

Minutes from the 160th AGM of Guy's King's and St Thomas' Hospitals RFC, Established 1843.



Dare Quam Accipere

Presiding; Dr T Gibson.

Minutes Taken By; James Powell

Present;

S Rigg, D Berry, Professor S J Challacombe, E Sheppard, J Jackson, P Davis, C Smith, P Gush, R Hone, Walt Disney, M Henderson, B Holmes, Ivor Biggun, D Manson-Bahr, B Diggins, J Barraah, S Trotter, R Gleadhill, W Buxton, B Tiffin, M White-Peart, T Wright, K Rowland, C Eggleton, J Birri, M Morgan, T Seng, P Gretton esq., A R S E Turner, T Woodlouiseprience, S Minamithi, R Whyte, G Josan, T Bevir, S Bowland, GRIFFITHS, P squWelch, D Austin BSc, E Jefferies, W Natrass, B Wheeler, Tony Blair, J Papanikitas, A Sneddon, Billy, Oh Laird, J P R T Q Nettleton, R Davis, T Kennedy, I Wilson, J De Mendonka, J Shay, Monsieur Carbasse, J Agunwa, S Reading, M Wiggans, L Farrell, Y Umebuani.

1.Apologies for Absence;

M Kinirons, B Challacombe.

2.Confirm the Minutes from the 159th AGM;

All present agreed the minutes from said meeting were an accurate account of proceedings and were duly signed by the president.

3.Matters Arising;

A minutes silence was observed following the sad death of Tom Lewis, a former Guy's Captain and England trialist. Many may remember Tom from the Past Vs. Present matches last year, where he awarded the Paul Scanlan Memorial Cup to the victorious Vets. He shall be missed by all.

4.The Presidents Report;

Dr Gibson thanked the outgoing committee for its hard work throughout the year, in maintaining the strength of the club, despite the best efforts of KCLSU. It is yet to be proven whether a change in the leadership of the Union will change the fortunes of the club. The President emphasised the importance of the whole club membership, not only the committee, in championing the cause next season. This includes representation in union committees and

voicing concerns to the appropriate representatives. Special mention was given to The Club Captain D Berry for his excellent leadership and playing skills throughout the season, reflected by near promotion.

Dr Gibson concluded by reminding those present that despite financial troubles we should not forget why we play rugby in the first place, and hoped that next season is even more enjoyable than the last.

5.Club Captains Report;

Mr D Berry stated 'it has been a highly enjoyable season this year, backed up by some great results and a cracking team spirit'. Mr Berry continued that the Saturday 1st XV ended third in Kent First Division and can be proud with their performances throughout the year. The league could have 'easily' been won, if not for a few scratch sides having had to be fielded, due to student holidays and the such like. With such excellent fixture cards being circulated annually, this should not happen. A young and consistent side (S Rigg achieving an amazing 100% appearance record) balanced out with the odd mature player bodes well for the future, if the side can be held together. The Captain is hopeful for an even more successful season next year. The often adhoc but organised sides of this season have done so well against the 'fat heffers on Saturday' and consistency and organisation were emphasised as key for future success. The need for more front row members to be recruited was seen by Mr Berry as another key point for future success. Too many games have been cancelled this season, despite the player base being large enough to fill all places, evidence of this comes from the amazing number of players looking for UH Cup spots. The efficiency of player registration must also be improved for next season.

6.Honorary Secretaries Report;

Once again Jimbo demonstrated his extensive communication and presentation skills to all present. Mr Ian Wilson, spurred on by a couple of Becks', provided witty commentary from the safety of the back rows.

The Secretary reported smooth running of administration this season. The club was subject to an RFU audit, regarding the conditional funding the club was supposed to be receiving. It became apparent that such funding was being paid into the wrong bank account, this being rectified, the club shall now receive much needed funding from the RFU. Such funding is dependent on factors such as facilities, number of members and matches played during the season, information being submitted via an on line questionnaire. It is therefore essential that the club insure its membership and the amount of rugby being played do not dwindle.

The website has gone from strength to strength and Gavin must be praised for all he has done to this end. The website must continue to be used to advertise and ease the running of the club.

The Secretary stated that in the 160th season the club was at war, and that next seasons committee must be on the offensive to regain our rightful grant. Much had been said over the past two years, the minutes taken and the hours have passed, but little has actually been done. Recently a plan was devised with the kind help of Professor Challacombe, to petition council. The details of which have previously been minuted and hopefully shall be implemented next season.

All present joined The Secretary in thanking Dr Gibson for his continued work, help and support for the duration of another season, both on and off the pitch.

Match Results;

The Club Captain had already detailed the success of the 1st XV, R Turner being top try scorer (14) and D Berry top points scorer with 80, P Gretton followed closely with 77. Rob

Hone captained the Saturday 2nd XV and played in every match despite carrying injuries. Although success in the league was sparse, Rob and his team secured a fantastic win against Marys' in the UH Cup. Tom Kennedy top try scorer with B Tiffin quoted as the player of the season. Matt Morgan captained the Student 1st XV finishing second in the league. No less than 33 different players were utilised by Matt in 10 games, illustrating the strength in depth at GKTHRFC. Matt gave Rob Hone special mention as player of the season. In his second year as Student 2nd XV captain Duncan Austin can be said to have saved the team from the abyss of relegation and disbandment. The 2nd XV finished second in the league, being the most consistent team in the league throughout the season. They remain unbeaten at Cobbham. A certain J Bo has been quoted as top try scorer, although he disputes this. The club must insure that as Duncan retires, the strength and spirit of the 2nd XV does not fade as it has in the past. Mark Kinirons, captain of the Vets, reports C Beardmore and R Perry as top scorers, D Poulter as most improved player, J O'Shea as most unrecognised star, and himself as the 'most weakening light'. The Vets have struggled to field full teams at times, and matches have had to be cancelled. This fact has lead the committee to view a merger of the Vets with the 4th team as a sensible and necessary move. The Vets were also playing for the first time in the Surrey Vets League, where the unevenness of teams has been an overriding detraction. C Howell shall be completing his 40th season next year for Guy's, a remarkable achievement, especially for a 50 year old! Mark thanked D Poulter for recruiting many young players, and Dr Gibson, the heart and soul of the Vets team. Paul Scanlan remains sorely missed by all who knew him, ensuring the Past Vs Present matches shall be fiercely fought once again for the Scanlan Memorial Cup. GTHWRFC completed the triple of the UH cup, UL Cup and league winners this season captained by Yvonne and Lydia. Girl power!

Table of 2003/4 Match Results;

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	VS
Saturday 1 st	23	14	9	0	496	385
Saturday 2 nd	18	5	13	0		
Sat. 3rd	8	2	6	0		
Vets	15(8 cancelled)	3	10	2	275	513
Student 1st	10	6	4	0	202	163
Student 2nd	8	6	2	0	220	120
GTHWRFC	WON the triple of	UH cup	ULU cup	League		

7.Treasurers' Report;

Mr S Rigg detailed the accounts of the club. Report in full detail can be found on the web, www.guysrugby.com. KCLSU continue to refuse to fund Saturday rugby in any way, shape or form. This is wholly unjustified. The grant for next season is still pending, as the proposed grants were rejected once viewed by the Students Activities Council. The club would be foolish to expect a raise from the current grant. The club cannot even spend any of its grant on Saturday rugby. Mr Rigg informed all present that merely 33 persons had paid their subs

this season, and this would not help our cause in regaining our rightful grant amount. Next season members must pay their subs ASAP. This is the responsibility of captains and the committee. Name and shame methods were called for to persuade members to pay up. The Treasurer thanked Hone Landscapes for their generous donations to the club and urged the committee next year to attain as much sponsorship as possible. The President was thanked for his support throughout the year with many matters financial in nature.

Dr Gibson urged all present to join the Supporters' Club when leaving university life to remain in contact and to support the club.

8.Election of Officers:

Position	Elected Officer	E mail Addresses
President	Dr T Gibson	Terence.gibson@kcl.ac.uk
Honorary Secretary	D Austin	Duncan.austin@kcl.ac.uk
Fixture Secretary	P Gretton	Peter.gretton@kcl.ac.uk
Treasurer	E Sheppard	Edward.sheppard@kcl.ac.uk
Club Captain	R Davis	Rhys.davies@kcl.ac.uk
Saturday 2 nd Captain	I Wilson	Iain.wilson@kcl.ac.uk
Saturday 3 rd Captain	T Seng	Timothy.s.seng@kcl.ac.uk
4 th Team Captains (Penguins)	D Maison-Bahr, C.Howell	David.manson-bahr@kcl.ac.uk
Student 1 st Captain	P Gretton	Peter.gretton@kcl.ac.uk
Student 2 nd Captain	E Jefferies	Edward.jefferies@kcl.ac.uk
7's Captain	T Kennedy	Thomas.a.kennedy@kcl.ac.uk
Wanderers Captain	S Reading	
Tour Secretary	D Berry	davidhberry@yahoo.co.uk
Website Officer	T Wright	Tim.2.wright@kcl.ac.uk
Sponsorship Secretary	R Hone and J Nettleton	Robert.hone@kcl.ac.uk Jeremy.nettleton@kcl.ac.uk
Ball and Social Secretary	R Gleadhill and W Buxton	Rory.gleadhill@kcl.ac.uk William.buxton@kcl.ac.uk
GTHWRFC Captains	A Martin G Wilson	Antoinette.martin@kcl.ac.uk Gillian.2.wilson@kcl.ac.uk

One member present during the voting felt 'the room was full of love', due to the number of partnerships being forged.

9.Club Blues Awards.

The following criteria have been defined in order for the awards of Half or Full Blue to be achieved;

Full Blue

1. Possession of a Half Blue
2. Committed to Club
3. Outstanding playing performance e.g. representative rugby

Half Blue

1. At least 2 playing seasons
2. Committed to Club
3. Club Officer and/or outstanding playing performance

The following were awarded accordingly:

Full Blues	Half Blues
C Smith	J Agunwa
S Reading	K Rowland
G Brigstocke	J Read
D Berry	D Austin
S Rigg	J Hunter
R Whyte	T Bevir
	M Morgan
	P Gretton
	B Wheeler

Ties are available from Dr Gibsons' office, at Ten English Pounds apiece.

Notice of Next AGM;

A preliminary date of Friday the 29th of April 2005 was agreed.