Oxford University Walking Club

Minutes of the TGM of Trinity term 2007 Held in the bowels of the Physics department

Marion has been trying unsuccessfully to reprogram her crotch. She eventually gave up. While Nicolas hands out stuff, Chelsea regales us with Cyrillic writing. Аррагеntly, Смели Росски Хор means "Brave Russian Choir" but is pronounced "Smelly Russky Whore". Meanwhile, there is a discussion of cloudy vs clear lemonade.

Meeting opened at 20:55.

By this time, Marion has got her crotch working again. She tries to turn it off but fails. Jonathan: "That girl's insatiable."

Because of the absence of the Secretary due to illness, Barney is Acting Secretary for the meeting.

Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Rob Siddaway, David Keiller, Melissa Ch'ng, James Welch and Uta Kornmeier. Helen Jenks will be along later.

Previous Minutes.

Marion read the previous minutes in the way that only she can, and there were (amazingly) no objections and no matters arising.

Apparently, Andrew is Marion's homogenous member. A little geek debate erupts in the corner. In spite of being a classicist, Jonathan insists that he is a geek. Barney uses an ε - δ proof to show that he is not a geek.

Officers' Reports

President: Last term's proposals to allow groups to lead themselves were soundly rejected by the University's insurance department. Marion told us about the new alternative proposals to separate the roles of Trip Leader and Trip Organiser in order to allow more trips to be organised and to increase participation in the running of trips. The new proposals have also been delayed because Richard Dodsworth has yet to reply to our e-mails.

In response, Christopher mumbled indistinctly.

Andrew Tyrrell raised the point that we don't have to go through Richard Dodsworth for every last little thing. Christopher begs to differ, and quoted the rule that says that we do. No other clubs obey the rules, so why should we, someone remarked bitterly. We will introduce Trip Organisers on an informal basis anyway. There's nothing to say that the PTL can't delegate, after all.

(Marion announces her intention to donate a trophy, presidential helicopter, and all her money to the club once she's an alumnus.)

Secretary: Is ill following the food fight at the punt party. 1 minibus had to be cancelled during term, and 5 people passed minibus tests. He thanks his agent

and his cat.

Treasurer: Report to follow.

Trip & Safety: There were 4 weekend trips this term. The Howgills trip made a loss due to lack of interest. There are still places on the trip to Pembrokeshire. The Wye Valley trip was cancelled after a leader pulled out.

3 more people have completed ML training, so we have 3 more Level 4 leaders. There was also a first aid course, subsidised by the club and Sports Department.

Alumni: The new alumni scheme will be launched in the next month or so.

Archivist: During the first half of term, we had an average of 6 people per walk, although this tailed off as the exam season approached. 4 local walk leaders will be leaving at the end of term.

Membership: About 15 members expired this term, with a further 20 or so joining up. Chelsea has been tidying up the membership database.

Quartermaster. Huge numbers of people have been borrowing club kit, which is a good thing.

Social: There were 4 socials this term and a committee dinner. The turnout was generally quite poor.

Webmaster. There was a problem with our ISP at the beginning of term, and e-mails are getting delayed. Maybe now would be a good time to change providers.

Any Other Business.

Christopher reads a motion to make a correction to the constitution. We all applaud Alan Iwi for pointing this out.

Elections.

Senior Member: Kevin Hilliard stands for re-election. He's not present and hasn't sent a hust, but we all vote for him anyway. 12 for, 0 against.

President: Christopher Thomas is the only candidate. He initially declines to hust, but bows to peer pressure. Yadda yadda. He avoids answering questions (Sheep or goats: which is better?) and is elected 11-1.

Secretary: Jonathan Leithead delivers an impassioned plea to abolish apostrophe's of doom. "What's LATEX?" His carefully-built image of geekdom comes crashing down. 12-0.

Treasurer: Michelle Barton has just got the accounts sorted, and she likes them. She is elected 12-0.

Trip and Safety: Rob Siddaway is unfortunately absent due to illness, but has emailed a hust; this is read out. The entire room is stunned into silence when

Jonathan asks a sensible question: "Is he a member of the BMC?".

Alumni: Laura is re-elected 12-0.

Quartermaster: David Keiller has sent a statement. He is elected 12-0.

Webmaster: Nicolas is re-elected 11-1.

Helen Jenks enters.

Archivist: Nicolas withdraws his nomination, having just been elected webmaster, so Melissa Ch'ng stands unopposed and is elected 10-3.

Membership: Since Laura is now Alumni rep, she withdraws from the Membership election. It's contested between Zing and Chelsea, both of whom look like withdrawing to avoid treading on the other's toes. In the end we persuade them to stay and have an election. Zing 5, Chelsea 6, 2 against. Chelsea is re-elected.

Social: Helen Jenks stood from the floor and was elected 12-1.

Transfer of Power.

Marion is not president for the first time in living memory.

Meeting closed at 22:23.