

Guy's King's and St Thomas' Hospitals RFC Committee Meeting Minutes From 3rd February 2004.

160th Anniversary

Presiding: Dr T Gibson.

Present: J Powell, D Austin, J Jackson, R Hone T Wright, R Whyte, Y Umebuani, D Berry, T Woodlandvillaprice, S Rigg, E Sheppard, P Gretton.

Apologies for Absence: M Kinirons, G Brigstocke, T Bevir, M Morgan, D Poulter, L Farrell.

Confirm Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes of the last committee meeting were circulated and agreed by all present to be an accurate account of proceedings, and were duly signed by The President.

Pat Gush was thanked for organising the successful VP Lunch. There were calls for a similar event to be arranged later on in the season, where once again an entertaining match and 'lively' support could be guaranteed.

Discussion of the date for the 160th Anniversary Sevens resulted in the 2nd of May seeming the best idea. The Middlesex 7s is taking place on the 24th and 25th of April making it unlikely that clubs will be able to put out sides on these dates. This would follow the 'Past Vs Present' matches on the 1st and the marquee could be kept for the weekend. Mr Pete Davis was appointed as captain and organiser of the 'Past' side and GTHWRFC expressed their wish to play on the day as well. This was agreed to be an excellent idea, with GTHWRFC and the 2nd XV playing the Penguins at 1.30pm and the 1st XV playing at 3pm.

Finance: Once again The Treasurer stated that very few subs had been paid, Mr Wright suggested 'a board of shame' for those not having paid up. Reiterating points made at meetings previously The Treasurer explained that a cut in our grant will result if the captains do not ensure all of their players pay their subs. Players must be made aware that they are uninsured unless subs are paid.

Mr Price, Student President, suggested that players wishing to play on Saturdays for GKTHRFC should pay extra subs in the region of £25. The President and other committee members thought that student subs should cover such costs.

Membership to Kent RFU in the order of £20 still has to be paid. The Secretary is to e mail The Treasurer with details of this payment.

RFU Audit: Taking place at HOP at 6pm on the 23rd of February before Monday practice. Tim Price agreed to check that the first aid kit was up to standard. The relevant committee members who are needed to attend were notified.

Referee Situation: Players attention was drawn to the code of conduct towards referees displayed at HOP. The 3rd Team now seem to have referees organised, but Mr Gretton stressed the importance in not cancelling games and being hospitable to referees at all times. Next season the shortage of referees is thought to become even direr, and the need for the club to have a referee associated to it shall become immense. With this in mind Derk is to be asked to the Club Ball.

Sponsorship; Discussion between Mr Wright and Wayne continues.

Club Blues; An 'in house' system is to be adopted by the club, totally separate to that of KCLSU. Awards shall be presented at the AGM, a committee set up to determine those to be awarded and criteria for awards need to be established. This system shall allow the club to recognise students as well as non-students for their services to the club, and was seen by all to be a much better way than the current KCLSU system.

Yvonne explained how GTHWRFC shall keep 'subscribing' to the current KCLSU awards system but shall also have their own honours system.

Match Results;

| Team | Played | Won | Lost | Drawn | For | Against |
|------------------------------|--------|-----|------|-------|-----|---------|
| Saturday 1 st XV | 16 | 11 | 5 | | 396 | 273 |
| 2 nd XV | 7 | 2 | 5 | | | |
| 3 rd XV | 8 | 2 | 6 | | | |
| Penguins | 7 | | | | 139 | 251 |
| Wednesday 1 st XV | 5 | 3 | 2 | | | |
| 2 nd XV | 6 | 4 | 2 | | | |
| GTHWRFC | | | | | | |

The Saturday 1st XV captained by Mr Berry continue to excel with a 100% away record, currently being 2nd in the league only 1 point behind the leaders.

The Secretary reminds all captains to have match results including points for and against ready for committee meetings.

The Tour to Belfast was pronounced a success, all returning safely, one before all the rest, and one with more stitches than he had when he left.

AOB; Mr Hone suggested that washing machines should be installed at HOP, as he is finding washing the team shirts a domestic nightmare at the moment. Sam Rigg suggested the purchasing of a 'Number 12 Bus' from London Transport which are currently being sold for around £2000. This it was thought could ameliorate the current problems with transport.

Notice of Next Meeting; The next meeting shall take place on the 2nd of March, same time and place.