

Guy's Kings' and St Thomas's Hospitals **RFC Committee Meeting Minutes From** **13th January 2004.**

160th Anniversary.

Presiding;Dr T Gibson.

Present; G.Brigstocke, D.Poulter, J.Jackson, T.Wrightly, S.Rigg, M.Morgan, L.Farrell, R.Hone, D.Austin (briefly), D.Berry, P.Gretton, J.Powell.

Apologies for Absence; M.Kinirons, T.Price, T.Bevir, Yvonne Umebuani, R.Breeze, S.Reading, R.Turner.

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

The Secretary apologised for his absence from the last two committee meetings and thanked Mr Brigstocke and Mr Austin for taking the minutes in his absence.

The President announced that Mr Tim Wright, captain of the Wednesday 1st XV during the 159th season, had been awarded the Paul Scanlan Bursary based upon his academic excellence and sporting talent. Mr Wright was congratulated by all present. The award ceremony shall take place at the next committee meeting, drinks to follow.

Finance and Grant; The Treasurer reminded all captains that its is their responsibility to ensure all players pay their subs ASAP. This is highly important for two reasons: Firstly as the club is currently short of funds and secondly as our grant from KCLSU shall shortly be allocated, and is based on membership of the club. The majority of players seemed not to have paid subs, numbers being 'way down' on last year.

Many committee members were disappointed that the club still has no coach, and that the standard of rugby at GKTHRFC is suffering as a consequence. Options were discussed, no conclusion reached, except that some form of coaching is needed.

The President shall formulate a letter for KCLSU asking them to explain their actions towards GKTHRFC regarding cutting of the grant, legal persons shall be consulted. Dan Poulter offered to help using his contacts and The President was keen to contact these persons.

The President provided documentation of funding paid by the RFU supposedly into a GKTHRFC account. Over £3000 has been paid into an incorrect account, a problem remedied for the future. However funding paid to the club in the past has not yet been retrieved. The Treasurer is to investigate.

RFU Audit; The Secretary announced that the club was to be audited by the RFU during February regarding its conditional funding from the RFU based upon answers to the RFU Questionnaire. Those who should attend the meeting, which shall take place at HOP on a training night are The Secretary, either of the clubs' Presidents, Saturday 1st XV captain, Fixture Secretary and Treasurer. A date of the 23rd of February has been provisionally set..

Increase in Subs; An increase of Subs for non-students was agreed. In the future £10 per month via Direct Debit or a £100 one-off payment shall be expected.

Mark Kinirons suggested that someone in the committee be found to 'catch' those about to qualify and therefore leave the club to contribute towards the Supporters' Club fund. This was agreed to be a most excellent plan, to be executed by current club members in their final year each year. Mr G Bigstocke agreed to 'tap into the wealthier older members' this year and to chase up those who may have 'escaped' in recent years.

Membership to the Supporters' Club is to be increased from £15 to £20.

Sponsorship; Mr Wright has been working hard, but has been unfruitful of late. Negotiations are currently underway with Wayne towards 'total' funding of the club, an amount yet to be finalised.

Clothing with the clubs' logo are to be produced, and the committee requested that jumpers be made available.

VP Lunch; Captains were asked to encourage players to attend what shall no doubt be a memorable event at HOP on Saturday the 24th of January. The committee was disappointed that many club members shall be on 'tourine' in Belfast, but wished all tourists a safe trip and victory on the pitch, no matter the games being played. The President expects best behaviour at all times, as usual.

Match Results;

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against
Saturday 1 st XV	14	9	5		350	244
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						

Mr Berry reported the Saturday 1st XV are currently second in their league. The 3rd team have unfortunately had a number of cancellations, as have the Penguins. There are enough players in the club to fill these teams, and more communication seems to be needed between players and captains to ensure places are filled in the future. The Secretary requested that Captains record the e mails of all their players over the next few weeks, so at the start of each week an e mail can be sent out detailing all rugby happening throughout the week. This is hoped will allow players to turn up to games if their own teams are not playing or captains have failed to contact them.

GTHWRFC captained by Yvonne recently had an outstanding victory against Imperial 94-0, putting to rest any rumours of the clubs demise. Following the withdrawal of UCL, due to injuries, from a confrontation against GTHWRFC the ladies look set to min their ULU cup.

Ties for Blues awards shall be ordered and the club shall set up its own colours awards scheme, totally separate to that of KCLSUs'. The committee agreed this to be an

excellent idea, and a Blues committee is to be set up. Award ceremony to take place during future AGMs.

A 7s tournament was discussed to take place following the 'Past vs. Present' day. There is expected to be a shortage of Referees for the remainder of the season and it is thought that the Saturday 3rd team shall find things especially hard as many of their games have been cancelled. The President emphasised the need to treat referees with the utmost respect and politeness at all times.

Tour: The tour to Belfast departs early on Thursday the 22nd of January. Other tours are in the pipeline to such exotic locations as South Devon with the Penguins on the 24th of April, the South of France and Amsterdam.

AOB: The Rugby Ball shall once again take place at HOP, following last year's successful rave. Applications for the Alumni fund should be thought about by all.

Notice of Next Meeting;

A Preliminary date of Tuesday the 3rd of February was set. Same time and place.