



the DURHAM UNION

MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE Minutes – Wednesday 16th October 2019

Present: - Mr Alastair Sledge, Esq., *President*
Mr Freddie Hyde, Esq., *Secretary*
Miss Helen Paton, *Treasurer*
Miss Lucy Jackson, *Social Secretary*
Miss Sarah Kuzsynski, *President-Elect*
Miss Rosie Vorri, *Director of Debating*
Miss Kristen Price, *Sponsorship Secretary*
Mr Alexander Buxton Carda, Esq., *Assistant Custodian*

Apologies: - Mr Tristan Pahl, Esq., *Custodian*

Meeting began in the Debating Chamber, Palace Green at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Sledge in the chair, and Mr. Hyde minuting.

Mr Sledge thanked the members of the committee for their attendance.

Miss Jackson informed the committee that 60 ball tickets had been sold, which represented twenty-five per cent of the total number of tickets available. She expressed displeasure at the small number of General Committee members who had purchased tickets for the ball and Oktoberfest. Miss Jackson recommended selling tickets for the latter on the day

Miss Vorri noted that the Oktoberfest did not clash with any competitive debating events.

Miss Jackson explained the pricing structure for the Oktoberfest; £5 for two pints and a sausage. She offered to purchase the sausages herself from ALDI. Whilst the contract for the Michaelmas Ball was yet to be signed with Beamish Hall, Miss Jackson did not foresee any problems.

Miss Vorri informed the committee that registration for the Durham IV was currently at 23. Whilst expressing disappointment at this figure, she was pleased with the turnout for recent debating taster sessions.

Mr Buxton Carda noted the success of the recent 24s pub quiz and urged promotion of the upcoming karaoke night.

Miss Price noted a complaint made by the university about the recent live stream relating to the safety concerns of an extension lead.

Mr Buxton Carda said Mr Pahl was intended to open the ballot for 24s accommodation in the next fortnight. The committee was informed about changes to the prices of beer in the bar.

Mr Hyde explained that the Union email server was now up and running and would be improved with each coming week.

Miss Price noted the upcoming address by Teach First.

Miss Kuzsynski informed the committee she was trying to organise an address by Joshua Wong in March.

Mr Sledge apologised for the dropout on Monday and explained the address would be rescheduled. He talked of a potential emergency debate on climate activism. He ran through events in the upcoming week, urging the committee to attend as many as they could. Mr Sledge noted the need to have House Committee prepared for any disruption at the address by the Venezuelan Ambassador. He noted upcoming addresses by Alistair Petrie and Mark Gatiss. He explained Henry Bird from would be present to give Mark Gatiss a birthday cake at the end of the event.

Mr Sledge assured the committee that the term card was being spellchecked and edited, though he declined to offer a date for its printing. Miss Price offered her assistance.

The need to open nominations for the Complaints Panel was noted.

The committee ran through the events in the upcoming General Committee meeting.

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

Secretary: ***F. Hyde, Esq***

President: ***A. Sledge, Esq.***