

Committee Meeting 3rd September 2002

Guy's and St Thomas's Hospitals Rugby Football Club Est. 1843

Dr Terry Gibson presiding.

Apologies for Absence: Sam Rigg, James Powell, Rob Whyte, Tim Wright & Shay Reading.

(1) – Club Web-site

Gavin Brigstocke informed the committee that the web-site was progressing satisfactorily, and should be operational by the start of term (Monday 23rd September). The site can be accessed at www.guysrugby.com. Contact details for the web-site were to be posted on the appropriate section of the RFU web-site. Terry Gibson was concerned that previous details for Guy's on the RFU web-site had been incorrect, and Gavin Brigstocke agreed to ensure that all the club's details would be confirmed with the RFU.

(2) Finance and Grant

KCLSU had expressed misgivings to Terry Gibson over the payment of insurance fees for members of the club who are qualified Doctors: Terry Gibson had given KCLSU a cheque covering these players, and KCLSU are satisfied with this for the moment. The subject of associate membership of the club for graduate players was discussed, and the matter will be clarified with the Treasurer at the next meeting.

(3) Rôle of Committee Members

All members were happy with their appointment to the committee. Jamie Jackson still needed contact details for several members of the committee, and agreed to chase up any missing details from members not present. The position of the 4th XV Captain was discussed, and it was agreed that appointment would be made after the Freshers' Trials (Wednesday 25th September).

Tom Bevir queried his rôle as Registration Secretary, which Terry Gibson clarified. Tom is to receive Registration Forms from Terry Gibson once they have been collected. The details then need to be passed on to KCLSU. Tim Price agreed to collect the forms from KCLSU, which will be needed for Saturday 14th September.

(4) Powergen Cup

Terry Gibson informed the committee that the club would not be allowed to compete in the Powergen Cup this season, as we withdrawn from the previous competition without explanation. The Club will be able to compete in the 2003-2004 competition if it so wishes. The Committee were happy with this situation.

(5) Subscriptions

The cost of the subscription fee for the club was discussed, with several members wishing to see an increase on the sum currently paid (£12). The option of raising the subscription fee above £30 and including a shirt for every registered player was discussed, but was opposed by Dr Gibson. The new subscription fee would be agreed with the treasurer. Terry Gibson proposed that the GKT teams should play in the same strip, and if necessary the same kit, as the Saturday Guy's teams. Tim Price and Gavin Brigstocke were opposed to this, and Gavin Brigstocke expressed concern about stepping out of line with the other GKT sports teams, which currently all play in the same strip.

Fees still need to be paid to the London Society of Referees, the Fixtures Exchange and the Kent and Surrey RFUs. This awaits funding for the club from KCL. A fee is also due to the United Hospitals RFC, but this appears to be already being paid. Sam Rigg will organise all fees once the grant from KCL is known.

(6) Fixture Cards

Jamie Jackson was still awaiting fixtures for the GKT and Ladies' teams. Jamie Jackson agreed to chase up BUSA on this matter. This list of Vice Presidents of the Club at the front of the fixture cards needs to be updated, and Jamie Jackson agreed to do this before they were sent for printing. The first fixtures for the 1st XV were confirmed as Old Reigatians in the Bolger Cup on 7th September followed by the first league game against Bognor the following week. The LSR has not agreed to provide referees for 4th XV fixtures, as the club does not currently provide enough referees from its own ranks. A refereeing course is to be run by Kent RFU soon, and it was suggested that some players could attend this.

It was also noted that some 3rd XV fixtures would have to be played at Cobham this season, and no objections were raised.

It was proposed that the incoming Fresher XV could play a match against the Penguins early on in the first term, to provide them with competitive fixtures and also to consolidate relations between senior players and their student colleagues. A date of Saturday 28th September was agreed for this fixture, at Cobham. Duncan Austin agreed to captain the Freshers' side for this fixture, whilst an appropriate captain was being sought from the first year intake. Recruitment would take place at the Fresher's Fair on 20th September and the Fresher's Trials at Honor Oak Park on Wednesday 25th September. Tim Wright and Tim Price will be organising this.

(7) United Hospitals RFC dinner

Guy's are supposed to be organising this event this year, and Tim Price agreed to take responsibility for this.

(8) Tours

A Freshers' Tour to Cornwall is being organised around Saturday 9th November, and a Club Tour to South Africa next summer was suggested, although this may clash with a UHRFC tour also being planned for next summer. These will be discussed nearer the time.

The date for the next committee meeting was set for Tuesday 1st October 2002.