

UNIVERSITY OF KEELE
Staff Common Room
AGM
MINUTES
FRIDAY 24th May 2019, 5.30pm
University Common Room, Keele Hall

01/19 Apologies for Absence: David Ballantyne, John Butcher, David Cohen, Ted Evans, Peter Grannell, Rick Marshall, Bev Newton, Chris Wain, Margaret Whincup, Michael Whincup, Nick Wright.

Present: Chris Adams (Chair), Sarah Roberts (Secretary), Stephen Clifford (Treasurer), Marilyn Andrews, Margaret Bird, Rachel Bright, Rebecca Bowler, Ella Tennant.

02/19 The **Minutes** of the Annual General Meeting of 25th May 2018 were **agreed** as a correct record.

03/19 Matters Arising on the Minutes.

07/18: An update was given surrounding the funding for the proposed Masters project and discussions were ongoing with Staffordshire Archives.

04/19 Chairman's Report

Thank you to the committee

A stable year of good financial growth, no mass departures due to rise in membership costs and consistently busy this year meaning the SCR is still functioning in its capacity as a space (physical and metaphorical) where members meet, socialise and be entertained away from University's increasingly corporate structure.

We have had some great events. The excellent Burns Night, replete with fantastic entertainment and superbly organised by Margaret. We've had a number of tastings, from the inimitable Jim Gillespie (wine and whisky) who we're still waiting on to deliver on the wine. And through Stephen's contacts Pierre and Ben. There was the traditional tour of the joules brewery where Becky managed to on the fly negotiate us an extra 45 mins drinking. And the classical society outings, one of which, the coach trip to the Rollright stones and Ashmolean museum almost didn't happen this year but was saved at the last minute. We also had some slightly different events – watching the rugby, some sad leaving parties, Tai Chi, a Yew Knight Supper with Keele Village Hall and the new and incredibly popular cocktail nights. And our first pint of science event – which we can hopefully repeat in the future. Just to let everyone know that the SCR pledged some money to the Pint of Science organising team and the event was a huge success – 7 out of 9 events sold out with just over 300 tickets sold! Last but not least I think we agree that Friday bar nights have gone from strength to strength and

are now consistently busy, this is a real asset to the society and a huge thank you to everyone involved in organising and volunteering for those.

There have also been developments in bring the SCR up to date. Our facebook is more active than ever before, we've spread onto the University's web pages for new recruitment. We've also reupholstered the chairs! And we have added new lampshades to the common room. Which look great and there are plans for more major refurbishments in the bar, so members can enjoy our area to its maximum potential. This includes an additional fridge which may mean we never serve a warm beer again...

Looking forward, I've already mentioned the bar refurbishment and think it is right to invest in our members and their enjoyment of the society and space, we will keep you posted on that. I would also like to increase our new members. Margaret has mentioned new subscriptions were a little bit down so we will look at ways we might be able to increase these though next year.

All in all, it has been another great year, not so eventful in terms of fighting for existence but one driven by great activities, friends, improvements in the bar and consistent activity and its one that leaves us in a strong position to reinvest in the members.

05/19 Treasurer's Report

Accounts for 2017-2018. The 2017-18 accounts are the first compiled by the new accountants. For a statement of the account see the minute book. Stephen Clifford reported that there was again a healthy surplus this year, thanks largely once more to the Friday night bar sales and wine tastings are now listed separately.

As the SCR had benefitted from a surplus again this year, reinvestment was being made with refurbishments planned. The proposal that the accounts be agreed and adopted was **carried** unanimously.

06/19 Election of Committee for 2019/2020

The motion that the Committee's nominations for the SCR Committee be accepted *en bloc* was **carried** unanimously:

President	No nomination this year
Chairman	Dr Chris Adams (Life Sciences)
Secretary	<i>Vacancy</i>
Treasurer	Mr Stephen Clifford (Retired Member, c/o SCR)
Honourable Keeper of the Bar	Dr Nick Wright (Astrophysics)
Social	Dr Rebecca Bowler (English)
Membership	Miss Margaret Bird (Retired Member, c/o SCR)

Communications	Professor Marilyn Andrews (Past President)
Treasures	Dr David Ballantyne (American Studies)
Games	Mr Chris Wain (Retired Member, c/o SCR)
Rambles	Dr David Ballantyne (American Studies) Dr Rebecca Bowler (English)
Hon. Wine Stewards	Mr Stephen Clifford (Retired Member, c/o SCR) Dr John Butcher (Life Sciences)
Hon. Wine Stewards Emeritus Dr David Cohen (Retired Member)	
Members	Dr Terry O'Neill (Associate Member) Ms Ella Tennant (Language Centre) Ms Sarah Roberts (Quality Assurance, SAS) Dr Rachel Bright (History) Dr Adam Stanton (Computing and Mathematics)

The Committee's proposal that Dr David Cohen (Retired Member) be accorded the title of Wine Steward Emeritus on his retirement from the Committee after many years' service to the SCR was accepted.

07/19 Any Other Business

Becky and Rachel gave an update on the planned SCR and Residents Association Summer Social

**08/19 The Date & Time of the Next Annual General Meeting were agreed as:
Friday, 29th May 2020, 5.30 p.m.**

Sarah Roberts, Minute Secretary to the AGM

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