

Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) Report

A Report by Alistair Cott

New Clubs Committee

There have been two meetings of the New Clubs Committee since the last Council. At the first Gaelic Football was set up, at the second Tea Society, Book Club, Innovation Society, and Geophys Society were all set up. The next meeting is going to be on the 7th of March, and at the present time I do not have any forms in for prospective clubs. I have created a database form for the staff that enters any new clubs created; this is speeding up the time it takes for new clubs to be added to the finance pages, imperialcollegeunion.org, and for any money allocated to them by the committee to appear in their account.

Health and Safety Committee

On the 28th of January the second Union Health and Safety Committee met to discuss any accident reports from the Departmental Safety Officer and the student activities accident report. As always over the Christmas tour season there will be accidents, but fortunately none were too serious, there are also always some accidents which do not get reported to the Union as they happen on the various sport grounds that Imperial owns. These do get filtered back to the Union and passed onto the College's Director of Safety if they need to be.

Health and Safety Consultative Committee Meeting

On the 29th of January it was the turn of the College's Health and Safety meeting. It is more dealing with sorting out policies and reports on how the different departments are dealing with health and safety issues.

Exploration Committee

On the 6th of February the second meeting of the Exploration Committee met to discuss any expedition proposals that had either been turned down at the December meeting or had been expected to bulk up their proposal. The committee also received one new proposal; all in all it is looking like a good year for raising the profile of the College in the wider world with exciting expeditions going off to remote locations.

Hyde Park Relays

These took place on the 9th of February, even though I did not have anything to do with the organising of the event I was the organisers' link to Sport Imperial who managed to help out wherever they could. I was there for most of the day with the Membership Services Manager and we both agreed that it was a very successful day.

Sports Partnership Board Meeting

On the 11th of February it was the second Sports Partnership meeting; it was also my time to chair it. Mostly the things which were discussed were initiatives that Sport Imperial are hoping to gain funding for, however there were several things which affected the Union directly, the upcoming Varsity day and JPR Williams Rugby match, a Healthy Living week, and this year's IDEA league. I brought the position within BUSA this year so far, which is 7th for Imperial; this is subject to change after points for places within leagues has to be added and the fact that fifteen Imperial and four Imperial Medics teams have reached the knockout stages.

Database Work

The long term plan for this project is to create a finance portal, with everything online, this will involve all other club documentation, but I'm mainly focussing on the financial forms and pages that clubs have. By having a semi-automated system it cuts down on work load for the finance department and also allows the balance sheets to be up-to-date instead of updated every night. Off the back of this I have started to modify the room booking system the A&E Chair has been working on. The next project after that is going to be a self service help-desk for the Student Activities Centre; this is a project the Membership Services Manager proposed to allow any queries to be directed to relevant parties and to keep a record of when things are being done. With this I am helping the Business Systems Support Consultant to automate all of the financial reporting that has to be done daily at the moment.

Space Audit/Union Gym Position

I have finished the Space Audit of Beit and have found not much more space than I already knew about. To this end some clubs have had to lose a bit of this space to accommodate others. With building work starting soon I have worked out the decant plan to move clubs out of the stores they would lose into either temporary or permanent replacements.