

# MedSoc Committee

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 – 13:00

Room 1.08 – BSMS Teaching Building

## Agenda

### Present

*Kiran Eyre - KE*  
*Alex Langrish - AL*  
*Emily Whiles*  
*Annabelle Clarke - AC*  
*Nikhil Pandit - NP*  
*Sarah O'Brien - SOB*  
*Ihsan Fazal - IF*  
*Jenny Scott - JS*  
*James Barber - JB*  
*James Cartwright-Gill - JCG*  
*Maddy Gabony - MG*  
*Sally Tulip - ST*

### Apologies

*Anna Baginski*  
*Koop Patel*  
*Jaz Singh*  
*Will Whyte*  
*Alex Parr*  
*Jaz Singh*  
*Rosie James*  
*Hannah Cheston*  
*Sarah Thornley*  
*Jess Durrand - JD*

### In attendance

### Absent

*Al Yardy*  
*Tasmin Maxwell*

## 1. Committee Business

The committee has agreed that the role of Graduate/Mature Student Rep should be open to election. **AL will email Liz Kaye to inform of decision and to help advise on the election procedures. IF will investigate creating an electronic ballot for MedSoc members.**

## 2. Minutes of the previous meeting

**The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014 were approved**

- JCG & JD now have access to the calendar for events from IF
- **KE to email HC about Grad Ball**
- MedSoc will hand out wristbands to societies (JCG and JD to keep track, **ST & MG to give remaining wristbands to them**). JCG and JD will keep track of wristbands, issuing clear guidance for societies. JCG and JD will get estimates for the number of wristbands to ensure that none are stolen and used for counterfeiting Aim to get societies to customise each of their wristbands to ensure they cannot be used on other nights out - cheaper than buying different coloured wristbands
- JCG & JD need to be alerted to socials held by societies; they should not post on MedSoc facebook page unless authorised by JCG & JD - this ensures no clashes and maximum attendance/fundraising for societies

### 3. Matters arising

#### **Freshers' week**

EW

Congratulations to the Freshers' Rep for a brilliantly organised week, the committee applaud their hard work that resulted in a fantastic week for both freshers and current students.

#### **Socials**

JD

Thursday's 'Around the World' social was intended to be held at Azuri in order to remove KOC commitments (as per our agreement to hold two socials with them per term). JCG & JD however found them to be slow and therefore the event is now to be held at Lola Lo's. The venue should be decorated, and details of the night have been arranged with Charlie. Wristbands are to be £2, which represents a £1 saving as opposed to the guest-list (£3). **JCG & JD need confirmation about queue jump**, however it is likely to be allowed if we all arrive at a specific time - around 11pm.

Pre-bar venue will be The Font and is expected to be busy since it is a popular night. Some deals are already in place that night so JCG and JD were told no deals are available, **however JCG & JD will try and see if there are any drinks deals we can arrange**. Committee agrees that wristbands should be sold at the venue as opposed to the medical school in order to encourage students to attend the pre-drink bar. Wristbands are to be sold from 10pm - **JCG & JD to arrive at 9.30 ready to sell**.

JCG & JD are currently planning two socials for the next week (week beginning 29th September). Tuesday will be a 'Everything Except Clothes' theme to be held at CU Next Tuesday (club night at Digital). Thursday will be non-themed and is due to be held at Azuri (club night at Wah Kiki) - **JCG & JD to continue planning**.

*For future reference the club nights we currently have deals with are listed below:*

#### Brighton Rox

CU Next Tuesday at Digital (Tuesday)

Throwback Thursdays at Funfair/Haunt (Thursday)

Runway at Shoosh (Friday)

VIDA at Shoosh (Friday)

#### Fat Poppadaddy's

The Haunt (Monday)

Lola Lo's (Tuesday)

Digital (Wednesday)

Secret Disotheque at Coalition (Thursday)

Friday I'm in Love at Coalition (Friday)

#### King of Clubs

Hashtag at Digital & The Hub (Monday)

Poundance at Digital (Wednesday)

Azuri at Shoosh & Wahkiki (Thursday)

Couture at Pryzm & Funfair (Friday)

GLAM at Shoosh & Digital (Saturday)

JCG & JD inform the committee that we are not bound by any contracts towards these club promoters however JCG, JD, and the committee feel an obligation to honour these agreements to maintain good relations as well as laying the foundations for future agreements that are beneficial to MedSoc and its members.

JCG & JD have told the committee that our £1 entry to Fat Poppadaddy's at The Haunt can continue however AC advises that JD & JCG should maintain written documentation of all such agreements as during preparations for freshers week these records helped to upkeep several agreements that promoters were trying to dismiss.

Currently in the pipeline for JCG & JD is an 'ABC' themed social to be held at Digital on either a Monday or Tuesday night - **JCG & JD to continue with planning.**

Following on from the previous meeting JCG & JD visited Plumpton Racecourse to assess the venue. They found that despite the location the actual marquee wasn't that special and whilst the menu was adequate there were very little extras that probably didn't warrant the effort of organising transportation.

Furthermore the Brighton Dome (Corn Exchange) have now reduced their price. They have a charitable status and therefore since we are charity and looking to fundraise they are keen to help us out. JCG & JD have received an offer for a three course meal, prosecco on entry, hot drinks after dinner and with lighting & security included.

Photo booth last year was popular and JCG & JD have looked around and found last year's provider to be the best and if wi-fi is available at the venue they will be able to do instant Facebook uploads. IF has offered his DJ services at with a standalone charge and various equipment fees. JCG & JD are looking for a pianist to play during dinner.

The deal with the Hilton still stands but JCG & JD and the committee feel that the venue was not memorable last year and did not offer too much in the way of hospitality.

The Haunt have offered their services for an after party for the Winter Ball. If we can get 250-300 people we would have the venue exclusively to ourselves (not open to the public). They have offered to decorate the venue, to provide the DJ, allow the committee to select music and videos for the night, to provide security, and to have roulette and casino games available to win drinks all as part of the package. JCG & JD have suggested that we could open the after party for those not attending (Phase 2 & 3) although they want to make sure that they are aware of the dress code.

As it stands the whole package will cost £40 per ticket for MedSoc members and £45 for non-MedSoc members. JCG & JD would like some more entertainment for the evening so this might bring ticket prices to £42 and £47 respectively. AC & rest of committee ask that if possible we try and arrange some drinks deals for the ball although this is not a necessity since JCG & JD have already arranged a great deal.

The committee votes unanimously in favour of the Brighton Dome (Corn Exchange) and agree to allow JCG & JD to request the necessary funds for deposits - **JCG & JD are to continue planning and report regularly back to the committee.**

## **Sports**

SOB

SOB & NP report that after Freshers' Fair the rowing club have had 35 students expressing a desire to join, with 10 being noted as exceptionally keen. The first gym session is next week so they will await to see the commitment students express following this session - making sure also that people are not pushed beyond their limits. SOB & NP feel that it will not be enough for students to simply have gym membership - they will need to show commitment by agreeing to the sports contract and signing up to Shoreham Rowing Club as well as having money ready for the rest of necessary fees.

SOB & NP stress that the rowing club will be more of a society than a sport - i.e. it will not have full sports affiliation. Since they are using Shoreham Rowing Club the liability for safety and insurance will be with the rowing club. If members are able to prove their commitment then in the future they can look into applying for funding – SOB & NP reinforce the point that they will need these commitment members in order to do so. SOB & NP will emphasize the point that it will not be an official BSMS sports team, instead a society affiliated with a local rowing club. It is estimated that it will cost members £400 per year in order to row with gym membership, training and the £120 annual fee that Shoreham Rowing Club require. The committee believes that we need a deadline in order to assess whether to support this society and the committee agrees on a two week deadline (6<sup>th</sup> October) in which they will need to have put £250 down. SOB & NP need to further discuss about the plans with Shoreham Rowing Club. The club founders have already asked for kit but SOB & NP feel this is something they need to organise themselves in order to show commitment, and it must be free of any official BSMS/MedSoc endorsement. SOB & NP also feel that members should span across BSMS and not be confined to Year 1. They will also need proof of attendance - SOB & NP to issue deadline and to continue liaising between the committee and rowing club.

#### **Societies**

JB

It has been brought to the attention of JB & JS that societies have been electing committee members by themselves and have not been holding fair and democratic elections. AC raises the point that some committees do not have enough members or committed persons to hold an election - JB & JS to draft an action plan and report back to the committee on how to resolve this matter. Furthermore JB & JS to find constitutions for societies and ensure that these are being upheld. Additionally JB & JS to create a list of requirements for societies to adhere to.

The list of societies has now been compiled, however JB & JS still need to find out who has transferred to the new bank accounts - JB & JS to liaise with societies to address this matter.

#### **USSU**

AL

Committee members had to leave the meeting to attend academic classes and therefore the meeting was adjourned before this point could be raised - AL to raise issues at the next meeting.

#### **4. Any other business**

#### **5. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting is due to be held on Monday 29th September 2014.



Jaz Singh  
President