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Minutes of the
JCR Committee Meeting
Monday 26th October 2009 - 8pm

Prepared for:
Downing JCR committee 2008/09

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I. Present

Katie Marshall (President), Katie Brown (Vice President), Matt Halford (Treasurer), James McGinnigle (Communications), Kat Warmington (Services), Matthew Sinclair-Thomson (Academic Affairs), Laurence Feeney (Men's Welfare), Anthony Hitchin (Access), Jason Mann (Internet), Timur Kary-Niyazov (International), Ameera Patel (Ethnic Minorities), Tom Leather (LGBT), Lauren Juster (Women's Welfare), Rhemayo Brooks (Ents)

II. Apologies

Helen Picot (Green), Orlando Delange (Griffin), Andy Corley (Sport), Dan Barker (Ents), Aditi Rao (Griffin), Francesca Bonner-Evans (Head Freshers' Rep), Harry Thomson (Head Freshers' Rep)

III. Open Meeting

- The open meeting last Thursday was a disappointment, with a last minute time change not enough people turned up for quorum. As such a new one is scheduled for Monday next week, November 2nd.

IV. Gym

- College are keen to move the gym out of the Singer Building, into one or both of the squash courts. The JCR needs to vote on what we feel about the idea, this may be done at the open meeting or by paper ballot. James and Jason plan to make a secure Raven poll for the site but this well not be ready in time.

V. Ents

- There is an ent due to take place after Halloween formal on Friday, "Spookarama" in the party room. Matt, Ant, Katie M, Katie B, Timur, Lauren, Tom, Kat and Laurence said they would be available to help.
- It was also suggested that senior officers should get bar trained, as this would be useful for future events.
- Rhemayo updated the committee on the finances of the garden party, it went well and made around £300.
- The ents committee is now formed, to help Rhemayo and Dan organise and run the events.

VI. Website

- The new blog system is set up, but needs some more tweaking. Everyone was requested to make their own blog threads by the end of the evening, and regularly update them with what they are up to (JCR related).
- There are also plans to make a secure Raven polling system, but this would be a big job. The Katies mentioned that there is possibly already one in place that CUSU made that may be able to be integrated - it will be looked into.

VII. CUSU

- At other colleges some international students are getting charged up front for their whole bill at the start of the year, this isn't the case at Downing as yet it is possible that college may be looking into the idea.
- Rent negotiations will be starting soon, the Katies will assess what other college's JCRs are doing, to help with ours.

VIII. Any other business

- Matt has finished the budget and sent it out to all the students via email.
- Lauren can't make her Womens' Union meeting at 7.15pm on the 28th, if anyone can go in her place, please let her know.
- There have been some complaints about party booking forms, these will be looked into.