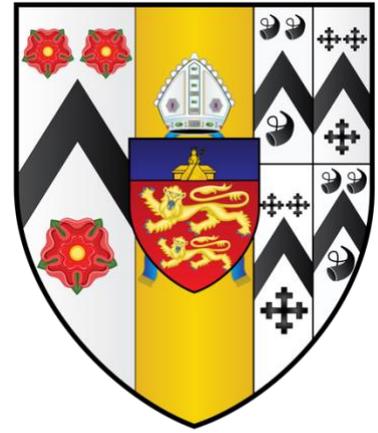


# Brasenose College JCR

## Meeting Minutes: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Week Michaelmas Term 2020 (25/10/20) 8:30 PM



### Meeting Begins

#### Carry Over Motion 1: Yoga Equipment

Finley: We just need to get a second approval for our motion. We need to buy more mats to be more Covid secure. We will run a borrowing scheme, and we can let people buy mats. Essentially we're asking for Dettol spray, buy 25 TPE mats. We'll buy 15 for purchase and the remainder will be in the loan scheme. We're asking for £433.19 but some will be refunded once the mats are bought.

Pierce: What's the colour scheme like?

Finley: They have a crest and they're black and gold.

Pierce: What's your strategy to sell the mats? (ed: Pierce seems unaware we have 9 motions to get through this evening and the fewer questions asked the sooner we can sleep).

Finley: They're just good basically.

#### Motion 1: Black History Month Flag

Liberty: I'm in isolation but Elin says Peter's has a BHM flag flying. We should have our own flag to celebrate black history month publicly and other Colleges do this. I'm not entirely sure about the exact process to fly flags, so I'm getting a mandate from the JCR to fly it to take to College.

I couldn't attach the desired flag to the motion, but it is apolitical and should be similar to the Peter's flag.

Pierce: Will it have 2020 on it?

Liberty: The year would be 2021 so that would be silly

Jake: (*in the chat*) (ed: *seemingly ignoring Pierce's comment*) Will it have 2020 on it?

Liberty: The year would be 2021 so that would be silly

#### Motion 2: Environment-Focused Changes

[*Alfie (taking minutes) has now also taken the chair as Pierce is proposing the motion (big up Alfie).*]

Pierce: We want to mandate the VPD to not giving salt and pepper sachets in hall.

Jake: I've spoken to the staff and if you say you haven't touched it they can reuse it. When they started using the plastic cutlery it was compostable. On the 4<sup>th</sup> March Matt Hill (the DB) said all kitchens should have compost bins. I have contacted College this week about getting a bin in quad so it's in hand.

Elin: There's only one bin on the way out of hall – there doesn't seem to be one for other waste.

Jake: They don't like people going around multiple times.

Pierce: What beautiful chairing Alfie (ed: *Alfie truly has the Midas touch*)

### Motion 3: JCR Health Rep

Pierce: This is my motion so back to Alfie.

Alfie: (curses bitterly)

Pierce: I have taken on a lot of new responsibilities as a result of the pandemic and I have a lot of other commitments as well. We need to make sure it is done well. It's a really important thing to get right. If by Trinity the role is no longer needed then it will adapt in that way.

They will be responsible for: Being a single point of contact for JCR members. They would represent the JCR at relevant College meetings. They will ensure JCR events are Covid-secure. They will work with the entz and welfare reps to support those self-isolating.

I propose we elect in 5<sup>th</sup> week and they start in Hilary. They would not be in the constitution and would be appointed instead by me.

Ed P: What is the existing procedure for Covid risk assessments.

Pierce: It's College's responsibility to make sure College events are safe and the JCR is a part of College. If we want to run an event they have to contact Matt Hill (the Domestic Bursar) and he says it's ok. At the moment we haven't had to write many risk assessments, so if that remains the status quo this won't be a big responsibility for the rep.

Ed: I would like to amend it to make it reflect the actual nature at the moment.

Pierce: I don't think that is needed.

Ed: (ed: potentially grudgingly due to the alternative being a slight constitutional snafu) I accept.

Jake: if there is a party the student is fined. If the Health Rep signs off on something and it goes differently, then are they responsible?

Pierce: My gut instinct is no. If there was a fine, I assume it would fall on the JCR generally. I think it would be the responsibility of the organising rep rather than the health rep if it was one of their events.

James N: How come this won't be in the constitution, as if it was then we wouldn't need to have this same discussion again next year?

Pierce: I held off codifying it because of uncertainty about the pandemic, and that uncertainty is why we don't want it to permanently exist in the constitution. If the next president wants to continue then that can be a decision for them.

Alfie: We will take three more (ed: acting decisively as always)

Laura: Has College been consulted about us having this rep? The number of times they would interact with College is very high. There aren't only government guidelines, there are College guidelines as well. On the risk assessments, if they're husting (ed: FYI this is not a real word – only hustings is a word) then presumably they won't have any experience. Are we making things less efficient?

Pierce: Covid response group have said this can be a JCR matter. I attend three meetings a week College want us to have events. The rep will do what I've been doing, so College and I will support them.

Dillon: In the 2 weeks since I've been here we've created two positions. Are we being too reactive and jumping the gun?

Pierce: It's something lots of presidents have thought about, but often hold off because managing a larger committee is harder. I haven't found this because the committee rarely works together to achieve a singular goal, and we have a smaller committee by comparison. We will review the role as time goes on.

Zhi: Two quick things - I'm uncomfortable with this rep taking on issues to do with 'health' which would encompass things like self-isolation welfare, and they presumably wouldn't be trained.

Pierce: They will coordinate with the other reps, and for example, the welfare reps will remain in charge. The health rep will provide a more unified structure. It's not something they would have to learn in two weeks before the election, because most people learn on the job. College and I will help them. If the welfare reps decide they don't need the assistance of the Health Rep then the flexibility of the role lets us do this.

İrem: (In response to Dillon) It was less of a new position and more of a split when we created the Fresher's Rep.

#### Motion 4: Belongings in Rooms

Tom: This is pretty simple, we just want to leave our stuff in our rooms, and it will also stop everyone having to bring all of their parents to College which will be more Covid secure. College don't have any things happening over Christmas so presumably they wouldn't take a financial hit.

Bethan: In case College don't let this happen, could we instead ask them to just give us storage space?

Tom: I think that would be fairly reasonable. It has also occurred to me that if we were in Tier 3 then presumably people wouldn't be able to let us move out.

Pierce: İrem probably has some thoughts on this.

*[İrem does indeed have some thoughts on this]*

İrem: I have spoken to the accommodation office and they didn't seem too keen. Different Colleges have taken different approaches but I will bring it up next week. College storage is not big enough (ed: But a lot tidier than it was 😊😊). I will investigate the other storage spaces, and take these points to College next week.

Jake: \*describes how to get to storage\*

Pierce: This is potentially tangential (ed: Pierce is potentially correct)

Tom: Also, if this stuff is all mixed up together in storage then it would mess up the household system.

Zhi: I have information – when the world ended last Hilary College let international students leave their stuff in their rooms over TT and long vac. If College is resistant, then it could be worth mentioning that they were fine with it then.

Bry: I stayed here over the vac and I pay for that. What would our response be if College say that you can leave your stuff and you have to pay, or how would that work with the other people staying. If I'm not here in vac I leave my stuff and give back my key but still have to pay.

Jake: I left stuff in my room over the Christmas vac and as I was told that because no one was using my room, no one made me pay.

#### Motion 5: Staircase First Aid Kits

Elin: We want each staircase to have its own first aid kit. I cut my finger the other day and didn't have one, and there can be times when you have to ask people for their first aid stuff, or go to the porter. This can be bad if you don't live in College, and going to the porter's could be intimidating. I also want College to pay. I don't know who the most suitable person is? Pierce?

Pierce: (interrupting to abdicate all responsibility) İrem!

Elin: We won't be providing any drugs as that could be triggering.

James Nevett: Two things: We need this as what happens if someone is self isolating? Who will be checking to make sure the stuff hasn't gone out of date?

Elin: The scouts could restock them, so it wouldn't be the responsibility of a JCR member. (mulls over changing motion to be households instead of staircases).

***AMENDMENT IS MADE TO GIVE EACH HOUSEHOLD A FIRST AID KIT***

Amy B: The scouts would now have more work to do, and this would also require more training. There are also many households of one, which would mean many first aid kits.

Pierce: It's not necessarily our responsibility to work out who College would get to restock the kits.

Elin: A basic first aid kit is not that expensive

Amy B: This would be a very large increase in the amount of work

Elin: I don't think this would be a very large increase in the amount of work.

Pierce: We don't need to dwell too much on this (ed: Pierce has remembered the pubs shut at 10pm).

Amy: I'm still unsure about the amendment from staircase to household.

Elin: I think it's a priority that there's no cross contamination

Claire: Regarding the Covid-secureness, all the items are singly wrapped, so to have individual household ones seems excessive. You can have items with obvious dates, so there wouldn't need to be a person checking all the time.

Elin: Potentially then only self-isolating households should have a first aid kit.

***PREVIOUS AMENDMENT IS WITHDRAWN***

***AMENDMENT IS MADE SO THAT EACH STAIRCASE GETS A KIT, UNLESS A HOUSEHOLD IS SELF-ISOLATING***

Motion 6: Gym Equipment

*[In spite of me messaging her in advance when her motion was coming up while minuting (bless me), Lauren has failed to appear.]*

*[\*A huge amount of time passes\*]*

Lauren: I want to spend £300 to buy gym equipment so that people can exercise while they're self-isolating in their rooms.

Finley: I'm sure we can give some of our mats to this effort.

Lauren: That's good.

Beth: Do you have a list of what you want to buy?

Lauren: I'm lazy so I would mandate the sports rep to decide what people want, and to make sure that there is a range of equipment. There should be a form to decide what we buy.

Alec: Given how many people are isolating at any time, how do we decide who can get the equipment given it's only £300, and who will be in charge of moving all the equipment and keeping track of where it is? I know that no matter how lovely the people, you can never rely fully on people returning all the stuff.

Lauren: I have a couple of points – I think the situation with how many people were isolating was unprecedented, and we shouldn't not do something just because there isn't enough supply to match

demand. I would arrange it on a Google Sheet (ed: OneDrive is better imo), and as the entire household is responsible there are more people to hold it to account..

Freddie: I'm a fan. However, sports equipment is really expensive right now, and just a set of weights would burn through the money quickly. It also would be hard to administer. Perhaps we could get a subscription to some sort of online service.

Alfie (*in the chat*): A subscription service would mean everyone would benefit.

Lauren: We could get cheaper equipment like skipping ropes and resistance bands.

Freddie: We're on the same page. I should do a better job of giving out stuff. I still think it will be expensive and difficult to organise.

Lauren: You have done a great job. A possible amendment would be that instead people could request if they're just really keen.

Pierce: To summarise, there should be a pot that the sports rep can disseminate according to need.

***AMENDMENT IS MADE TO INSTEAD HAVE £300 AS A GRANT RATHER THAN JUST BUYING A LOAD OF STUFF.***

Sam: Better than having equipment would be having an allotted period of time when people can go outside – I'm aware this is tangential.

Pierce: College have said no, but we can discuss at a later date.

Elin: (First throws some shade by deeming Sam's point irrelevant). It does seem sort of like we're rewarding the people that are isolating. I know this would widen the pool, but it does seem a bit unfair you can only use the equipment if you're isolating.

Lauren: Iffley Road gym is free (ed: It's total crap). If you're not isolating you can at least go outside. No one is going to try and catch coronavirus for the sake of getting the free gym equipment.

Elin: Iffley is a 20 minute walk away, and you don't need weights for a run. It does seem a bit odd.

Lauren: The alternative is that if we open it up to everyone it will get lost, and because isolation is a defined limit it will mean you can't just keep it. If I was isolating I wouldn't feel like I owe the other people who aren't just because I got a resistance band.

James (*in the chat*): Surely keeping it for self-isolating students is attempting to level the playing field (sorry for the sports pun) so that all students have at least some access to fitness.

Beth: What happens once coronavirus ends?

Lauren: We can't really plan for that.

Andy (*in the chat*): Can we recommend calisthenics?

Motion 7: (Insert Motion Title Here)

Alfie: I have been asked by Zach and Ben to take responsibility for this motion and Motion 8. They have asked me to first read out a short statement:

*"Ben and Zach have unfortunately scheduled a meeting with their lawyer now and are unable to attend. Please direct any questions to [someone of your choice]"*

Alfie's person of choice was Lauren Levine.

***ALFIE UNILATERALLY WITHDRAWS BOTH MOTIONS, LEADING TO A COLLECTIVE SIGH OF RELIEF AMONGST THE ENTIRETY OF THE ASSEMBLED JCR.***

JCR President Election

*(JCR President Hustings Occur)*

Meeting Ends