

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
Guy's and St Thomas' Rugby Football Club  
158<sup>th</sup> Season**

**3<sup>rd</sup> May  
Harris Lecture Theatre  
Guy's Hospital**

**President: Dr T Gibson**

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Jamie Combes, Guy Barwell, Paula Boyle and Rupert Hutchinson. 35 members were present.

**2. Minutes of the last AGM**

The minutes of the AGM for the 157<sup>th</sup> season were accepted as an accurate account of the proceedings and duly signed by the President.

**3. Presidents Report**

The President congratulated all teams on their achievements throughout the season, thanking all players for their commitment and noted the tremendous spirit evident throughout the club.

The President reported the tragic death of Paul Scanlan on the evening of Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup>. Paul was a Vice President of the Club and represented the club at all levels from the 1<sup>st</sup> team through to Guy's Penguins, with whom he had recently toured to Italy. The president highlighted a need for reflection on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May, with a minute silence before kick-off and a drink in Paul's memory during the evening. The Paul Scanlan Trophy will be awarded annually to the winners of Guy's Penguins vs. GKT 2<sup>nd</sup> XV match.

**4. Name of the Club**

The President proposed a change of name for the club, incorporating King's with the club officially to be called Guy's King's and St Thomas' Rugby Football Club. The committee have discussed many times this year the ever decreasing grant the club receives from Kings College London Student Union and consequently invited several Union Vice Presidents and John Grant, from the Sports Users Facilities Committee to discuss such matters. It is evident that the union sees a great divide between the Wednesday Student GKT rugby and Saturday Guy's rugby. The union supports teams playing in BUSA, UL and UH competitions but does not see Guy's involvement in the national leagues as a student activity. The president felt that the addition of King's to the name may strengthen our case for an increased grant and nullify the perceived division of the club as seen by the union. The name change would merely be for official purposes, with the club still recognised as Guy's by the players and national press.

Pete Davis remembered the reluctant name change to incorporate St Thomas' 10 years ago, with the understanding that the club would always play in Gold and Blue with 1<sup>st</sup> Team home games played at HOP. He questioned how long it would be before we played in a King's strip

and at King's grounds. Tim Price outlined that such a name change is our own initiative and is not being forced upon us, and is with the hope of soothing our relationship with the union. Tim Price stated that we will still play in our traditional colours at HOP and known to everybody as Guy's.

Following a lengthy discussion and a vote in favour of maintaining the current name (For 14, Against 10) the President decided that for the forthcoming year the name of Guy's and St Thomas' Rugby Football Club would stand. The situation will be reviewed next year when the grants have been announced. The President urged younger members of the club to become more heavily involved within student politics with the hope of pushing our cause within these circles.

## **5 Use of Cobham**

The President reported plans within the Students Union for the future use of Cobham Sports Ground, Surrey. The union post-merger believes it has too many playing fields and user figures reveal Cobham to be remarkably under used. Cobham is not eligible for development and hence will not be sold. The union is however planning to lease part of the ground to Wimbledon Football Club and as of next year we will only have one pitch available. The President highlighted the importance of the ground to the club. It has become the home of Guy's Penguins, is used regularly for student rugby games and recently hosted both 2<sup>nd</sup> XV and 3<sup>rd</sup> XV UH Cup Finals. The President urged the club to 'use it or lose it'.

Jamie Jackson further highlighted the importance of the pitch in a rotation system with HOP to maintain pitch quality and defended his reasons as fixture secretary for playing several 1<sup>st</sup> team games there.

## **6 Club Captain's Report**

Played 18 Won 7 Drew 1 Lost 10 Points For 325 Points Against 368

Tim Price, the Club Captain, reported that it was always going to be difficult to emulate the success of last year. Having lost a number of key players the 1<sup>st</sup> XV started with a highly promising away win against a strong Cranbrook side, however the season did not progress from here and the team finished seventh in London South East 4 and have most importantly managed to stay up. In the UH Cup the 1<sup>st</sup> XV did not capitalise on a first half lead and sloppy defence led to some late soft scores. Richard Beraint was top try scorer with 7 and Dave Berry, once again, top points scorer. Tim Price congratulated the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV on a superb UH Cup victory and was delighted with the second half performance by an entire student side. He also congratulated the 3<sup>rd</sup> XV on a successful season and Girls for their UL league success. Tim Price congratulated Andy Vaughton's all-conquering 7's side, who retained their Royal Society of Medicine and National Medical School titles.

The Captain expressed his disappointment at an apparent lack of enthusiasm and commitment from several quarters of the club. He believes that many of the season's disappointments correlate to a lack of continuity in the side, especially in the tight five. Following discussions with the coaches, Tim has decided that the club will train only on Thursday nights next year with Monday nights free for fitness sessions or specific skill sessions when necessary. Tim hopes that such an arrangement will breed enthusiasm and hopes that the one session will be

well attended. The coaches, hope to introduce several 'guest players' next year from the local area to strengthen the pack.

The captain, finally, looked forward to next season, stressing the importance of staying up in the current league with the club returning to it's winning ways.

## 7 Secretary's Report

Guy Barwell, the club secretary, was not in attendance however a detailed report was read by Gavin Brigstocke. The secretary reported a rather smooth year in terms of administration, with only two points deducted this year. Guy Barwell outlined several successful Tours to Edinburgh, Dublin, Rome and Crewkerne thanks to the hard work of Tom Beevir and Jamie Jackson. Guy reiterated the concerns of The President that as a club we were becoming increasingly alienated from student politics and further urged younger members of the club to become active in such fields. The secretary reported the results of the club:

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points For	Points Against
1 <sup>st</sup> XV	18	7	10	1	325	368
2 <sup>nd</sup> XV	19	12	6	1	525	318
3 <sup>rd</sup> XV	22	14	8	0	653	355
4 <sup>th</sup> XV	6	1	5	0	74	166
Student 1 <sup>st</sup> XV	11	6	5	0	171	250
Student 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV	1	0	1	0	15	22
Guy's Penguins	20	7	13	0	388	622
Wanderers	1	1	0	0	33	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2184</b>	<b>2006</b>

Team	Top Points Scorer	Top Try Scorer
1 <sup>st</sup> XV	Dave Berry-87	Richard Beraint-7
2 <sup>nd</sup> XV	Gavin Brigstocke-104	Marc Carbasse-14
3 <sup>rd</sup> XV	Tom Beevir-120	Tom Beevir-24
4 <sup>th</sup> XV	Jeremy Nettleton-20	Jeremy Nettleton-4
Student 1 <sup>st</sup> XV	Dave Berry-72	Andy Vaughton-6
Student 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV	Jamie Griffiths-10	Jamie Griffiths-2
Guy's Penguins	Ross Perry-85	Ross Perry-17
Wanderers	Billy Challacombe-10	Billy Challacombe-2

The secretary finally extended his thanks to The President for his unfaltering support for the club and the effort he puts in both on and off the pitch and in good times and bad.

## 8 Treasurers Report

See attached report. In summary, for the financial year 2001/2002 the club received £9000 grant and currently has a balance of £423.64. The subs account had a balance of -£1405.35 on 01/08/2001, however due to the hard work of the treasurer now stands with a balance of -£927.04. Subs collected over the year total £478.31. A cheque for £900 from the supporters club remains to be cashed, however the club treasurer was unsure as to which account this would be paid.

## 9 Ball and Social Secretary Report

Tim Nedas, the Ball and Social Secretary was not in attendance due to the Ball tomorrow. The President reported that everything was on track and 150 guests were expected for the Champagne reception at HOP at 7pm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

## 10 Election of Officers

Position	Proposed	Proposer	Seconder	Decision
<b>President</b>	Dr T Gibson			Accepted
<b>Vice President</b>	Roy Dixon	C Howell	Dr T Gibson	Accepted
<b>Vice President</b>	Professor Richard Hughes	Dr T Gibson	P Davis	Accepted
<b>Vice President</b>	Dr Ian Abbs	Dr T Gibson	G Ryan	Accepted
<b>Vice President</b>	Dr Jonathan Michael	Dr T Gibson	G Brigstocke	Accepted
<b>Club Captain</b>	Tim Price	D Berry	G Ryan	Accepted
<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	James Powell	S Rigg	G Brigstocke	Accepted
<b>1<sup>st</sup> XV Vice Captain</b>	Matthew Morgan	T Price	P Davis	Accepted
<b>Fixture Secretary</b>	Jamie Jackson	P Gush	R Breeze	Accepted
<b>Treasurer</b>	Sam Rigg	A Lambert	T Price	Accepted-14 votes
	Matthew Wiggans	G Brigstocke	J Jackson	Rejected-12 votes
<b>Hon. Assistant Secretary</b>	Rob Whyte	T Price	J Jackson	Accepted
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> XV Captain</b>	Gavin Brigstocke	J Jackson	P Gush	Accepted
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> XV Captain</b>	James Hunter	T Beevir	T Price	Accepted
<b>Wanderers Captain</b>	S Reading	L Brunton	J Jackson	Accepted-24 votes
	P Davis	C Smith	G Ryan	Rejected-1 vote
<b>7's Captain and Registration Secretary</b>	Tom Beevir	T Price	G Brigstocke	Accepted
<b>Student 1<sup>st</sup> XV Captain</b>	Tim Wright	R Whyte	T Nelson	Accepted
<b>Student 2<sup>nd</sup> XV Captain</b>	Duncan Austin	R Whyte	T Nelson	Accepted
<b>Ball and Social Secretary</b>	Yvonne	T Price	S Rigg	Accepted
<b>Press and Website officer</b>	Gavin Brigstocke	J Jackson	J Powell	Accepted
<b>Tour Secretary</b>	Matthew Wiggans	J Jackson	G Brigstocke	Accepted
<b>Kit and Sponsorship Secretary</b>	Jon DeMendonca	S Rigg	G Ryan	Accepted

## 11 Any Other Business

Richard Breeze suggested that Harvey Pynn should be formally thanked by the club for his contribution to the Australia Tour despite not actually going himself. All members present were in complete agreement.

Patrick Gush stated that it is unacceptable we are still losing points for fielding unregistered players.

Chris Howell, on behalf of the club thanked Dr T Gibson for his tremendous effort over the previous year.

The President closed the meeting by thanking those present for attending and wishing every success to the club for the following year.