

Minutes of the Amalgamations Club Meeting

27th of January - Microsoft Teams

Members present at meeting:

1. **Senior Treasurer:** John Orr (JO)
2. **JCR representatives:** Marcos Tapia Costa (MTC) (ABSENT), Howard Hawkes (HH), Caredig ap Tomos (CAT)
3. **MCR representatives:** Liz Killen (LK), Jacob Deasy (JD)
4. **JCR President:** Matthew Holland (MH)
5. **MCR President:** James Ball (JB) (ABSENT)
6. **Non-sports representative:** Sand Sunyabhisithkul (SS) (ABSENT)
7. **Sports representative:** Thomas Bilclough (TB) (ABSENT)
8. **Captain of Boat Club:** Sam Vosper (SV)
9. **Treasurer of Boat Club:** Floss Willcocks (FW)
10. **AMAL Secretary:** May-May Wattanawanitchakorn (MW)

A quorum was reached, as per the regulations outlined in the constitution.

Item 1: Discussion of funding (eligible and ineligible costs)

JO: Money for political activities, money for kit, and food and drink will not be/rarely allocated.

LK: Relaxed in past years (e.g. wine tasting, Blackett society), rules just haven't been changed.

Item 2: Covid impact on Lent term activities

JO: Events now unlikely to happen this term, so should not fund events that had been planned to take place in person.

LK: Total of bids now under budget (£30,000) - if this approach is due to the need to cut bids.

JO: Reasoning of approach - do not want to fund events that are not happening, even if under budget.

SV: Financial year for MBC runs from October to October, so money is anticipated to fund the new year of sports. Possibility of cutting next year's bid if excess.

JD: Will people arriving next year be affected by lack of events? Positive strategy: remind clubs to spend more.

Item 3: Discussion of JCR bid

CAT: Reasonable, a lot was planning for return in Lent, but could still be used in future.

FW: Sky subscription is a big cost. Will JCR stay at Porters' Lodge with the current parcel room, and how much will TV/bar be used?

MH: Subscription, already committed to.

JC: Paid on behalf by college, have to pay college back. Cost faced by MCR too.

Note: Can the subscription be paused? When is it paid?

LK: Used in MCR, but is JCR TV properly utilised even in normal times?

MH: Agreed, rarely used.

JD: Does JCR have an on-demand subscription? MCR have Netflix, etc. - could save money.

Bid finalised at £5,080.13.

Item 4: Discussion of replies to queries from Michaelmas meeting (Items with strikethroughs do not require any further action from last meeting).

1	Ladies Netball	MW: Ladies and Mixed Netball using two different bank accounts currently, had difficulties with joint account opened two years ago. Both are personal accounts, but can be organised to change next year. For now, JCR bank account can be temporary used. Bid finalised at
2	Squash	Bid finalised at £114.
3	Mixed Netball	MW: JCR bank account also to be used. Bid finalised at £173.
4	Mixed Lacrosse	Bid finalised at £186.61.
5	Eton Fives	Bid finalised at £195.
6	Lawn Tennis	JD: Now have access to a business current account. Bid finalised at £203.90.
7	Whiskey Society	MW: No bank account set up yet. On clarification of events, idea is to have members taste whiskey and discuss it over a conversation. Given lockdown situation, plan to send testers to members' homes and hold virtual get-togethers. JO: Happy to be funding drinks? JD: Yes, if more sociable events can be funded. SV: Agree. In this case, buying drinks for a purpose, not as a social activity. For many clubs, happens anyway, even if drinks not the purpose. Bid finalised at £280.

8	Doctoral Society	MW: Still no bank account due to the lockdown, plan to coordinate with MCR. With regards to relationship with the MCR, do not plan on hosting joint events - purpose of activities of the Doctoral Society is deliberately designed to not duplicate the activities of the MCR e.g. operating over the summer, when the MCR does not hold activities, and on a regular basis. Bid finalised at £460.
9	Mixed Hockey	JD: No response about previous account details, MW to message Jovan. Other than that, happy with bid. Finalised at £483.50.
10	Men's Football	JD: Now have access to bank account. JO: Asking 200 pounds for kit. No further objections - bid finalised at £544.
11	Peckard Society	JO: Total amount of bid £600 but total in itemised bid is £1082. CAT: Perhaps taking into account budget cuts. Bid finalised at £600.
12	Badminton	MW: Updated bid with Lent term court costs removed, much closer to standard bid amount. Charging members would be a last resort. Bid finalised at £785.93.
13	MCR	MW: Welfare Packages are now explained in their bid. JO: Make sure to not double pay (Doctoral and Whiskey society). Bid finalised at £7,732.
14	MBC	HH: Training, repairs, and equipment reasonable. External membership revised. Good year to reduce, JD has suggestions. JD: New bid is good. Race entry seems unable to be moved, but coaching is very high and ambiguous: 10k salary for 62% of year. in 2019 (last full year of coaching), 40 weeks of coaching, more than term time (coaches doubling up)? Weekly payment idea, and would still have more weeks than there are in the term. SV: Coaching not done by one individual person - can supply information on hours of coaching per week and active weeks in a year. Hourly costs looks high because not full time. CAT: Mentioned no charge for training camp this year, but appeared in itemised bid. SV: Included to show expense, but amount requested to subsidise is zero. JO: Where are coaches coming from? SV: External, not members of college. JD: Could cost be shifted to Mallory? SV: Do not want to stop the amount of coaching, but could finance in other ways (pro-bono coaching in previous years). Will commit to reducing bid, and not take more from Amal

		than able to generate from subscription/contribution from Mallory club. Bid finalised at £11,875.
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Item 5: Finalisation of Final Awards Decision.

The grand total of the bids amounted to £28,822.04.

Item 6: Any other matters arising.

LK: £1,177.96 under-spent on AMAL - possibility of contacting clubs that have not submitted a bid this year, but were awarded funds last year (Magdalene College Law Society, Magdalene Wine Tasting Society, Magdalene Swimming and Water Polo Club, The Blackett Society, Rugby, Magdalene Basketball) and ask if they would like to submit small bids for this remaining money? Real case to be made of supporting students within current pandemic.

JO: Nice idea, will contact the societies.