



WILKINSON & WEEKS HALL COMMITTEE MEETING 1

7:00pm, Sunday 26th October 2014, Weeks Common Room



HC Members Present: Claudia, Lauren, Ruairi, Vaibhav, Harry, Zach, Hajel, Robin, Karl.

Seniors: Ravina, Victor, Lily-Mae, Julia, Lorenzo, Guy, Katy, Joss, Utsav.

Wardens: Franca, Arash, Tas, Ben.

1. Apologies for Absence

- Theodora, Olivia, Haroon, Lizzie, Ruairi (Peter, Dimitri, Sei, Mirko).

2. Constitution (paper 1)

- The Hall Committee constitution (paper 1) was received and accepted by the Committee.

3. Financial Matters (paper 2)

- The Warden explained the financial structure of the hall and recent change to amenities budget.
- This year the budget was cut from £3 per week per student to £1.50 per week per student.
- The budget is to be used for events, activities and facilities of residents and the Hall Committee is fully responsible for the allocation of these funds.
- Roughly £8,000 remains in the budget for the year.
- The Hall Committee will be able to file expense claims for any expenditure on behalf of the Hall through the Union's eActivities facility. However, all expenditure should be approved by the Committee in advance.
- There will be an opportunity to raise any concerns about the budget cuts in a meeting in January which will determine next year's budget.

4. Election of Hall Committee Chairperson & Treasurer

- Chair: Guy Riese (unanimously voted)
- Treasurer: Victor Clement (unanimously voted)
- **Tas** to allocate responsibilities on Union system

5. Election of RAG and Green Reps

- Rag reps: Vaibhav, Lauren
- Green rep: To be elected at a later date if College/Union require this role to be allocated.

6. Feedback from Freshers' Fortnight

- General
 - Overall feedback very positive: well organised and good balance of events.

- Gold pass was excellent value. Gabor charged £50 whereas we charged £35. There is clearly potential to increase the price of the gold pass next year and include more events.
- Bowling and Ice Skating + Chinese Dinner could be included in the pass. These events should at least be organised and publicised in advance in order to increase attendance. Sign up during freshers' fortnight is too late.
- Suggestion to organise freshers' fortnight during the first hall senior meeting before summer begins. This will allow an events calendar to be released early and ticket sales to begin early.
- Potential to introduce 2 different passes: platinum and gold, platinum includes more (smaller) events.
- Boat Party feedback
 - Mixed feedback on length, some said too long and some said too short. It has been shortened since last year from 4 hours to 3 hours, but we still have to pay full price. Consider shortening to 2-2.5 hours although may be worth replacing with alternative event
 - Route was not as good, preferably go to Westminster rather than East in order to get better views.
 - Drinks were very expensive. 1 Lager was cheap but spirits still extremely expensive.
 - General feedback was either love it or hate it. Perhaps come up with new event next year that the majority are likely to enjoy. However, this is controversial as most halls offer boat party event. It would have to be an impressive event to replace it with!
 - Cost is roughly £1000, consider replacing with bar event at Paramount or a rooftop bar/cool venue with good views. Downside: under 18s will not be able to attend.
 - Consider replacing with party bus (although feasibility issues for large numbers).
 - Continue to do jointly with Gabor.
 - Consider starting later so that people can pre-drink (although may affect clubbing event afterwards)
- Coming Up Dinner
 - Not enough alcohol, but pressure from College restricts amount of alcohol we can provide. There are other 'more appropriate' occasions to drink...
 - Plan an afterparty better. There was little dancing and people left early but didn't really know where to go.
 - Consider a DJ (resident or senior?) to make dance floor more popular
 - Music during dining from pianist and band was highly commended
 - Organised seating would be useful: popular suggestion was to organise seating plan so that each table is split half with one floor and half with another.
- Other Events
 - BBQ: Long queue but free food always goes down well. Consider more serving points (than 1).
 - Bonkies Oktoberfest: Well attended, free food and drink positive again.

- Clubbing: Ministry was really popular, although people struggled to find the main room (The Box). IC a PARTY at Rise was a little too crowded and too Imperial-only.
- Variety Show Party: Expensive to get costumes for everyone. Next year, consider publicising before move-in so that students can buy costumes in advance and bring to halls with them. Otherwise a very fun event with big turn out and people stayed.

7. Future Events

- Halloween: Bonkies Halloween Pre-Party with snacks, drinks, decorations, games
 - 7pm to 9pm on Friday 31st October
 - Free to attend
 - Ensure using big speakers for louder music
 - Pumpkin competition (pumpkins to be purchased from Sainsbury's)
 - £250 budget allocated from W&W, £200 from Gabor
 - Responsibilities: **Claudia, Gustav, Julia, Harry + Gabor team**
 - **To action urgently!**
- Battersea Fireworks: Walk to Battersea Park for Fireworks show on Saturday 8th November
 - 30 tickets to be bought in advance by **Tas**
 - **Tas/Victor/Sei** to setup ticket purchase link via Union
 - Tickets cost £6.50 before 31st October, to be purchased at this price and sold at this price. Any additional purchases due to over 30 sales will be subsidised by the hall (£2 per ticket).
 - **Lorenzo** to make poster
 - **To action urgently!**
- Brunches: Carrying on continental brunches with £80 weekly budget, joint with Gabor
 - Potential to consider offering hot brunches on a monthly basis in future depending on demand/feedback.
- Christmas Dinner: Roughly £1,000 budget
 - To organise: **Lauren, Katy, Hajel.**
- Hall trip to Belgium/Amsterdam (e.g. Bruges)
 - Aim to minimise subsidy, if any. Ticket price target around £40-£50.
 - To organise: **Zach, Lorenzo, Robin, Harry, Lily-Mae.**
- End of Year Dinner: Confirmed to go ahead (roughly £1,000 budget)

8. Cleaning, maintenance and healthy & safety

- **Arash** to remind of cleaning equipment available in next newsletter.
- Ventilators in kitchens do work but are passive.
- Shortage of TV remote controls but unable to resolve this: make do with buttons on TV.

9. Any Other Business (AOB)

- Bonkies
 - Re-ordering stock that has gone off (**Tas**)

- To be run by entire Hall Committee
- First Bonkies night will be **Tuesday 4th November** organised by **Katy & Joss**.
- **Katy, Lorenzo, Franca, Guy** to run training session for entire Hall Committee before Tuesday 11th November.
- Need to elect official Bonkies Manager who will organise the allocations and shifts of Bonkies and manage stock.
- Football
 - **Utsav** to buy 2 new footballs with budget of £10-£20 per ball.
 - **Utsav** to organise new football kits (not to be subsidised this year).
- Basketball
 - Basketball costs £100 per team to enter. This cost is to be passed onto people who wish to join the team.
 - **Tas, Dimitri** to coordinate.
- Hall committee Facebook group to be setup by **Guy**
- Trello board to be setup by **Guy**

Date of next meeting: 7pm, Sunday 2nd November 2014, in the Weeks Common Room