

**RHODES UNIVERSITY**

**ALLAN WEBB HALL COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 5 MAY 2008  
AT 19:00 IN THE HALL WARDENS FLAT.

**2008.2.1 PRESENT**

Messrs J McNeill (*Hall Warden, Chair*), M Mostert (*Salisbury House Warden*), T Ellis (*Salisbury House Sub-Warden*), R Starkey (*Salisbury House Sub-Warden*), M Downard (*Winchester House Sub-Warden*), B Smith (*Winchester House Senior Student*), N Hodgson (*Winchester House Sub-Warden*), Mesdames A Mdee (*Truro House Sub-Warden*), K Usher (*Truro House Sub-Warden*), A Warring (*Truro House Warden*), M Appel (*Canterbury House Sub-Warden*), L Kampi (*Canterbury House Sub-Warden*), L Dhlamini (*Canterbury Annex Sub-Warden*), C Garson (*Canterbury Annex House Sub-Warden*), Prof S Radloff (*Hall Fellow*), Mr BG Guruwo (*Hall SRC Representative 2008*), Prof S Daya (*Hall Fellow*), Sr R Büchner (*Associate Hall Fellow*), Mesdames P Jali (*Canterbury House Senior Student*), J Dlamini (*Truro House Senior Student*) and D Wicks

*Secretariat:* Ms T van Wyk (*Allan-Webb Hall Secretary*).

**2008.2.2 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received by Messrs K Kambani and R Wilsenach.

**2008.2.3 OTHER MATTERS FOR THE AGENDA**

1. Bath tubs & Showers
2. Sub-Wardens 2009
3. Early Returns

**2008.2.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The committee confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting dated 26 February 2008.

**2008.2.5 MATTERS ARISING**

**5.1 Report back from Hall Senior Student**

**5.1.1 Talent Show**

(Ms L Kampi reported on behalf of Mr R Wilsenach)

The Dean of Students Challenge event, The Talent Show, proved to be a superb event held and a success. It was noted that there was a time constraint and the committee disintegrated towards the end of the event. The total proceeds (R663.00) will be donated to the Sun City Pre-School. It was noted that this event continue in the following years to come and that a working file be created with a to-do list.

**5.1.2 Hall Ball**

(Mr B Smith reported on behalf of Mr R Wilsenach)

The theme of the Hall Ball will be “Murder Mystery”, 10 May 2008. Approximately 130 guests will be attending. The tickets are sold at R65 single ticket and R120 double ticket. There are tickets that include wine but you may bring your own wine along. The first prize will be a weekend away at the Bathurst Hotel. All proceeds will be given to the Sun City Pre-School.

**5.2 Report back from Hall Representative student of Board of Residence**

There was nothing to report back on.

### **5.3 Hall Capital Request**

Another suggestion in lieu of the previous decision made in our last meeting is to pool the money to purchase big screen Televisions for the residences. It is possible to purchase 32 inch Plasma TV Screen. Fundraising could ensure that a 42 inch plasma screen be purchased. Canterbury, Truro & Winchester supported this notion however Salisbury was unsure. It was requested that this item be taken to the various House Committees and the Wardens concerned are to report back to Mr J McNeill.

#### **2008.2.6 R & S FOR HALL AND HOUSE WARDENS**

The proposal is that a senior committee will meet twice a year. Warden's posts will only be advertised twice a year. A Hall Fellow will chair the committee and a decision will be made at a Hall level and not a House level as before.

#### **2008.2.7 SUN CITY PRE-SCHOOL**

There is an appeal to support the raising of funds as we are committed to schooling fifteen (15) children at this school. In support of raising funds there will be a Mystery Movie evening at the Roxbury Cinema on Thursday, 8 May 2008 which will premiere a movie. The tickets cost R 20 each and R 10 of each ticket sold will be given to Sun City Pre-School. The tickets will be available from the House Community Engagement Representatives as well as Ms D Wicks.

#### **2008.2.8 FOOD WASTAGE**

The posters that are to be seen across campus in the dining halls, have been designed by Mr J McNeill, that encourage students to take only the food that they will be eating and to return the trays with minimal wastage. This is in aid to promote a greener environment and less wastage of food. There was a request to reiterate this notion to the House Committees and residences. The next "greener" campaign will be conserving electricity and water usages. Well done to Mr McNeill on the exquisite designs of the posters.

#### **2008.2.9 EXAMS AND CUT-OFF FOR SOCIAL FUNCTIONS**

There are no social functions to be held three (3) weeks prior to the exams and two (2) weeks prior to swot week.

#### **2008.2.10 SRC REPRESENTATIVE REPORT BACK**

The election has taken place and the committee was chosen. There was a request that the SRC be able to talk to the students in the residence questioning any problems experienced within. The committee felt that there was already a structure in place (the Hall SRC representative) and that it was sufficient. It was noted that confidentiality needs to be instilled in the residence.

#### **2008.2.11 NAME CHANGING OF RESIDENCES**

The committee decided that there was no need to change the respective residences' names as no one found it offensive.

#### **2008.2.12 SPUR ADVERTISEMENT**

It was noted that we have agreed to advertise Spur advertisements occasionally in lieu of their sponsorship of various prizes for events held.

#### **2008.2.13 SNOOKER ROOM**

It was requested that the committee enquire in the residences whether there is someone that will be able and willing to teach others the game of snooker.

**2008.2.14 REMOTE CONTROL SECURITY**

It was mentioned that the television and DSTV remotes be kept in their cages. If the residence chooses not to have the remotes in their cages that this would be replaced from the House Committee funds.

**2008.2.15 BATH TUBS & SHOWERS**

The University is reluctant to re-enamel the baths because it is costly and they do not last long. They would like to replace the baths that are in need of re-enamelling with showers.

The committee supported the motion to replace the damaged baths with showers. It was noted that when a damaged bath needs to be replaced by a shower that the individual case be investigated and viewed uniquely. It was requested that at least one or two baths remain in the residences.

**2008.2.16 SUB-WARDENS 2009**

There is a proposal that the application forms be accessible on the on the recruitment and selection web page. The committee supported this notion and requested that the application forms be easily accessible, e.g. on Student Zone together with a notice when they are available in the newsfeed. It was suggested that the Human Resource Division have hard copies available.

**2008.2.17 EARLY RETURNERS**

The committee agreed that there is a tendency for the supplementary students to be disruptive during Orientation Week. Their stay could be made possible in various residences with proper management.

*This meeting ended at 20h40 on Monday, 5 May 2008.*