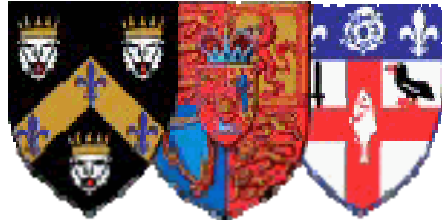


Minutes of the 163rd Annual General Meeting of Guy's, King's College & St Thomas' Hospitals RFC, Est. 1843AD



Held in the Harris Lecture Theatre, Guy's Hospital on Friday 27th April 2007.

Presiding: Dr T Gibson

Minutes taken by: Iain Wilson

Present:

Rob Hone, Kit Rowland, Pete Robinson, Dr Duncan Austin, Dr Matt Blundell, Dave Manson-Bahr, Rhys Davies, Peter Gretton, Gurvir Josan, Adam Staten, Ed Sheppard, Jez Nettleton, Rupert Enticknap, James Shuttleworth, Frazer Barnes, Nick Grundy, Ben Diggins, Andrew Jephcote, Lucas Rehnberg, Simon Hill, Roobeh Shafafy, Will Ball, Daisy, Bruce Young, Toby Welsh, Harry Gasper, Ashley Yuen, Sam Barke, Chris Abbott, Imran Khan, Stuart D'Sylva, Simon Garrard, Simon Trotter, Tom Goddard, Rory Gleadhill, Marcus Pemberton, James Cuthbertson, Elaine Radcliffe, Steve Beckett and Professor Challacombe.

1.) Apologies for absence:

No apologies for absence were received.

2.) Confirm Minutes of the 163rd AGM:

Those present and who had read the minutes of the last AGM, written by the Honorary Secretary, Mr Iain Wilson, agreed that they were a fair and accurate account of the meeting.

3.) Matters Arising:

Dr Gibson informed members of the Club that due to the ever changing relationship of the Club with King's College London and the subsequent name changes the medical school has endured, the Club's constitution is now out of date and in need of significant updating. Dr Gibson acknowledged that this process would be very time consuming and as such not suitable for the AGM. Therefore, Dr Gibson asked the permission of those present for him to redraft and update the constitution with next year's committee members. The Club unanimously gave Dr Gibson their support.

4.) The Presidents Report

Dr Gibson opened proceedings by welcoming everyone to the AGM and remarking that it was good to see such a large attendance at the AGM . Dr Gibson acknowledged that there has been inconsistency in the results from the various teams within the Club this season, though Dr Gibson drew attention to the fact that the club has been blessed this year in both the quality and sheer volume of players. Dr Gibson duly thanked those that had played for the Club this season. Thanks were also extended to this season's Committee members, which was met with rapturous applause. Dr Gibson added he was confident that next year's committee whoever that may be would undoubtedly match the fine efforts of the exiting members.

5.) Supporters Club Report:

Dr Gibson, who also serves as the Honorary Secretary to the Guy's Hospital RFC Supporters Club, circulated details of the club's accounts, details of which can be reproduced upon request to Dr Gibson. The Honorary Secretary added that this season the Supporters Club had continued to fund and subsidise match teas, fixture cards, travel, website, refereeing and league fees for all teams in the Club as well as a new playing kit for the 1st XV.

Dr Gibson added that aside from the £25 annual membership fees from its members, the supporters Club received a number of kind donations this year, some of which as great as £500. Both the Club and Dr Gibson are extremely grateful to these kind donors . Dr Gibson made a point it was important to ensure that all those who have played for the Club are aware and enrolled in the supporters Club.

Dr Gibson reminded those present of the Paul Scanlan Memorial Bursary and the St Thomas Hospital RFC prize which will again be available to student next year, requirements of which may be found on the website. With such talk of scholarships, it was brought to the attention of the meeting the supporters Club is striving to provide an entrance scholarship to a prospective student, similar to that offered by Imperial medicals who now offer 2 scholarships which regularly attract several high quality players to their club. With regret it was said that although the scholarship fund has been up and running for three years, there have only been 18 donors with £18,000 generated, a great deal short of the £ 30,000 required to make the scholarship in perpetuity. Dr Gibson encouraged all members of the club to raise the profile of this scholarship to friends, family and parents.

6.)The Club Captain's Report:

Pete Gretton, Club Captain elect for the 2007-2008 season, began his report by thanking Dr Gibson for his fine report and also for the substantial contribution both he and the Supporters Club have made towards the smooth and successful running of the Club this season.

Mr Gretton then began a brief review of the season. The Captain remarked that the season just passed has been tremendously exciting for all teams in Club. Mr Gretton was quick to attribute this change in fortune from the past season to the phenomenal fresher intake, adding that he has never seen as many as forty keen and enthusiastic

people at the freshers trials. Mr Gretton stated he was also pleased to see this enthusiasm was transferred to the bar following the trials, with several gentlemen requiring the assistance of the London Ambulance service that night, contrary to the advice of F0.5 doctor Matt Blundell. The Club Captain continued saying that he was delighted this large intake remained with the Club, and that he very rarely had to call on teams lower down in the Club during difficult parts of the season. Mr Gretton asked players to ensure that in future season they make themselves available for as many games as possible on Wednesdays and Saturdays, September to May.

Mr Gretton discussed this season's UH campaign, remarking that all teams put in great performances this year, notably the 2nd XV, who with a magnificent 'esprit de cour' were tremendously unfortunate to lose their final by such a slim margin having played so courageously. Mentioning the 1st XV final briefly, Mr Gretton echoed the words of Dr Gibson, saying that the final really did demonstrate the best standard of rugby played in 20 years at the Club, and that 1st XV were unfortunate to lose. Despite this Mr Gretton said the Club has great reason to be optimistic for the future and can seriously look to regaining the UH cup at all level of the Club next year.

Mr Gretton finished by thanking the Club for a fantastic year at its helm, and wishing his successor every bit of luck for the forthcoming season.

7.)Treasurer's Report

Mr Lucas Rehnberg, obviously under the assumption there was a beach party fancy dress theme for the AGM, presented the Club with a summary of the Club's accounts for the season. Mr Rehnberg stated that £15 remains in the Club's grant account and will have to be spent by the end of the academic year otherwise it will be taken back by King's College London Students Union.

Mr Rehnberg added that there has been a significant improvement in subs payment on years gone by. The treasurer reported that at the time of the AGM 42 had paid their playing subs. In a break from tradition, Mr Rehnberg then produced a list of what he described as 'bad eggs', meaning those who had not paid their playing subs this season. It troubles me to minute that more than a handful of players and even a committee member were included on this list. Those who had not paid were jeered by the gathering. In somewhat of a reprimand the treasurer berated these individuals stating that the act of not paying playing subs is not only irresponsible but selfish as they have deprived the club of potentially several hundred pounds; money which could have been well spent throughout the season on kit, transport and other necessities.

8.)Honorary Secretary's Report:

The Honorary Secretary and author, Mr Iain Wilson, then proceeded to address the Club. He began by producing a table providing the breakdown of results and top points and try scorers for each team. This table can be found below.

Mr Wilson, then read out a brief season report for each team in the Club, written by its respective Captain. A full version of the team reports is available from Mr Wilson upon

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against	Pts Diff	Top Points Scorer	Top try Scorer
1st XV	22	13	9	0	439	412	+27	Pete Gretton	Adam Staten
2nd XV	23	8	15	0	450	587	-137	Toby Welch	John Chetwood
3rd XV	13	5	8	2	214	210	+4	-	-
Penguins	11	1	10	0	-	-	-	-	-
Student 1st XV	14	6	7	1	256	294	-38	Pete Gretton	-
Student 2nd XV	9	7	1	1	305	74	+231	French Chris	

request and will shortly appear in the Guy's Gazette. In summary of these reports, all team Captains remarked that upon reflection they had had a good season, with the majority of results going in the Club's favour. Despite this, each team were able to report the occasional heavy loss. These losses were mostly attributed to injury and a lack of commitment in the notoriously difficult months of early January and February, which Penguins Captain, Dave Manson-Bahr, shrewdly observed coincided with the European ski season. The one exception to this being the Wednesday 2nd XV who were sustained only a single loss all year, and were unlucky not to achieve promotion due to clerical error by BUSA. All teams in the Club reported a good run up to the UH campaign, however despite this early promise no team was able to claim victory in their respective final. The Club bounced back from their UH losses to record large wins over opposition in the dying games of the season. All captains ended on an optimistic note stating that the Club, given its great fresher intake and maturing student body, can only go on to better and higher honours next season.

Mr Wilson then provided a brief and light hearted review of the season from his perspective. Amongst other anecdotes, Mr Wilson noted the festivities of the Christmas Dinner and remarkable tolerance of their hosts and also the strange pattern of attendance at training he had observed throughout the year. Mr Wilson attributed this trend to the notorious 'UH fever', rather than as some had incorrectly speculated throughout the season, as being due to the El Nino phenomenon. It is worth noting the assembly were pleasantly entertained by the Honorary Secretary's over-head acetates.

Mr Wilson ended by expressing several votes of thanks on behalf of the Club; to the various team captains, Dr Gibson and the supporters club, Club coach Steve Beckett and special thanks and fond farewell to departing coach Elaine Radcliffe. Mr Gretton presented the coaches with a gift on behalf of the playing members of the club.

9.) Election of Officers

With great anticipation and speculation reverberating around the auditorium, the Club began to elect the various Committee positions for next year. The following were elected onto the Club's committee for the 2007-08 season

President: Dr Gibson

Honorary Secretary: Thomas Goddard

Fixture Secretary: Johnny Elias

Treasurer: Lucas Rehnberg

Club Captain: Mark Halls

2nd XV Captain: Bruce Young

3rd XV Captain : Oliver Howlett

Penguins Captain: Pat Gush

BUSA 1st XV Captain: Mike Forsythe

BUSA 2nd XV Captain: Tim Davies

Seven's Captain: Rauri Hadlington

Tour Secretary: Rhys Davies

Ball and Social Secretary: Marcus Pemberton

Wanderer's Captain: Dr Matthew Blundell

10.)Award Of Blues

The following Blues and Half Blues were awarded for the 2006-07 season:

Full Blue:

Oliver Laird

Kit Rowlands

Gurv Josan

Matthew Blundell

Half Blue:

Mark Halls

Harry Gasper

Adam Staten

Mike Forsythe

11.)Next AGM

The next AGM will be held in on the 25th April in the year of our Lord 2008.

Following this, the meeting was adjourned and members of Club and Committee departed into the night and no doubt to Guy's bar where a fantastic and unmemorable night was had by all.