Keble College JCR General Meeting Minutes HT2013 – Sunday 3rd February 2013 – Fourth Week



1. Apologies: Gargie Ahmed

Absent without apologies: Sascha Eady Tom Stokoe Bea Xu Hal Hainsworth

2. Officers' reports:

President (James Newton):

1. None.

Vice-President (Luka Boeskens):

- 1. Bar subcommittee will be sending out email with a survey please fill it out!
- 2. JCR bicycle that is open to everyone, just go to lodge and ask for key.

Secretary (Alex Connolly):

1. Please can motions for GMs be submitted on time!! Midnights on Thursdays before GMs.

ENTZ (Joel Duddell):

1. We'll be emailing about Halfway Hall soon so look out for that. After the event there will be a reception in the bar that all are welcome too.

Equal Ops (Robin Anderson):

1. Tuesday is 'Woman's campaign: "Who needs feminism?"'. I've put the information on the noticeboard. Would be great to see you all there!

Arts and Pubs (Bea Xu, Hal Hainsworth):

1. First Keble trip on Saturday 16th of February to 'One Man, Two Governors' – get excited.

Academic Affairs (Suzie Markland):

1. There'll be a school visit on Wednesday – please help if you can!

Welfare (Andy Paine):

- 1. There will be a Chlamydia test in 6th week please do it so we can raise as much money as possible to fund the welfare fete!
- 2. Peer support is starting next term, we'll have applications in for 6th week.

Environment and Ethics (Fiona Elliot):

1. None.

Accommodation (Laura Gill):

1. I repeat Luka's comments! Fill it out!

Treasurer (Georgie Clifford): 1. I kept the punts at the Cherwell boathouse.

Charities (Gargie Ahmad): Absent.

OUSU Rep (Mike Fedosiuk): 1. Nothing...

3. Motions:

Motion One: Bar Sub-Committee

This JCR notes that:

- 1. The Keble College Bar is underused.
- 2. Last year, a Bar-Subcommittee has brought about significant improvements to the bar.
- 3. The JCR Committee has decided to set up a new Bar-Subcommittee with the Accommodation Officer and Vice President serving as chairs.

This JCR believes that:

1. It *still* is a solemn responsibility of the JCR to maintain the bar for current and future generations.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

1. Ratify the new Bar-Subcommittee and its objective to revitalize the College Bar.

Proposed: Luka Böskens Seconded: Alex Connolly

Issues Raised:

- **Proposer:** This is merely a constitutional thing to give the sub-committee full JCR powers.

VOTES FOR: 43 - Unanimous VOTES AGAINST: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

THE MOTION PASSES.

Motion Two: Desserts

This JCR notes that:

- 1. Pots-of-cream desserts, of all different flavours, are an unsatisfactory finish to an otherwise tasty Hall dinner.
- 2. Whilst fruit is an option, cream is deceptively tempting.
- 3. Pots-of-cream seem to come up with frustrating regularity.

This JCR believes that:

- 1. Cream-based substances are not really a pudding, they are a complement to a pudding.
- 2. More people would attend Hall if there was a reliably appealing dessert.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

1. Mandate Vice-President to lobby the Hall Manager to remove pots-of-cream desserts from the Hall menu.

Proposed by: Jonathan Mayo Seconded by: James Arden

Issues Raised:

- **Proposer:** I recognise we have no formal power over the menu. Everyone seems to hate them. Fruit is pretty awful too as an option.
- When does cream become mousse? **Reply:** Getting this as a specific motion was hard, it's difficult to see exactly how they refer to these desserts on the menu
- Chocolate-based desserts should be more common. **Reply:** Desserts meant by 'pots of cream' does not include mousses. But we could encompass these mousses as well
- What to replace it with? **Reply:** Gerard might be stubborn about this, might not be wise to tell him what to replace it with.
- Introduce a 'one-course' option to dinner? **Reply:** This might need to be included as a separate motion.
- There is a formal power we have over the menu [the VP] will be conducting a survey, and it might be an idea to express dissatisfaction in this survey. **Reply:** Surely the motion provides an idea representative of the JCR?

VOTES FOR: 26 VOTES AGAINST: 3 ABSTENTIONS: 14

THE MOTION PASSES.

Motion Three: Darts Board:

This JCR notes that:

- 1. The current darts board in the bar is in tatters.
- 2. It is very popular and deserves to be well maintained.
- 3. Bad quality boards are dangerous and hurt when the darts ping back.
- Good quality boards are relatively cheap: http://www.argos.co.uk/static/Product/partNumber/9284535.htm (£28.99)

This JCR believes that:

1. Darts is a prestigious sport that deserves the JCR's continued veneration and support.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

1. Mandate the President spend no more than £30 on a new darts board for the bar.

Proposed: James Newton Seconded: Andrew Hoyal

Issues Raised:

- Don't darts have a budget? **Treasurer:** Yes, but darts team does not exist in actuality.
- Surely that is a fundamental aspect of the darts budget?
- Not just the darts team uses it so surely it's a JCR matter.
- They do have a budget but they're not using it so we may as well use that money.
- It is a JCR thing. If the darts team do start doing competitions it would be a large portion for their budget (£30 out of £60)
- I don't see why we should pay. So can we amend?

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:

In "**This JCR therefore resolves to:**" point 1 is deleted and replaced with "1. Mandate the President to find out if the darts team exist." And to insert "2. Ask whether they would spend their budget to buy the board or, if they do not exist, purchase the board using their budget."

VOTES FOR: 40 VOTES AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 3

THE MOTION PASSES.

Motion Four: Superbowl Pizza

This JCR notes that:

- 1. The Super Bowl is one of the biggest sporting events in the world
- 2. There is a large contingent of the JCR which will be congregating to watch the Super Bowl.
- 3. We have a significant American contingent within the college.

This JCR believes that:

- 1. This represents an excellent opportunity for the JCR to join together and watch the Super Bowl as well as an excellent opportunity to bond with our American student and guests and make them welcome within the college.
- 2. Refreshments would be a welcome addition to what is a long event in the JCR.

This JCR therefore resolves to:

1. Spend £150 to supplement refreshments for those members of the college who wish to come and watch, providing a variety of pizza and other snacks/drinks.

Proposer: Mike Fedosiuk **Seconder:** Alexander King

Issues Raised:

- How many people are you going to feed with £150? **Reply:** 42 signed up to come. Also UGA people so maybe 50
- Getting pizzas from dominoes? **Reply:** The number of people will determine where we get pizzas from

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:

In "**This JCR therefore resolves to:**" point 1 is amended to "1. Spend **no more than** £150 to supplement refreshments for those members..."

VOTES FOR: 19 VOTES AGAINST: 1 ABSENTIONS: 18

THE MOTION PASSES.

4. Any other business:

Alex Clarke wins 'Best Dressed'.

Vice-President: What has been happening at OUSU?

- **Reply:** Changing OUSU's ties (affiliations?). Something about voting at OUSU... When we looked at the agenda we thought there was nothing that would directly affect Keble.
- **President:** Last OUSU meeting was an important one. There was a debate about funding as OUSU are nearly broke. It went through as a motion of principle. We may have a similar motion in our JCR in the next meeting about supporting OUSU's funding campaign.
- Are they going to explain why they've run out of money?
- Where do they get their money?
- **Reply (to both):** From the uni, most of it was from running an operational deficit as well as a few unexpected costs.

Secretary:

Elections are coming up soon! Look out for Welfare and Equal Ops!