

Guy's King's and St Thomas' Hospitals RFC Committee Meeting Minutes From

2nd March 2004

160th Anniversary



Presiding; Dr T Gibson.

Present; Jimbo Powell, Duncan Austin, Professor Challacombe, Yvonne Umebuani, Lydia Farrell, Sam Rigg, Jane Coop, Tom Bevir, Timothy Price, Dave Berry.

Apologies for Absence; Mark Kinirons, Rob Hone, Matt Morgan, Gavin Brigstocke, Jamie Jackson, Tim Wright, Roy Turner, Dan Poulter, Pete Gretton, Edd Sheppard.

Confirm Minutes of Last Meeting; The minutes of the last committee meeting were agreed by all present to be an accurate account of proceedings and were duly signed by The President. The Secretary apologised for the wrong spelling of any names.

GTHWRFC have battled their way into the final of the UL Cup and this year shall face Kings' in the final on the 7th of March. GUY'S FOR THE CUP!

Finance and Grant; The student union (SU) have once again refused to increase the clubs' grant back to its rightful amount. However the SU have been forced to reconsider their grant allocations following a vote of no confidence in the grant proposals by the students Activities Council. GKTHRFC are now not the only sporting club to have ridiculous cuts to their grant imposed, this year the rowing club having originally been docked over £9,000. The attitude of those supposedly employed to aid sport at Kings' must be questioned. Once again how could they imagine that a club could survive following such a large cut in funding? Proactive clubs have been penalised and apathetic clubs rewarded. This is evident in the fact that all clubs and societies received at least £150 even if they did not apply for any grant at all. Those clubs who worked hard to raise sponsorship throughout the year had this money taken away from their grant for the next season, and were therefore penalised.

UH Cup; The Second XV beat RUMS at HOP 31-0 in a match where the GKT pack was totally dominant throughout. The Thirds are also in the final following a walkover in the semi-finals, both teams shall face ICSM at St Georges' Cobbham on the 10th of March. The First XV play RUMS on Wednesday and are expected to be in the final against ICSM on the 14th of March at OLD Dear Park, Richmond. Mr S Rigg is to organise transport to the ground on Sunday, a bus leaving Boland House at 12.30. As in years recently passed best behaviour is expected from all attending the match, this including; no alcoholic drinks to be brought into the ground, no admittance to those already under the influence, no missiles to be

thrown during the match, and no entrance is guaranteed or indeed allowed via Kew Gardens.
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Club Awards: Jane Coop (Sports officer and keen GKT netballer) explained to the committee that ‘MEDSoc’ were taking over awards for GKT Sport Clubs from King’s, as the process has been much devalued over the past years, mainly due to ‘readily demonstrable in-organisation’ by the SU. The President was pleased that interest was once again being taken into the awards system and agreed that GKTHRFC should enter into this new system. Mr Berry expressed concern that those non-students at the club would not be eligible for such awards, but Miss Coop agreed that associated members would be equally eligible for awards. The Student President echoed such concerns, stating the efforts of non-students should be recognised through any awards system the club entered into.

Continuing Action Towards Kings: The SU still refuse to fund GKT Saturday sides, because the sides are not wholly made up of students, although the vast majority of players are indeed students at GKT. Dr Gibson is currently consulting the legal profession. Professor Challacombe emphasised the need for GKTHRFC members to have a voice within the SU politics, this involves getting onto relevant committees. Professor Challacombe also stated a plan that should be implemented by the club and committee as a whole, including a petition to council detailing the events so far and seeking advice from Harry Muscwhite. The SU fail to recognise the tradition of the GKT Hospitals, The President drew the attention of the committee to the fact that in 1990 the club received £6,440 for the same amount of teams.

The following were agreed to be implemented by members of the committee;

1. Petition to council
2. Students to get involved on KCLSU committees
3. Make all non-student players associate members of KCLSU
4. Approach Harry Muscwhite re; education act 1994, UMDS motions etc
5. Articles in GKT Gazette
6. Have prepared comparative accounts of all clubs of KCLSU at present
7. Have prepared history of finances of UMDS the GKT rugby club
8. Have detailed response ready for meeting with KCLSU of all the points they have raised in previous letters.

Match Results;

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against
Saturday 1 st XV	18	12	6		429	291
2 nd XV	7	2	5			
3 rd XV	8	2	6			
Penguins	7				139	251
Wednesday 1 st XV	10	6	4			
2 nd XV	6	4	2			
GTHWRFC	15	10	3	2	380	166

Matt Morgan and the student 1st XV finished Second in the league. The Student Second XV captained again by Duncan lost only twice in the league, once to UCL away and once to LSE away, achieving a 100% home record at Cobbham 'the house of pain'.

Notice of Next Committee Meeting: The next committee meeting shall be held on April 20th 2004, same time and place.