



## **RSMU MG Report – December 2012**

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#### **Overview**

All documentation, training and essential membership (naughty officers) criteria have been met by the majority of clubs within the RSM management group. There are a couple committee members who are being chased by club chairs and there will be no loose ends going into Christmas.

Membership of RSM Hockey is at 100% and Rugby is set to achieve its full contingent (currently at 40.91%) by the new year with Bottle Match team selection due to take place. Though Sports currently lacks members, the target will be met in the run-up to Bottle Match with all Golf, Netball and Squash players being required to purchase membership. Real Ale has a higher membership than this time last year (17/25) and is likely to grow throughout the year. Football has shown a marked improvement from last year, with 15/20 (75%) members, which will help with their debt reduction.

Fiscally all clubs are on track for a healthy year (football is still carrying debt from previous years but is on track to reduce this significantly) and overall the RSM MG is +£4k.

We have this week received a donation of £2000 towards the Bottle Match at the end of February, and sponsorship for the Christmas dinner for the first time significantly improved our financial situation.

The RSM Exec has held several events this term and has achieved the usual outstanding attendance figures.

The RSM Exec account is currently showing a deficit of £1,693.02, though with £3000 sponsorship from BP for the Christmas dinner, £2000 from the department for Bottle Match, £1200 income from Regalia sales and around £1500 from RSMA, RSMU is set to return to the positive financial status that was seen at the start of the year.

#### **Freshers' Week**

##### ***Freshers' fair***

This was a great success for the RSM with the clubs receiving a large number of subscriptions from the new students. The freebies and flyers which had been provided this year were once again also incredibly well received; in particular the events flyers which outlined the activities of the RSM and its clubs over the first term proved very popular and useful not only to the first years but also to current students

### *Freshers' pub crawl*

The attendance for this, the first Fresher event, was once again incredibly high. Around 150 people attended and although this provided the usual logistical problems, the route was well planned and there was no separation of the group. The committee maintained student safety brilliantly and handed out maps for freshers. Clem was with us for the duration which helped to make this one of the best received pub crawls we've had in recent years. The route around South Kensington helped new students get to know their new home. The singing was of course spectacular.

### *Freshers' Bar Night*

The bar night, occurring on the Thursday of Freshers' week, was once again a huge success. Drinks tokens were provided by the union which was very helpful and they sold out quickly. Attendance was exceeded the 100 capacity of the bar but the improved door policy, which ditched the one in – one out system, ensured there was a free flow of people between the union bar and Metric. Wristbands were provided for free entry to Belushi's in Fulham, with freshers being guided home on buses afterwards.

### *Freshers' Dinner*

To address some of the concerns raised after last year's dinner, the amount of wine provided was cut by half and the attendance was reduced to 170. It was once again held in the QTR and the demand for tickets was very high. As always, student safety was taken very seriously and members of the committee were on hand to ensure freshers made it back to halls safely. The RSMU has unfortunately come under criticism for the way in which a very small minority of students acted after the dinner on campus, and these individuals have been spoken to by both college tutors and the department.

### **Rest of the term**

#### *Halloween Bar Night*

This event is currently the subject of a formal complaint from the RSMU, relating to the way our booking was handled. Ultimately we had to change the date from the traditional Thursday to a Saturday after Halloween and attendance was much lower than expected. This is likely due to the short notice of the date change and the fact that it was held after Halloween itself.

#### *Christmas Dinner*

This year the dinner was held in the Grand Connaught Rooms near Covent Garden and was a more formal affair than the Freshers' dinner; undergraduates got the opportunity to mix with staff, alumni and post graduates in a classic RSM formal-yet-not environment. Due to problems with ticket sales on the Union website, we were not able to capitalise on the initial rush of interested and instead had to draw out the process over 3 weeks. Attendance was around 150 and the event passed without a hitch. Donations from the Faculty of Engineering and the RSMA have greatly helped the financial status of this event.

## Club Reports

### *De la Beche (647)*

The fresher field trip to Broadhaven in South Wales was an incredible success, with 3 minibuses being taken instead of the usual 2. Tickets sold out within seconds and 40 people were able to attend. Next term, a trip of similar size is planned for the Isle of Wight and tour funding was applied for and received. Numerous talks are also planned for spring term.

### *RSM Football (651)*

Membership is up on this time last year and we consistently have a full team for Wednesday and Saturday matches. Crucially, we have a good fresher contingent and minibuses have been used for matches which are further afield. Matches for this term are now finished and we have consolidated our mid-table position. The biggest problem so far is the resignation of our vice-captain due to injury. An election for a new VC is planned for next term.

### *RSM Geophys Soc (654)*

So far grant money has been spent on the annual bowling trip to Queensway, which saw recorded attendance of 30+. There has also been a small educational trip to the Natural History Museum. We plan to spend the rest of our grant on the following: Three evening lectures (Geophysical hazards, Current position of the oil industry and Ocean Modelling), helping to accommodate a Cambridge Geology Society exchange and purchasing and creation of Geophysics/Field trip vests/t-shirts for the upcoming RSM field trips. A possible two day field trip/trip to Thorpe Park is also planned.

### *RSM Hockey (652)*

The club has had a great start to the season and enjoyed some good results in the new LUSL leagues, for the mixed, men's and ladies teams. Matches in the new leagues are tough, with previous tables being mixed up during the transition. However all teams are on track to retaining their places in the current groups. Training sessions are reaching attendances of 30+ players - another improvement on previous years – and membership has reached its target of 30. Negotiations with Schlumberger are looking very positive and a request for £1500 sponsorship has been submitted for Bottle Match kit, minibus fuel and hire and various other expenses. Future plans include a Christmas dinner (Dec), Old Boys match (Jan), the AGM (Mar), and a tour to the Blackpool Easter Festival, as well as the Bottle Match weekend.

### *RSM Materials (646)*

The buddies' event held at the start of the year was once again well received and allowed for a relaxed introduction to the department for the new students. General feedback has been positive. Paintballing saw extremely high attendance with all tickets sold out. The DLB were victorious on the day, but those that attended did have a good time. Financially, MatSoc is in a good position (once faculty funding is received and VAT reclaimed). Plans for future events are centred on the Hill Cup, including Pub Golf with the DLB. Department talks and site visits are also in the pipeline.

### *RSM Real Ale (122)*

The initial pub crawl with the Wandsworth Beer Festival was well attended. There has since been trips to Euston tap and Pig's Ear beer festival, with free entry organised by the committee. Plan to spend remaining grant on a brewery trip in Spring term or failing that, subsidising other trip costs.

### *RSM Rugby (650)*

Grant money thus far has been spent on kit, travel expenses and referees. £100-300 is expected in donations by the end of the spring term. A beach rugby tournament in Santander is planned for the summer. The event was well attended last year and interest is expected to be equally high. Inter-faculty matches have been organised, with RSM beating CGCU earlier in the term and a second match versus RCSU is also planned. Membership is expected to increase in the spring term with Bottle Match team selection taking place.

### *RSM Sports (653)*

As usual, inactive at the moment as Bottle Match team selections have not taken place. Grant money will be freed up once this has taken place and memberships have been purchased. Squash, Netball and Golf all have training sessions planned for the New Year. Each team within RSM Sports is looking for a solid performance this year, based on the students who have stayed on from last year, along with new students who have shown interest in playing. The membership targets will be easily exceeded in the run-up to bottle match.

### *Appendix - RSM Management Group Accounts Summary*

				Remaining			
Membership				Grant	SGI	Faculty	Total
DLB	647			-134.00	1984.42	3.68	1854.10
Football	651	15/20	75%	135.00	-993.37	-126.75	-985.12
Geophys	654			77.07	289.83		366.90
Hockey	652	30/30	100%	317.53	1812.77		2130.30
Materials	646			320.00	912.17	326.17	1558.34
Real Ale	122	17/25	68%	13.60	66.17		79.77
Rugby	650	9/22	40.91%	173.53	599.71		773.24
Sports	653			0.00	-74.77		-74.77
<b>Totals</b>				<b>2182.73</b>	<b>-251.09</b>	<b>2078.10</b>	<b>4009.74</b>