



# *the* DURHAM UNION

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## MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE Minutes – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> 2019

*Present:* - **Dan Egglestone**, *President* (DE)  
**Freddie Hyde**, *Secretary* (FH)  
**Tristan Pahl**, *Custodian* (TP)  
**Rosie Vorri**, *Director of Debating* (RV)  
**Sarah Kuszynski**, *Social Secretary* (SK)  
**Connor Forster**, *Sponsorship Secretary* (CF)  
**Alastair Sledge**, *President-Elect* (AS)

*Apologies:* - **Helen Paton**, *Treasurer*

*Meeting began in the Debating Chamber, Palace Green at 1:25 p.m.*

*DE in the chair, and FH minuting.*

**DE** noted the official events of the Union had finished official business of the term, with only the farewell debate remaining. He expressed surprise at some of the comments on the Facebook Page for the debate. He hoped the debate would prove a fun evening and hoped the speeches would remain above board. He said he was pleasantly surprised at the turnout for the Andrew Roberts address and said that, whilst the turnout for the Colonel Richard Kemp address was lower than that for Andrew Roberts, this was made up for by people talking with Colonel Kemp until past midnight.

**TP** noted the upcoming karaoke night and talked about his plans for Michaelmas. He noted the planned investment in equipment said he planned two equipment-based nights per term, but these needed a good turnout to be feasible. He said that the kitchen floor of 24 North Bailey Club needs to be repaired and estimated this would cost £1,100. He asked when the kitchen would be free.

**FH** noted the property would be free until the Friday before the start of Freshers Week.

**TP** said it was likely prices for drinks would be raised by 10 pence per pint.

**AS** said preparations for his term remained on track.

**CF** noted he has begun sending emails out for sponsors.

**SK** said the band originally hired for the ball had dropped out for the summer ball. She said she was looking for a replacement and asked for help setting up the Masonic Hall.

**FH** talked about plans for the Freshers Fair and the possibility of having a stall outside the Bill Bryson Library.

**AS** said that he had been concentrating on putting his term together and would move onto promotional material, including putting together a plan for officers to follow, over the summer.

CF talked about money for the debating squad and promotional material. He said he would continue to liaise with the new Sponsorship Secretary over the summer.

DE ran over the General Committee agenda, noting the number of officers' reports, officer elections and rules committee elections together with a constitutional amendment.

FH proposed a vote of thanks for DE, which TP seconded.

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There being no further business, The President closed the meeting.

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

President: ***D. Egglestone***