



Royal College of Science Union

Minutes of the 4th Ordinary Meeting of the Clubs and Activities Committee

Held at 17:00 on 19th March 2015 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 Camden – RCSU BioSoc President (AC)
- Adrian Baily – RCSU BioSoc Junior Treasurer (AB)
- Kunal Sharma – RCSU Maths Treasurer (KS)
- Jake Phillips – RCSU Physics Chair (JP)
- Nishant Prasad – RCSU Physics Treasurer (NP)
- Hannah Maude – RCSU BioChem Chair (HM)
- James Che – RCSU BioChem Treasurer (JC)
- Rohit Siroya – RCSU BioChemSoc Publicity Officer (RS)
- Rex Manurung – RCSU ChemSoc Ordinary Member (RM)
- Rikki Rothwell – RCSU Maths Vice President (RR)
- Hayley Weir – RCSU Chemistry External Events Officer (HW)

APOLOGIES:

- Yash Chawla – RCSU Chemistry Junior Treasurer (YC)
- Athanasius Andriopoulos – RCSU Chemistry President (AA)
- Rafael Sanchez Bailo – RCSU Maths President (RSB)

ABSENT:

None

OBSERVERS:

None

Meeting opened at 17:05.

A. CHAIR'S BUSINESS

RECEIVED: This item was verbally presented by SY.

B. TREASURER'S BUSINESS

RECEIVED: This item was verbally presented by JB.

NOTED:

1. Clubs were thanked for their cooperation during budgeting. There have been increases in grant for all clubs with the exception of Biosoc. No further appeals are possible.

C. VERBAL REPORTS

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

NOTED:

2. BioChemSoc: There has been a visiting guest speaker, who will be compensated by £50 from grant. There was a baking competition with amazing cakes which lecturers judged. An Easter egg hunt will take place next week.
3. BioSoc: Not much to report. Options talks for first and second years are now being organised. A leavers dinner is currently being organised depending on the availability of the events officer.
4. ChemSoc: Aside from pub golf, two seminar series talks were held which were well attended. The Chinese dinner was not well attended. The Syngenta trip has a poor turnout. The summer party is currently being planned.
5. MathSoc has not been doing very much as people have been busy however plans are being made for next term. Analysis showed some careers event have taken place on Facebook.
6. PhySoc: The Cambridge lab tour was enjoyed by those who attended. With the inter deptsoc social organised between 6 societies (not Chemistry), there was an overall number of 150 attendees including substantial on the door sales – this was felt due to late publicity – although the event was also during election week before the party which may also have depressed turnout. Upcoming events include a leavers party on the last day of term. JB requested that a budget is done for this event as soon as possible. The department will be contributing to this event. Breakfast will be provided for a solar eclipse party tomorrow. Other events include the summer tour which is going well. JB requested that people remember the deadline for tour budgets – these are mid day NOT midnight. Hoodies have now arrived and will be issued out soon. Last academic year's purchases will be refunded.

D. CLUB DOCUMENTATION

RECEIVED: This item was presented by PK.

NOTED:

7. PK stressed the need to submit next year contact details before the 28th in order for next year's committee to receive important training information in time. These can be updated online when the rest of the roles are elected. The constitutions also require updating as soon as possible and will be circulated via email vote following approval in a committee meeting.

E. CONSTITUTION UPDATES

RECEIVED: This item was presented by JB.

NOTED:

8. All clubs must ensure that PG reps are included following a RCSU General Committee resolution.

F. ELECTIONS AND BY-ELECTIONS

RECEIVED: This item was presented by JB.

NOTED:

9. All clubs must have a chair, secretary, and treasurer by the end of the year in order to exist next year. Hence all vacant positions must be elected in a by-election.

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10. It was suggested that by elections takes place as part of the RCSU by election to avoid voter fatigue, these will be held next term using eVoting.
11. Upon a query by HM, the rules in regards to quoracy and AGMs were explained.

RESOLVED:

- a. To hold all departmental society by elections with the RCSU by elections.

G. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12. JB started by explaining the rules regarding irresponsible drinking and requested that clubs do not encourage drinking.
13. SY queried the winner of the PhySoc election for Treasurer, as the screen at the party said it was someone contrary to what the Union's website says. The correct winner is on the Union's website and has been entered into eActivities.
14. There is currently £1,900 in the DepSoc Pot for new club events – mums and dads events have priority.
15. Clubs were encouraged to start looking for sponsorship – the contact database has been updated appropriately. All sponsorship should be discussed with next year's committee and no contracts for next year can be signed before August 1st without approval of the Union.

Meeting ended at 18:00.