

Royal College of Science Union

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Entertainments Board

Held at 11:00 on 23rd June 2014 at the RCSU Office (Sherfield 214D)

PRESENT:

- Serena Yuen – RCSU President (SY)
- James Badman – RCSU Honorary Junior Treasurer (JB)
- Lucinda Sandon-Allum – RCSU Vice-President (Activities) (LSA)
- Philip Kent – RCSU Honorary Secretary (PK)
- Kevin Kwong – RCSU RAG Champion (KK)
- Frederik Piech – RCSU Publicity Officer (FP)

APOLOGIES:

- Scott Adams – RCSU Events Officer (SA)
- Digant Tyagi – RCSU Sports Officer (DT)

ABSENT:

None

OBSERVERS:

- Victoria Walpole (VW)

Meeting opened at 11:10.

A. CHAIR'S WELCOME

RECEIVED: This item was verbally presented by LSA.

NOTED:

1. The RCSU needs to get off on a good footing for the next year.
2. The aim is to organise all the Freshers' events now.

B. TREASURER'S BUSINESS

RECEIVED: This item was verbally presented by JB.

NOTED:

3. The RCSU is short on money for next year, and hence the Spring Ball will not run as it is no longer profitable for it to exist.
4. An annual dinner has been mooted but it would only be feasible with significant sponsorship, else the losses would be too great.
5. While a dinner has, in the past, been run with the RCSA, it has generally been unsuccessful.
6. This may be due to poor publicity and timing.
7. VW noted that dinners throughout College tend to lose money and are hence a great financial risk.

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8. The money may be better spent on more popular balls.

C. STANDING ITEMS AND MEETING FREQUENCY

RECEIVED: This item was verbally presented by PK.

NOTED:

9. As this is a new board there is nothing set as to how frequently it should meet.
10. There did not appear to be any consensus on this matter, or what standing items should exist as this would depend on how this board evolves.
11. A meeting in September would be useful.

RESOLVED:

- a. To hold the next meeting of the Board in September.

D. FRESHERS' WEEK

RECEIVED: This item was verbally presented by LSA.

NOTED:

12. Organisation must commence now as these events commence early in term.
13. In previous years organisation has ended up being quite slow.
14. The Executive Committee will set budgets for all activities.
15. The Freshers' Ball has been successful in the past and there is little reason to modify the format.
16. Freshers' Fair should retain the wheel of fortune, as that was generally successful. Potential giveaways could include glasses, rock sweets, balloons, pens, paper, other stationary, and bags.
17. The location of the stall cannot change as this is organised by ICU.
18. Some stocks are already held of items, these need to be inventoried.
19. The Pub Crawl requires significant improvement due to poor organisation last year.
20. Juju's was felt to be a poor location due to its cost.
21. Chelsea in itself is expensive, it was suggested that the event could instead be routed by Fulham Broadway.
22. It is necessary to ensure that the pubs allow under 21s as there was some difficulty with that last year.
23. Some T-Shirts are in stock but require counting and further stocks purchased.
24. The Buddies Bar Night has also been successful but requires further planning.

RESOLVED:

- a. To keep the programme for Freshers' Week the same as before.
- b. To consult the General Committee for other giveaway items
- c. To route the Pub Crawl through Fulham

ACTION: LSA to design new Pub Crawl route.

E. BALLS

RECEIVED: This item was verbally presented by LSA.

NOTED:

25. The balls are quite popular and there shouldn't be a need to modify the formula that much.
26. With the removal of Spring Ball, the events scheduled are Freshers', Winter, and Summer Ball.
27. Freebies given out in the past have consisted of snow cones, and ice creams, and these have been popular.
28. Setting Freshers' Ball at its previous price of £12 ensures the event can break-even, if no freebies are added.
29. Foam was suggested as a potential entertainment at the ball however this is messy.
30. UV could be more successful for Freshers' Ball, as Winter Ball tend to be too glamorous for UV raves.
31. Joint Balls for Winter and Summer have been suggested, and have been successful in the past; however they have tended to become too packed.
32. There is a balance to be had in terms of venue size and cost.
33. A joint ball would be guaranteed to sell out, however.
34. It was pointed out that it is nice to meet those from other faculties.

RESOLVED:

- a. To investigate use of UV at the Freshers' Ball.

ACTION: LSA to investigate a UV rave.

- b. To investigate other bonus items to add to the Freshers' Ball.
- c. To hold the balls detailed above.
- d. To aim for a ticket price of £12 for the Freshers' Ball.

F. NON-DRINKING EVENTS

RECEIVED: This item was verbally presented by LSA.

NOTED:

35. The tea party from last year was quite successful, with lovely food.
36. There may be a Tea Society next year, who may be able to handle the tea side of the event on our behalf.
37. The food may require regulation next year to ensure it isn't depleted too soon.
38. Rooms must be booked early.
39. Other non-drinking events are to be decided.

RESOLVED:

- a. To run the Tea Party again.
- b. To decide on other non-drinking events.

G. NEW EVENTS

RECEIVED: This item was verbally presented by LSA.

NOTED:

40. Comedy nights and theatre trips have been suggested as future RCSU events.
41. These would class as non-drinking events.
42. Comedy club may be able to assist with comedy nights.
43. These events would be good for showing off London to freshers.
44. Winter Wonderland was suggested as another future event however this would only consist of walking guests over, which would not in itself be that useful.
45. Ice Skating was another suggested event however it would be hard to compete with halls.

RESOLVED:

- a. To investigate further comedy nights and theatre trips.

ACTION: SY to send to LSA a contact in Comedy Club.

H. SPORTS EVENTS

RECEIVED: This item was verbally presented by LSA.

NOTED:

46. As DT could not make it to this meeting it is difficult to discuss sports events.
47. Mathsoc ran a football tournament last year which was generally considered successful.
48. Reviving the sports clubs would be hard due to Union regulations.

No resolves.

I. TRIP TO EUROPE

RECEIVED: This item was verbally presented by LSA.

NOTED:

49. Organisation for this event must be rapid to ensure costs are reduced.
50. A time when people are not busy around February would be preferable.
51. Leuven was suggested a possible destination.
52. A survey could be sent out to quantify interest.
53. If the event is held, some RCSU officers will need ot pay to go, and remain sober.

RESOLVED:

- a. To delegate discussion on the Europe trip to the General Committee.

J. RAG

RECEIVED: This item was verbally presented by KK.

NOTED:

54. No RAG matters can be discussed until next year's RAG assemblies.

No resolves.

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K. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

Meeting closed at 11:50.