

# ResExec Minutes

## Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2011

Chair; Jonny Kirby, Vice President Housing and Community  
Secretary; Nyssa Koring, Student development manager

In attendance by RA Committee;

Aitken, Beeches, Elgar, FOCSOC, Hunter, Jarratt, Maple, Mason, Pritchatts, Shackleton, Tennis Court, Victoria

### 1. Register and Apologies

Apologies received from; Vilma FOCSOC, Marco Jarratt, Charlotte Shackleton, Sam Shackleton, Ellen Pritchatts, Joe Mason, Henry Jarratt, Sonya Pritchatts, Francis Elgar, Matt Elgar, Nathan Mason, Grace Mason, Sam Beeches, Pete Beeches, Phil Tennis, Will Tennis, Chloe Pritchatts, Elliott Elgar

### 2. Guild Awards

Blogging is like keeping on online journal/diary. They should be updated frequently, kept short and use casual

### 3. Tech Services

Tech Services are a Guild department able to offer technical products for large scale events; microphones, speakers, lighting, etc.

They also have experience of working with most venues, local bands/artists and can give advice on additional packages for events such as casinos.

Email [d.avery@guild.bham.ac.uk](mailto:d.avery@guild.bham.ac.uk)

Telephone; 0121 251 2330

### 4. Summer Balls

Just a note that RAs may notice some funds disappearing from their accounts in payment for Winter Balls.

Summer Ball deadlines are fast approaching.

### 5. Vale Love

RAs looking to run a joint event potentially on the Vale and are looking for ideas and thoughts.

Event would potentially be a summer fayre raising awareness and funds for MIND.

Possibly held on the 9<sup>th</sup> May before exams start.

Don't want to conflict with Vale Festival but like the before and after exams feel to the both of them.

Some RAs like the name, some do not – **ALL RAs to think of alternative and feedback at next meeting**

### 6. March for the Alternative

Rob Hunter reminded RAs about the March for the Alternative on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March – asking RAs to publicise using posters and leaflets from Student Voice.

### 7. St Paddys

RAs feedback on the St Patrick Day Bar Crawl

Some RAs felt there were too many stewards – others felt that the number was just right.

Felt some of the bouncers at the Arcadian were either not doing their job or were being very harsh.

Vodbull had feedback to the RAs and Carnival that the event had been really well run

## 8. Freshers

More information about RAs and what they will be expected to do during Freshers Week will be coming after Easter.

However, we will be expecting RAs to provide several events – so there is no harm beginning to think about this now.

Freshers dates to be emailed around.

## 9. Around the RAs

FOCSOC – speaking to Site Management teams and looking into doing film and pizza nights

Hunter – lots of promoters putting up posters – site management have said they can be kicked out. Meeting to talk about the shuttle bus. Looking into doing more events in the social centre. Doing pub quiz on Saturday.

Pritchatts – Nearly sorted printer. Sky box has broken. Looking at notice boards, xbox, race for life and getting people interested in sport.

Beeches – pub quiz and BRA-Ch were good. Pancake sale was ok. Beeches v Hunter event. Got RAG Raid coming up. No major issues

Jarratt – not doing so well with questionnaires – minimal response. St Paddys had low turn out. Jamhouse trip was good though.

Victoria – trial run opening reception later hours. Washers and dryers are being fixed. Pancake day event was really good, as was St Paddys and BRA-CH. Doing a Cadbury world trip.

Mason – attendance is getting better, Doing a Red Nose Day photo competition, pizza night, dare event and a night out. Also, boxer shorts should proposal/supplier form be signed off. New recycling initiative being trialled at Mason. Noticeboards are signed up. Did survey and got nearly 400 responses. Looking at newsletter and charity events.

Elgar – Increase in turn out of events. Curry social good. Doing inter block football tournament. Doing Cardiff RAG Raid this weekend. Residents generally becoming more aware of what an RA is and they appreciate feedback from meetings.

Aitken/Chelwood – Stairs still need fixing. Had some new residents who are really nice. Looking at volunteering events and helping people volunteer.

Maple Bank – Inconsistencies with support from Vale Management. **JK to speak to Leslie Stewart.** Problems with laundrette and problems not being fixed. Want to get notice boards and more flowers at the Hall. Doing a Newquay beach clean and investigating wireless in Halls

Shackleton – doing red nose day raffle, have a new comment box, doing an event at Ming Moon and a representation event.

Tennis Court – St Paddy's was good. Going to the Liverpool RAG Raid with Carnival. There is a trial run of opening centre court. Looking to do a summer ball with Shackleton. Looking into doing a volunteering event to reopen the squash courts. Problems with colourfest and change of dates. Looking into getting hoodies. Had problems with missing money on food package card.

## 10. Recipe Competition

Looking for recipes for a cook book for freshers. There will then be a “cook off” with Loughborough. So please get involved.

## 11. Costa Del Brum

Looking at suitability of dates because of potential clashes with large scale events – RA summer balls, grad ball, colourfest, summer sports event etc. Cost will go up but RAs felt residents would still be interested in attending.

## 12. Operational Issues

Communication – RAs should ensure they are communicating with each other as staff seem to be answering the same questions over and over again and are being asked to deal with things that we haven't known about.

Website – takes three working days before events and changes can be looked at.

Proposals – are starting to be handed in later and later. They will be declined if they are late and its also not giving you a lot of time to promote events

## 13. AOB

AMG – both reps on AMG are from Maple, and so they would like to meet all representation officers before meetings so they can feedback more efficiently.

SpresExec – rugby 7's tournament is coming together. If proposal is signed, it will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> May with ice cream and BBQs. £2 per player.

VolExec – looking into doing recycling to raise funds for a rainforest project supported by the nature centre near Hunter Court. Earth Hour is an event running on 26<sup>th</sup> March in the evening – **JK to email out more information**. Looking into clothes swap party.

Guild Council training – JK to look into delivering this

JK looking into running a street party for the royal wedding.

Purple Mermaid – circus society do performances for events (indoor and outdoor, fire and no fire), you can email them at; [circus@guild.bham.ac.uk](mailto:circus@guild.bham.ac.uk)