



# Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday 13th March 2020

Venue: Christ's College, Cambridge

## Present

Balazs Nemeth, *President*

Akos Marton, *Vice-President*

Bence Balazs, *Treasurer*

Daniel Boros, *Events Officer*

Luca Gal, *Events Officer*

David Kliment, *Access Officer*

Zsombor Verkmann, *Access Officer*

Tamas Stenczel, *Ex-President*

Nora Csitari, *Ex-Vice-President*

## Apologies

Kada Williams, *Secretary* (arrived late due to a supervision, Akos was writing minutes in his absence)

## Agenda

1. Handover (general run-through theme of the meeting)
2. New Committee positions (webmaster, publicity, sponsorship)
3. Ensuring meeting minutes are posted on the CUHS website
4. Treasurer: ensuring financial transparency
5. Ents: integration of future freshers, excursions, Easter Term events, etc.
6. Access: Easter break events in Budapest and outside of it, PS's on website, grants, etc.
7. What's the appropriate forum for intra-Committee communication? (?slack, ?FB)
8. Membership list - review and correct
9. Card reader terminal for ease of payment of ents tickets

## Discussed topics

### 1) Handover

- President/VP and Events handover happened before the meeting
- Access and Treasurer handover will happen on a rolling basis
- Tomi offered his help to the new committee, with special focus on "external affairs"
- We still need to acquire the Senior Treasurer's logbook from Alexandra and attach the attendance records from the AGM and this meeting



## 2) New positions

- Balazs raised the idea of recruiting general members with specified positions
- The following positions shall be filled:
  - Webmaster (currently Szabo Attila is looking after the website, and paying for the domain (!) and we need someone instead of him)
  - Publicity Officer - we need someone to ensure the events (and/or other business) are advertised properly (currently we use our FB page, the “Barati kor” FB group, Instagram, Twitter, and the [cuhs.co.uk](http://cuhs.co.uk) website which are managed very inconsistently, so we need someone who can take control over these)
  - Sponsorship Officer (the Society has been looking for sponsors for year without any success, and we hope this year could be the turning point)
- Actions: **Kada to post on FB page and/or “Barati kor” to advertise positions**

## 3) Meeting minutes on website

- The new committee pledged to post their meeting minutes on the website regularly
- The problem is that Attila Szabo is the only one with access to the site
- Action: **Balazs to liaise with Attila re. website, taking over admin and emails. All info should be shared with Kada too, or ideally, he should be an admin too, so he can upload Minutes!**

## 4) Financial transparency

- Tomi gave an account of the financial year of the Society under his presidency
- He suggested we should apply for a grant from the Societies Syndicate (10th anniversary of the Society is probably a good opportunity to organise an event for alumni and current students - this may need external financial help)
- He explained that we have provided a loan (approx. £1400) to the Cambridge-Oxford Alumni Club of Hungary (he signed the contract)
- Tomi is also liaising with Peter Juhasz to jointly apply for a Hungarian grant with COACH
- Akos reported that we have approximately £1300 available on our account at the moment
- Action: **Akos to add Bence to the account ASAP so he can take over the monies**

## 5) Events

- Speaker events in Easter term
  - Plan is to invite Gyorgy Dragoman or Lorant Vincze
  - **Balazs & Ents Officers to get in touch with them**
  - NB. we should refer to University guidance re. COVID-19
- Garden party
  - Venue will be Darwin College
  - **Luca and Dani should look into alternative indoors venues in case of rain**
- Night punting
  - This is an increasingly successful event
  - One suggestion was to charge people for attending as punt rental is expensive



- Freshers' Camp
  - Venue: Bánki tó, Tóparti Vendégház (as per usual)
  - Date: 17-20 September 2020
  - Cost to be agreed later, but we may need to increase it.
  - **Luca & Dani should ask Nora Schultz about number of incoming freshers, ie. estimate of number of campers**
- Excursions (Easter and Michaelmas terms)
  - With or without other UK Hungarian Societies - **Balazs is in touch with London Societies and will ask whether they are interested in such activities**
  - One idea was an excursion to Ely, either by train or by bike if the weather allows!
  - Another idea was an excursion to Oxford
- Integration of incoming freshers
  - The committee is concerned that the annual "Initiation Party" is not suitable for the integration of incoming freshers
  - The current plan is to have a separate board game night-like event before the Initiation
  - **Luca will also work on restarting the CUHS family system**

## 6) Access

- Zsombor and David raised the issue that the website information is outdated, especially the available Personal Statements, they will look into correcting this
- They also need to reach out to new freshers coming in October
- They are planning to give a webinar to prospective applicants, as large gatherings are likely to be banned due to the COVID-19 crisis
- Actions for **Zsombor and David** +/- with previous Access Officers:
  - **Number of incoming freshers with offers**
  - **FB group & mentor programme availability for prospective applicants**
  - **Webinar during the Easter break (March/April 2020)**

## 7) Committee communications

- We had a debate on the advantages and disadvantages of using a FB group vs. using Slack
- Balazs decided in favour of Slack
- Action: **Tomi to send out invitations to the current Committee Slack**

## 8) Membership list

- Our membership list is outdated and hence unsuitable for its purposes
- Action: **Kada should refresh the list, Akos is happy to help him if needed**

## 9) Card reader

- We agreed that a card reader would be useful for collecting entry fees for events
- Action: **Bence will ask around in other societies and look into our opportunities**