

# **Guy's and St Thomas's Hospitals RFC** **Committee Meeting Minutes From 12<sup>th</sup>** **November 2002.**

Presiding: Dr T Gibson.

Present: Duncan Austin, Mark Kinirons, Joel Newman, Mat Wiggans, Mat Morgan, Paula Boyle, Bethan Hale, Yvonne Umebuani, Tom Bevir, Tim Woodliceprince, Tim Wright, Jamie Jackson, Sam Gigg, Gavin Bigstocke.

1. **Apologies for absence;** Billy Hunter, Shay Reading, Rob Whyte.
2. **Website;** Joel reported 55000 'hits' to the website last month, with 0.5 Gb of data transferred. This month has seen 21000 hits so far. Ideas for new features included a SongBook and a link to the girls' website, which is still under construction. The number of hits, showing success of the website, clearly shows how the website could be used for advertising thus raising money for the club the committee agreed. All ideas welcome, contact Gavin.
3. **Finance and Getting Back the Grant;** The battle to get back our deserved grant from the Student Union continues. Sam Rigg reported that following meetings with members of the SU, the SU want to see the detailed accounts of the club, to see how much it costs to run the club. The Treasurer is to submit a report detailing how much it will cost to run the club, busses, teas etc, showing how the grant as it stands is not adequate to cover our basic costs. The fact that one of the SU officers highly involved in grant allocation described members of the club as 'little boys', or a variation thereof, worried the committee. The advantages of the men's and women's rugby teams receiving one grant, were briefly discussed, and the committee agreed to think about it for the next meeting. Thanks to the GTWRFC for offering all their support. In light of the financial situation it was agreed that sponsorship was needed more than ever. The President emphasised that although there is a Sponsorship Sec.it is the committees' and indeed the whole rugby clubs' responsibility to obtain sponsorship wherever possible. With so many visitors to the website it was highlighted as an opportunity to gain such sponsorship. Jamie Jackson agreed to look into the Fixture Posters, and how much was being raised by their production. Vice-presidents days and their increased involvement was seen as a good idea. Raffling of bottles of liqueur after matches again was also agreed to be a good idea, the President stating that stores are already in place, ready for use. Jamie Jackson also identified Plymouth Gin as a target for sponsorship, as long as their gin, i.e. not Gordans, was sold at our grounds. The committee agreed this was a good idea. Dr Gibson showed the committee match programs of years past, with sponsors on. This was agreed could be done for certain matches in the future. Sponsorship shall be included on the next agenda. Thanks to Joel for reporting our situation in the GKT Gazette. His support and advice throughout is most appreciated by all. Joel thought that the club should apply to the Alumni office for additional funds for specific projects. Sam Rigg to obtain application form. Responses to the Gazette article are needed, please send to Joel, ASAP or in the future; [joel.newman@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:joel.newman@kcl.ac.uk) Thanks must also go to Prof. S

J Challacombe for all his work and support recently, in helping the club with our grant.

4. **Ireland Sport Festival;** Around 20 people, by invitation, shall be ‘on tourine’ to Ireland from 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> April, representing GKT Students 1<sup>st</sup> in competition with other university sides also on tour. Tim Wright shall be captaining the side, and the President expressed his expectations of best behaviour at all times, as usual, as representatives of the club and Hospitals. It is not yet confirmed if the GTWRFC shall be joining the tour, as numbers needed are in doubt.
5. **Xmas Dinner;** Arranged by Yvonne, taking place at Belushis’ on the 14<sup>th</sup> December. Yvonne has arranged a most reasonable price of 13 pounds, for a 3 course meal plus wine. Cheques made payable to GTWRFC. Happy hour all night. Smart Dress, not Black Tie, no jeans. Please could all captains give Yvonne numbers attending and any special requirements, e.g. veggie, bibs needed. Failing that, individual cheques in envelopes in GTWRFC pigeon-holes in Boland house, special needs on back. The Vetrans also have their Xmas Dinner on the same night, and Mark Kinirons kindly has invited the club to join them at around 7pm at the George for drinks.

6. **Match Results;**

Team	Played	lost	won	points for	against
1 <sup>st</sup> XV	6	5	1	84	135
2 <sup>nd</sup> XV	6	6	0	108	135
3 <sup>rd</sup> XV	5	0	5	284	65
4 <sup>th</sup> XV	2	2	0	20	40
Penguins	6	3	3		
Student					
1 <sup>st</sup> XV	2	0	2		
2 <sup>nd</sup> XV	3	1	2	152	51

7. **Kit;** A CD with the clubs 3 badges has been obtained, costing 110 pounds. This was needed for badges to be printed on kit, and if used must be returned, or replaced.
8. **AOB;** GTWRFC are having trouble finding refs for all their matches. Bethan Hale said that their coach has had to ref in the past, which is less than ideal. The committee agreed a course should be found so players can be trained accordingly. The churn is to be restored and put on display in Guys’ bar with a plaque of its history. Joel said Medsoc shall be paying for this, the committee agreed it was an excellent idea. To ensure all players are paying their subs, the President has appointed Ben Challacombe as head of supporters club accounts. The president advocated more communication between captains, so that when matches are cancelled, players wanting to get games play for other teams. The use of the Honours Board in Tommies Bar is to be started up again, funded by the players themselves, although the Alumni fund may be able to help.
9. **Notice of Next Meeting;** The next committee meeting of the rugby club shall take place on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> January.