



the DURHAM UNION

MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE Minutes – Wednesday 12th June 2019

Present: - **Dan Egglestone**, *President* (DE)
Helen Paton, *Treasurer* (HP)
Ben Cooper, *Custodian* (BC)
Rosie Vorri, *Director of Debating* (RV)
Sarah Kuszynski, *Social Secretary* (SK)
Connor Forster, *Sponsorship Secretary* (CF)

Apologies: - **Freddie Hyde**, *Secretary*
Alastair Sledge, *President-Elect*

Meeting began in the Debating Chamber, Palace Green at 1:05 p.m.

DE in the chair and BC minuting.

DE opened the meeting, he commented on the poor weather. He said British Rowing Club Members would be welcome to the address by Annamarie Phelps. **DE** also said he hoped the attention generated by the Margaret Thatcher debate would be reflected in a high turnout. He proceeded to outline the events for the rest of the term.

HP said the Union Stash would arrive on the week beginning Monday 17th June and that she would put together a report for the trustees and General Committee meetings of the same week.

BC noted that the meeting was his last as a member of Standing Committee and expressed gratitude at the opportunity to have served the Union for the past six months. He said he was very happy to have left 24s in a better state than he found it some six months ago and thanked the efforts of the Assistant Custodian, Tristan Pahl, for introducing new events.

RV said she expected the Durham Open to turn a profit of £800. She also said that, as part of the interaction between Debating and Outreach, 20 schoolchildren will be invited to watch the EUDC.

SK said ticket sales for the Garden Party were looking good and the sale of ball tickets remained a priority to be pushed, especially due to the imminent closure of sales.

CF said the Sponsorship push was underway, with a new brochure and good responses so far. He hoped to be able to build relations for future Sponsorship deals. He praised the efforts of Mr Sheldrake-Davies for his help with the Sponsorship brochure.

It was noted that members of the Standing Committee, together with Past Presidents and recent members of Standing Committee had been invited to a Constitutional Convention to discuss updating the Constitution and ensure the smoother running of the Union going forwards.

DE reminded Standing members of the trustees meeting on Tuesday 18th June.

RV detailed issues with debates funding following an £8,000 profit for Durham Schools which could be invested in the year's competitions.

There being no further business, DE closed the meeting.

Acting Secretary: ***B. Cooper***

President: ***D. J. Egglestone***