

**Minutes from the Committee Meeting of Guy's King's & Saint Thomas'  
Hospitals Rugby Football Club, held in the Rheumatology Department, Guy's  
Hospital, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2005**



**Presiding: Dr T Gibson**

**Present:**

Duncan Austin	David Manson-Bahr
Rhys Davies	Antoinette Martin
Rory Gleadhill	Tim Seng
Peter Gretton	Edward Sheppard
Rob Hone	Iain Wilson
Ed Jefferies	Tim Wright
Tom Kennedy	

**1 - Apologies for Absence:**

Jeremy Nettleton, Gillian Wilson

**2 - Blues Committee**

With the Club AGM looming large in the near future, discussion turned to the award of Club Blues. It was agreed that Blues would be awarded “in-house” again this year, by a committee appointed within the club. Mr Davies agreed to co-ordinate this committee, which he hoped to convene one evening the next week. Dr Gibson briefly re-iterated the requirements for the awards for a blue and a half blue, which have appeared in numerous previous committee minutes, and asked team captains to e-mail Mr Davies with their nominations. Miss Martin informed the committee that the ladies’ teams would be allocating their awards separately from the men’s teams.

**3 - May Ball**

Mr Gleadhill brought the assembled committee up to date with the arrangements for the Ball, which are in their final stages. The Ball will start at 6:30pm on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April with a champagne reception, followed by dinner which shall be served at 8pm. Mr Hone agreed to organise a raffle for the evening, and the committee agreed that raffles were always a fun way of livening up an evening. There was some considerable discussion over the matter of security for the ball, mainly for the purpose of protecting the revenue from ticket sales by ensuring that none of the diners forgets to pay for their meal, but also in case any of the indigenous population of Brockley Rise and environs were to mistake the Ball pavilion for a public bar. It was hoped that members of the club themselves could provide this security, as it was feared outside security services would prove costly to procure. However, no definite candidates revealed themselves, and Mr Gleadhill say he would look into the viability of this. Tickets for the ball are now on sale, preferably in tables of ten, at a cost of £60 for students and £70 for qualified persons, cheques payable to the GHRFC Supporters Club and sent to Rory Gleadhill, Esq., 231 Southwark Bridge Road, SE1 6NP. Although the cost is slightly higher than last year, Mr Gleadhill hopes that the quality of the comestibles will be superior. A vegetarian option will be available at the dinner,

and anyone wishing to eschew meat on the evening should let Mr Gleadhill know when they order their ticket. A medical school band, “The Beer-Flavoured Nipples” has been booked to perform after dinner, and Mr Gleadhill is still considering the option of an additional DJ. He also suggested that he might book a coach to transport revellers away from the ground at the end of the evening: however the committee felt that most (but not all) of the party could normally make their own way home. Mr Austin volunteered that it would be possible for anyone encountering transport difficulties on the night to sleep in the pavilion.

### **3 - Past vs Present Match**

This is set for the afternoon before the Ball. Mr Peter Davis has agreed to captain the Past XV. The Present 2<sup>nd</sup> XV captaincy will be shared between Mr Tim Seng, Captain of 3<sup>rd</sup> XV, and Mr James B. Powell, a local ne'er-do-well. Two referees have already been arranged for the game.

### **4 - Rugby VII's Fun Day**

Dr Gibson hoped that it would be possible to host a small VII's tournament the morning after the Ball, as last year. The committee felt that enough prospective teams were available to make the day a success, and Mr Kennedy agreed to make the necessary arrangements. Dr Gibson suggested that he might approach the usual medical defence organisations for some form of sponsorship.

### **5 - Finance & Grant**

Mr Gretton informed the committee that he had had his attention drawn by Mr Ben Phillips, KCLSU Vice-President for Student Activities, to the possibility of a grant of around £1000 from the RFU towards student rugby teams, noting that the King's College RFC had already applied for this grant. Dr Gibson thought it possible that the club already received such a grant, as a fund had become available that had previously been funnelled into King's College, London's accounts but now went to the Supporters Club. Mr Sheppard agreed to follow this up with the RFU.

### **6 - AGM**

The AGM is set for 29<sup>th</sup> April. Mr Austin confessed that he had not yet booked the Harris Lecture Theatre for this, but did not foresee any problems. Team photographs will be taken at 530pm, prior to the AGM at 7pm. Several excellent candidates were putting themselves forward for committee positions next year, and Mssrs Davies, Sheppard, Manson-Bahr, Reading and Hone agreed to continue in their positions next season if this was the will of the club. Dr Gibson reminded Mr Davies that at the Ball the next day the club would need to present trophies for Player of the Year, Best Newcomer and Clubman of the Year, as well as the ladies present awards to their Players' Player, Coach's Player and Best Fresher. Dr Gibson also urged the committee to show some form of appreciation for the new men's coach, Miss Radcliffe. Mr Gretton is already organising this. During discussion of the post of Fixture Secretary, the committee agreed that the he or she should receive some remuneration from the club for the large 'phone bill this position inevitably accrues. Mr Gretton agreed to send a bill to the Supporters Club regarding this. Dr Gibson encouraged the ladies of the club to stand for committee positions, although Miss Martin observed that they were experiencing something of a personnel shortage and could barely fill their own committee. It is hoped that next season will produce more willing support for the ladies' club.

### **7 - Cobham**

Mr Davies informed the committee that the final terms of the sale of the ground to Chelsea FC had been agreed. This would allow the club use of one rugby pitch from 12 noon until 7pm and changing rooms, baths/showers, hot water, catering and bar facilities from 12 noon until 9pm. This access would be restricted to Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays between September and March until 2010, whereupon Chelsea FC's obligations to the club and to the college will cease.

It was not certain whether these facilities would be at the old St Thomas' Hospital Sports Ground or elsewhere within the complex.

### **8 - Match Results**

1<sup>st</sup> XV P4 W3 L1, including losing UH Cup Final 32 - 12 to ICSM

2<sup>nd</sup> XV P2 W2 including winning UH Cup Final against ICSM.

3rd XV P2 W2 including winning UH Cup Final against ICSM.