Imperial College Union

Recreational Clubs Committee Executive [RCC Exec]

End of Year Reports (June 2013)



Chair: Joseph Rumer

The RCC Exec has enjoyed a positive year, working as a strong team with regular meetings; we have been tidying up our equipment and storage space to see more of this being borrowed regularly by clubs, financial processing is typically on a day's timescale as opposed to the month it used to take and RCC Exec finances remain stable; meetings have proceeded efficiently with a good agenda, papers and minutes record. At the start of the year clubs were promoted at Silwood and a discount outdoor shop night was promoted; the NightHike was run successfully and on budget providing many great photos and stories for participants. Representation to ICU Council and Clubs and Societies Board as well as college committees (Indoor/Outdoor Users, Sports Partnership and Health and Safety) has been effective. The RCC Exec website still requires updating and one committee position (Communications Officer) remains vacant for next year, otherwise handover to the next academic year and committee has been smooth. RCC Awards (published in Felix and presented at the ICU ceremony) have reflected the positive work of the year passed.

This year the RCC clubs and societies have broadly been successful in completing the standard tasks of Fresher's Fair, organising and running activities, trips, tours and socials and recruiting members and electing committees to continue their work. Administrative work (Financial Responsibility Forms, Risk Assessments, Instructors, Affiliations, Profile Entries and Next Year's Contacts) is on file. In addition budgeting has passed relatively smoothly for the forthcoming year; along these lines contingency claims have been relatively low; Harlington Grant, IC Trust applications and Sponsorship income has been positive; the level of appeals after budgeting was relatively low. At the end of year several dormant clubs have returned to thrive and only a small number face closure; all clubs have been offered support where needed and several constitutions tidied up.

Overall the vast number of RCC members, activities and events and their success is reflected in the club reports and photos that have been submitted which cumulatively demonstrate the fun and adventure that Imperial students continue to enjoy, representing the RCC, ICU and Imperial College.

Treasurer: Gemma Milman

This year has been fairly successful; the two big events being budgeting and the end of year tidy-up. Clubs were asked to submit their budgets to the RCC before the final submission deadline; many clubs did this and submitted fairly reasonable budgets.

The RCC were successful at budgeting and received almost the same as last year's budget, whilst welcoming a few new clubs. The RCC now holds three of the vintage motor clubs and this year these clubs were considered separately at budgeting. In total they received £500 more than the previous year. On the whole, clubs seem to be managing their finances very well. Although there are 5 clubs in the red in SGI, only one has good justification for this that I am aware of.

The end of year tidy-up has gone smoothly, thanks to most clubs zeroing their grant allocations before the deadline. The remaining grant currently stands at approx £500 and will be split between clubs to use.

Secretary: Leonard How

The year has been a smooth one in terms of organizing meetings for the RCC. Apologies were sent well in advance and clubs wanting to bring up matters in the meeting followed the deadline closely which is commendable as it allowed ample time to do up the agenda. I hope clubs will continue to accord this good practice to the next secretary.

Events Officer: Michael Parkes

This year NightHike was a great success with over 100 participants, running on budget and on time. Several RCC clubs competed and individuals resulting in many great stories and photos of the event, which will likely return again next year to promote the RCC and be fun for all involved. A thanks to all who helped organise.

Equipment Officer: Clare Tan

Pretty active year in terms of equipment borrowing. The new sleeping bags and roll mats were very popular, especially in the autumn term. This year we bought new tent poles to replace the broken TN Quasar poles, so the RCC now has three functioning quasars. New storage lockers were also installed in the east basement for Gaming, Explo, LINKS and Bellydance.

Communications Officer: Derfogail Delcassian

This year we've seen several clubs take advantage of extra funding supplied by the Harlington and IC Trust, with applications being mostly successful for clubs who requested funding for equipment grants to supply core activity users- unfortunately some grants were rejected on the basis that funding would be benefitting individuals rather than the club.