

General MCR Meeting

Monday, 8th Week, Hilary Term
March 7th 2011

MCR Bunker
8.15pm

MINUTES

Present:

Jonathan Williams, President
Oren Margolis, Vice President
Scott Culligan, Treasurer
Carina Foster, Secretary
Emma O'Brien, Social Secretary to the Dean
Stephanie Dobrowolski, Social Secretary
Edward Owen, Male Welfare
Helen Chadwick, Female Welfare
Michael Streatfield, Computing Officer
Hannah Arnold, First Year Representative

1. Committee reports

Nothing was said as we had a meeting just a week ago.

2. HUSTINGS

Vice President: Scott Culligan

Scott said:

I have a good working knowledge of how College operates. I have been on the committee before as the Treasurer and the male welfare officer. I have good relations with both the outgoing and incoming committees. Most importantly I have a good relationship with Oren, so the handover of VP duties, such as the MCR redecoration, should go smoothly. I was involved with the MCR redecoration, and set up the MCR whisky bar. I believe that this position is a good way to stay involved. Most College staff and fellows know me.

Questions:

- *Why did you not run for MCR President?* I don't have the time to commit to the role. I have seen how much work is required and know how vital this role is. This doesn't mean that the role of VP is small, but it is more flexible. I hope to put in as much effort as Oren has this year.
- *Oren has been described as the 'Shahpur whisperer' how do you think you will fare?* I'll have to ask Oren how he did it.

Treasurer: Lydia Le Page

She said:

I would like to be on the committee and be more involved in the MCR. I can't boast extensive College knowledge, but that is one reason I want to run for this role. I am a scientist, so I deal with numbers quite a lot. Hopefully this can be applied to working with budgets etc. It will be interesting to look at College from a financial aspect. I have some

experience of working on budgets, as I worked with for a small Oxford based charity, and I would love to learn more.

Questions:

- *Will the running of the MCR whisky bar be done by the Treasurer, or by Scott?*
Scott answered that although this hasn't been decided yet, as the VP is responsible for the MCR facilities eg. coffee, it will make sense to add the whisky bar to this.

Secretary: Maria Lacayo

She said:

Like Lydia I would like to give back to the MCR. I have enjoyed MCR events this year. I have been a secretary before for other committees. I am a fast typist and have been taking online typing tests, I can type 115 wpm. I have had a busy term but will have more time next term.

Social Secretary to the Dean: Benjamin Winter

He said:

I have enjoyed the last term in the MCR and have attended a lot of the events. It will be a pleasure to organise them. I have done a similar job at my university on Germany. I would like to do as well as Emma and Steph have this year.

Questions:

- *Do you have any ideas for events?* Perhaps a video evening or something like a European song contest event.

Social Secretary: Jenny Molloy

Jenny wasn't able to attend, so this was read out at the meeting.

I've really enjoyed attending MCR social events and meeting all the lovely MCR members we have here, so helping to facilitate more socialising sounds like a great job to me. I have a lot of committee experience from volunteering with organisations like St. John Ambulance and the Open Knowledge Foundation, and as President of a science society and science magazine as an undergraduate. I'm well accomplished in the art of organising events and sending motivating emails encouraging people to come to them, although admittedly they've usually been of a more academic nature so this would make a nice change. I love cheese, wine, G&Ds ice cream and good company, and I'm an experienced first aider should anyone have rather too much of a good time. Therefore, I think I can offer a fairly comprehensive social secretary service if you're willing to elect me.

Male Welfare: Matt Moore

He said:

I have enjoyed my time in MCR and would like to give back. Welfare is an important role. I want to help to make students more aware of the facilities available to them.

Questions:

- *Will you continue the emails about yoga?* Yes if there is still interest.
- *Ed has a unique email style and sends weekly welfare emails - will you continue this?* I might try to carve my own email niche.

Female Welfare: Holly Reeve

She said:

Most people won't know me as I only started at Jesus a few weeks ago. I was an undergraduate at Christchurch and would have liked to be more involved in the JCR, but

as a chemistry student I didn't have the time. As a DPhil student my time is now more flexible, so I would like to get involved. I have experience of acting as an agony aunt for my friends. One thing I would like to do is get College to help students more if, as I did, they start later in the academic year. It would be good if they were added to the right email lists, were able to use/sign up for hall etc.

Questions:

- Michael Streatfield mentioned that the MCR website could be used by the welfare officers. Instructions and useful advice for new students could be added here.

Sports Representative: Edward Owen

Ed gave a very rousing and motivating speech. Key points (or what I managed to write down in time):

Why would you vote for me as sports rep? I know the difference between a push up and pull up. I have run a half marathon and the Town vs Gown 10K. I have been extensively involved in College rowing. These sports have elevated my heart rate beyond what I thought possible. I have played in nearly all the MCR men's hockey team matches, and encourage others to do so. I would like others to get as much out of their time as I have.

Message: Ed has done a LOT of different sports!

My only weakness is that I have very little knowledge of the popular sports football and rugby. When I was younger rugby took me very close to death.

We shouldn't concede to lethargy.

During sport we run, fight, jump and win, in doing so we elevate ourselves!

Questions:

- *Have you tried every sport under the sun? Nearly. Are you any good at any of them?* Hmmmm. I'm a reasonable rower.
- *Is yoga a sport?* Not really.
- *Do you think your role will be wider than just advertising the different MCR sports teams? What about JCR sports?* The MCR has a croquet kit at Barts, tennis racquets and courts. I will be encouraging people to make use of the facilities.
- *Will you still have access to the mailing list?* Perhaps it's good that I withdraw from using it? (This was met with disappointment)
- *What nearly killed you at 14?* I was smaller, another HUGE guy hospitalised me and I can no longer play contact sports.
- *After a speech like that are you sure you're doing yourself justice? You should run for King or God!*
- *Would you be willing to teach people cricket?* NO, I think it's shit. Sorry if that's controversial. I prefer sports that lead to some sweating and an elevated heart rate.

Computing Officer: Duncan Hardy

He said:

I may not be the obvious candidate for this role given my degree, but I have spent a lot of time in front of a computer screen. Having been an undergraduate at Jesus I am well accustomed to the Jesus computer room and understand the frustrations that come from trying to connect to the wireless network. I have a good grasp of computer related things. Michael has given me some good advice and shown me how the MCR website has been set up. I think I will be able to maintain the website well.

3. AOB

Nothing was raised.

