**JCR Meeting Minutes**

**Date: TTW2 Sunday April 29th**

**1.** **Officer’s Reports**

President – Ronit Kanwar

* Anything anyone wants to push over the next few weeks? Suggestions much appreciated.

Vice President – Verity Bligh

Treasurer – Ben Jacobs

* Treasurer elections in Week 4 - please let me know if you have any questions

Secretary – Caitlin Ashcroft

Welfare – Claire Castle And Adam Bradbury

* Adopt-a-finalist has begun! Please look after them, they all need a bit of TLC. Care packages will be coming out around 4th week.
* Welfare Tea, this Thursday - 3.30 - 5pm!

Entz – Millie Chu, Lucinda Kirk And Bella Imi

* Ban from 3rd week but might do a 6th/7th week bop outside of college
* Please do let us know if you’ve got any feedback/questions/suggestions

Academic Affairs – Ruha Akhtar

Equal Opps – Savi Chahal

Charities – Callum Coghlan, Seb Pippins And Ali Lane

* Keble Charities Croquet - enter now, pidge £4 to any of the officers
* Charities Formal (LMH coming), only 30 Keble people coming at the moment - please do sign up!!
* Charities elections in W4, do hit us up we have any questions.

Arts & Pubs – Mila Fitzgerald

Environment And Ethics – Ludo Finlay

* Keep Cups - can buy from Library
* Cheap bike locks - anyone interested?
* New Croquet set - please look after it!

Careers And Alumni – Emma Biddiscombe

Drama – Isobel Hambleton

Freshers’ Week – Yannis Baur

It – Morgan King

Accommodation – Josh Stimson

Bme Reps – Robert Pieters And Ope Oreyemi

Lgbtq – Bessie Yuill And Katie Winstanley

Sports – Jack Morrison And James Worthington

International Reps – Tiger Yuan And Lucas Buzaglo

Ousu – N/A

**2.** **Motions**

2.1 Simien Mountains in Ethiopia Charity Donation

Summary: To donate £200 to the Simien Mountain Mobile Medical Service based in Ethiopia.

This JCR notes that:

1. Citizens in rural areas of developing countries, such as those of the Simien Mountains in Ethiopia, often have limited access to adequate healthcare.
2. The Simien Mountain Mobile Medical Service (SMMMS) is a small, independent charity working towards universal access to health education, vaccination and primary healthcare services for all those who live in the Simien Mountains of Northern Ethiopia.
3. SMMMS currently runs both a clinic in Keyit, allowing for inpatient treatment of more serious conditions, and an outpatient service, as well as employing mobile nurses who extend medical care to remote areas of the park accessible only on foot. These nurses visit each of the villages within their Woreda (akin to a small UK county) each month where they educate the local community on areas such as basic hygiene, family planning and disease prevention, as well as delivering medical supplies, and enabling the referral of more unwell patients to the charity run clinic or government run hospital (4 hours away by 4x4).
4. SMMMS also fund a number of scholarships for local girls who return to the mountains to serve their community as trained healthcare professionals.
5. Donations to SMMMS go towards running costs of the charity and also for the provision of medical equipment and supplies and textbooks.
6. The SMMMS has a website which shows some of their work at [http://simienmountainsmobilemedicalservice.org/](https://owa.nexus.ox.ac.uk/owa/redir.aspx?C=ZMnzmlSaAie4X1bRB20BIFUWT6F8gBF3xHgnKx_5PclHZLmuB67VCA..&URL=http%3a%2f%2fsimienmountainsmobilemedicalservice.org%2f)

This JCR believes that:

1. Access to basic healthcare for rural communities in developing countries is important
2. SMMMS is a charity that does good work, and is worthy of a JCR charity donation

This JCR therefore resolves to:

1. Donate £200 to the SMMMS.

Proposed by: Luke Moss

Seconded by: The Charities Officers

**2.1 Discussion**

**VOTE** 60 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

**MOTION PASSED**

**2.2 Ramadan Packs**

**Summary**: To donate £10 to ISOC to fund their Ramadan Packs Initiative.

**This JCR notes that:**

1. Ramadan is an important time of year for Muslim students and can also be a difficult one when students are trying to balance fasting/religious obligations with studying and revising for exams.

2. In an attempt to alleviate this pressure, the Oxford University Islamic Society is proposing to create ‘Ramadan packs', in which they hope to include different items that would be useful to a Muslim student with exams during Ramadan.

**This JCR therefore resolves to:**

1. Donate £10 from the Ethnic Minorities budget to ISOC to help fund this initiative.

Proposed by: Ope and Robert

Seconded by: Ben Jacob

**2.2 Discussion**

**VOTE** 61 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

**MOTION PASSED**

**3. Elections**

**President - Sam Edwards**

* Aims to represent JCR collective with strength
* Any questions come to me
* Washing machines on card, no more scrounging for spare change
* JCR-wide forum - very lucky to have this space but under-utilised, what do we want to do with it? Themed night, art work, new pizza toppings - introduce a culture
* Look at JCR accessibility - how can we champion JCR to Freshers?
* JCR Pres needs to be versatile and willing to face up to the reality of the role - lots of opportunities but also lots of challenges

**President - Oli Adcock**

* Charity pledges
  + In a position to make a real difference in the Oxford community.
  + Wants to pair Keble with disadvantage schools around Oxford - perhaps organising breakfasts/meal
  + Homelessness - taking over leadership of current homelessness project (Gatehouse Project), donation of left-over food from hall to Gatehouse Charity
* Environmental
  + Phase out single use cups - has met with Hall Manager and this should be easy to introduce
  + Renewable devices - solar panels
* Welfare
  + Interested in mental health, ensure 24 hour counsellor continues
  + Mindfulness and meditation encourages
* Wants to build mutually beneficial relationships with Reps
* Wants to JCR to operate as a forum - wants to lead through discussion

**Questions**

Q. How many JCR meetings have you been to?

Oli

* All in Hilary, ⅔ in michaelmas
* Wants discussion to be more free-flowing and open
* Amend propositions as they are submitted

Sam

* Been to the vast majority since the start of the year
* Encourage attendance
* Give more help with submitting motions, perhaps re-write instructions?

Q What could Ronit improve on?

Sam

* Ronit is clearly a busy guy
* Don’t see him too regularly around college - perhaps have a set time per week where people are able to come and ask questions

Oli

* Echoed Sam’s sentiments - Pres’ Questions

Q. What inspired you to run?

Oli

* Interested in making change
* Manifesto came easily - realised there were many changes he wanted to make

Sam

* Believes in himself, believes in those around him
* Want to enact change, being here is very important to him and wants to make the most of it

Q. Would you consider reviewing the Sports Budget?

Sam

* Definitely worth reviewing
* Every sport deserves at least minimal funding
* Not all sports created equal (c.f rowing) but all should be supported
* Wants to get Sports Rep in asap

Oli

* Indefensible, that there is disparity in funding
* Would definitely want to look into this

Q. What would you do if you felt your JCR Committee were not achieving their goals?

Oli

* Trying to move things along is a feasibility
* Important to be practical, need to work out what is achievable in three terms

Sam

* Every member of the Committee has been mandated by the JCR Community
* Wouldn’t be afraid to have difficult discussions, wants to act as a mediator between different groups
* Work out what their goals are and precisely what they want to achieve - be realistic but also ambitious

Q. If someone in the JCR Committee rubs you up the wrong way, how would you handle this?

Sam

* Not afraid to approach people and have open, honests understanding
* Wants to encourage a supportive, team culture from day 1

Oli

* Can’t forsee a circumstance in which there is a personality clash - we’re all working towards the common goal of what’s best for the JCR
* Wants to put what’s best for the JCR ahead of personal disputes

Q. JCR is going to become the key communal space next year when Keble Cafe takes over the Bar/Hall shuts down.

Oli

* We can be more efficient with space: better seating etc
* Refurb ought to continue as planned
* The bar could definitely be a communal space too (not at the same time, just a case of being smart with space)

Sam

* There’s going to be a lot going on next year - it’s about being flexible
* Still hoping to have social activities in the Bar (serving pints, playing darts)
* Show the Freshers’ the three social spaces and encourage them to make the most of it

Q. We are a very big college, want to encourage positive value/relationships with college staff. How would you distill those values as Pres?

Sam

* Not going to happen in one year, need to instill that mentality
* Makes an effort to check in with staff, say hello
* Perhaps it’s time to show them some appreciation - dinner, festival etc
* Get some exciting motions submitted for the Michaelmas W1 JCR meeting

Oli

* Essential to hook the Freshers in first week - illustrate the JCR is a way to acheive meaningful progress
* Important to look forward to end of your reign at the start - construct a clear plan, work out what we want to achieve and how we want to get there
* Celebration of non-academic staff

**Challenges!!!**

* Ronit will be posting list of 30 challenges
* Each challenge demonstrates something different about you and your suitability in your role as Pres

Voting opens on Thursday - please do vote!!!!

Announce results on Friday at 6.30pm

**4. Any Other Business**

* Keble Women’s Hockey team victory over Teddy Hall - final coming soon!!!
* Welfare event with Bouncy Castle for the last 3 years - will this be happening again? (Yes!)