

# Minutes of the Amalgamations Club Meeting

## 20th of November - Microsoft Teams

### Members present at meeting:

1. **Senior Treasurer:** John Orr (JO)
2. **JCR representatives:** Marcos Tapia Costa (MTC), Howard Hawkes (HH), Caredig ap Tomos (CAT)
3. **MCR representatives:** Liz Killen (LK), Jacob Deasy (JD)
4. **JCR President:** Cyrus Yazdanpanah (CY)
5. **MCR President:** James Ball (JB)
6. **Non-sports representative:** Sand Sunyabhisithkul (SS) (ABSENT)
7. **Sports representative:** Thomas Bilclough (TB) (ABSENT)
8. **Captain of Boat Club:** Sam Vosper (SV)
9. **Treasurer of Boat Club:** Floss Willcocks (FW)
10. **AMAL Secretary:** May-May Wattanawanitchakorn (MW)

A quorum was reached, as per the regulations outlined in the constitution.

### Item 1: Presentation of accounts (Dr John Orr)

JO presented the accounts for the year ending 30th June 2020 and noted that the accounts were in order.

The cap for all the bids together is £30,000.

MW to ask Helen about inflation and budget next year.

### Item 2: Brief comment on date of JCR bid submission to inform committee members.

Finalised that the JCR bid submission to be the 18th December 2020.

Allocated to Caredig ap Tomos (CAT).

### Item 3: Discussion of bids (from lowest amount bid to highest amount bid)

	Society Name	Concerns	Need to follow up	
1	Ladies Netball	CAT: Reasonable bid.  CAT: Bought equipment from private account already.	[1] Cross check with Mixed Netball captain, so no doubling up on requests.  [2] Clarify on whether bank account is a personal or business account.  [3] Clarify whether Ladies and Mixed	CAT

			Netball operate on same account.	
2	Squash	LK: Only concern: purchased racquets and balls last year, why need to purchase again?	[1] Require bank statement.	LK
3	Mixed Netball	LK: Reasonable, same amount as last year. Need bank account statement.  FW: Believe Ladies and Mixed netball operate on same account.  FW: Cross check between Ladies and Mixed Netball clubs. Don't have matches at same time, equipment can be shared. In some previous years, submitted bid together.	[1] Require bank statement: clarify whether Ladies and Mixed Netball operate on same account.  [2] Cross check with Ladies Netball captain, so no doubling up on requests.	LK
4	Mixed Lacrosse	CAT: Reasonable, more equipment because pandemic.		CAT
5	Eton Fives	LK: New club, one-off equipment purchases, reasonable.  LK: Difficult to open bank account in this time. Able to partner with university Eton Fives account.  MTC: Doctoral Society using MCR account, could they partner with JCR?  JO: Money can go to JCR temporarily during time unable to open bank account.		LK
6	Lawn Tennis	JD: Reasonable. Talking to NatWest about opening account.  LK: Difficult to open, had	[1] Bank account required.	JD

		<p>tried all banks.</p> <p>JD: Might have to go through JCR.</p> <p>JO: Put squash club bank account in bid, reasonable. Could go to JCR too if they want.</p>		
7	Whiskey Society	<p>MTC: Bid reasonable but a lot of money for society similar to Wine Tasting Society. Could merge both and share funds?</p> <p>JO: What is the money for?</p> <p>MTC: Assume whiskey tasting - a luxury given circumstances of this year?</p>	<p>[1] Bank account required.</p> <p>[2] More details and reasoning on events needed.</p>	MTC
8	Doctoral Society	<p>MTC: Could cut down on number of drink events to 2 instead of 3.</p> <p>CY: How is this different from MCR? (LK: MCR is for Masters and PhD students, can't hold events for just one group. Events held over summer to gage interest.)</p> <p>CY: Concern about doubling up on money for one group of people. (JD: Already the case for 4th year students.)</p> <p>JO: More detail about coordination between MCR and Doctoral Society - what will it be like in future?</p>	<p>[1] Bank account required.</p> <p>[2] Clarify coordination between MCR and Doctoral Society in future.</p>	MTC
9	Mixed Hockey	<p>JD: Asked for a new statement, but no change to account so old account fine.</p> <p>No account details for</p>	<p>[1] Previous account details required.</p>	JD

		<p>previous person in charge, Jovan to clarify.</p> <p>JD: Bid for shorts, makes sense given that last year biggest expense was shirts.</p> <p>JO: is there a Covid plan for those wi</p>		
10	Men's Football	<p>JD: Talked to new captains, no access to bank account.</p> <p>JO: Reasonable bid, JD to review offline.</p>	[1] Bank account.	JD
11	Peckard Society	<p>JD: High bid, received email clarifying details. Large proportion of bid to subsidise event tickets e.g. formals? Amenities is premium zoom account to livestream talks to Youtube. Gifts for speakers seems generous.</p> <p>JD: Speaker accommodation and travel possibly controversial given current circumstances.</p> <p>JD: How useful/impactful will targeted advertisement be? JO: Agreed, need more details. Should resubmit bid with contents of email.</p>	[1] Resubmit bid with more detail.	JD
12	Badminton	<p>LK: Magdalene has squash court and Eton Fives court but not badminton. 94% of bid from court costs. Going to new courts as old courts closed due to Covid, so costs have doubled.</p>	<p>[1] Bank statement.</p> <p>[2] Possibility of charging members.</p>	LK

		<p>Number of members doubled from last year, attendance lists provided. Equipment costs reasonable.</p> <p>JO: Need similar plan to MCR for Covid and no Covid situation: what if courts close?</p> <p>LK: Already spent on court costs in October, so have to cut a lot.</p> <p>JO: Possibility of charging members, so don't need to subsidise entire court fee - different financial model.</p> <p>LK: Print out from online banking but no access to account yet.</p> <p>JO: Need access by 2021, should be fine.</p>		
13	MCR	<p>JD: Contains Whiskey and PhD Society in bid.</p> <p>CY: What do welfare packages include?</p> <p>JO: College has a Zoom subscription. Societies could share Zoom account. (CY: JCR Zoom only used twice a term.)</p> <p>JO: Marcos to review offline and send to committee.</p>	[1] Welfare packages.	MTC
14	MBC	<p>JD: Concerns about scale of bid - 43% of total budget but includes less than 15% of students. (CY: Fails to represent diversity of interests and background (<a href="#">Article on this</a>), better reallocated</p>	<p>[1] Details on external membership.</p> <p>[2] Respond to concerns.</p>	HH

		<p>to JCR or other activities?)</p> <p>JD: Has external means of raising funds (Mallory Club). Need transparency on Mallory Club's finances. (SV: Can't see Mallory accounts, only based on their contributions to MBC. Contributions going up, could reduce demand from Amal more.)</p> <p>JD: MBC coaches received more money than all clubs outside JCR, MCR, and MBC combined. (CY: Amount spent on coaching (£6200) virtually same as what JCR received from AMAL in 2019 (£6384.05). MBC also receives sizeable donations from alumni.)</p> <p>JD: Redistribution of money can encourage other clubs to take more regular sessions and employ coaches.</p> <p>JD: Should aim for reduction in amount granted to MBC which at least brings bid equal to their expected fee income for next year.</p> <p>JD: Need better alignment between number of participants in club and budget. Inclusion of pounds per person per hour comparison to other clubs would be helpful in</p>		
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		<p>response.</p> <p>JO: Change in strategy would have to be next time - ask for activities people wish to do.</p> <p>SV: Bids should be motivated from what societies plan and can do, not budget they are given.</p>		
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**Item 4:** Any other matters arising

JD: Treasurers normally receive advice to keep budget the same.

JO: Clubs able to bid for any amount. Guidance about bids may need to be revised.

LK: If this approach taken, might make sense to have all AMAL meetings in Michaelmas term - otherwise clubs won't be able to start making changes until the funds are confirmed in Lent, essentially halfway through the year.

SV: Problematic that some small clubs not audited.

CY: Only valuable if substantial bid.

FW: Treasurers of clubs have responsibility to document all transactions.

JO: MW to ask clubs if they can provide statements. If they can't, would understand how they operate.

JD: Agreed. Perhaps 1000 pound cut off for which club has to submit their accounts. More accountability when they reach a certain size.

**Item 5:** Discussion of date for next meeting

Next meeting will likely be on Teams.