

Royal College of Science Union

Minutes of the 2nd Ordinary Meeting of the Clubs and Activities Committee

Held at 16:00 on 3rd October 2014 at the RCSU Office (Sherfield 214D)

PRESENT:

- Serena Yuen – RCSU President (SY)
- James Badman – RCSU Honorary Junior Treasurer (JB)
- Philip Kent – RCSU Honorary Secretary (PK)
- Ahranee Candem – RCSU BioSoc President (AC)
- Athanasius Andriopoulos – RCSU Chemistry President (AA)
- Rafael Sanchez Bailo – RCSU Maths President (RSB)
- Kunal Sharma – RCSU Maths Treasurer (KS)
- Jake Phillips – RCSU Physics Chair (JP)
- Nishant Prasad – RCSU Physics Treasurer (NP)

APOLOGIES:

- Hannah Maude – RCSU BioChem Chair (HM)
- James Che – RCSU BioChem Treasurer (JC)
- Yash Chawla – RCSU Chemistry Junior Treasurer (YC)

ABSENT:

- Adrian Baily – RCSU BioSoc Junior Treasurer (AB)

Observers:

- Rohit Siroya – RCSU BioChemSoc Publicity Officer (RS)
- Rex Manurung – RCSU ChemSoc Ordinary Member (RM)

Meeting opened at 16:00.

A. CHAIR'S WELCOME

RECEIVED: This item was verbally presented by SY.

NOTED:

1. It was requested that all dep socs ensure their events have been fully planned by this point in time.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF THE C&A COMMITTEE

RECEIVED: This item was verbally presented by SY.

RESOLVED:

- a. To pass the minutes as a true and accurate record.

C. MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising.

D. TREASURER'S BUSINESS

RECEIVED: This item was verbally presented by JB.

NOTED:

2. Some clubs, notably Physics and BioChem have some unusual items in their accounts.
3. Physics have accrued plane ticket adjustment fees from last year. It was advised that the depsoc discuss this through with the DPFS.
4. BioChemSoc have an accrued purchase order for £600 worth of hoodies, accrued over two years. This should also be discussed with the DPFS.
5. AA asked if purchases of hoodies and other goods can be returned. JB responded yes and the DPFS can be asked to refund the order.
6. Some clubs have uncommitted claims from previous years which could be committed at a later date, so being a financial hit for clubs.
7. JB announced that the event calendar will be withdrawn soon due to poor usage by clubs, replaced with an online form.
8. The minimum threshold for event budget submission will be £75. Budgets must be submitted 5 days in advance, except for ones with expenditure over £1,000 which must be submitted 1 month in advance, and 2 months for those over £10,000. This is to allow for relevant meetings to take place.
9. To ensure clashes do not happen with RCSU events, the RCSU website can be consulted.
10. Claims are currently paid in a 3-5 day timeframe, more efficient than POs at the present.
11. BioChemSoc were praised for using Metric for their party.
12. BioSoc have not been appearing to do much but no budgets have been needed.
13. MathSoc have been slow with using the events calendar and budgets.
14. It was asked what the alcohol rules are, which are: the event must be held in licensed Union or College premises, with the alcohol bought from the venue. No under 18s can be served alcohol – the list can be checked by the Chair/President in eActivities.

E. VERBAL REPORTS

RECEIVED: This item was verbally presented by each depsoc in turn.

NOTED:

15. The BioChemSoc report is as tabled.
16. Issues were seen finding room for a buddies lunch, the society was advised to talk to Conferences and the UG Office.
17. BioSoc was having issues arranging sponsorship, however P&G are going to do a joint event with BioChemSoc.
18. Some mums and dads events have been arranged with the UG office. The first is a pizza and pub quiz night; the second is a Meet the Committee event.
19. ChemSoc have plenty of sponsorship from RSC, P&G, Shell. Johnson Mattheys and Ineos are both in discussions with the society. GSK have donated £1,000.
20. Buddies lunch is currently being organised, alongside a Simon Singh talk. This talk clashes with the pub crawl however it ends at 6:15PM and so attendees will collect T Shirts in advance and progress to the crawl later.
21. Simon Singh tickets are available online and are open to all of FoNS, however Chemists have priority until Monday.
22. Marshalling not needed as this is a departmental event however depsocs should be aware of marshalling being necessary in some cases.
23. PubCrawl will take place in Soho as per usual.

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24. MathSoc have sponsorship have Barclays and Detica sponsorship in progress, with discussions with sponsors from previous years taking place. The IMA will not be sponsoring the maths challenge.
25. Plenty of M&D events have been scheduled. There is a party clash with the bar night.
26. The maths seminar is a recurring maths dept event which the society will top up financially.
27. Inter society events with Warwick, UCL, Kings, and Royal Holloway are planned.
28. A new website has been made, the RCSU website link needs updating.
29. PhySoc is currently working with sponsors Bird and Bird and TeachFirst, the latter are getting an event.
30. They are also the only depsoc who are in the Citi challenge finals, there is an event on Oct 9th where people should vote for PhySoc.
31. Mums and Dads mingle planned, as well as a Pub Crawl, freshers workshop (as part of welcome pack), BBQ with Teach First and an International Trip.

ACTION: PK to update RCSU website.

F. CHEMSOC CONSTITUTION

RECEIVED: This item was presented by AA.

NOTED:

32. The people who's positions are being modified are OK with the changes.
33. The committee position for PGs can be restricted within the rules.
34. A vote was held to approve the new constitution.

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

RESOLVED

- a. To pass the new constitution

G. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

35. A depsoc league with competition for points was liked by the committee, with sports, quizzes, etc.
36. One suggestion was to have a trophy at the end, with a prize. The RCSU can provide admin and money.
37. People were asked to do their training quizzes.

Meeting ended at 17:30.