



Oxford University Labour Club Termly General Meeting Michaelmas 2018

26th November 2018, Mansfield College Oxford

AGENDA

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Reports from exec
3. Election for Social Secretary
4. Disabilities Caucus
5. Election for Treasurer
6. Election for Publicity Officer
7. BAME+ Caucus
8. Election for Co-chairs
9. Election for Secretary
10. LGBT+ Caucus
11. Election for Membership Officer
12. Election for Campaigns Officer
13. Any Other Business

MINUTES

Ray Williams and Anisha Faruk welcomed everyone to the meeting
Apologies from Charlotte Austin, were sent in

Reports from Exec

LGBT+ Officer:

- Had a social at the start of term – not very well attended
- Event during Queer week – went really well
- Language in the constitution looks good

Secretary:

- Still having a problem with constitution
- Have updated the constitution but this depends on whether it's accepted by the Proctors

Treasurer:

- Passed a summary of finances (see appendix)
- Reminder to go her to claim money

Campaigns Officer:

- Very good turnout, better than usual
- By election coming up

Social sec:

- Has been helping organise Dance Kapital and Welcome Drinks

Freshers Rep:

- Fresher's bar crawl went well
- Good number of freshers

Publicity:

- Finished Look Left
- Had successful launch
- Will be uploading articles online
- Reminded to distribute it to JCRs
- Raised money for Look Left and have some left over

Co-chair Elect:

- Has been organising next term

Co-chair:

- Thanked everyone for the work they put into this term

Women's Officer:

- Women's caucus will be donating £50 of budget to English Collective of Prostitutes
- Social went well
- Lottie Sellers was re-elected Women's Officer

Election for Social Secretary

Two manifestos were submitted by Isabella Welch and Euan Huey

IW spoke first

She discussed how well our finances were this term and how this could be used to hold a further charity social

EH spoke second

He discussed how he would organise weekly meet ups
Keep termly club nights – make sure they're inclusive

Opened up to the floor for questions

Asked how to increase turnout at events

Asked what's your vision for Dance Kapital?

Asked whether they would change the name of the club night

Both replied that they would keep it

Moved to vote

IW was elected Social Secretary

Disabilities Caucus meets

Isabella Welch was elected Disabilities Officer

Election for Treasurer

Two manifestos were submitted by Kieron Haley and Jay Staker

KH spoke first

Spoke about how he would continue to create graphs for each meeting and would look into making a live google doc

Will work with the membership officer to reduce the membership fee and subsidising party membership

JS spoke second

Did auditing as a job and studies economics

Knows what the Publicity Officer will need for finances and how to get donations etc

Would formalise the role of presenting the accounts in the constitution and that if a member requests it, the treasurer must provide inflows and outflows of the accounts

Is concerned about live google doc

Opened up to the floor for questions

Asked if there are any specific ideas about fundraising

Asked how they would pass on the benefits of the health financial state at the moment

Moved to vote

JS was elected Treasurer

Election for Publicity Officer

One manifesto was submitted by Megan Howells

MH spoke

She discussed how she has experience of InDesign with The Oxford Student

Wants to continue the gender balance

2019 an important year – Look Left edition which looks back and looks forwards

Increase Twitter presence and will resurrect Instagram – “going to be an aesthetic club”

Moved to vote

MH was elected Publicity Officer

BAME+ Caucus meets

Ali Zubaidi was elected BAME+ Officer

Election for Co-chairs

One manifesto was submitted by Grace Davis and Arya Tandon

AT: Past 3 terms, held a number of different positions, enjoyed campaigning here and in Manchester and made good friends along the way

GD: Started labour activism in heart of wales, found labour party like a family, became county councillor at 18 years old, held position of secretary, treasurer, LGBT officer. Found experience in club so so fun. Both me and Arya come from devolved areas in the UK, so we both have a labour government, we know what it means to have a labour government why we are so keen on campaigning

AT: Because we know campaigning is important, campaigning through the weeks as well as weekend, introduce post-campaigning socials, establish campaign centres for every election, encourage committee to campaign at least 3 times a term if able.

GD: More socials, want to continue to draw people in, have an end of term drinks as well as Welcome drinks – combine with Look Left Launch and use it as a pre-drinks for Dance Kapital. Introduce a mid-term bar crawl

AT: Caucus representation, we've held three caucus positions between us, gender balanced term card, encourage people to doorknock

GD: We walk past people rough sleeping on the street everyday, these are the people Labour needs to help. Be an honour to serve as your cochair

Questions

DV: Lenin or Thatcher?

GD: No

RV: Alternative ways of campaigning such as phonebanking?

GD: Phonebanking is good we should work with the local party to organise that

AT: encourage people to talk about the issues on the doorstep, not just Voter ID

Ben: What does socialism mean?

AT: Socialism is about looking out for people and showing compassion and humanity – the Labour Party right now is about ending austerity

GD: Providing a proper welfare state, anyone can find themselves in any sort of situation, funding mental health services, housing

LC: Opinion on hot drinks and discussion?

GD: change it to Pizza and Policy, as Owen and Rosie are going to and not have it every week

FB: Would you participate in Oxford Forum debates

AT: Problems with Oxford Forum debates, more about rhetoric and not about engaging with the issues

JD: This was the first time OF have done something like this, not sure what the point is

AT: Impression from past events, not opposed on principle, as long as debate about ideas

How to link club with trade unions

GD: Been very involved with trade unions in the past, previously thought of introducing a TULO officer role on executive but now want to connect it with Campaigns Officer.

AT: Make it part of Campaigns Officer job description to establish links with trade unions

Grace and Arya elected

Election for Secretary

One manifesto was submitted by Lottie Sellers

LS spoke

Enjoyed doing Women's Officer

Used to minuting and organised

Opened to the floor for questions

JS asked if she would commit to the minuting format

Replied that she would

LGBT+ Caucus meets

Luke Dunne was elected LGBT+ Officer

Alex Rostron will look into homophobia campaigns against an Oxford City Councillor

Will look into a joint social before Dance Kapital with other caucuses

Election for Membership Officer

No manifestos were submitted

No women nominated themselves

Euan Huey nominated himself

EH spoke

Opened to the floor for questions

Asked whether he preferred members or socials

EH replied that he preferred members as members make the socials

Moved to vote

EH was elected Membership Officer

Election for Campaigns Officer

No manifestos were submitted

Kieron Haley nominated himself

KH spoke

He will carry on doing weekly campaigning sessions

Opened to the floor for questions

No questions

Moved to vote

KH was elected Campaigns Officer

Any Other Business

A vote was held on which charity to donate Dance Kapital money to

Fran Best nominated the charity Crisis UK

A vote was held

The vote passed unanimously

Jay Staker reminded people to pick up Look Left

Anisha Faruk reminded people to apply to be college reps

The Red Flag was sung

Meeting Adjourned