

RSMU MG Report – December 2012

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Overview

All documentation, training and essential membership (naughty officers) criteria have been met by all clubs with the RSM management group.

Membership of RSM Hockey is at 103.3% and Rugby is set to achieve its full contingent (currently at 80%) and though Sports is still very low (3/20 (14.3%)) membership will be met easily in the run-up to bottle match; there is some concern over the low membership of Football (6/20 (30%)) and the very high target membership of Real Ale (15/45 (33.3%)).

Fiscally all clubs are on track for a healthy year (football are however still carrying a considerable debt from previous years) and overall the RSM MG is +£4k. Faculty grant transfers from the RSM Exec account to the depsocs is being held up due to the correct funding code not being available.

Little Union grant money has been spent so far, though most of this money is allocated for activities related to the Bottle Match at the end of February.

The RSM Exec has held several events this term and has achieved record attendance figures.

The RSM Exec account is currently showing a deficit of £1,022.48, though with sponsorship and donations from several sources yet to reach our accounts, as well as VAT reclamation the RSMU is set to return to the positive financial status that was seen at the start of the year. As a note to this, the amount of funding received from both the RSMA and the FoE has increased on last year, reducing the pressure of attaining further sponsorship of our activities.

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 for the first time this year were 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 huge attendance in excess of 100 people made the logistics of this event slightly difficult, though committee members had been allocated the task of maintaining student safety and were each provided with a map of the route (as well as having completed the same route on the practice pub crawl 1 week earlier). The students were taken around pubs in the South Kensington area so that they could get to know their new home. Clem was also available for a short while, though had to return early due to engine issues. Singing, beers and a tour of South Ken; classic freshers' pub crawl.

Freshers' Bar Night

This was our first test of the new bar night policies and overall the event went well, though the banning of supported yard drinking did slow things down a considerably. Due to the new financial structure of bar nights the event made a net loss despite considerable subsidies. Attendance exceeded the 100 capacity of the Union Bar and a great night was had by all; this night marked the first event of the year with free entry to Belushi's! At the end of the night freshers were collected into groups and sent home on buses by older students.

Freshers' Dinner

With a total attendance in excess of 200 people the Freshers' Dinner (held in the QTR) was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Some issues did arise after the event relating to student welfare, though the work that was conducted on the night showed the careful considerations which had been taken to ensure student safety and well-being. The demand for this event was staggering, given that the normal attendance falls somewhere between 100-120, whereas this year there was interest from this number of freshers alone; this kind of response is a very positive marker for the rest of the year, showing a strong will for involvement, which is fantastic. Once the transactions have been completed and VAT reclaimed the RSM will be in a good financial position after this event.

Rest of the term

Halloween Bar Night

Again this was very well attended and the Union bar was once again filled to capacity; everyone attending had a great time and afterwards we once again headed off to Belushi's in Fulham to cap off the night. By now the first years were familiar with Belushi's and how to get home, though once again older students stayed behind to make sure that they all got home safe.

Christmas Dinner

This event is scheduled for 10.12.11, though the tickets have already been sold and once again demand was huge, forcing an increase in capacity from 120 to ~170. This year the dinner is being held in the Royal Overseas League near Green Park and is a more formal affair than the Freshers' dinner; undergraduates get the opportunity to mix with staff, alumni and post graduates in a classic RSM formal-yet-not environment. Donations from the Faculty of Engineering and the RSMA have greatly helped the financial status of this event.

Club Reports

De la Beche (647)

Events so far have been successful, though the trip to the Lake District required a £600 subsidy due to a lack of sponsorship. Great plans for next term, including another larger trip to South Wales and 4 speakers willing to host talks, dates tbc.

RSM Football (651)

The season is progressing well, 3 points behind 1st place in the league with 1 game in hand. RSM Football have also progressed to the quarter finals of their cup after dominating a team in the league above. Fresher intake has been

strong, with a few very talented additions to the squad. Bottle Match training schedules are being devised and will be set for the start of next term. In response to the low membership of the club the decision has been made to take a firm stand against anyone playing who has not paid their membership. The team is on track for promotion at the end of the year.

RSM Geophys Soc (654)

Happy to have their new status as a deprec, membership now at 98. This term has seen 2 events, mainly targeting freshers; a trip to the NHM looking into seismic wave propagation and its effects on human society (30+ attendees); Bowling at Queensway (27 attendees). Both were a success. No talks at Imperial have been organised as yet, though the club did publicise and attend talks at Royal Geological Society on deep Earth geophysics and the coupled nature of dynamic topography and mantle convection. (FUN!). Plans for a joint field trip with other SEG / EAGE chapters. The general outlook is happy and the club is in good health.

RSM Hockey (652)

The club has had a great start to the season and enjoyed some good results in the ULU leagues, the mixed team have also managed to play games most weeks. Men's team is top of its league and the Ladies' team is 2nd with a game in hand. Training sessions are reaching attendances of 25-30 players – great improvement on previous years – and membership has exceeded 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. Both of our ULU teams should expect to be promoted, and although the Ladies' have been knocked out of the ULU Reserves Cup, the Men's team are hoping for a good run again this year.

RSM Materials (646)

The buddies event held at the start of the year was very well received and allowed for a relaxed introduction to the department for the new students. General feedback was positive. Paintballing suffered relatively low attendance and as a result the DLB were victorious on the day, those that attended did however have a good time. Financially, MatSoc is in a good position (once faculty funding is received and VAT reclaimed). Plans for future events include Pub Golf with the DLB, site tours of Tata Steel (Scunthorpe) and Rolls Royce (Derby) as well as a new Alumni Dinner (“A Grand Reunion”), the first of its type and expected to be very well attended and received.

RSM Real Ale (122)

The October pub crawl was well attended and well received, though the trip to the Wandsworth Halloween Beer festival attracted much smaller numbers. The next event shall be the Pigs Ear beer festival on Thursday 8th December, a group from the Fell wanderers are being encouraged to come along, which should hopefully improve the current state of the club's membership

RSM Rugby (650)

Attendance at training has been fairly poor so far, with a full squad only being achieved twice, though the membership levels suggest that more should be attending. Attempts to arrange a game against C&G Rugby have failed twice due to a lack of engineers willing to play. We hope to arrange 3 fixtures before Bottle Match, including London Business School (confirmed), HAC and C&G/RCS. Sponsorship is our current main concern along with the need to have kit sorted for the day. Sponsorship is definitely required for this year, and if enough is negotiated then a second kit shall be bought for general match use for several years. Full membership of the club will be achieved in the run up to bottle match, as 22 players are required for the game, each needing to be a member of the club.

RSM Sports (653)

Currently not very active due to the nature of the team involved. Most activity for RSM Sports is centred around the Bottle Match, though there have been regular basketball training sessions which is an encouraging sign for this 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

	Membership		Remaing Grant	SGL	Faculty	Total	Grant Spent	Usage	
De La Beche	647		£ 1,182.20	£ 1,055.71	£ 97.57	£ 2,335.48	£ 150.80	Speakers	
Exec	645		£ 2,100.00	-£ 5,372.48	£ 2,250.00	-£ 1,022.48			
Football	651	6/20	30.00%	£ 135.00	-£ 1,109.52	£ -	-£ 911.52		
Geophys Soc	654		£ 175.00	£ 150.93	£ -	£ 325.93			
Hockey	652	31/30	103.33%	£ 1,119.04	£ 1,367.66	£ -	£ 3,151.03	£ 634.96	Transport and tournament entry
Materials	646		£ 200.00	-£ 451.41	£ 176.17	-£ 75.24			
Real Ale	122	15/45	33.33%	£ 8.33	-£ 18.83	£ -	-£ 10.50		
Rugby	650	16/20	80.00%	£ 243.89	£ 343.64	£ -	£ 587.53		
Sports	653	3/21	14.29%	£ 44.29	-£ 41.07	£ -	£ 3.22		
Totals			£ 5,207.75	-£ 4,075.37	£ 2,523.74	£ 4,383.45			
Starting Grant			£ 6,651.86						
Grant Reduction			£ 1,444.11						
Grant Withheld			£ 658.35						