

# **Guy's and St Thomas's Hospitals RFC** **Committee Meeting Minutes From 18<sup>th</sup>** **February 2003.**

**Presiding;** Dr T Gibson.

**Present;** S.Rigg, T.Bevir, D.Austin, Y.Umebuani, J.Hunter, T.Wrightly, T.Woodvillaponse, J.Powell, P.Boyle.

**1.Apologies For Absence.** M.Kinirons, G.Bigstocke, M.Morgan, R.Whyte, Lisa, J.Jackson.

## **2.Confirmation of the Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> January Meeting.**

The Minutes taken and published on the website from this meeting were agreed by the committee to be an accurate account of proceedings.

## **3.Finance and Grant.**

The Treasurer, Mr Samuel Rigg III, reported that 800 pounds is currently in the subs account. One thousand pounds is present in the grant account, all of which is predicted to be spent. Another 800 pounds should be raised from the sale of the new training tops, which were agreed by all who had inspected them as being of a fine quality. The club therefore should be able to carry over £1600 in subs to the next season. The President was 'encouraged' by The Treasurers' report of the clubs current financial situation, considering the formidable situation the club was placed in at the start of the season. Everyone involved in 'keeping the club on sound foundations' is to be congratulated.

The President also offered to sponsor coaches needed for the transport of supporters to the UH Cup Final, which GTHRFC is expected to feature in. This money has come from the sale of International Match Tickets.

## **4.Coaching Staff and Training.**

At the last meeting the role of coaching staff was discussed. Although essential for the development of the club, the financial strain was extensive. It has been agreed with the coaching staff that one coaching session a week, attended by one coach shall take place. Dave and Steve have offered to attend Saturday matches out of their own free time, and the committee expressed their thanks that such a situation has been agreed upon.

## **5.Sponsorship and Honours Board.**

Tom Bevir agreed to obtain an application form for the application to the Alumni fund to sponsor the 'getting going' of the Honours Board. Timothy WLP stated that it will cost 20 pounds per player to have their name immortalised on the boards in Tommys'.

## **6.Match Results.**

TEAM	PLAYED	WON	LOST	DAWN	POINTS FOR	POINTS AGAINST
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> XV	14	4	10			
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV	12	2	10		181	290

Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> XV	9	6	3		97	128
Student 1 <sup>st</sup> XV	10	7	3		295	131
GTWRFC 1 <sup>st</sup> XV	16	5	4	1	380	237
Student 2nd	10	8	1	1		
Penguins	11	4	7		194	253

The Club Captain, Mr Woodvilleprice reported, what has become, a rare win for the Saturday First XV against Old Dunstonians 31-6. The teams' performance was excellent and more such performances are needed to avoid relegation.

Tim Wrightly the Student First XV captain said the team have finished second in the league following a disappointing lose verses St Marys' Hospital, who won the league. It has been a most impressive season for the Student First XV, exemplified by some large wins against Kings College London Gimperial College of Science and Technology and London School of Economics.

Even more impressive are the results of the Second Students' XV who captained by Duncan Austin have finished second in their league with some huge wins on the way. Duncan reports that the team would have finished top, if it was not for a postponed game not being played, due to administratory mess-ups, out of the control of the club.

GTHWRFC are also excelling on many fronts reaching the final of the ULU Cup, in the quarter finals of the BUSA shield and are currently Second in their UL league.

Finally, a win for The Wanderers, who were on tour to Crewkerne captained by Shay Reading. Guys' won by 50-60 odd points to nil. The exact score is lost, but never forgotten in Guys history. The match culminated in some highly skilful moves from Guys', made even more impressive as some players were experiencing double vision and disorientation. Must have been the fresh air. The supporters were also doing their bit for the local economy by keeping the local grocer busy. Thanks for Ronick for driving, Kit for his knowledge of womens' clothing and Mr Davis for the chocolate. Shay thanks all for making the tour so successful; full of memories, especially the freshers who took part in 'every-which-what-way'.

## **7.Website.**

According to Gavin the website continues to go from strength to strength. New features include 'Guys People' and a 'New Players' section, which has already seen 3 new players join the club at training.

## **8.Ireland Sports Festival.**

Hearing that the mighty GTHRFC would be attending proceedings in Dublin, the competition pulled out, which is a little annoying. However matches have been arranged in place of the 'fleeting' competition and the tour continues otherwise as before. The Captain is to speak to Dr Gibson about the expected exemplary behaviour whilst on tour.

## **9.Rugby Club Ball.**

Yvonne proposed a budget to the committee for around 180 guests including, food drink, marquee, Décor, DJ and Band, and damages of around £9600. After much input from the committees' marquee expert, The Club Captain, Bistro chairs and other such details were agreed upon. Tickets will be around £50 for students and £60 for qualified guests. The price of a ticket will include some wine, Champaign and port for each table. The supporters club have offered to invite Joel Newman, Steve and Dave with their partners, as their guests.

Presentations to be awarded at the dinner include;

1. Lewis Cup, for the player of the year.
2. Bachelor Trophy, for person contributing most throughout the year to the club.
3. Best Newcomer
4. The Paul Scanlan Memorial Trophy, for the winners of the Penguins versus the GTHRFC Second XV match.  
The Ball is taking place after the Past versus Present and Penguins versus 2<sup>nd</sup> XV matches on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May.

### **10.AOB.**

Blues and Colours nominations need to be handed in to the appropriate KCLSU authority by March the 4<sup>th</sup>. Suggestions to be put forward via Tim Price. A colours system for non-students was discussed although no conclusions were made, except for further discussion at the next meeting.

The UH cup finals are fast approaching, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> UH team finals on Wednesday March the 5<sup>th</sup>, at St Marys' Ground, Teddington. The 1<sup>st</sup> XV final takes place the following week, at Old Dear Park, London Welsh's RFC ground. Coaches for supporters will be provided as above. Gavin was asked by The President to make the cup won last year by the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV to be made temporarily available on the 5<sup>th</sup>, before being taken back to its rightful home at GTHRFC. The President is to meet on March the 6<sup>th</sup> with student representatives, regarding the exemplary behaviour expected on both days.

The AGM shall take place on Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May, (hopefully) in the Harris Lecture Theatre, Hodgkin building, Guys' campus, commencing promptly at 7pm. Before hand at 6pm there will be team photos, outside the Hodgkin Building, players in full (clean) kit. The committee emphasises that attendance is important as matters central to the club, and its future success are discussed and indeed decided upon. Please could the captains relay this message to all players, and urge them to attend. Again at this years AGM a vote shall be proposed by The President to change the official name of the club to Guys' Kings' and St Thomas' Hospitals RFC.

### **11.Notice of Next Meeting.**

The next Meeting shall take place at the usual time and place on April the 29<sup>th</sup> 2003. Proposals for Officers of the club for next season should be known by this date.