

Amalgamation Club Meeting Michaelmas 2022

Held on 05/12/2022 on Teams.

Members Present

Senor Treasurer Tijmen Euser (TE)

JCR representatives Caredig Ap Tomas (CT), James Hardy (JH), Adri Midkiff (AM)

MCR representatives James Bluemel (JHB), Jasper Sangen (JS) also serving as **MCR Treasurer**

MCR president James Ball (JB)

JCR president Harry Fishlock (HF)

Captain of the Boats Liela Uddin (LU)

MBC Treasurer Mark Brown (MB)

Field Sports Representative Ben Wiedman (BW)

Non-sports Representative Sam Clarke (SC)

Amalgamation Secretary Christian Keeping (CK)

Presentation of accounts

TE: Last year £ 30,624.40 was spent this was slightly less than was available in previous years awards. Basketball, Doctoral and Lawn Tennis Societies did not bid this year they should be contacted.

JCR bid deadline

CT: Normally submitted by end of December

TE: Next Amal meeting should be in first two weeks of Lent so should be 1-2 weeks prior to this.
Deadline 09/01/2023

CT: Budget needs to be put together for college prior to this so 09/01/2023 is reasonable

Review of bids

Liquid Netball

AM: Reasonable bid. Significant increase from £98.00 last year to £230.00 this year. But aim to expand the club and most of the extra funds would be spent on league fees.

CT: They have bid for £75.00 for kit. We need to clarify with them if this will be passed on as we don't fund kit for individuals.

South Asian Society

AM: New Society so no previous bids to compare with. £500 does seem like a high bid and little detail in bid.

JHB: Does welfare support include food and drink as this would be against the no funding for food and drink in guidelines

TE: write to request more detail for next meeting

Men's football club

AM: not able to consider this bid in advance as not attached to email.

TE: significant increase in bid from last year

CT: this this mostly on kit

BW: we need uniform kit and some players from last year's team kept kit

CT: we need assurance that this won't happen again

BW: also, no funds from previous year as we lost access to the account

CT: this has also been an issue in the past could we ensure this this doesn't happen again, perhaps JCR account could be used

TE: hand over planning also needs to be improved

HF: does Amal have handover notes

CT: no bar secretary

HF: On the football bid the dinner is also a concern what is it?

BW: this is lowest priority

Badminton

AM: big increase on previous year though court prices have increased also why are so many rackets required? They should charge membership fees

CT: Also, they have put down on the form the amount they bid for not what they actually received last year

Ladies' netball

JHB: they asked for registration fees for league which is reasonable it is also sufficiently detailed. The bid for kit is a concern. We need a policy on kit.

TE: as long as it isn't being kept this is reasonable.

Fives

JHB: There is an error in adding up the final total also gloves purchase is a big cost

TE: the numbers include balance but let's clarify this

CT: many gloves are needed as you need different sizes

JHB: they also want welfare food but is this for spectators

SC: We have the only outdoor Eton fives court could they charge for use?

JHB: It may be college not club owned

Whisky

JHB: significant increase in bid this seems to be due to increased number of events

TE: the change may be due to the use of the MCR account in previous years

JHB: reasonable bid as whisky is essential to club operation though perhaps subs should be charged

As well as this numbers on the bid are rounded which makes it all quite confusing

CT: last bid was 2 years ago

SC: what happens to left over whiskey

HistSoc (Peckard society)

JHB: socials seem to make up much of bid we need a policy on this

BW: I am a member we do invite non-members to the speaker events also parlour diners are too expensive for most members

JH: as well as this the parlour dinners are of an academic nature

CT: Isn't this the sort of thing that the DoS entertaining budget should cover

BW: this has already been discussed with the DoS and she does already make a contribution

TE: how should we handle this perhaps we should subsidise for hardship or the academic aspect

CT: also note events are open to non-members but are not widely advertised

Ladies football

JH: very reasonable bid and significant successes in previous year. Kit is a possible issue but as they want funds for washing it looks as if it is controlled by the club.

TE: this looks like a contribution to individuals kit do we want to fund this

CT: maybe we should be willing to make a contribution possibly 50%

JHB: Financial support could be offered

TE: I think this is sensible and we should approve some amount

HF: perhaps the best approach would be to fund everything else and see what's left for kit and events

JHB: might this risk setting an unfortunate precedent

TE: we should clarify the bid guidance document

MedSoc

JH: significant funding increase but they are now being more ambitious and the price of welfare packs has increased. However, I would want to review access subsidy for stash and the gifts for speakers.

HF: JCR and MCR already do welfare and should probably receive these funds

JH: This mostly covers hosting Oxford and welfare events

MCC (Magdalene Climbing Club)

JH: very large bid. The kit is once again an issue as is the membership subsidies, there are only a small number of attendees at events. Access subsidy is also a concern as it seems to be just subsidising core members.

TE: in particular it isn't for new people and there is little detail.

CT: also the climbing gym isn't particularly expensive

JHB: isn't this rather like badminton in terms of renting facilities etc

CT: it is £900 though which is far more than badminton

TE: also this is not really booking a facility it is just paying entrance fees for members so unless there is a deal with the gym this isn't something I think we ought to fund there is a concern though about maintaining a consistent approach

CT: also you can climb alone unlike badminton so perhaps it isn't so essential

JH: There is a group element to it in that they plan to take part in cuppers. But I think the amount is the main issue

AM: perhaps we should ask them who needs the subsidy

HF: also there is a concern about actually how many people will be taking part

BW: I think there are more people than indicated in the bid

LU: I wasn't aware they existed

TE: I agree they don't advertise their existence the bid is much too high. We should perhaps fund taster sessions or some sort of access subsidy.

JH: We could try to allocate the funds so they don't all end up with a few people

CT: the issue is how we could enforce this

TE: the above should be communicated to them especially the need to advertise more widely

HF: perhaps we should require societies to register with the JCR we could then advertise them on the website

CT: we can set this up

MBC

JS: bid is very reasonable and less than last year

CT: is the figure cited for the previous years amal contribution to amount they bid for or the amount they received ?

MB: It is for the amount we received

JS: Overall there are no issues it's a reasonable bid they are a major society, and it involves the whole college particularly during bumps. It's also an expensive sport. The kit is also very expensive so some sort of subsidy is reasonable

TE: they do have significant savings

CT: However as requested this has been reduced from last year

HF: what is the external membership licence?

MB: it is registration with the Cam conservators

JS: they also have other funds coming in

MCR

CT: significant increase in bid from previous year mostly on things we do not usually fund. They have applied for funding for BOPs these should pay for themselves. Why can't fellows pay for joint MCR SCR events (parlour talks). The Oxford swap is also a worry. We do not normally fund food and drink.

JS: Most of the Oxford swap funds won't be spent on food and drink but on transport. We would still be charging a subscription. Also, we should take into account the fact that most of the MCR members are only here for a year so members want to participate in more events. In particular they want a separate swap to the sports day.

CT: Yoga does not need to be fully subsidised

JS: we have had 24 events and so have been able to reduce the price

CT: what are MCR sports? Is this primarily the table tennis table. This is what the MCR reserves are used for. Also, where would it be located?

JS: MCR sports include this and cricket

CT: should there be more cooperation with JCR on sports?

JS: most MCR members are resident year round so we need separate teams etc

CT: this is also more than the JCR. They have half as many members and want half as much as MCR. This is also more than pre-pandemic.

JS: MCR members are resident year round so it is more expensive.

JHB: is there guidance for JCR MCR bids they are very different to other societies

TE: Also we need to consider what funds are likely to be available assuming the societies that bid last year bid again when contacted.

JS: the doctoral society seems to have spent very little so are unlikely to bid. Also, the £17,000 savings of the MCR is unrepresentative due to the timing of college bills in relation to the handover. Also, our financial year changes with our committee. Until April we won't get a completely clear idea on the money we will have available. We are also yet to receive funds from college.

Other matters arising

TE: next step is to review bids for JCR we also want to be able to review societies answers to our questions by January 9th. How does voting normally work?

CT: the senior treasurer normally proposes, and the committee members vote

Next meeting

TE: doodle poll for first two weeks of term

HF: we will also be bidding to refurbish JCR room

CT: though this will be mostly funded from reserves