



the DURHAM UNION

MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE Minutes – Thursday 14th March

Present: -

- Rahul Prakash**, *President* (RP)
- Sarina Rivlin-Sanders**, *Treasurer* (SRS)
- Freddie Hyde**, *Secretary* (FH)
- Ben Cooper**, *Custodian* (BC)
- Martha Muir**, *Director of Debating* (MM)
- Sarah Kuszynski**, *Social Secretary* (SK)
- Connor Forster**, *Sponsorship Secretary* (CF)
- Dan Egglestone**, *President-Elect* (DE)

Meeting began in The Debating Chamber at 1:10p.m

RP in the Chair and FH minuting.

RP opened the meeting and recapped over the past two addresses. He was pleased with the Sue Flood address and noted successful publicity by YouTuber Jack Edwards which boosted turnout. He also noted the turnout for A.C. Grayling's address was good given the afternoon start.

The Committee discussed the drafting of a Union mission statement. It was agreed to paraphrase the relevant clauses of the constitution. **RP** drafted such a statement.

RP discussed the upcoming address by Anton Du Beke and noted the need for further publicity.

SK asked if members of the ballroom dancing society who performed at the Michaelmas ballroom could attend the address. **RP** said that they could.

BC recommended each speaker pose for a photograph at 24 North Bailey Club.

RP said that twelve spaces ought to be the limit for the dinner with Anton Du Beke. He drafted a post on the Union Facebook post advertising the remaining spaces and the corresponding prices for non-members, members and general committee members.

SRS noted the stash orders would close at 3pm. She said forty-three orders had been received thus far. She noted the need for a new projector, especially given the difficulties encountered over the past few days.

FH apologised for his recent illness and the effect this had on the management of the Consultative Committee. He informed the Standing Committee of ongoing negotiations with the Society for Army Historical Research to formulate a sponsorship arrangement. The Committee then discussed **FH**'s proposed constitutional amendment to create an additional member of Consultative Committee. The Committee approved the amendment and was happy to second it at the next meeting of the General Committee.

BC discussed the upcoming General Committee social. He said that the Union will pay up to fifty pounds of pizzas in exchange for 24 North Bailey Club waiving the corkage and reading room fee.

MM said the Durham Open is coming along well, although two members have been lost due to date changes.

CF discussed the raffle for the Farewell Debate. It was agreed that this would come under private business. **RP** agreed to post on the Union Facebook Page informing members of rules concerning the consumption of alcohol.

DE discussed plans for his term, including the preparation of the term card and the address by Andrew Roberts, where book signings will take place. He said the University History Society will be invited in return for helping promote the event.

There being no further business, **RP** closed the meeting.

Secretary: ***F. W. Hyde***

President: ***R. Prakash***