

JCR Open Meeting Minutes
7th October 2023 – 16:00 in the JCR

Committee present: 18

- Rory Gavin (RG) – President
- Nikhil Baid (NB) – Vice-President
- Stephen Cowley (SC) – Treasurer
- Oli Hepworth (OH) – Secretary
- Rikki Hirai (RH) – Accommodation & Catering
- Lea Steele (LS) – Ents
- Uma Hørder (UH) – Ents
- Michelle Kudiabor (MK) – BME
- Thomas Morris (TM) – LGBT+
- Pico Ichikawa (PI) – Women's
- Mia Cascarina (MC) – Class Act
- Minnie Peacock (MP) – Access & Academic
- Sushant Patil (SP) – International Students'
- Oscar Hill (OsH) – Welfare
- Mathew Blowers (MaB) – IT
- Ceri Clarke (CC) – Green & Charities
- Lewis Drummond (LD) – Green & Charities
- Shreya Ganesh Kumar (SGK) – Disabled Students'
- Gordon Yu (GY) – Freshers'

JCR members present: 6

Vocal:

- Jacob Walsh
- Abbie Strain
- Brad

Apologies for absence:

- Áine McCann (AM) – Welfare
- Melanie Benedict (MeB) – Freshers'

Overview

1. Apologies for absence
2. Committee updates
3. Bop roundup
4. Fresher's week roundup
5. Sports officer applications
6. New pool table
7. Any other business

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Committee updates
 - a. IT
- Text wall up and working for bop
 - b. International Student's
- International social, pizzas
 - c. Women's
- Email to be sent about gym signs
- Will set up first 1988 Club meeting
 - d. Catering & Accommodation
- Themed formals sorted
 - Halloween
 - Diwali
 - Thanksgiving
 - Bonfire Night
 - Some will be more themed than others, involving things like dressing up
- Meeting with Mark Slater
 - e. LGBT+
- LGBT Pres and non-alcoholic event
- University wide events coming up
 - Bar crawl
 - King's formal swap
- f. Green & Charities
- Forgot to organise plant sale, but visited florist this morning
 - Shut until 10th, potentially plant sale next weekend
- Sustainability workshop held
- Recycle bins shall be bought with spare money
- Agreed to a meeting with Steven – Senior Bursar
- Everything sale went well
- Bat boxes might be put up around college, gardener agreed
- g. Class Act
- Cake event this week
 - Leftovers went to porters
- A bar night may potentially get some more people
- Might look into things surrounding interview preparation
 - Could have an event – joint with A&A
- h. Welfare
- Busy over fresher's – dealing with drunk people!
- Freshers have Knoops tokens – might extend to everyone

- People seem keen
- 120 fresher's cards bought
- Bake Off night every week now
- Week 5 packs ready
 - i. BME
- Antisemitism talks for freshers
- BME mixer tonight
- Will organise Diwali plans with previous years Diwali formal organisers
 - i. Access & Academic
- SU alternative prospectus has been published online
 - Will link to it on the JCR website
- Might make one for Magdalene too
- Magdalene Student Ambassador scheme – people can join up
 - Pays well, fairly easy hours
 - Mostly involves organising tours
- j. Treasurer
- Mostly overseeing freshers week sales
- Also bop sales
 - Record selling – 180 tickets
- Lots of cash in room that needs to be deposited.
- Card machine on the door was a very good feature
- Probably need 3 on door in future
- k. VP
- Helping out with bop
- Elections coming up – needs to be sorted out, hustings organising
 - l. Secretary
- Just doing what I'm doing
- m. Ents
- Bop
 - Thought it went well

3. Bop roundup

- RG: all went rather well from my side
 - Cleanup was good, didn't take too long and good turnout
 - People seemed to enjoy it
 - Think there will be another one
 - Didn't run out of alcohol this time
- OsH: welfare perspective, lots of drunk people
 - Water seemed to be something people wanted but not willing to go and get – maybe out of pride
 - Maybe introduce a water officer?

- LD: probably need to be a bit more discretionary about who we serve drinks too – some people got too drunk but kept drinking
 - RG: maybe introduce limits to how much people can get at once
- TM: get jugs, lets us re-use people's cups and it's more hygienic

4. Fresher's week roundup

- GY: good news:
 - Freshers happened
 - Generally people had a good time
 - Nobody perished
 - Freshers angels were good
 - Response was good to challenge night, problematic individuals were in the minority
- GY: bad news:
 - Pub quiz was okay, but did descend
 - Challenge night
 - Money is now tight
- SC: freshers didn't buy gowns from internal gown sale, so fresher's week ran over budget
- OsH: college support was not good, porter response was quite lacklustre
 - Porters were rude, didn't provide things like blankets or heaters to cold freshers
 - "You don't tell us what to do, we tell you what to do" – direct quote
 - Not fulfilling a duty of care
 - RG: can cooperate with sending an email

5. Sports officer applications

- RG: one person wants to do it but hasn't submitted anything
 - Another has submitted things
- Candidates are Fred Kirk, Finn O'Hare, GY & LS (running together, just put themselves forwards)
- **Vote Conducted:** GY & LS win with 79%

6. New pool table

- RG: some money left from refurb of the JCR, region of £500
 - Want to do up the table, spending around £300
 - What does the committee think?
 - RH, PI: more art/decorations in JCR instead?
 - SC: use it for a rug?
 - RH: could refurb the room itself, as it's currently quite dingy
 - RG: larger problem is the hundreds of parcels that people put in it every holiday

- TM: Can we move the pool table?
 - RG: would probably be too big for the JCR
7. Any other business
- Parcel room – some motions to move it
 - RG: don't want to put parcels "on our turf" – it's the porter's responsibility to organise parcels, not ours
 - Bar – Very successful this week, could lead to them opening every night
 - RG: maybe they could get TNT sports, to complement our Sky subscription in the JCR. Might be paid for by the bar
 - MC: could we get a noticeboard for photos in the JCR?
 - RG: good idea, room needs a bit of personalisation
 - MP: could get a polaroid camera for this too
 - CC: maybe only get them out for special occasions to promote more responsible use and prevent theft
 - MP: what happened to the communal-use coffee machine? Could create a sort of café
 - RG: they wanted us to pay for the machine, but can bring it back up at the next Ramsey meeting
 - RG: Mark Slater keen to make the bar more accessible in the day, which could be achieved
 - Proposal of a Magdalene Northern Society:
 - Brad: went to a scholarship dinner last year, made me realise the importance of sharing events with similar backgrounds
 - Abbie & Jacob also proposed this
 - Important for welfare, could result in good interconnections between years
 - SC: £50 leftover from previously agreed sailing society, a few hundred left anyway. If votes carry then can give somewhere in the regions of £100. But submit to Amal in a few months too.
 - Will decide at next closed meeting
 - MC: Happy to give some leftover Class Act budget towards this
 - Might increase attendance at Class Act meetings too
 - GY: proposal of a Magdalene Econ & Finance Society
 - Money for dinners, payment of speaker travel
 - Precedent: other subject-based societies in college
 - SC: same process as above for funding
 - RG: Stash
 - Purchased, will be sold next week
 - When does the committee want to do it?
 - Sunday 4-6 provisionally
 - CC: JCR stash?

- NB: thinking of quarter zips, but people might have to pay £5
 - Will be decided later