) That the new generation of consoles are improvements on the older models in many ways, with improved graphics, improved controllers and gameplay, an integrated high quality blu-ray player, downloadable TV, film, sports, Skype, music and other streaming apps and a more integrated motion and voice control system.

5) That lots of other colleges are getting one.

6) That soon the new games we want to get will only be available on the new consoles.

7) It would be necessary to replace the controller leads on the current Xbox 360 if we don’t get a new console, which would cost a considerable amount.

**This JCR believes:**

1) That we deserve to treat ourselves to nice things.

2) That this may be our only opportunity to play these consoles before we leave uni and enter the real world and have jobs and are poor.

3) That we will appear old fashioned and uncool to prospective students on open days if we don’t get with the times.

4) That a new console will ignite interest in the TV room, and will promote social interaction with corpuscles that may not usually go to JCR events.

5) That a new console could form the basis for communal events (charity FIFA tournaments, film/tv screenings, Skype conferences, etc.).

6) That we work very hard and it will aid student welfare and mental health to have an escape.

**This JCR resolves:**

1) To commit up to £650 (depending on the console) minus contributions from the clubs & socs and entz budgets, to buy a console, 2 controllers, controller charging leads, 1 year online subscription and 3 games.

2) To have a vote via email, organized by the cinema curator, on whether to get an Xbox one, ps4 or another console (Wii U I guess), with information provided on the various pros and cons of each console.

3) To have email nominations and votes to decide which games to get.

4) To purchase console insurance to protect the new console against theft and damage.

Proposed: Ben Reinders

Seconded: Kit Aina

**Short Factual Questions**

Tom Heaps – Would this include Xbox Live Membership?

Ben – It would be the same tiered system as before, so silver membership and pay for Gold. Maybe get term long ones so it isn’t over the holidays

Vicki Halsall – How much would the Entz and Clubs and Socs budgets contribute?

Ben - £20 and £94 (probably)

Ian Headley – How much is Live membership?

Ben – Don’t know

Tom Heaps – Is PS4 the same as PS3 so you have to have an account to play features online?

Ben – Yes

**Debate**

Ben – its actually £550 for Xbox One or £520 for PS4

Midori Takenaka – Does the price include insurance?

Ben - £5 per month price for insuring against theft, and 3 year warranty for £80

Ian – We have the money, but should think about the warranty, it’s important. Will speak to Colin Holmes about what would already be covered by insurance.

Tom Heaps – Amendment - as not many people are present, add an option on the poll to vote for no console

Taken as friendly

**Move to Vote**

**No Opposition**

**Motion Passes**

**3. Darts Board**

**This JCR Notes:**

1. That the dartboard in the Beer Cellar is broken.

2. That the darts used to throw at the aforementioned dartboard are in a sorry state.

3. That the above problems render darts essentially unplayable without the use of live targets.

**This JCR Believes:**

1. That many people enjoy throwing sharps things hard at a wall.

2. That most of these people like getting a score when doing so.

3. That the standard of darts playing in Corpus has fallen off a cliff since the dartboard was broken and that practice makes slightly better than pre-practice.

**This JCR Resolves:**

1. To mandate the Entz President to purchase a new dartboard and 6 (or more) new darts for up to £40 in total.

2. To refrain from throwing darts at living things in the meantime.

3. To use the extra practice to win the Challenge darts next year.

Proposed: Tom Heaps

Seconded: Sandy Downs

**No Short Factual Questions**

**No Opposition**

**Motion Passes**

**4. An Egg-cellent Idea**

**This JCR Notes**

It’s almost Easter.

The beginning of next term is close to Easter.

People have Collections and finals revision.

People like chocolate.

Easter eggs are currently buy two get two free in Tesco.

**This JCR Believes**

That Easter Egg hunt are good.

That people like having things to look forward to.

That an Easter Egg hunt would boost morale within the JCR before people lock down for finals.

**This JCR Resolves**

1. To mandate Beth & Vicki to purchase Easter eggs up to a cost of £40.

2. To mandate Beth, Vicki & Phoebe to organize a Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday of 1st week.

Proposed: Vicki Halsall

Seconded: Saul Cooper

**Short Factual Questions**

Hattie Langley – Has anyone checked the date with Mr Leake in case of open days, awards etc?

Vicki – No but I will

Anthony Collins – Have you thought about the use of cryptic clues?

\*Laughter\*

Vicki – You are welcome to contribute if you like

Anthony Collins – Is this after collections?

Vicki – Yes, the day after most collections finish

**No Opposition**

**Motion Passes**