

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
of the eighth ordinary meeting of
the
Clubs and Societies Board
of the
Imperial College Union
in the 2007-2008 Session

The meeting of the Clubs and Societies Board was held in meeting room 7 of the
Union Building on 27th May at 6.00pm.

Present:

President	Stephen Brown
Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)	Alistair Cott
Deputy President (Education & Welfare)	Kirsty Patterson
Deputy President (Finance & Services)	Chris Larvin
CGCU Representative	Michael Chan
ICSMSU Representative	Guy Martin
RCSU Representative	David Charles
A&E Chair	Andy Mason
ACC Chair	Luke Taylor
RCC Representative	Jenny Wilson
SCC Chair	Lily Topham
CAG Chair	Christoph Aymanas

Permanent Observers:

Membership Services Manager	Phil Power
Governance and Administration Co-ordinator – clerk	Rebecca Coxhead

Observers: Ben Allin, Henrik Feldt, Selwyn Chan, Esmond Lau

Apologies: ICSMSU President Tim Wills, RCC Chair Eugene Chang, WCUS President Leila Serrao,

Not present: OSC Chair Marie-Louse Awolaja, Media Chair Karl Bonney, RSM Chair Daniel Hill

1. CHAIRS BUSINESS

NOTED:

- a) CSC Chairs are to remind their clubs to send in handbook entries to the Student Activities Centre or last years hand book entries will be used.
- b) The Finance Manual is being rewritten
- c) All clubs have been notified of the change to CEPS.
- d) There are many transfers that are outstanding.
 - i. CSC Chairs are to ask their clubs to email the Deputy President (Finance & Services) with outstanding transfers so that he can collate and action these.
- e) There is a working group that is looking at the composition of Union Council Those interested are to email the Deputy President (Education & Welfare) to join.
- f) There is now a Guest Speaker form that can be accessed on the web. CSC Chairs are to inform their clubs.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 29th April 2008

RESOLVED:

- 1) To accept the minutes.

3. MATTERS ARISING

NOTED:

- a) Hockey have reported back that they have 5 games.
- b) Ultimate Frisbee wish to go on the earliest tour.
- c) Underwater are looking at selling a boat and buying 2 new smaller ones which will affect the CEP's.

4. FINANCE REPORT

RECEIVED: The paper was presented by the Deputy President (Finance & Services)

NOTED:

- a) Executive Committee moved to vote to accept the report and it passed unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- 1) **To accept the report.**

5. ACC RIDING AND POLO CONTINGENCY REQUEST

RECEIVED: The report was presented by Jon Matthews

NOTED:

- a) The Riding and Polo Club has grown considerably throughout the year.
- b) To be invited to this competition is prestigious.
- c) Competition rules require that the horses be circulated though the chukkas.
 - i. £60 per horse is a reasonable amount to pay.
- d) It has proven difficult to seek sponsorship for the club.
 - i. As the team is not entered in BUSA, Sport imperial will not fund.
 - ii. The IC Trust has been approached but that claim was not successful.
- e) 2 teams will be sent; 1 higher level, 1 lower level.
 - i. A squad of approx 12-15 players will be sent.
 - ii. There are other competitions around but they are for higher level players; this one is for both levels.
- f) It was questioned if it was known of the competition last year.
 - i. Mr Matthews stated that polo activity only occurred 5 times last year and that it is only this year that the clubs has got to a level to be able to be invited to these events.
- g) Mr Matthews stated that Riding and Polo train to compete; that is why there are in the ACC
- h) Mr Matthews stated that it is unreasonable to request players to pay £200 each to attend the competition.
 - i. Asking for £1400, working out at approximately £120 per player.
- i) The ACC out rightly stated that a Student Union can not subsidise members to play polo.
 - i. It was agreed that Polo is an expensive sport by nature and that the Union can not afford to subsidise this at a high level for a small group of members.
 - ii. It was reminded that Gliding receives £13000 and the clubs activities coast £29000 and thus received approximately a third subsidy.
- j) Mr Matthews stated that the club is currently being trained by some of the best people in the polo circles due to his connections and that this cost of training is the same as last years which was no where near as good.
 - i. Mr Matthews stated that he had used his personal connections to get the club up and running to this high level.
 - ii. Mr Matthews stated that he personally pays £500 a month to train.
- k) Guy Martin expressed concern that this is the second contingency claim this year for Riding and Polo.
 - i. The ACC Chair stated that the first contingency claim was a genuine claim and should not factor in to this decision.
 - ii. Mr Matthews stated that the definition of contingency is unbugetable expenditure and that the committee should not shift the goal posts.
 - iii. The ACC Chair stated that the committee needs to apply commonsense to a grey area.
- l) Mr Matthews stated that if the contingency is not used by Clubs and Societies, it goes to Executive Committee.
 - i. The ACC Chair stated that this money goes back to the Union which ultimately benefits Clubs and Societies

- m) The ACC Chair stated that the ACC normally fund clubs full entry fees for competitions however do take in to account the clubs grant as a whole.
- n) It was stated that the competition is optional; the club can still function if it does not attend.
 - i. Mr Matthews stated that he could not emphasise enough how prestigious it is to be invited to this event especially since the club has only been functioning properly since January.
- o) The President suggested reducing the amount being requested.
 - i. Mr Matthews was of the opinion that he could not charge the members any more to go.
- p) The ACC Chair suggested funding the competition as a tour which is approximately £25 per member attending.
- q) The committee moved to a vote to fund the club the full amount requested.
 - i. All members voted against this proposal.
 - ii. It was then suggested to fund as a tour; fund at the Summer Tour level. The results are as follows:

FOR	10
AGAINST	2

RESOLVED:

- 1) **To fund Riding and Polo at the Summer Tour level of £25 per player, or once the amount of funding for Summer Tours is known and is more, at that level.**

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 WEB DESIGN AND SOFTWARE SOCIETY BUDGET APPEAL

RECEIVED: The paper was presented by Henrik Feldt

NOTED:

- a) Last years Chair did not ask for enough money in the opinion of Mr Feldt.
- b) The RCC have allocated no budget to the club.
 - i. The club submitted a budget which was sent back by the RCC Chair as he wanted more information from the Club. The Club never produced this information and thus were zero funded.
- c) It was reminded that hosting on an external server is against Union Policy.
- d) The committee moved to vote on accepting the paper as a valid budget appeal. The results are as follows:

FOR	8
AGAINST	2

RESOLVED:

- 1) **To accept the Web and Software Society as a valid budget appeal.**

ACTION:

- 1. **The RCC Chair to review the decision to zero fund the Web and Software Society and fund at a 'reasonable level' and report back his decision to the next meeting of Clubs and Societies Board**

Approved as a correct record at a meeting
of the Executive Committee on

_____ 2007/08

_____ Chair of the Meeting