



the DURHAM UNION

MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE Minutes – Wednesday 5th December 2018

Present: - **Chris Clarke**, *President* (CC)
Sarina Rivlin-Sanders, *Treasurer* (SRS)
Jack Perry, *Secretary* (JP)
Dan Egglestone, *Custodian* (DE)
Martha Muir, *Director of Debating* (MM)
Sarah Kuszynski, *Social Secretary* (SK)
Connor Forster, *Sponsorship Secretary* (CF)
Rahul Prakash, *President-Elect* (RP)

Meeting began in the Debating Chamber, Palace Green at 1:45 p.m.

CC in the chair, and JP minuting.

CC opened the meeting noting it is his penultimate meeting as President. He noted the pressing issue is the camera.

SRS noted she has found a new one priced at £360. She explained why it would be best to use this one as it does not need 4K resolution. She noted it films in 1080 HD instead and has all the keep features needed.

CC stated very few people use 4K online and that he agrees with **SRS**. He instructed her to purchase it as soon as the money comes in. He stated the rest of the funds can be used for a disabled ramp and beer mats for 24s, and any remaining can go into the reserves.

SK noted the social tonight and stated some members of Social Committee are not coming. She noted Klute wristbands and the consensus that people want them for the Farewell debate rather than the social.

RP noted he has 9 or 10 addresses ready for next term. He noted however that no one is willing to defend the motion that the NHS is the envy of the world. He stated Miss Price is keen to design the Term Card and use a local printer, and that he will shortlist some potential suppliers. He also noted the need to have posters ready when students come back after the holidays.

CC suggested putting up posters before Christmas.

RP agreed.

SRS suggested a reveal programme.

DE noted 24s made plenty of money last week. He also pointed out karaoke night on Sunday.

CC noted we haven't been using up the Absolut vodka, which is only 10p more expensive.

CC and DE discussed upcoming shifts and stock levels.

CC asked if we can hose down the glass bin because it smells revolting.

CF noted he is still sending emails and outlined the possibility of McKinsey Young Leadership sponsoring the Durham Schools Competition.

CC noted PwC and that he is still in contact.

CC noted Hotel Indigo are raising prices from £103 to £105 but that this is still better than the Marriott. He noted they will speak to staff to prevent upselling. He outlined the potential for a Ball at the Hotel Indigo.

CC asked RP if there are any events on the last Thursday of each month next term.

RP replied no.

CC stated this is good because this is when Hotel Indigo have a Jazz Night which is not very good.

CC stated other than this Hotel Indigo have been good, and we will continue to use them.

CC and SRS discussed room bookings, VAT and how long in advance rooms have to be cancelled.

MM noted Event Durham are not cooperating on Schools and that it will be a week after the usual time. She noted it will be on the 30th-31st March. She noted this means people will have to stay in Durham two weeks rather than one after the end of term.

CC noted he has resolved the Sergei issue and outlined how he allowed him to attend a debate practice so he can be part of the Debating Group.

CC stated Officers should be at the social tonight and encouraged them to come to the Farewell Debate.

CC asked JP to pass on concerns to the Steward, Samrat Pasriccha (SP) regarding the high number of resignations from House Committee. He outlined concerns with SP's strictness.

The standard procedure for how House Committee run events was discussed.

CC closed the meeting.

Secretary: **J. Perry**

President: **C. J. Clarke**