

# Guy's Kings' and St Thomas's Hospitals RFC Committee Meeting Minutes From 7<sup>th</sup> October 2003.

*160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.*

**Presiding;** Dr T Gibson.

**Present;** James Powell, Mat Morgan, Yvonne Umebuani, Tim Wright, Sam Rigg, Roy Turner, Edd Sheppard, Peter Gretton, Robert Hone, Lydia Farrell,

1. **Apologies for absence;** James Jackson, Gavin Brigstocke, Tom Bevir, Mark Kinirons, Timothy Price, Duncan Austin, Dan Poulter, David Berry.
2. **Confirm Minutes from the last committee meeting;** The minutes taken from the last Committee Meeting, which had been circulated and posted on the web, were agreed by all to be an accurate account of proceedings. Duncan Austin was thanked by all for taking the minutes from the last meeting in the absence of the Honorary Secretary.
3. **Finance and Grant;** Professor Challacombe has described the treatment of GKTHRFC at the hands of Kings College London Student Union as 'scandalous'. KCLSU still persists in refusing the club its rightful grant, stating they are constrained by legal requirements not to fund the club, and they have no money to either. The President doubts the legal authenticity of the KCLSU stance and has asked for a written statement from David Dunne, KCLSU President, stating KCLSU's position. This reply seems to be 'lost in the post'. Mr Rigg, head of accounts, reported that the subs account is dry at present, and that a bill for £750 is outstanding for teas from last year.
4. **Action Towards KCLSU;** The blatant discrimination against GKTHRFC must be stopped and it is up to every member of the club to see that they do their best to change the Unions' opinion. Encouraging individual members to send e mails to David Dunne was not thought to be the best plan of action, as they could be seen as a personal attack, and only a few wrongly worded sentences could do detriment to the clubs position within the SU. The Secretary, Mr Powell, agreed to write to RAW, adding to the letter already sent and expecting to be published in the excellent GKT GAZETTE. Mr Berry, via The Secretary, suggested a signed petition delivered to the union would be a good way of showing how students at the college supported the position of GKTHRFC. The committee agreed this to be 'un Plan formidable', and a task to be headed by Mr Price, The Student President, who was not present.
5. **Subs;** Mr Rigg urged all captains to ensure that subs were paid ASAP, as the account as reported already is dry. Cheques payable to KCLSU, please print card number and expiry date on back.
6. **Sponsorship Prospects;** Mr Wright reports that 'Bar Cubana' of lower Marsh Street have most kindly purchased two sets of shirts for the club, which are suspected to arrive shortly. There are also most generous drinks discounts available at said establishment, which at the moment is highly popular with members of the club. The committee thanked Mr Wright for his efforts thus far in

obtaining sponsorship, a job agreed by all to be a hard one. The President, not for the first time, suggested that Brewers and other such businesses could be advertised in special match programmes, as was done in the past. This was thought to be a good idea for the occasional 'special' match but not feasible on a weekly basis.

7. **Behaviour Towards Referees;** Mr Gretton has received communications from the RFU and these guidelines shall be posted at HOP and Cobham. The President of course expects immaculate behaviour from all members of the club at all times, not just towards match officials.
8. **Freshers;** Good numbers have been reported at training, new faces not only including Freshers. Members are reporting training is harder work without coaches. The President urged all to ensure that these new players were being played and thus would stay with the club. Mr Morgan suggested advertising for a coach and shall do his best using his contacts to find the club a new coach.
9. **Match results;**

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> XV	4	3	1	0	138	63
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV	1	0	1	0	3	27
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> XV	1	1	0	0	22	17

The Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> XV have ploughed their way through to the next round of the Powergen Vase by turning over Fooks Cray 79-8.

The Student sides and GTHWRFC are yet to play. Dr Gibson urged captains to let the Penguins know when there are players needing games, as the Penguins may well be short. The Student 1<sup>st</sup> XV have their first match against UH this Wednesday and GTHWRFC play Chichester the following week. Match reports must be sent to Mr Dave Berry ([davidhberry@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:davidhberry@yahoo.co.uk)) for publication on the website, and to Mr Joel Newman for publication in the GKT Gazette ([joel.newman@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:joel.newman@kcl.ac.uk)).

10. **AOB;** There is a shortage of Referees this year and the RFU is willing to pay to have people trained, contact Yvonne if interested. Yvonne and Lydia reported the desiccation of some of their teams' kit, which was kindly lent to the 'Past' team to play in the day of the Club Ball. Shirts are missing arms and breast material. This matter is to be followed up with the captain of the 'Past' team, and all present expressed regret at what had happened. The President reported that a cheque had kindly been sent from the wife of George Preston, a now deceased and much missed member of the club.
11. **Notice for Next Meeting;** The next committee meeting shall take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, usual time and place, where it is hoped refreshments shall once again be provided.