

# Churchill MCR TGM - Easter 2013

Sandy Ashmore Room, 7.30pm June 4th 2013

## Agenda

1. Confirmation of minutes – Lent 2013 TGM
2. Matters Arising From Minutes (Karthik Nilakant)
  - a. Consultation on Graduate Accommodation
  - b. Hall Food Feedback
3. Committee Activity Summary (Jordan Ramsey)
4. Any Other Business / Questions to committee

## Minutes

1. Committee members present: Steve, Jacqui, Suzanne, Liwen, Jordan, Carl, Nassos, Jess, Karolis, Karthik, Lorna, Electra
2. Confirmation of minutes - approved without amendments.
3. Matters arising
  - a. Accommodation - 38 rooms were made available in the ballot, and 78 people applied. Less than half of category "B" (2nd year) students were accepted in the original ballot. The president and secretary talked to the bursar and the tutors about future plans for graduate accommodation. 64 Storey's Way is being refurbished next year, resulting in 10 fewer places this year. New Court which is on the horizon may allow another 20 places for graduates. Questions:
    - i. When will New Court be ready? Probably 2-3 years.
    - ii. Why isn't the college buying more houses? A house on Storey's Way was bid for, but the college was significantly outbid. Northwest Cambridge development is still a risky proposition, and initial figures were excessive in terms of rent. We can ask about purchasing outer hostels.
    - iii. How are we doing for married students / couples? There is a long waiting list of Churchill students.
  - b. We gathered some feedback on hall, around 10 responses. We sent these to catering who were happy to receive the feedback. We can re-advertise the survey to the MCR to garner further feedback, now that the chef has had some time to adapt.
4. Committee Activities
  - a. Jordan (president) tabled a summary (see below)
  - b. Liwen (bar secretary) asked for suggestions on purchasing more MCR bar equipment. Questions:
    - i. Can we have more whisky glasses? The bar is already looking into this.
    - ii. Can we have some summer formals? Carl and Dave (Ale and Quail Officers) are looking into some similar formals to those that were organised last year in the club room.
    - iii. Can we do a jello shot tasting? Liwen said we are looking into organising some tasting events in July. We are also organising other events over the summer.
    - iv. Could we have a mini-Olympics? No comment.
5. No other business.

## Summary of Committee Activities (Jordan Ramsey - President)

### College and other news

- Rent negotiations
  - o No increase due to College's successful commercial activities
  - o Re-examined distribution of rent across rooms
- Rooms Ballot
  - o Allocation of rooms to continuing students (2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> year PhD students, etc.)
  - o 78 applications for 38 rooms
    - Less than ½ of category B students were allocated rooms (students going on to the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of their PhDs and without extenuating circumstances)
  - o Talked to Bursar/tutors about graduate accommodation on site
    - 64 Storey's Way is undergoing renovation to expand from 7 to 15 rooms
    - New Court (new undergraduate housing to be built) will free up approximately 20 rooms for grad students
    - 2% increase in graduate numbers/year
  - o Accommodation survey to be circulated to graduate students to emphasize the importance of graduate accommodation in College
- CCRFC application submitted
  - o MCR received £6735 this year: to be spent on academic events, newspapers and magazines, Freshers week
- GU crisis: GU President Arsalan Ghani was voted out of office in a motion of no confidence

### Committee news

- MCR Conference on Everything/Advanced Students Dinner
  - o Success! But we are looking to reformat the talks for next year to improve attendance of students and Fellows. Any suggestions should be sent to the Academic Officer, Yvonne within the next week.
- MCR formals started this term
  - o Great turnout for the first one!
- Plans for MCR redecoration underway
- Continued success in MCR Guest Night, formal swaps, and other events
- The bar is running smoothly, thanks to the bar officers and volunteer bartenders