

**Guy's, King's and St Thomas' Hospitals RFC**  
**Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

**Presiding:** Dr T Gibson

**Present:** T.Gibson, T.Bevir, S.Rigg, J.Jackson, D.Berry, E.Shephard, T.Wright, R.Hone, G.Brigstocke, M.Morgan, L.Farrell and R.Turner

**Apologies:** The Secretary received apologies from T.Pice, M.Kinnions, S.Reading and Y.Umebuani.

**Confirm Minutes of last Meeting:** The minutes of the last meeting were agreed by all to be an accurate account of proceedings. Dr Gibson stated that currently there is only one nominee for the Paul Scanlan Bursary. The closing date is fast approaching and any potential candidates should make a formal application immediately. Dr Gibson also mentioned that Dr Thomas is keen to start a St Thomas' Bursary scheme with money left from the St Thomas RFC supporters club. The details are yet to be finalised.

**Finance Grant:** James Powell has been informed by the RFU, that the money we are owed for filling out the annual questionnaire is being paid into a Barclay's Bank Account in Regent Street. Account Number 09065474 Sort Code 51 50 03. Roy Turner has agreed to investigate further.

**Continuing Action Against KCLSU:** The saga continues. Tim Price is collecting signatures for the petition and already over 5 A4 sheets have been filled. The collection of signatures will be completed by Christmas with a final push at the Christmas Show. In the New Year, the committee will present the petition to David Dunne. We must ensure suitable media coverage of this event. Dr Gibson reported that the KCL Women's Football Club runs an Old Girl's team, which is supported by KCLSU. This is yet another example of dodgy funding within KCLSU. James Powell has written a very eloquent letter to the Gazette, which will be published shortly. Dr Gibson also stated that the Supporter's Club funds are running out quickly as this fund continues to support the club's Saturday activities.

**Subscriptions:** Our membership numbers are significantly down at the moment. KCLSU awards grants through Member numbers and Membership is quantified in terms of subscriptions paid. Sam Rigg stated that the responsibility lies with the respective Captains, who should continue chasing players for their money.

**Sponsorship:** Wayne Llewellyn, who appears keen to sponsor the club, has contacted Tim Wright. The committee will offer Wayne, for the sum of £8000, his logo on all club kit, the website, pitchside hoardings, post protectors and Ball menus. Wayne will also receive a complementary table at the Summer Ball. The sum of £8000 will match our current KCLSU grant. The Committee felt this to be a reasonable sum for the creation of 'Wayne's World'. David Berry asked Dr Gibson for a letter of thanks to be written to Cubana Restaurant and Bar, who have provided the club with two sets of kit.

#### **Match Results**

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
1 <sup>st</sup> XV	9	6	3	0
2 <sup>nd</sup> XV	4	1	3	0
3 <sup>rd</sup> XV	7	2	5	0
Penguins	4	1	2	1
Student 1 <sup>st</sup> XV	5	3	2	0
Student 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV	4	3	1	0
Ladies	2	0	1	1

**Travel to Away Games:** David Berry is unhappy with his 1<sup>st</sup> XV travelling long distances to away games by train. He asked the committee whether coaches could be provided for further long trips. Sam Rigg stated that currently our hands are tied by KCLSU and until the dispute is rectified no coaches can be offered. The committee discussed alternatives at length. No sensible suggestions came forward.

**Tour:** Roy Turner plans to lead a club tour to Southern France in Late June/Early July 2004. Roy Turner is in discussion with Marc Carbasse, our local man on the ground. The lure of Marc's sisters, fine wines and a spot of rugger in the sun were appealing to the committee. Roy will endeavour to bring further details to the next meeting.

**Training:** David Berry is still looking for a coach. Currently David Berry and Matt Morgan are running training themselves. The Committee thanked them for the sterling job they are doing. Those present decided that Greg Ryan should be approached as a possible coach. David Berry will do so.

**Christmas Dinner:** James Jackson is on the case of organising a dinner for December 20<sup>th</sup>. Cubana was his number one target, unfortunately they were only able to offer nibbles. James Jackson was unhappy with this arrangement and will approach The Market Porter. The Penguins are planning to dine the same evening. A convenient meeting place shall be organised for post-dinner frolics.

**Any Other Business:** The committee decided that from this year the club would run it's own colours' scheme. The suggestion of caps rather than ties was welcomed by all present. Dr Gibson will investigate further.

Gavin Brigstocke suggested the Club organise a World Cup Final Buffet Breakfast at HOP. The Social Secretary was delighted by this idea and will set the plans in motion.

The committee decided not to participate in the RFU raffle and will return the tickets and posters.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 13 January 2004.