



# *the* DURHAM UNION

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## MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE Minutes – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019

*Present:* - Mr Alastair Sledge, *President*  
Miss Helen Paton, *Treasurer*  
Mr Freddie Hyde *Secretary*  
Miss Kristen Price, *Sponsorship Secretary*  
Miss Lucy Jackson, *Social Secretary*  
Miss Rosie Vorri, *Director of Debating*  
Miss Sarah Kuszynski, *President-Elect*

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

*The meeting began in the Armistice Room, 24 North Bailey Club, at twenty minutes past one o'clock.*

*Mr Sledge in the Chair, Mr Hyde minuting.*

Mr Sledge opened the meeting, thanking members of the committee for their attendance.

Miss Jackson noted the difficulties around holding a meeting of the Standing Committee and General Committee next Wednesday as planned, due to the Michaelmas Ball falling that evening. She also noted the need to move the date of the hustings for the Presidential Election to a different day. Miss Jackson also referred to the need to find some Officers to collect kit from Collingwood and St Aidan's College.

The Committee agreed to postpone the meetings of the General Committee and Standing Committee to 20<sup>th</sup> November.

Miss Jackson stated that 191 ball tickets had been sold and that another 4 would be sold imminently. She also stated that the contracts had been signed.

Mr Hyde asked about the plans for coach travel.

Miss Jackson stated that there is space for 230 people on the coaches and that they will leave at 7.10pm at the latest. She added that the Assistant Social Secretary, Miss Peart, and other Officers will check the tickets of those going onto the coaches.

Mr Sledge stated that Miss Jackson should have a speech during the ball.

Mr Hyde suggested that the President and Social Secretary should speak before the DU Aerial Arts display.

Miss Jackson stated that final plans regarding the Michaelmas Ball would be sent to Standing Committee for its approval.

Miss Vorri stated that the Durham IV had made a profit of only £600, £250 less than last year.

Miss Price asked about the dates Durham Schools and the upcoming Alumni Weekend how this could be used in a Sponsorship package.

Miss Vorri asked about the possibility of Teach First sponsoring Durham Schools, noting that last years sponsor had been promised exclusive sponsorship and that this should not be done again.

Miss Price discussed the upcoming Sponsorship event on 18<sup>th</sup> November and mentioned catering concerns.

Mr Hyde noted that nominations for the Complaints Panel were closing on Friday and that interviews should take place on Saturday.

Miss Kuszynski noted the Office Manager should be present in the interviews and so nominations should close on Thursday, with interviews taking place on Friday.

Mr Hyde further said that the old General Committee minutes had been uploaded to the website and that minutes of the meeting with the Trustees had been completed and circulated.

Mr Sledge stated that the 24-hour debate would take place on 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> November. He stated that he wished for the debate to be live streamed in its entirety. He noted that once speakers sign up, they will be sent a fundraising link for the charity. Mr Sledge noted the opportunity to raise money for a local charity and the various prizes for those who raise the most money.

Mr Hyde noted that the ballot for accommodation in 24 North Bailey Club was closing imminently.

Mr Sledge noted that several addresses have had to be cancelled including Dominic Grieve, due to the general election. He stated he would send invitations to politicians and journalists who were in the area due to the general election.

Miss Jackson asked about the Farewell Debate.

Mr Sledge confirmed his plans to hold such a debate. He stated that the Farwell Debate and Christmas Social will be put on such a date so as to accommodate speakers. He stated that the General Committee photograph would take place on 27<sup>th</sup> November and proposed a 'joke' photograph, in addition to the normal black-tie photograph.

There being no further business, Mr Sledge closed the meeting.

Secretary: ***F. Hyde***

President: ***A. Sledge***