

Minutes of the 162nd Annual General Meeting of Guy's, King's College & St Thomas' Hospitals RFC, Est. 1843AD



Held in the Harris Lecture Theatre, Guy's Hospital on Friday 28th April 2006.

Presiding: Dr T Gibson

Present:

Lucas Rehnberg, Jeremy Bartosiak-Jentys, Christopher Rowland, Jon Mendonca, Edward Sheppard, Mark Halls, Adam Staten, Mike Forsythe, Taione Masuwale, John Brooks, James Davies, Simon Garrard, Simon Trotter, Ben Diggings, Stuart D'Sylva, David Manson-Bahr, Robert Hone, Simon Hill, Samuel Rigg, Rich Townsend, Harry Gasper Rupert Enticknap, Sho Minamitani, Tom Goddard, Edward Jefferies, Matthew Blundell, Duncan Austin, Shay Reading, Ben Challacombe, James Powell, Hasan Khan, Ramanan Rajamanahara, Rajan Saini, Owen Williams, Alexandra Fonfe, Corinna Slawinski, Oliver Laird, Steve Beckett, Bruce Young, Tim Seng, Peter Gretton, Oliver Howlett, Sam Gillet, Roy Turner, Ben Wheeler, Tim Price, Gary Utt, Toby Sears, Derek Raptrou, Sam Barke

1. Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence were received.

2. Confirm minutes of 161st AGM

All present agreed that the minutes of the 161st Annual General Meeting were a fair, accurate and occasionally amusing account of the proceedings.

3 Presidents Report

Dr Gibson reported that the Club had experienced a mixed season, yet despite some poor results it was good to see that so many freshers and young players had been welcomed to the Club and retained from the fresher's trials. Dr Gibson emphasised that the club was a warm club which welcomed those from a wide range of talents even if they did not excel in their first game.

Dr Gibson asked the Club to observe the sad passing of Dr Bob Knight, a former 1st XV scrum-half and distinguished member of staff at Guy's Hospital.

The president ended by extending his thanks to Committee members and their help in ensuring the smooth running of the Club for another year.

4. Club Captain's Report

Rhys Davies, 1st XV captain, reported that the 2005-06 season had been one of transition and one which is unlikely to be remembered in terms of many successful results. Mr Davies acknowledged that the season had been particularly difficult throughout the dark months of November and December with a much diminished player base, meaning more often than not the 2nd and 3rd XV's under Simon Trotter and Tom Goddard had frequently suffered at the expense of the 1st XV. However, it was added that with enthusiasm from a core player base and a good fresher intake the team should inspire to push for higher honours next season. It was mentioned that it was a grave setback that the Canada tour did not go ahead and Mr Davies stated it vital to organise a tour next season, as overseas tours are integral to any rugby club.

Mr Davies informed those present that there had been a good league run in Kent One up to the UH cup with the 1st XV lying in a strong 3rd place, however a few unfortunate results saw the team fall down to an eventual disappointing sixth place. Amid much banter from the Stella Artois-fuelled crowd, Rhys Davies recognised himself as top try scorer for the season.

Rhys added that the 1st XV season was still not over as the team were currently experiencing a strong Kent Salver campaign, a competition which the Club must win, as some silverware is long overdue.

Mr Davies thanked the Club for his time as Captain stating he considered it an honour to lead such a great Club and he thoroughly enjoyed his time, however fresh ideas and enthusiasm are needed for next season.

5. Honorary Secretary's Report:

Mr Wilson outlined the results for all teams in the Club. All teams in the Club had experienced a mixed season with rather a few too many losses than victories. The 1st XV as reported by the Club Captain has shown promise throughout the season but faltered in the games around the UH cup to lie in sixth place in Kent One. Both the 2nd and 3rd XV had undergone tough seasons, yet the spirit of each team was to be commended with the majority of fixtures being fulfilled. This season the Club did not win a UH Cup final, though the 3rd XV came extraordinarily close in a nail biting game. Both student teams this season suffered the full wrath of departure of a strong final year, with both teams being relegated from their leagues.

Despite the poor run of results Mr Wilson reported that the Club has flourished off the pitch this season and no more so than in the local bars of Southwark. Mr Wilson mentioned the Christmas dinner as a personal highlight of the year.

Thanks were also expressed to this season's committee, the coaching efforts of Steve Beckett and Elaine Radcliff and of course The Supporters Club and Dr Gibson

The Honorary Secretary finished on a motivational note asking all Club members to act upon the words spoken in the meeting and to ensure they were fully committed to the Club in training, matches and in other activities. Mr Wilson added it is vital the Club push for higher honours next year. Following this rousing speech a dry eye could not be seen in the Harris lecture theatre.

6. Treasurers Report:

Mr Sheppard informed the Club that the legacy of former treasurer, Sam Rigg, still haunts the Club's accounts two years after his tenure. Despite this, the Club has ended the season with a positive balance, though this could be somewhat greater if all those who had played throughout the season had paid their playing subs. Mr Sheppard encouraged everyone to pay their subs next year, as King's College Student's Union regard the number of paying members as a direct reflection of the Club's size and thus determines the Club's grant. Mr Sheppard concluded by thanking the unfaltering financial support the Supporter's Club, Steve Beckett and Dr Gibson

7. Election of Officers

The following were elected by the Club to serve on the Committee for the 2006-07 season:

President:	Dr Terrence Gibson
Club Captain:	Peter Gretton
1 st XV Vice-Captain:	Robert Hone
Honorary Secretary:	Iain Wilson
Fixture Secretary:	Stuart D'Sylva
Treasurer:	Lucas Rehnberg
2 nd XV Captain:	Ben Diggins
3 rd XV Captain:	Rupert Entikamp
Penguins:	David Manson-Bahr
BUSA 1 st XV:	Mark Halls
BUSA 2 nd XV:	Harry Gasper
VII's Captain:	Adam Staten
Wanderer's:	Matthew Blundell
Tour Secretary:	Rhys Davies
Ball and Social Secretary:	Mike Forsythe

The following were added to Club's list of Vice-Presidents:

Mr David Evans

Mr Jonathan Lucas

Mr Michael Smith
Mr Pasqual Giovanni
Professor Mark McGurk
Mr Shay Reading

8. Blues and Half Blues:

The following were awarded the 2005-06 season:

Half Blue:

David Manson-Bahr
Tom Goddard
Ben Diggins
Simon Trotter
Matthew Blundell
James Powell
Oliver Laird
Jon Mendonca
Sho Minamitani

Full Blue:

Edward Sheppard
Tim Wright
Iain Wilson
Rhys Davies
Tim Seng

The following Club honours were awarded:

Player of the Year: Rhys Davies

Best Newcomer: Jeremy Bartosiak-Jentys