

ResExec Minutes

Tuesday 1st February 2010

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 Brad Greenwood, Sam Travell and Emma Derbyshire

2. Guild Awards

Matt Lamb informed the RAs about Guild Awards, happening on 22nd march. Nominations are now open, with categories including Best RA. You can nominate yourselves, or other RAs, old and new.

Tickets are £15 each and you get a sit down meal, free entertainment, and afterparty.

3. Castle Cars

Johnny Davies talked through the timeline relationship by Castle Cars followed by questions and comments.

2007 – 2008; Guild Council motioned to cease trading with Falcon Cars due to several reports being received by students.

March 2009 – tendered for another company to take over. Castle was the only company who was able to handle the quantity.

2009 – 2010 – a one year trial was agreed and the Nightbus was also piloted. Legal action against Falcon cars commenced after they threatened Guild staff and used university logos without permission. Action ceased when a new owner took over.

April 2010 – a new tender for 3 years was agreed with a break clause at the end of each year.

September 2010 – Castle were allowed access to the Vale and also the commercial fairs at the Guild.

Present – hearing about various issues with Castle but we want to work together to solve these.

Johnny asked all reports of problems to come to him but that the students should also take note of the driver number and taxi registration number so that problem drivers can be tracked down.

Comment; Have been charged for the Nightbus. Johnny said if this happened you should make a note of the times so that they can trace the driver. He also said that the Nightbus is operated on other nights but that the logos should be covered.

Comment; Large orders are out to the front of the queue and so it can take hours for a taxi to arrive or even show up at all

Comment; Nightbus kicked us out in Selly Oak once.

Comment; the rates vary a lot and drivers don't stick to the agreed prices. One driver charged more for bad weather. You normally get charged more at night time. Johnny said that you could ring head office if this happened to confirm the price.

Comment; one taxi tried to charge us £6 from Hunter to the Guild, they said we had to pay or he'd report us.

Comment; Some drivers try to charge you for time in traffic as well.

Comment; Some taxi's don't drop you off at the Vale, they only drop you on the road.

Comment; some castle taxi's tout got business outside nightclubs.

Comment; I've called castle cars and had a falcon car turn up. Johnny informed the RAs that there isn't a lot we can do about this – some drivers are self employed and work for several companies. They are supposed to cover the logos up but don't always.

4. Committee Elections: Uni Welcome Committee

Postponed till next ResExec

5. Club Promoters

Jonny Kirby clarified the situation with Club Promoters.

You cannot except free things from promoters, even if it's for all residents, because then you will owe them something – potentially a whole event that you don't actually want to do.

Jonny to bring the promoter protocol to the next meeting.

6. Officer Elections

Officer Elections are coming up. You can endorse candidates, but not in your role as an RA as its classed as cheating. Please pick the right person and not just your friend.

7. Around the RAs

Pritchatts – trying to use the social centre more, pub quizzes, activity blitz, movie nights, etc. Would like to revamp and get more furniture. Also looking to do trips to Neonfest and Ice Skating.

Mason – done a vodbull proposal, questionnaire and looking into problems with the showers

Victoria – doing questionnaires, lots of people are interested in a St Paddy's Day bar crawl – Victoria to bring some plans to the next meeting.

Hunter – doing some surveys. Got a Chinese new year event planned and Neonfest. Want to do a trip to Alton Towers. Also looking into doing up social centre and getting lockable notice boards

Maple Bank – got neonfest and a valentines event. Started up some separate facebook groups so people can contact us. Want to do a joint event for Breast Cancer Awareness where you dress in pink with bras over the top – Maple to report back at the next ResExec

Shackleton - got newsletter planned, ad a possible trip to Alton towers which we'll talk with hunter about. Also sent some people to the Manchester Demo

Ennis Court – been door knocking, got an event at DV8 called I Love TC, which will have inter block challenges. Also want to look into a summer trip and getting sports kit

Elgar – been doing questionnaires, want to do a balloon release for charity (warned about a possibly Guild Council motion against this – needs checking with Student Voice), want to do hoodies and trying some different sports

FOCSOC – been dong questionnaires, working with Adam Craig to do a first event which is a bit different. Also went to the Get Involved fair, which was good, but their spot on the side meant they didn't see many people. Doing weekly facebook message instead of spamming. Looking into doing leaflets and also into the possibility of getting a new logo.

Jarratt – have fixed the vending machines at the Hall, doing a free bus for Chinese new year at the Arcadian. Also doing Carnage. Finally, seeking approval to print some fancy newsletters.

Beeches – first events are going to be Neonfest and a Take Me Out style valentines event at the Hall

Aitken – have joint event with Elgar called A&E which is fancy dress. Also going to neonfest. Would like to set up some netball teams and one off inter hall friendless for all sports. Would like to also do hoodies.

8. Secondary RA Training

Training for those unable to attend the weekend is Saturday 5th February. If you haven't confirmed your attendance yet, please do.

9. Masterchef

Jonny is running an international cooking competition on Friday 4th Feb. We need four team of two people. You bring your own food which is judged. The whole thing will be filmed for the cooking website that Jonny has had an input on. Please promote this to your residents and see if you can get some teams together.

10. Operational Issues – Balance of Events, Putting tickets on proposals, RA emails

- Balance of Events – we do look into all the events you have run when checking proposals. If you start to do too many alcohol based activities, we will no longer sign any more off until you have balanced these out. If you are worried, please speak to Nyssa
- Putting tickets on proposals – you need to buy the tickets in order to sell them, therefore, they need including on your proposal
- RA emails – now all RAs have handed over, all emails will now go to the generic email address unless; it relates to you personally, your role as President, Events, etc, or is about your Hall and needs urgent attention.

11. AOB – ticket selling in Halls, site meetings, suppliers list, other

- Ticket Selling – one student has now been asked to leave halls for selling tickets from their Hall. The Vale have agreed to send letters out to all residents
- Site Meetings – Alison Meir has invited all Vale Halls for tea and cake on the 7th Feb. Jonny will also be chasing non vale site management so you can have your site meetings.
- Suppliers List - NK to send out the link to the suppliers list
- Newsletters – do need to be proposed. If in doubt, the general rule is, if you're paying for it out of the RA account, then you need to propose it. Copies of newsletters should be submitted to the Guild.
- Pritchatts would like to get a printer at their Hall but are not sure how to go about organising this. JK to look into.
- RAs complained about the student development printer.