

# **Minutes of Guy's and St Thomas' Hospitals RFC 159<sup>th</sup> AGM Held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2003**

Presiding; Dr T. Gibson

Minutes taken by Hon. Sec. James Powell.

## **1.Present.**

Edward Jefferies  
Matthew Blundell  
Philip Welch  
Edward Shepherd  
Thomas Jones  
Rhys Davies  
Thomas Bevir  
James Hunter  
Roy Turner  
Ben Wheeler  
Relli Andom  
David Berry  
Percy Luke  
Sam Riggles  
Chris Eggleton  
Joe Birri  
Ian Wilson  
Rob Whyte  
Duncan Austin  
Michael Collier  
Chris Reyniers  
Pete Gretton  
Tim Wright  
Matt Morgan  
Geraint Thompson  
David Gibson  
Professor Challacombe  
Dr Challacombe  
Richard Breeze

## **2.Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from the following; Greg, Ryan, Wayne, Mark Kinirons.

## **3.Confirmation of Minutes from the 158<sup>th</sup> AGM.**

Following systematic analysis by those present, the minutes were agreed by all to be an accurate account of proceedings from the 158<sup>th</sup> AGM and duly signed by the President.

#### **4.Matters Arising.**

The President Dr Gibson reminded all present of the untimely passing of Paul Scanlan and reported that the Paul Scanlan memorial fund is currently in good strength, containing around £11 500. This fund is to be used to provide a 'talented' rugby player at the club with a form of bursary. Following the Penguins verses GTHRFC Second XV the winning team shall be presented with the Paul Scanlan Trophy, which shall be played for each year following in such a manner.

Paul Scanlan, even in death is still very much a part of the club and is remembered and missed by all that knew him.

Dr Gibson thanked all for attending and was pleased with the turn out, especially of students present. The President announced that he was to propose a change of name for the club, from Guy's and St Thomas' Hospitals RFC (GTHRFC) to Guy's Kings' and St Thomas' Hospitals RFC (GKTHRFC). This motion was declined last year at the AGM to the detriment of the club, evidence being the draconian cuts to the clubs' grant from the students' union (SU). One of the reasons for this cut was confusion and lack of understanding of the running and set-up of the club by the SU. The President urged all present to vote in favour of the name change for the future strength of the club to be assured.

At the 158th AGM the clubs' use of Cobbham was under threat due to a lack of matches being played there. The President was happy to report that this was no longer a problem due to increased usage and that Cobbham is now obvious to all to be essential for the club to function properly. Praise was given to Jamie Jackson for arranging these changes and indeed for arranging the fixtures so efficiently throughout the season. A hard act to follow.

#### **5.Club Captains' Report.**

Mr Tim Price, The Club Captain gave a detailed and critical account of the Saturday 1st XV season, results over-leaf. Following defeat at the hands of Old Reigations in the Bolger Cup at the start of the season, things never really got off the ground, resulting in relegation this year. This may well have been avoided as when a full strength side was fielded (a rare event) wins were achieved against teams at the top end of the table. Such wins were however marred by losses to bottom of the table teams. Often size differences in the pack were to blame, and although the fitness of the Guys' pack was assured, in the end the sheer size of the opposition, who invariably fielded a front row weighing more than the Guys' pack combined, trundled their way to victory. Tim praised the Guys' pack, especially the front row, for the 'strength and honour' they showed throughout the season in the face of such large adversity. Only one game had to be cancelled, against Chichester, and if it were not for the dedication of the front row and their willingness to 'scrum-down' every week, no matter the size of the opposition, many more games would have had to have been cancelled.

Tim was encouraged by the talent of the new youngsters of the club (fondly referred to as 'freshers') and was sure that the future was brighter and if strong teams can consistently be fielded next year promotion is a real possibility.

Tim announced that unfortunately the Coaches, Dave and Steve, will not be able to coach us next season, they will be sorely missed and everyone present agreed their help in the past has been key to all things good that have happened on the field. A meal or such-like is to be arranged to say thank you to both coaches, and Tim is currently on the look out for a new coach.

Dr Gibson asked the club to ensure that Saturday rugby obtains more attention next season. Although the student Wednesday side has done so well this season, over all both Saturday and Wednesday sides must be successful for the club to have had a good season, this was not the case this year. Dr Gibson urged those playing on Wednesdays to also get more involved with Saturday rugby.

### **6.Honorary Secretaries' Report.**

Mr James Powell gave the report, which was divided into 'On and Off' the pitch happenings. Off the pitch there had been minimal admin problems and no problems regarding player registration. The club as a whole was commended, especially the committee, for ensuring that the club has continued to go from strength to strength throughout the season, despite the large cut to the clubs' grant. The Treasurer, Mr Rigg, was praised for his thriftiness and handling of the accounts at such a delicate time. All present joined The Secretary in thanking the President for his continuing support and backing of the club, which has been even more valuable this year than in the past.

Regarding On the pitch The Secretary summarised the results from each of the teams, including tours and 7s and this information is shown overleaf. For more detailed accounts see the minutes from committee meetings throughout the season, at [www.guysrugby.com](http://www.guysrugby.com).

### **7.Treasurers' Report.**

Mr Rigg gave a detailed account of the clubs financial position, report to be posted on the web by The Treasurer, and highlighted the fact that GTHRFC was the only club NOT to have its debts written off by the SU at the start of the term. Mr Rigg pointed out that the club would have been well over £2000 in debt if it were not for the Supporters' Clubs generosity. Dr Gibson underlined this fact stating that the club should not have had to help out as it did, and that the grant should be sufficient for the running of the club without incurring debts. All thanked Mr Rigg for his efforts throughout the season. Professor Challacombe suggested that the total costs for running the club should be published on the web, so that it would be clear to all that the club cannot function on the reduced grant. The actual financial position of the club was somewhat worse than the Treasurers' report suggested, as it did not highlight extra costs paid for by supporters and players throughout the season. All present agreed with the Professor and The Treasurer agreed to make such a report available on the web. The Club Captain suggested that subs and membership fees may have to be raised next season and the new committee would have to discuss this in time.

### **8.Name of the Club.**

The President proposed that the club must change its name in order to survive within KCLSU and move forward in the future. The new name of the club proposed was Guys' Kings' and St Thomas' Hospitals RFC. The President asked members present if they had any alternatives to this proposal, none did. Questions were asked; Mr R Breeze 'is it essential', Dr Challacombe 'will we still play in Guys' colours and if it is necessary for the club, then it must be done'. The President assured all present that

such a change was needed and overdue, and that only the name of the club, not club colours were changing. A vote was taken and the proposal to change the name of the club passed. Abstentions; 0, Opposers; 1, For; all the rest present. Thus the name of the club was changed

### **9.Election of Officers.**

Two new positions were established and proposed by The President and Club Captain. Firstly the position of Student President as well as President, again to extinguish the fears of KCLSU about the running of the club and the nature of its membership. Secondly as next season is the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club, a 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Secretary to organise and oversee the celebrations. Both positions were established. The Following table shows the new committee members.

Position	Name	Email
President	Dr Gibson	<a href="mailto:Terence.gibson@kcl.ac.uk">Terence.gibson@kcl.ac.uk</a>
Club Captain	D Berry	<a href="mailto:Davidhberry@yahoo.co.uk">Davidhberry@yahoo.co.uk</a>
Student President	T Price	<a href="mailto:timothy.price@kcl.ac.uk">timothy.price@kcl.ac.uk</a>
Honorary Secretary	J Powell	<a href="mailto:James.b.powell@kcl.ac.uk">James.b.powell@kcl.ac.uk</a>
Fixture Secretary	Pete Gretton	<a href="mailto:peter.gretton@kcl.ac.uk">peter.gretton@kcl.ac.uk</a>
Treasurer	S Rigg	<a href="mailto:Sam_Rigg@hotmail.com">Sam_Rigg@hotmail.com</a>
Secretary Assistant	G Brigstocke	<a href="mailto:Gavin.brigstock@kcl.ac.uk">Gavin.brigstock@kcl.ac.uk</a>
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Team Captain	R Hone	<a href="mailto:Robert.hone@kcl.ac.uk">Robert.hone@kcl.ac.uk</a>
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Team Captain	E Sheppard	<a href="mailto:Edward.sheppard@kcl.ac.uk">Edward.sheppard@kcl.ac.uk</a>
4 <sup>th</sup> Team Captain	D Poulter	<a href="mailto:daniel.poulter@kcl.ac.uk">daniel.poulter@kcl.ac.uk</a>
Student 1 <sup>st</sup> Captain	M Morgan	<a href="mailto:Matthew.morgan@kcl.ac.uk">Matthew.morgan@kcl.ac.uk</a>
Student 2 <sup>nd</sup> Captain	D Austin	<a href="mailto:Duncan.Austin@kcl.a.cuk">Duncan.Austin@kcl.a.cuk</a>
7's Captain	T Bevir	<a href="mailto:Thomas.bevir@kcl.ac.uk">Thomas.bevir@kcl.ac.uk</a>
Wanderers Captain	R Breeze	020 7403 6906 or 07747 102 170
Balls & Social Secretary	J Jackson	<a href="mailto:James.jackson@kcl.ac.uk">James.jackson@kcl.ac.uk</a>
Tour Secretary	R Turner	<a href="mailto:Royturner@hotmail.com">Royturner@hotmail.com</a>
Website Officer	G Brigstock	<a href="mailto:Gavin.brigstocke@kcl.ac.uk">Gavin.brigstocke@kcl.ac.uk</a>
Sponsorship Secretary	T Wright	<a href="mailto:Tim.2.Wright@kcl.ac.uk">Tim.2.Wright@kcl.ac.uk</a>
160 Anniversary Sec.	P Gush	

### **10.Notice of Next AGM in the 160<sup>th</sup> Season of GKTHRFC.**

The next AGM shall take place in May 2004 following the May Bank Holiday, at the end of the 160<sup>th</sup> season.

## **Match Results;**

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points For	Points Against	Top Points Scorer	Top Scor
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> XV	18	4	14		224	383		Roy Turr
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV	20	5	15		408	445	Gavin Brigstocke	Chri Eggl
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> XV	14	8	5		503	329	Jamie Griffiths	Tom Bevi
Student 1 <sup>st</sup> XV	10	7	3		295	131	Rob Whyte	Rob Why
Student 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV	10	8	1	1	392	98	Mat Blundell	Rob Hon
Penguins	18	6	11	1	269	499	Ross Perry	
GTWRFC	16	5	4	1	380	237		

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