

MedSoc Committee

Thursday 11th September 2014 – 14:00
Room 2.05 – BSMS Teaching Building

Agenda

Present

Kiran Eyre - KE
Alex Langrish - AL
Emily Whites - EW
Annabelle Clarke - AC
Alex Parr - AP
James Barber - JB
Rosie James - RJ
Ihsan Fazal - IF
Jenny Scott - JS
Maddy Gabony - MG
Sally Tulip - ST
Jess Durrand - JD
James Cartwright-Gill - JCG
Sarah O'Brien - SOB

In attendance

Liz Kaye - LK

Apologies

Anna Baginski
Al Yardy
Sarah Thornley - ST
Jaz Singh - JDS
Koop Patel
Tasmin Maxwell
Nikhil Pandit - NP

Absent

Hannah Cheston

1. Committee Business

James Lovett has unfortunately had to vacate his position as Graduate/Mature Student Rep; this role is to be temporarily taken over by the rest of the committee to ensure that graduate and mature students are well represented during freshers. The previous holder of this post, Fenella Prowse has also agreed to help out with this position as well. After this time the committee can then work out how best to proceed with filling this vacant position.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th June 2014 were approved

- Committee polo shirts have now been ordered and should arrive Friday 12th September 2014. Have gone for blue polo shirts with a royal blue logo and positions on the back
- JB & JS are still waiting for a complete list of societies – [JB and JS are now forming own list of active societies](#)
- Updated website is now online and committee agrees is a great improvement – [IF is to give JCG & JD access to the website allowing for regular updates to pages on social events](#)

- IF to look into exporting social calendar onto StudentCentral
- Committee want to meet freshers at bus stop for a week or two after freshers' week to allow for more socialising
- Committee to look into selling wristbands/stamps at predrink venues in order to encourage more persons to attend these predrink events

3. Matters arising

Freshers' week

EW

LK is present to co-ordinate Freshers' week between the committee and the medical school. A porter will be present during the welcome weekend in the Medical School. Liz will be present towards the end of the Champagne reception to ensure that the Medical School is vacated and cleaned up – committee will need to bring black bin bags for waste

Liz will open the cleaning cupboard in case any accidents need cleaning up. AC & EW have hired out glasses – committee will need to stay behind after to help clean up and wash out the glasses before they are returned

On the Monday the committee have been allocated a slot at 12:30-13:00 to chat with freshers about socials and the role of MedSoc. This will clash with a USSU Societies event – committee will ask to be excused from the USSU event for the short duration in order to attend this chat. AC & EW will create a presentation about MedSoc

AP suggests that JDS should create a video introduction to show to freshers at this talk – KE to email JDS

LK has also given the committee a table at the Medical School on Monday between 14:00-17:00 to act as a helpdesk – members of the committee will be present to answer any questions and to sell wristbands/membership/t-shirts

A few members of the committee will potentially be present in IT induction session on Monday afternoon – this is dependent upon the status of the USSU website which is currently unable to be used by the Freshers to sign up for membership; if website not ready, committee will attend a timetabled IT session later on in the term

LK queried whether there is enough space for each individual society to have a table at Freshers' fair; LK has already created a table layout – JS & JB to create labels for table positions, with sports to be in lecture theatre. Committee will set-up around 12:00, societies at 12:30. JS & JB need to send presentation to LK by Monday to be set-up on projector

It is currently unknown as to who will create and present a quiz for the Sunday RAG event, LK suggests Nina Dodd or Tim Chevassut – RJ to arrange

For welcome weekend on Saturday (15:00-17:00) – **RAG member, ST, MG, AC & EW will be present.** On Sunday (14:00-17:00) – **SOB, JS, RJ, KE, AC & EW will be present**

Champagne Reception is to be held at the Medical School (19:00-21:00) before moving to the back bar of Falmer Bar alongside USSU Freshers' event.

ST & MG are to collect float on Saturday and formally be given a handover during weekend – ST & MG will bring float immediately to Welcome Weekend

Float should be counted out into a safe at each venue with the manager and retrieved the next day

AC & EW are to ask housemate about borrowing a car for transport of glasses

MONDAY – PUB GOLF

Yates – RJ & JS

Oxygen – MG & ST

Pitcher and Piano – JCG & JD

Font – SOB & NP

Need to be there for 19:30

Group 1 – EW, AC & AL

Group 2 – Volunteers

Group 3 – Volunteers

Group 4 – Volunteers

Will need 5 floats in order to ensure other years can buy into event – ST & MG to coordinate

Scoring cards will be signed off by committee members in bars and if completed they will receive a prize – EW to create scoring cards and to get ribbons to create four-legged element

Final venue will be The Haunt (23:00)

TUESDAY – MEDIC PARENT NIGHT

EW & AC will remind parents to contact children for any dietary requirements

Final venue will be Coliseum (23:00) and it will be parents' responsibility to get children safely to the club – EW & AC will emphasise this point

WEDNESDAY – SPORTS NIGHT

Yates upstairs, despite being booked for several months, is now unavailable. Venue has offered downstairs for use but this area will be open to the public and there are issues with the capacity and availability of space for games. NP is phoning to arrange either closing bar to public, alternative venue or cheaper drink deals. AP has contact with Legends and suggests downstairs for – AP to contact Legends and contact NP & SOB if available

Przym is booked as final venue with Villa Tahiti reserved for medics. This will be available to all years and entry will be allowed with a valid NHS ID card or BSMS Student Card – [SOB to email venue with sample cards](#)

Games will be played, possibly with captains of sports team hosting but this is not guaranteed – [SOB & NP to arrange](#)

THURSDAY – LOCK AND KEY

The first pairs to get fit will win prizes and once paired they will be put into groups. This is an event just for first years with games that will be inclusive for those not drinking. To be held at Revolution before heading to Coalition.

FRIDAY – BEERIENTERING

There is a budget allocated to each house for drinks and games – [A&E to email hosts to ensure variety of games at each house and to ensure hosts are aware of conduct towards all attending](#)

Group 1 – RJ, MG & ST

Group 2 – JD, JCG & KE

Group 3 – Volunteers

Group 4 – Volunteers

Afterwards will be heading to Shoosh.

Sports

SOB

Two students have approached the committee with aim to set up a rowing club as part of MedSport however the committee has deemed this not feasible – with no venue, huge running costs and the amount of travel necessary to reach a suitable club. AP did huge research in order to set-up previously, this was not successful. The committee however praise their perseverance and dedication in trying to establish a rowing club. There is a possibility that they could instead become a society or try and integrate themselves with the sailing club as a sub-speciality. Alternatively they can attend a local rowing club such as Shoreham, however this would not be affiliated with BSMS – [SOB will pass on contact details for AP to contact students](#)

Graduation Ball

ST

[ST is to complete necessary forms in order to receive a deposit from MedSoc](#)

Socials

JD

Winter Ball needs to be advertised as fundraisers otherwise there are issues with VAT. JD & JCG have looked at Brighton Dome, which they were very impressed with but would be expensive – however this could be looked into for an event for all students of BSMS.

JD & JCG have also inquired into Plumpton Racecourse that during the winter has a heated marquee. With this venue transport would need to be arranged due to its location. JD & JCG are still awaiting more details from the venue.

Shoosh are keen for an after party, which the committee agrees is an appropriate venue for the dress code however were unsure about whether we would be separated from the public

JD & JCG contact BIMM about entertainment for Winter Ball, they have not had a response and are wary of the costs that this would be. IF has volunteered to DJ

JD & JCG have plans for lots of stalls for different societies at the Winter Ball to make it a bit different and have more activity. Potential bidding process for the choice of societies.

Idea suggested for casino games played with fake money, with winner receiving a prize such as a bottle of champagne.

JD & JCG to continue with planning and are to report on progress at the next committee meeting

JD & JCG are going to look into Funfair or Lola Lo for the first social event, which is to provisionally be held on the Thursday

For Medic Mayhem JD & JCG are looking at venues, with an expected attendance of 750 it would need to be large enough – JD & JCG to look into Audio, Shoosh and Przym

JD & JCG to look into getting wristbands for socials

JD & JCG to liaise with JB & JS about society socials

RJ to send expected RAG events to JD & JCG

4. **Any other business**
5. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting is due to be held on Monday 22nd September 2014



Jaz Singh
President