

Guy's and St Thomas's Hospitals RFC

Committee Meeting Minutes from 1st October

2002

Presiding; Dr T Gibson

1. Apologies for absence; Mat Wiggins and Shay Reading.
2. Minutes of last Committee Meeting; The minutes of the last Committee Meeting, 3rd September 2002, were accepted as an accurate account of the proceedings by the committee and duly signed by the President. Many thanks to Duncan for taking the minutes of this meeting.
3. Website; Gavin informed the committee that the website was up and running well (www.guysrugby.com) and urged all committee members to visit the site and to let him know of any ideas or suggestions that people have regarding content. Gavins' idea to have some old photos of the club developed, costing around £75, so that they could be included on the website, was agreed upon by the committee. The President inquired if anyone was monitoring the number of people using the site, and Joel agreed that this facility would be instated. Joel also asked that people send things to put on the website (match reports etc) to him, well edited, in Microsoft WORD, at webmaster@guysrugby.com The question of more sponsorship on the website to raise money for the club was raised, any suggestions welcome.
4. Finance and Grant; The Treasurer submitted his financial report and emphasised the fact that the **clubs' grant has once again been cut, to £5000** from 9000 last year and 11000 before that, apparently bringing us 'into line' with other clubs. This, the committee agreed was not acceptable and bewilderment was expressed as to why this had happened. The Student 1st team captain suggested that it could be to do with the fact that the student 2nd team hardly ran at all last year. Dr Gibson is to invite Rachael Samuel, or whoever she thinks is best, to the next Committee Meeting to discuss/explain these cuts to the committee, and also if necessary talk to Professor Cato. The Treasurer also reported that 'Coach Dave' had not yet been paid for last season and that KCL had lost the financial records from September to February last year. From the Treasures' report it was obvious that unless something is done the club will be overdrawn by the end of the season. The Treasurer has not yet signed an indemnity form from KCL saying he will not go overdrawn. Ways of saving money were discussed; it was agreed that public transport should be utilised more and more people licensed to drive minibuses, to save on transport to away games. The President supported these ideas but stated that the club should 'cut back' within reason. The issue of how many coaches were needed to attend practice and weekend matches was raised. Tim Woodpileprice and The Treasurer said that this subject had already been taken up with the clubs' two coaches, and that they have shown great understanding on what could be a touchy subject. Talks are still underway and the President expressed his wish that the details decided be put down formally in a letter to be

sent to the coaches and himself. This was agreed. Joel Newman (also editor of the GKT Gazette) agreed that he would run an article about the successive cuts in the clubs' grant, this was appreciated by the whole committee.

5. Subscription Fee: A raised fee of £25 was agreed upon by the committee following the Treasurers' advice, thus the club shall gain more money via subs. £18 of this will end up in the clubs account, after £3 for BUSA insurance and 17.5% tax on the remaining £22. £75 as a one off payment or standing order of £60 was agreed for non-student players, again raised from last year.
6. Associate Membership: It was thought best by the President to bring this matter up at the next Committee meeting, when Rachael Samuel will hopefully be present.
7. Match Results; 1st Team played 3 lost 3. Points against 442, for 78. Mr Roy Turner as top points scorer. The captain said commitment has been good and that the team is nearly there, missing only a few players, emphasised by the near loss 23-20 at the weekend.

The 2nd Team also lost their first game on Saturday Vs Blackheath 38-23. Captain Gavin was top point earner of the day, and was also pleased with his teams' performance, seeing how Blackheath had had much more match practice.

The 3rd Team, not wanting to feel left out, also lost their first match last weekend, however somehow the score has 'been lost', reported Billy the 3rd team Captain. Although he expressed his regret at not actually being at the match, over 30 people turned up, including some promising freshers who played again this weekend for Gavin.

The ladies are yet to play, but are keen to get the first win for the club in its 159th season.

One match has been cancelled so far, and the President was anxious that cancellations should be kept to a minimum this season. The President emphasised the fact that things 'will' get better. Some members of the committee saw it hard to see how things could get worse.

8. 4th Team: Duncan Austin brought to the committees' attention that the 4th team have no captain or kit for this weekends match. The GKT kit is to be made available and Duncan himself will captain the side and decide a permanent captain after the game.
9. (New) Kit: It was noted that although in *Guys' Supplies* (Boland House) GKT/Kings kit was for sale, no GHRFC shirts were. This was seen as an opportunity again to raise some money, and also make such shirts more accessible to all students. Jon DeMendonca (kit sec.) agreed he would look into the possibility of selling GHRFC shirts at Guys' Supplies. At the moment Dr Gibson has such shirts in his office at £35 each.

As for New Kit for the Wednesday GKT Student sides The President insisted that any new kit would display Guys' Saturday colours, as they are the historical colours of the club Est. 1843. The President continued that the colours worn last year on Wednesday had not been passed through the committee for agreement at any point. The President said this would again aid people in realising that **one club** operates at Honor Oak Park, playing on Wednesday and Saturday. A point that not all see. It is

not yet clear where funding for this kit will come from, as 500 KCL addresses have not yet been registered at www.puzzlenut.com .

10. Freshers Tour; Mat Wiggans has organised a tour to Cornwall, to play Newquay. The President would like assurances from the Tour Sec. that someone 'responsible' is in charge, and a list of names of people going should be made for his viewing. Jamie Jackson agreed he would tell Mat that he must arrange a meeting with Dr Gibson..

11 UH Dinner; Shall take place at *The Hop Cellers* on Friday 8th November 2002. A deposit has been paid, details to follow. All welcome, men only.

12 Xmas Dinner; Yvonne informed the committee that the Xmas dinner has been arranged at Belushis' for the 14th December 2002. An estimate of males attending was asked for, and prices shall follow.

13 AOB; Mark Kirinons, Penguins captain, thanked Duncan for the match against the freshers, and suggested that it become a permanent fixture. All present were in agreement with this. Also Mark asked for the e-mail addresses of the freshers, so they could play for the Penguins when they were short. The point was emphasised that the penguins did not wish to undermine the other teams in any way, by 'stealing' players but if there were people without a game, their skills on the pitch would be much appreciated.

Finally thanks to Jamie Jackson for putting together the fixture cards, even if they are not in the Presidents choice of colour, yellow. Maybe next year... Printing errors; Jamie apologised to Tom Bevir for not including him as 7s captain, apology accepted. Also sponsorship by way of advertisement in the fixture cards was agreed to be looked into for next year.

14. Notice of Next meeting; The next GHRFC committee meeting shall take place on Tuesday 12th November.