



Lincoln College MCR  
General Meeting  
Tuesday 29 November 2016 (Michaelmas Term)

**Minutes**

**1. President's Welcome**

- Hall survey – Thanks to Jess for organizing
  - Over 300 responses, 120 from the MCR
  - This has been given to the Domestic Operations Manager and Chef
  - Domestic Operations Manager says that there “will be changes beginning next term”
- Library (in MCR)
  - Email Kevin suggestions for books to put on the shelves
- Christmas SCR Wines
  - Orders are available with Simon. Pick up before the end of 9<sup>th</sup> week
- Deep Hall will be closed for one week in early January
- A gaping hole needs to be filled in the MCR – A Christmas tree shaped hole.
  - Decorations will take place on Thursday

**2. Treasurer's Report**

- Apply for the vacation fund
  - 100 GBP to throw an event for the MCR. Apply by e-mailing Josh and Kevin.

**3. Secretary's Report**

- Website is still there.

**4. Welfare Report**

- Welfare tea has been successful and many people are contributing
- Ceramics event was well attended
- **With respect to food next week**
  - **Book for lunch and dinner in hall. No need to book for breakfast**
  - **Deep hall is open at lunch time but just serving food for one hour**

**5. Social Report**

- Very good turn out at the events this term
- Event suggestions are being solicited
- Want to know how to better integrate 4<sup>th</sup> year undergrads
  - TF: People are intimidated. They are used to the separation of the MCR from the JCR that they had in undergraduate 3 years.
  - JK: 4<sup>th</sup> years do come and engage, but why should we care if they don't engage. They should participate on their own terms.
  - TF: Maybe we should specifically reach out to them
  - MR: Give them Lincoln Links?

**6. Charities Rep Update**

- Charities selection
  - See website and charities email for supported causes.

**7. IT Rep Update****8. Academic Rep Update**

- Lincoln Leads is happening - have commitments from all non-MCR speakers at this point.
- We still need MCR speakers
  - Sign up online

**9. Food Rep Update**

- Hall survey, covered above.

**10. Green Rep Update**

- Veggie pledge tote bags have arrived. Located in the MCR.
- Veggie pledge was well subscribed and we thank all contributors
  - Especially at Thanksgiving, where they were well represented
- Coffee pods are available in the back, and HH will be recycling them in Kidlington
- Bike cull has happened, and we are hoping to get some money from the JCR this year to purchase a bike pump for Bear Lane

**11. LGBTQ Rep Update**

- Continuing to do the bare minimum to put this on the CV
- No LGBTQ themes were in the LGBTQ movie night. Sorry for that.
- Hosted the US presidential election screening. Obviously that did not go as planned.
- "Is anyone here even gay? No one is getting in touch with me. Please do reach out."

**12. First Year Rep Update**

- If there are any updates with regard to the jumpers, you will hear about them.

**13. Sports**

- Continue to happen, Kevin is sure of it.

**14. Equalities**

- Meeting with staff about admissions, and will continue to discuss this with College
- Christmas dinner
  - Issue was raised by MCR members that the Christmas Dinner is inaccessible to children and parents of children
    - Small children are not allowed is the issue
    - We are thankful that people have come forward about this
    - We are committed to making the event accessible to all people
  - Kevin
    - We as a committee have talked about this
    - There is little that we can do this year
    - We stress that this is not *the rule* forever, as we are here to serve all of our members. We'll think about what we can do for the future.
    - This blind spot being pointed out is important, and anyone should feel able to do so.

**14. Motions****1) Repairing or replacing the rugs in the MCR**

This MCR notes that

1. There are currently 3 large rugs in the MCR.
2. These rugs are all fraying or curling at the corners to some degree.
3. The rugs are only two years old, having been placed as new in the MCR when we moved into the Garden Building.

4. The rugs have previously been repaired after similar curling occurred.

This MCR believes that

1. The curling and fraying of the corners of the rugs, particularly the rug around beneath the centre table, means they are becoming serious trip hazards.
2. The situation will only get worse if it is not dealt with.
3. This may result in injury to an MCR member.

This MCR resolves

1. To petition College to carry out further and more effective repair on the rugs.
2. To encourage College consider replacing the rugs if a satisfactory repair cannot be completed.

*Proposed: Holly Hathrell Seconded: Liam Elliot*

- All rugs would be replaced or repaired
- Kevin
  - College has looked at this the last few years already and been very helpful with sticking them down as much as possible.
  - People need to be careful not to drag the chairs over the rugs to avoid the problem getting worse.

Vote:

24 Yay

0 Nay

1 Abstain. Motion passes

## **2) Greenery in the MCR**

This MCR notes that

1. There are currently no plants in the MCR.
2. There is room on the windowsills (which receive a lot of natural light) and potentially the centre tables for some form of plant.
3. Plants have been shown to reduce stress and promote a relaxing atmosphere.
4. Plants such as succulents and other non-flowering ornamentals should not pose a problem to students with pollen allergies.
5. The environment rep is willing to take on the responsibility of keeping such plants alive.
6. The Gardener, Kyle, is willing to lend his expertise in the choice and advice on upkeep of said plants.

This MCR believes that

1. Some form of greenery would be a welcome addition to the MCR.
2. Any plants should be non-flowering and not likely to injure students.
3. The maintenance of the plants should be the responsibility of the Environment Rep.
4. At times when the Environment Rep is not in Oxford, they should delegate responsibility to another volunteer from the MCR, ensuring the Scouts and the Gardener are in no way responsible for them.

This MCR resolves

1. To trial the introduction of greenery into the MCR over the Christmas period.
2. To reassess the plant situation during a General Meeting in Hillary Term.
3. To take any necessary steps to communicate with the College and Scouts.

*Proposed: Holly Hathrell Seconded: Rose Mortimer*

JA – Cost?

FR: What plants

HH: This will be discussed with Kyle, but hopefully we will do a poll as well.

HM: I have rosemary, if anyone wants it.

Kevin: It is worth noting that you will not be here to tend them forever

AF: People will do just about anything for money. Surely someone will tend the plants if we pay them for it.

Vote:

22 Yay  
1 Nay  
1 Abs. Motion Passes.

### **3) W2 blade motion**

#### **This MCR notes that**

1. The sporting achievements of its members form an important part of life at Lincoln.
2. Rowing in particular has had a strong MCR presence in recent years;
3. The women's W2 boat last year, which won 'blades' in Summer Vllls, was mostly composed of Lincoln MCR members;
4. Blades of previously successful Lincoln boat crews are currently on display in the Lincoln MCR.

#### **This MCR believes that**

1. A blade to celebrate the accomplishments of last year's W2 crew should be displayed in the Lincoln MCR

#### **This MCR resolves to**

1. Purchase one of the W2 blades for £305, as part of a group discount with members from that boat, to display in the MCR;
2. That this be treated as a loan to Lincoln College Boat Club to be repaid through an application to the Annual Fund later in the year;
3. That the MCR will take on the cost of the blade permanently should the application not be successful.

*Proposed: Thomas Frost Seconded: Bernadette Stolz*

Applause for "The Graduate Blade"

Friendly amendment for the motion to be amended such that MCR takes on the cost rather than make a loan to the boat club. Reword resolves 2 to:

~~"That this be treated as a loan to Lincoln College Boat Club to be repaid through an application to the Annual Fund later in the year; "~~

Vote:

23 Yay  
0 Nay  
3 Abstain. Motion Passes.

### **14. Any Other Business**

None