

# MedSoc Committee

Friday 24th October 2014 – 17:00

Audrey Emerton Building

## Agenda

### Present

Jaz Singh - JDS  
Koop Patel - KP  
Sarah Thornley - STh  
Dilan Joshi - DJ  
Sarah O'Brien - SOB  
James Cartwright-Gill - JCG  
Maddie Gabony - MG  
Rosie James  
Tasmin Maxwell TM  
Al Yardy - AY

### Apologies

Alex Parr  
Hannah Cheston - HC  
Nikhil Pandit  
Anna Baginski - AB  
James Barber - JB  
Will Whyte  
Jess Durand - JD  
Jenny Scott - JS  
Kiran Eyre  
Sally Tulip - ST  
Alex Langrish - AL  
Emily Whiles  
Annabelle Clarke

### In attendance

### Absent

Ihsan Fazal - IF

## 1. Committee Business

IF is to release election results for both Graduate/Mature Representative and Freshers Representatives ASAP.

IF has been absent for two consecutive meetings - Clause 7.2 of the constitution states that:

**“ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER WHO IS ABSENT FROM ANY TWO CONSECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS WITHOUT SENDING APOLOGIES OR SHOWING GOOD CAUSE FOR HIS/HER FAILURE TO ATTEND SHALL BE SUBJECTED TO A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE.”**

This will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

## 2. Minutes of the previous meeting

**The minutes of the meeting held on Friday 17th October 2014 were approved**

- Society elections: JS and JB are to draft a societies guidebook to include information on how to set up a society, and how to set up and elect in the committee.
- Societies representatives were not present so unable to chase up the bank account status of all societies, however this must happen soon.
- **USSU:** have still not approved the loan for the winter ball and are reluctant to do so. JDS tried to organise a meeting with Fran on the afternoon of Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of October, yet did not receive any contact from Fran. The Winter Ball money is due on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> so it is imperative a meeting is held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss this further. Should we not

have the loan approved by USSU the Winter Ball will cost £10,000 which means MedSoc will not break even on the ball and will not be in good enough financial stead to fund the Graduation Ball. The deposit for the latter event is 2 months overdue so this also needs to be discussed on Monday - **JDS to arrange a meeting on Monday with Fran, AL, ST & MG, STh and potentially JD & JCG.**

- **Medic Mayhem:** Revolution is confirmed for the final venue for Medic Mayhem. JDS and DJ stressed the necessity to have more than 3 groups throughout the night, as orchestrating moving from pre-venues to the final venue will be extremely difficult with such large groups. Wristbands will be given to year reps to sell and distribute.
- **4<sup>th</sup> Year:** PEP to be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October, AB and HC managed to get discounted drinks and entry for BSMS students at Pav Tav and Funfar.

### 3. Matters arising

#### **Graduation Ball**

S Thornley

STh and KP have secured sponsorship from WMS and the alumni association, however are waiting to hear from the MDU. PasTest and the BMJ have declined to sponsor the Graduation Ball. JDS informs the committee that USSU are reluctant to agree the loan because they are not able to calculate how many tickets 75% of the available tickets are. STh and KP to message USSU clarifying this number, hopefully speeding up the loan approval. The deposit for £1,500 must be paid ASAP as it was agreed it would be paid by August, however the Grand, confident of our relationship, have generously agreed to push it back to October.

#### **Socials**

J Cartwright-Gill

**Monday:** JCG & JD have organised the 'Zoo Party' for Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October. They have secured drinks and entry deals at R Bar and Lola Lo.

**Society events:** this was not discussed.

**Winter Ball:** the Winter Ball continues to be a source of friction between MedSoc and USSU. The funding has effectively been frozen, and as such the money required by the venue cannot be paid until USSU and MedSoc have a meeting - ST has been in correspondence with Fran, and JDS rang her on Friday to arrange a meeting for later that day, however this was not held - **JDS to arrange a meeting on Monday with USSU.**

Sussex big band have been approached to provide in dinner entertainment, MedSoc are waiting to hear how much they will charge. JD has found a company that will also deliver the DJ equipment to and from the venue. The decorations for the venue still need to be bought, which the catering company will place. JDS stresses the importance of trying to keep spending as low as possible, especially seeing as we're in a tricky situation regarding funding this academic year with USSU. JCG to post drinks prices for the night online. The afterparty for the ball is at Revolution - **JCG & JD to advertise tickets to older years.**

### 4. Any other business

**Basketball:** JDS was approached by 2 friends (returning intercalators) about restarting the basketball club as part of MedSport. SOB discussed the logistics of this with AY (Sports Representative last year) - **SOB to discuss directly with the students concerned.**

**Hockey:** is proving to be a costly sport for both MedSport and MedSoc. They have not engaged with the sports reps and as such did not provide the required information about plans for the year. Having been heavily involved in the running of BSMSHC for several years prior to intercalation, **JDS will chat to the current committee about these issues.**

JDS raised the issue of whether all sports players held valid sports federation membership (through UoB). It was stressed that this is a fundamental requirement of playing medic sports, as if injury should occur and the student didn't hold valid insurance the whole of MedSoc could be held liable - **SOB to contact sports teams to ensure all players hold valid insurance.**

**MedSoc Stamps:** DJ suggested the current committee try and locate the MedSoc stamps, and if they are unable to be found, to purchase more.

**RAG raid** was successful and in one hour managed to raise £185 for the RAG charities.

**GP Society:** wants to reform - **JB and JS to discuss with the acting committee.**

**UoS Student Council:** AB and Harriett Cant are BSMS representatives. They will highlight the situation MedSoc finds itself in and the difficulties it's imposing on the successful running of the society and the level of care intended for its students.

**Graduation Ball:** DJ raises the possibility of allowing 4<sup>th</sup> years discounted tickets for the grad ball, to help bolster ticket sales, potentially with less drinks vouchers attached to the tickets.

**MedSoc membership cards:** DJ raised the potential for medsoc cards to act as discount cards for medsoc members at shops and establishments around the city - **JDS to approach companies.**

**Medsocks:** DJ raised the potential to run the scheme 'Medsocks', this was discussed favourably last year, however due to people not following it up, never materialised. BSMS is the world leader for a rare foot condition and MedSoc could create novelty socks, with proceeds going to raised money for this cause, thus tying our name as a society to this ground breaking research - **DJ to investigate further.**

**Winter Ball sponsorship:** JCG raised the question of whether we need sponsorship to run the ball, or whether we just need to show we have attempted to find sponsorship - **JDS to send JCG an email template she uses to ask for sponsorship from companies and businesses, so JCG can adapt and send to the relevant people.**

**Bank account:** **MG to check whether the sponsorship from PasTest and the BMJ has been transferred into our account.**

**Winter Ball advertising:** **JCG to investigate creating posters for the Winter Ball - ticket sales currently stand at 15.**

DJ informs us there is a MedSoc printing budget given by USSU - **MG to ask Fran out of office about this.**

**Halfway There Ball:** as of yet third year reps are unsure of last year's cost. The maximum capacity of the venue is 180, if 100 tickets are sold (which is in the contract with the grand) MedSoc will be operating at a loss of £200. **TM & AY to investigate the clauses surrounding ticket sales over the agreed 100 people (whether the grand will stipulate places will now be sold at 1.5 times the price or whatever).**

Sponsorship has been attained from Wesleyan; the MDU and MPS have not yet replied. They raise the potential to use an amateur photographer as opposed to a professional one, to cut costs for the ball. Winter Ball to consider the same?

**AMECS:** JDS continues to work with AMECS to distribute the relevant information to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> years - **JB & JS to chase up information on how to switch bank accounts and convey to Nick Tollemache.**

**Rowing society:** Joey Guppy has approached SOB asking for money so people could travel to observe the visiting GB rower. SOB explained to Joey that that is not what MedSport was set-up for, and should people wish to travel to Shoreham they must fund it themselves.

**Freshers week:** **MG to pass on the balance sheets for freshers week to JDS.**

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

The date for the next meeting is to be confirmed at a later date.

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Jaz Singh  
President

