



Present:

- Harry Clements (*President*)
- Nieve Fay (*Vice President*)
- Ben White (*Treasurer*)
- Abi Wander (*Social Secretary*)
- Nathan Langford (*Social Secretary*)
- Sam Sayan (*Communications Officer*)
- Adèle Carr (*External Opportunities Officer*)
- Liam Carty-Howe (*Alumni Representative*)

In Attendance:

- Naomi Fallon (*Secretary*)

1 - Apologies:

- Nicole Antoine (*Equality and Wellbeing Officer*)

2 - Actions Update:

- **ACTION Committee: Send Abi the TikTok video- Ongoing**
- ACTION Ben: Announce the winning Charity and reach out to them to let them know!- Done
- **ACTION Sam: Put the charity logo on the website- Ongoing**
- **ACTION Harry: Ask the SU about the banner!! - Ongoing**
- **ACTION Harry and Nicole: Meet to write the Equalities Action plan- Ongoing**
- **ACTION Nieve and Harry: Make a COVID socials agreement.**
- **ACTION Harry: Collect all ITW books.**

3 - Treasurer's Report:

- Ben: Nice amount of money is coming in due to some new members joining, we had 13 new members in September and 48 in October!! (Big welcome to all our new members <3)
- Merryl's workshop was paid for this month.
- Abi: Need to pay an expense from the social, which was around £35.
- Harry: The finance office still needs to pay the charity money and the money from 2 years ago has been sorted!
- Ben: We've been told to pay money for POSHED, but the balance report also needs to be checked.

4 - Balloon Accreditation Scheme:

- Harry: Nothing much has changed, but the Give It A Go! Session counted.
- Need to make sure we do the things that we need to do this term- the strategic plan, two non-drinking socials and fundraising social.
- Harry needs to ask the SU about the banner.
- **ACTION Harry: Ask the SU about the banner!**

5 - Workshops Update:

5.1 Give It A Go! Debrief

- It happened and it was really fun, yay!! Thanks Adèle and Liam for organising <3
- Adèle: Merryl said she really enjoyed doing it and is happy to work with us again!
- There was a great turnout and it was lovely to see so many freshers on zoom.
- Adèle: Quite a few didn't have their camera on, but some of them were in groups as well!
- Harry: It's a great position for us to do another zoom workshop this term.

5.2 Workshops This Term

- Adèle: We now have available slots in the SU, so hopefully want to have one, not this weekend but the next weekend- Saturday 31st/ Sunday 1st.
- We would ideally like a singing workshop. There are 16 people allowed in the Pegg and we have the slot on Sunday. We also have a slot on the Saturday in Anson Rooms that can hold 18 people.
- Ben: It could maybe be two 45 minute sessions with a changeover time in between, so we can have more people.
- Adèle: The problem is that we want and hope for high interest, but we may not have enough interest for two sessions.
- Harry: We could just do first come first serve and have it in one session.
- Adèle: We could perhaps get Harry Nicholson to do some ensemble singing, as he's based in Bristol. It would be like another taster session but focusing on singing.
- Ben is happy for it to be free for members.
- Harry: Have you considered any joint workshops?
- Ben: The problem with joint workshops at the moment is that there's only 16 people allowed in the Pegg, so it may not be the best way to do it.
- Harry: We can think about doing a joint workshop when we can get more people in rooms.
- Adèle: We will then hopefully have an audition technique workshop before Showcase auditions.
- Harry: The STA are also keen to run a workshop, especially for Showcase directors, which we could make compulsory.

6 - Alumni Update:

- Liam: We had the workshop with Merryl, which went really well!!
- Jack Reitman has got in contact with a flyer for one to one workshops for people interested in MT masters and he is happy to give MTB members a discount.
- He is also happy to come and do an in person workshop with singing and acting!
- The alumni newsletter is finished!! Have a look at Liam's fab newsletter here→ <https://sway.office.com/VznhXlHRttlgbm8y?ref=Link>
- Harry: Have you been in contact with Ruth?
- Liam: She is happy to do a workshop and is still just thinking about what she wants to do.

7 - Socials Update:

7.1 First Social Debrief

- Nathan: Firstly, it felt like more committee members should have been there from the start. Some freshers arrived on time and Abi and I were the only committee there.

- Abi: With the family social on the 26th people we will be arriving in families so this will be less of an issue, but just for future socials, the committee should be there as early as possible.
- Nathan: Another issue was that La Rocca constantly had to tell people to sit in their own seats and wear masks to go to the toilets. We were told we have to be very strict and sit in the seating arrangement that was planned and this was not always maintained. There should have been more of an example set by committee.
- Abi: On a positive note there was amazing positive feedback and the society felt like it was a really good start to the year.
- Abi: On a less positive note, we really want more support from the committee for COVID safe socials, because we do want to do socials in person and we want people to come and feel safe. We don't want to accidentally host a super-spreader event.
- The committee agrees that we need to support Nathan and Abi more and make sure our events are COVID secure and we need to lead more by example.
- Abi: The Den and Terrace staff seem much stricter and they will be less easy on us and we will be kicked out if we don't follow the rules.
- Overall it was a great event, but let's just make sure MTB doesn't get a bad rep and it's COVID safe for everyone!
- A huge thankyou to Nathan and Abi for organising such an amazing first social!!
- Ben: It was stressful with a lot of people moving. We need to have zero tolerance or a warning if people move to other tables. Also at the end of the night, people end up on the street mixing anyway, so maybe people need to leave table by table.
- Nathan: The next social has a staggered entrance with different families, so it can also be a staggered exit.
- Abi: We will be posting a big message in the parents group to make the rules really clear and how we expect you to uphold them and hopefully that gets the message across clearly.
- Harry: We can also say something from a society point of view, so it's not all on the social secs.
- Abi: Harry could post in the members group or on the newsletters and say the expectations of the society in COVID-safe socials.
- Harry: It was a new experience and people haven't seen each other in months, so we need to be more sensible.
- Nathan and Abi are no longer parents so they are available to be responsible for making everything go smoothly at the family social, as long as everyone agrees to make a joint effort.
- Harry: A suggestion for future seating plans, is that if it's not a family social, run it by Nicole first to get the thumbs up from her.
- Nathan: The seating plan took a long time and a few people had to drop out, so it was difficult to plan and took a long time.
- Ben: We can do an algorithm to sort the seating plan out to take the responsibility out of it.
- Liam: For the MTB Tour to Amsterdam, we made people sign an agreement on a google form, saying they understand the law and we could do something similar to COVID, so they are agreeing to follow rules.
- Committee thinks this is a really good idea.
- **ACTION Nieve and Harry: Make a COVID social agreement.**

7.2 Upcoming Socials

- The next social is at the Den and Terrace on the 26th October.
- Nathan: We will set up group chats over the next few days and stress to parents the importance of COVID safety.
- The seating plan is sorted with lots of tables of 6.
- Nieve: I would really like a socially distanced sit down on the downs before it goes really cold.
- Abi: The problem is it's really hard to police and to tell everyone to sit down. We could find a more chilled venue or a freshers mingle, but a park social could be a catastrophe.
- Adèle: What about a walk through leigh woods?
- Ben: Problem is as soon as people see a huge group of students together they will call the police.
- Abi: What is the budget for next social, as the Den and Terrace are happy for us to decorate.
- Ben: The problem is that we don't want to buy plastic things that are never used again. We want to make sure it's sustainable.
- Ben is happy for a £30 budget for the social!
- Families could have a pumpkin carving competition and bring their pumpkin for decoration!

7.2 Non-Drinking Socials

- Harry: Any plans for any online socials?
- Nathan: We could do another quiz, because it has been a while since the height of lockdown and a lot of freshers are in isolation.
- Abi: Saw this idea where you put your name on a form and groups of 6 get a different coffee shop and you meet up for a coffee!

8 - Society Diversity:

- Nicole and Harry need to meet to do the equality report this week and we can't do much more until we have that.
- **ACTION Harry and Nicole: Meet to write the Equalities Action plan.**

9 - Newsletter:

- Harry: We now have a Mailchimp newsletter (it's teal of course) and I want it to be a collaborative committee effort, where we each have a section each, so we're all part of the newsletter.
- The newsletter will include: an introduction with what has happened with the society and debriefs on events, some upcoming PAF dates, a BAME spotlight section, motivational lyrics and pet of the week!!
- Ben: We could have a Travelling lights update and what they're doing with our support.
- We are all very keen to do a regular newsletter!

10 - Website:

- Sam: Nothing has happened since last meeting, but I'm going to be adding the teal in over this week and also optimising the website for mobiles.
- Travelling lights need to confirm with Ben and then we can put their logo on the website.

- Sam: The next social part also needs to be swapped to the family social.
- Liam also wants to add a report from the last workshop with Merryl.

11 - TB1 Plans:

- Harry: We are hoping to do in person things this term, we hopefully have regular room booking slots for every day of the week.
- The first cabaret of the term will be on the 6th and 7th November in the Winston and each piece will involve up to 3 or 4 people on stage.
- Each song will take 3/ 4 hours to rehearse.
- There are concerns that this slot may be the circuit breaker week, but hopefully not!
- Harry: We still need to find a venue for the Winter Cabaret, as the Improv Theatre was concerned about the number of student cases and recommended moving it to the Spring.
- Harry has enquired at several venues and they haven't got back to him yet, so Winter Cabaret is TBC at the moment.
- In that case, we can have a cabaret at the Improv in mid-February and hopefully also a Spring cabaret in early March.
- Showcase will then be at the end of March and then hopefully we can have a 48 hour in the first week back after Easter.
- In May there will be the IUMTF competition, another cabaret and the AGM (already!! :o)

12 - Showcase V:

- Nieve and Harry have spoken with the MD's, the only issues there were on rehearsals.
- They are happy with the shows that have been picked!
- An information sheet has been sent to directors about costume, props and all the details needed for their pieces.
- Harry and Nieve are planning to meet with directors to make sure that their plans are realistic.
- Harry: The auditions may have to be after christmas now around the 30th-31st January. There's no ad hoc bookings so we can't do a weekend of auditions this term.
- Liam: Maybe it's better to have the auditions spread out over a week rather than a weekend chunk anyway.
- Ben: I think it's best to get the auditions out of the way before Christmas, so we don't have the same problem in January.
- Nieve: Everyone can get to know their cast and learn songs over Christmas before rehearsals start.
- Harry: We can see where the Winter cabaret falls and people can book slots to audition throughout a week.
- In regards to the dance audition, people will learn a video and we can do it in slots over a weekend.

13 - MTB Merch:

13.1 Committee Merch

- Ben: We could do a Shirt sales order this week, but at the moment there's not many events to wear it to, do we still want them?
- Committee is still happy to have committee t-shirts, as we can wear them to meetings/workshops.

- Ben: We can all chip in to subsidise the cost a little bit.
- Will be easy to distribute committee merch at a meeting safely.

13.2 Society Merch

- Ben: I'm not keen to do this right now, as the distribution side makes it difficult.
- We are happy to leave society merch till the start of the new year.
- Ben: We can order at the end of term ready for the start of the year, ready for when Showcase rehearsals start.

14 - IUMTF:

- Harry: Not many updates here.
- The facebook page is going to be updated to be teal and with some clifton suspension bridge images in there. We will need a designer for this at some point.

15 - Into The Woods Update:

- **ACTION Harry: Collect all ITW books.**

16 -RAG Naked Calendar:

- Quite a few people have signed up so far!
- If you want to be involved in the RAG Naked Calendar this year...
SIGN UP: <https://forms.gle/1wxbXCRzTuafPcLZA>

17 - MTB Locker:

- Harry: We need to find a day for a couple of us to go.
- We will get a rota going to do a big sort out.

18 - AOB:

18.1 Non-MTB Adverts in the Members group

- There are lots of requests for adverts that aren't relevant and so there needs to be a rule on posting.
- If it's directly relevant to performing arts/ theatre then it can be accepted.
- Also people need to ask in advance and not just post without asking.
- We could make some Facebook rules to answer before you join the group.

18.2 Headshots

- We have a free Pegg slot for this and can get a photographer in.
- Handy thing to have!

18.3 Meet the Committee

- Need to get this on social media in the next few weeks!

18.4 Christmas Dinner

- Abi: How much of a budget is given for the christmas dinner?
- Ben: Usually members just pay full amount (around £25)

19 - Musical of the Week:

- Catch Me if You Can (Corona)