

# Minutes of the Amalgamations Club Meeting

24th of November - Zoom

## Members present at meeting:

1. **Senior Treasurer:** John Orr (JO)
2. **JCR representatives:** Caredig ap Tomos (CAT), Andrew Canning (AC) (ABSENT)
3. **MCR representatives:** Hector Barbosa Triana (HBT), James Ball (JB)
4. **JCR President:** Harry Fishlock (HF)
5. **MCR President:** James Ball (JB)
6. **Non-sports representative:** Todd Tunley (TT) (ABSENT)
7. **Sports representative:** Thomas Bilclough (TB) (ABSENT)
8. **Captain of Boat Club:** Sam Clarke (SC)
9. **Treasurer of Boat Club:** Woody Lam (WL)
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 2021 and noted that the accounts were in order.

Accumulated funds have gone up, so can spend up to £32,000.

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

Finalised the JCR bid submission to be 17 December 2021.  
Allocated to HBT.

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

	Society Name	Concerns	Need to follow up	
1	Ladies Netball	CAT: small bid, no issues.	[1] Last year used a personal account, clarify if they are using society account now.	CAT
2	Mixed Netball	JB: same as before, reasonable, but uses personal account.  OR: Personal account is an ongoing problem - using a JCR account would be better.	[1] Personal account, are they willing to set up society account and transfer?	JB

		CAT: Should not make it a standard offering, some societies have a senior treasurer.		
3	Medical Society	HBT: Around same amount as previously, reasonable.  JO: Don't need to use previous bid as benchmark.		HBT
4	Fives Club	CAT: Mostly asking for custom gloves: £1000 pounds funded through sponsorship, asking £500 for the rest. Could give reduced funds if some individual members personally contribute since some go to important members.  JO: Asking £10 for a broom.  CAT: Need to keep court clean for health and safety.  JO: Could borrow one from college.	[1] How many members will buy gloves themselves?	CAT
5	Men's Football	JB: Majority on kit: 20 shirts seems a lot for a football team, people will have kit from previous years too. Otherwise, reasonable bid.  JO: Made statement that old kit taken by graduating students. Names shouldn't be printed on them.	[1] How will they stop people taking kit home?	JB
6	Lawn Tennis	AC: Amount of bid should be picked by society. How many members will benefit from coach? Tennis social last year.	[1] What is hourly rate of coach? Provide invoice if possible.  [2] Personal bank account.	AC

		JO: Shouldn't take money back from social last year.		
7	Basketball Club	<p>JB: Reasonable bid. Asking for custom Magdalene jerseys: didn't get kit in previous year, so OK. Number participating (10) seems lower than other teams. Want to support smaller clubs.</p> <p>JO: Need to be clear on funding jerseys, same for all clubs.</p>		JB
8	Peckard Society	<p>CAT: Unclear on bid amount: £1000 might be budget, £600 is what they want from Amal. Poor bid, little detail on what money spent on ('social event tickets, amenities'). Last year, spent on subsidies for social events for members e.g. garden party catering, meal vouchers for speakers.</p> <p>JO: Need more information on social event tickets: who are they targeting and why.</p> <p>CAT: £600 reasonable but £1000 is a lot for a society exclusively for historians, not advertised as open to all.</p> <p>JO: Would like to encourage Peckard Society to invite everyone. People are interested in history even if they don't study it.</p>	[1] Are they advertising to all members of college?	CAT
9	Doctoral Society	HBT: Fairly new club, becoming independent from MCR. Still don't	[1] Can they set up a society bank account?	HBT

		<p>have bank account, so using MCR's. Increased bid from £460 to £1425, a bit too high. Asking for £300 twice for termly PhD drinks, a bit unreasonable.</p> <p>JO: Agreed, food and drink is most of this bid. Want society to be successful but out of spirit to just fund food and drink: think more about what they will do with society.</p>	[2] What will they do as a society apart from food and drink?	
10	Badminton Club	<p>AC: Court fees gone up massively - why? How many people attend training and matches weekly? 50+ members but only expect to charge termly subs to 20 members - what about other 30? 35 people ordered stash, should 35 people not also be paying subs?</p> <p>JO: Are there colleges with badminton courts so can share facilities?</p> <p>CAT: St Johns has a badminton court.</p>	[1] Why have court fees gone up? Get quotes from other places e.g. other colleges.	AC
13	MCR	<p>CAT: TV might not be necessary if college bar and JCR will move back.</p> <p>HBT: Projector and sound system in MCR, broken and problems with maintenance so need to hire someone to fix.</p> <p>CAT: JCR bops able to run on £750 on £5 tickets, could MCR use JCR model so Amal isn't funding entire bop? Sky subscription doesn't</p>		CAT

		<p>get used in JCR so JCR no longer subscribed.</p> <p>JB: Sky subscription used for rugby and other events especially people staying over the holidays.</p> <p>CAT: Could be reduced to sports packages, £1200 pounds was for everything.</p> <p>HBT: Yoga classes can be shared with JCR.</p> <p>CAT: JCR could share sports equipment.</p> <p>HBT: Sports money for kayaks, need to license them (license included in amount). Get kayaks for college because socially distanced water sport, can book online like punts. Also increased number of people playing cricket.</p>		
14	MBC	<p>AC: Some socials are open to all member of the College - which ones?</p> <p>SC: Fresher week events e.g. quiz, barbeque at boathouse advertised to JCR, similar event aimed at MCR a week before, Captains drinks for freshers.</p> <p>AC: Could MBC provide a clear and detailed breakdown of External membership cost rather than just linking Appendix B (Conservators of the River Cam Registration Fees)?</p>		AC

		<p>WL: Large part is Cam Conservators registration, and breakdown provided in top part of Appendix A. Also a small part reserved for British Rowing memberships, needed for off-Cam races. But those are not for all members and will be reviewed based on financial need of members, to make off-Cam racing experiences accessible.</p> <p>AC: Could MBC further outline what external contributions they expect to receive for 2021/22 - £2880?</p> <p>SC: Majority from alumni association, Mallory club. They make fixed contributions, predominantly in April.</p> <p>AC: Some figures from the issued budget for 2021/22 in Appendix D don't seem to align perfectly with the expected income and expenditure outlined in the AMAL bid.</p> <p>WL: Bid made for 2022/23, so bid for 2021/22 was made by previous treasurer last year.</p> <p>SC: Discrepancies between forecasted and actual.</p> <p>AC: When was the last time subs were raised? Mention of inflation with regards to river fees, should subs also be</p>		
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		<p>linked to inflation?</p> <p>SC: Hesitant to increase, want to make accessible to everyone.</p> <p>CAT: Bid isn't significantly reduced since last year only 1.5 terms of rowing occurred.</p> <p>SC: Increased entry fees for more prestigious races and all cancelled races got shifted to early part of year, so in March racing every week. Restarted novice program in summer so more expenditure on repairs and renewed interest in rowing in summer so more coaching.</p> <p>CAT: Spend a lot on small group of people e.g. coaching.</p> <p>SC: Everyone is funded the same amount but different sources, can see breakdown of percentages.</p> <p>JO: Total coaching is £13,000, asking for £6,000.</p> <p>CAT: Ask seniors to coach novices to bring down costs?</p> <p>SC: What is done but as time demands increase need to compensate external people and bring in external expertise to maintain competitive. Donations usually to buy something - alumni don't pay for coach salaries,</p>		
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		so coach budget have gone up in previous years. Before, relied on alumni who took little payment, but have now left.		
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**Item 4:** Any other matters arising

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

Next meeting will be 26 January 2022 on Zoom.