

JCR Open Meeting Minutes

21/01/2024 – 5:00 p.m. in the JCR

Committee present: 20

1. Melanie Benedict (MB(P)) – President
2. Mathew Blowers (MB(VP)) – Vice President
3. Saughn Sekhon (SS) – Treasurer
4. Sankalp Kapur (SK) – Secretary
5. Zegang Wu (ZW) – IT
6. Dev Atra (DA) – Freshers
7. Jacob Walsh (JW) – Welfare
8. Abbie Strain (AS) – Welfare
9. Hannah Townson (HT) – Catering and Accommodation
10. Devan Simon-McBridge (DSB) – Class Act
11. Brendan Mark (BM) – International
12. Meyssa Rais (MR) – International
13. Michelle Brefo (MB) – BAME
14. Caitlin Mason (CM) – Women's
15. Karen Dias (KD) – Access and Academic
16. Eleanor Wolseley (EW) – Disabilities
17. Rikki Hirai (RH) – ENTS
18. Michelle Kudiabor (MK) – ENTS
19. Martha Wood (MW) – Greens
20. Polly Wilson (PW) – Greens

Absences

- Harriet Regan (HR) – Freshers
- Thalia Arundell (TA) – BAME

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absences
 - a. Karen and Brendan have to leave early
 - i. Brendan left at 5:46
 - ii. Karen left at 5:53
2. Presidential Update
 - a. New drink tanks were added to BOP
 - i. Got a good reception
 - b. Improved cleaning, better resources
 - c. One drink change
 - d. Government Body meeting (this Thursday) with senior bursar of the college. Info from this meeting will be shared during a closed meeting
 - e. Working on revamping the JCR
 - i. Maybe a bookshelf with welfare supplies – sexual health supplies, blankets, etc
 - ii. Change some paintings/ have an art wall (maybe done with the fleapit society)
3. Committee Update

- a. MB(V)
 - i. Help set up BOP, do agenda
- b. SK
 - i. Newsletter going well
 - ii. Need to do meet the committee posts and update noticeboard, should be done by the coming Saturday
- c. EW
 - i. Quiet room at BOP
 - ii. Disabilities Social, poor turnout. Will send out form to gauge interest for events etc
- d. MK and RH
 - i. Changes to BOP: drink, cups, drink tank
- e. CM
 - i. Refresher 1980's went well (8 members outside the committee showed up)
 - ii. Newnham bar swap this evening
 - iii. Organizing a mega BOP (uni-wide) next Saturday
- f. RM and BM
 - i. Not much, except for move night tonight
- g. AS and JW
 - i. Some welfare events, could've been better advertised
 - ii. Contraceptives picked up from the SU
 - iii. Looking to order more period products for the JCR and bathroom
 - iv. Looking to hire a meditation instructor in the coming weeks
 - v. Tea has been restocked
 - vi. General google form for event ideas to be sent out soon
 - vii. Some concerns about the college's sexual assault policy have come about, this will be looked into
 - viii. STEM Cell donor drive has been denied, but pushing to get it done and get the college's approval
 - 1. Probably many colleges will be involved
- h. HT
 - i. Ramsay breakfast form, a good number of responses
 - ii. Need to see what Mark Slater says
 - iii. Burns night won't be decorated but other formals will be
 - iv. Menus for themed formals have been sorted
 - v. Date of halfway has been moved to the 20th of Feb, no clash with Sports Day
 - vi. Ballot is on 27th and 28th Feb
- i. MW and PW
 - i. Spoke to the florist for a plant sale
 - ii. Need more responses for the charity vote
 - iii. Another charity drive to be planned
 - iv. Form to be put out for the Cambridge Kitchen Drive
 - v. Need some fundraising ideas for Sports Day
 - 1. SK: Betting booth
 - 2. RH: 1-pound tickets for Sports Day
 - 3. MB(P): Can add an extra pound to club night tickets (from 4 to 5 pounds)

4. Lea: 2-pound participation for Big Game (?)

- j. SS
 - i. Form signed for the bank, control of the account to be gained soon, maybe in 2 weeks' time/ mid-Feb people can be reimbursed for purchases
- k. DA
 - i. Angie Jewell wants the Freshers timetable ASAP
- l. MB
 - i. First BAME event on Saturday
 - ii. Another event in either Lent term week 3/4 (painting)
- m. KD
 - i. SU shadowing scheme being worked on for the next few weeks
- n. ZW
 - i. Nothing to report
- o. DSB
 - i. Approached by the SU to setup a forum for the Class Act officers in Cambridge
 - ii. Officers can talk about issues or maybe setup cross college events
 - iii. An email will be sent out about this when this is setup

4. BOP Debrief

- a. MB(P)
 - i. Went smoothly, happy overall.
 - ii. Cleanup was faster than Bridgemas BOP cleanup
 - 1. Reusable cups saved a lot of time
 - 2. Might order more cups to ensure everyone has one
 - iii. If you're at the door please ensure you know where the cups are, there were 30 cups that weren't handed out
 - iv. Dealing with people who aren't feeling well post-BOP
 - 1. Many people who were sick were from other colleges, and we will need to start identifying people at the door from next time
- b. AS
 - i. BOP Angels
 - 1. They worked really hard and were super proactive. Some also had a good BOP too.
 - 2. Some angels felt like that there should have been more angels. Would be good to get the word out and encourage people to sign up as angels.
 - ii. Non-alcoholic table
 - 1. Was heavily used, even by those drinking. Did help limit the number of "casualties"
- c. Dan Mills
 - i. Would suggest having at least 2 male and 2 female, non-binary angels
 - ii. Workload was pretty manageable
- d. AS
 - i. Will need to go over the sobriety policy for the angels but will likely maintain the rule of angels staying sober
 - ii. MB(P): It is important that people stay sober so they can keep check on people who are drinking, and they can ensure they receive the best help possible

- e. MB(P)
 - i. When groups of people cluster near the bathrooms, it makes it difficult to get stuff done
 - ii. Please help people if they are incapacitated people
 - iii. Non-alcoholic table
 - 1. BM: would be better to have 2 people per shift at the table as it makes it easier to fetch water and manage everything
 - 2. AS: needed 2 people from about 10:30 when it became more chaotic
 - 3. KD: Drink range was good
 - 4. AS: People have asked for a sugar-free option
 - a. We can add diet lemonade
 - iv. Reusable Cups
 - 1. CM: Number cups to keep track
 - 2. MK: Add initials to the cup to keep track
 - 3. MK: Add a small volume of gin and lemonade for people with dietary restrictions (only a couple of bottles to be added)
 - 4. MK: Some people want next BOP on a Thursday
 - v. RH: Lost Property
 - 1. MB(P): everything found is usually given to Plodge

5. Plan for next BOP

- a. Moving BOP from Friday to Thursday
 - i. DA: A lot of people including the committee would like to go to MASH, and having BOP and MASH on the same day is not the most convenient
 - ii. BOP has been changed to Thursday (majority vote)
 - 1. 14th March for end of Lent
- b. Need more cleaning materials
 - i. Cleaning spray
 - ii. Mops
 - iii. Buckets
 - iv. Wet floor signs
- c. Maybe laminated signs for the drink tubs?
- d. BOP to be addressed further in a few weeks

6. Sports Day Update

- a. 10th February Saturday
- b. Been in contact with Oxford. Pitches have been booked (Johns' Pitches)
- c. Schedule will be sent out ASAP, deciding the timings of matches and which sports are being played
- d. Evening Entertainment
 - i. Sports will finish at 4
 - ii. Bar at 6:30
 - 1. Will need communication with Mark Slater to open the bar earlier
 - 2. Maybe the JCR can be used for the Oxford students to leave their bags and belongings
 - a. JW: Would be better to book Benson Hall to keep their stuff
 - b. Access to Benson Hall late at night might be difficult
 - 3. Lea and Gordon dressed up at chickens at a mystery bar

- a. Start at 830 9ish
 - b. Get people into teams, first person to find chickens get prize
 - c. Goal is to get people into a bar before MASH
- e. Need to increase dinner capacity, will be discussed with Mark Slater
 - 1. No set time for people to eat, stuff happening all day
- f. 3 pounds (?)
- g. MB(P): Issues from previous Sports Day
 - i. Organizers, presidents, committee members, sports captains to sign a form of accountability to ensure that issues from last Sports Day don't arise
- h. HT: External umpires because some people don't want to referee because of the abuse
 - i. Rugby needs a proper referee for health and safety reasons
 - ii. Hiring proper referees might be expensive
 - iii. If sports teams want a proper referee, they can be in touch with Gordan and Lea
 - iv. Can ask the chaplain to be referee for some sports
- i. Greens
 - i. Lot of litter last time
 - ii. Could get some bins or bin bags to avoid this problem
 - iii. Gordan: Keith, grounds man, will give one bin and then everything else is our responsibility
- j. JCR Joggers???
- 7. Any Other Business
 - a. Stash
 - i. People want BOP cups
 - b. LGBT+ Rep
 - i. Dan Mills
 - ii. Plan:
 - 1. Introduce LGBT social craft sessions to balance the drinking events
 - 2. Get involved with the welfare officers
 - 3. Drag Race screenings every Friday in the JCR
 - 4. Plan a pride month formal
 - a. HT: LGBT formal happening in 27th February
 - iii. SS: 25 pounds for the gin (LGBTpres)
 - iv. Questions:
 - 1. AS: Drag Night?
 - a. Might have a drag night in the bar, could make it cross-college. Likely would happen at the end of this term or in Easter term
 - v. Informal Vote
 - 1. Everyone votes for Dan to be rep
 - c. SK: Booking the JCR
 - i. Did happen last year
 - ii. MB(V): Make a public spreadsheet for everyone to book the JCR on
 - iii. MB(P) Better to have a paper on the notice board in the JCR
 - 1. This is a more relaxed approach and more accessible
 - d. MB(V): Shared google calendar for JCR events
 - i. This can be made public for everyone to view

- ii. Biweekly calendar to be added to the newsletter
- e. SK: Want a Ramsay Review section or something of the sort for Magazine
- f. MB(V): Organize Meeting Timing
 - i. Every Saturday 5pm
 - 1. Closed meetings in the parlour
 - 2. Open meetings in the JCR
 - ii. Everyone is happy with this