

**Guy's King's College and St Thomas' Hospitals
Rugby Football Club – Est. 1843.**



161st Season

**Committee meeting held in Rheumatology Dept. , Guy's Hospital, 18th Jan at
6pm.**

Presiding:

Dr T Gibson

Present:

Rhys Davies, Iain Wilson, Rob Hone, Antionette Martin, Ed Geffries

1-Apologies for Absence:

Pete Gretton, Ed Shepherd, Tom Kennedy, James Berry, David Manson Bahr, Duncan Austin, Rory Gleadhill

2-Last meeting's Minutes:

All members present agreed the minutes were an accurate account of the last meeting.

3-Chasing the Chariot:

Dr Gibson praised the author, Mick Collins, for writing a truly enjoyable read which paints an accurate picture of the club, its members and more importantly its ongoing plight with King's College London Student's Union. Dr Gibson proposed that Rhys Davies ought to remain in contact with Mr Collins and see if he would be interested in attending any UH cup matches or any other club events. The idea of reviewing the book for the GKT Gazette was brought up, the committee agreed Duncan Austin would be the best man for the job.

4-Finance and Grant:

Mr Shepherd was absent from the meeting so little could be discussed about the financial state of the club. Mr Davies however, informed the committee there is fifty-

four pence in the club account, and it would be unlikely that the club would be eligible for emergency funding from KCLSU.

Dr Gibson informed the assembly that he had been contacted by a member of personnel from King's College London since the last meeting, who had offered to give the club a sum of money for a rugby bursary or scholarship in 2006. Dr Gibson emphasised the fact that this money would not come from KCLSU.

Bills for midweek referees and money owed to Rob Hone were settled.

5-Website:

The issue of improving the website and correcting various committee members names and contact details was raised. Although Tim Wright, our internet officer was absent, he has informed members that Dr Joel Newman, the creator of the site, has failed to hand over the necessary software and passwords to alter the website. Dr Gibson also encouraged team captains to put match reports up on the web.

6-Sponsorship:

Since the last committee meeting Professor Nairn Wilson, Dean of the Dental School, has managed to secure money from Colgate, in order for the club to buy three or four new sets of playing shirts. As of yet no shirts have been ordered, but Mr Wilson offered to give Dr Gibson the contact details of the relevant people at Colgate. Mr Wilson also thought thank-you letters to Professor Wilson and Colgate would be appropriate.

Mr Hone told the committee potential sponsorship from a link with club member, Togay Koch, was apparently 'dead in the water', and that he would follow up the matter further. Further more, Mr Hone also added he had been in contact with all the companies featured on the club fixture poster for sponsorship, but to no avail. Dr Gibson then asked if Mr Hone had contacted the poster's author, Frank McEwan, as in past years the club used to receive a sum of money from the companies on the poster. Mr Hone is to follow up the matter.

7-Coaching:

The subject of coaching was discussed. All committee members expressed great appreciation for the high quality training we are currently receiving from Elaine on Mondays and Wednesdays. All present said they had noticed significant player improvement and increased attendance at training since her arrival. The club will also be paying for Elaine to attend further coaching courses.

8-Cobham:

Details of the sale of Cobham remains a mystery to all parties involved. Furniture from Cobham has been moved to Honour Oak Park. There is an understanding the club will have access to one pitch at Cobham, but availability of changing rooms and food and drink provision is still unknown. The club is due to host the second and third team UH cup finals, Dr Gibson believes that it may become necessary to offer these fixtures to Imperial Medicals to host at Teddington.

9-UH Dinner:

The annual UH dinner was reported to be an interesting experience by those who attended. The dinner ended prematurely. Some money is still owed for damages and non-attendance. Mr Davies informed the group all attending GKT player had paid. There was agreement amongst the group fifteen pounds was a high price to pay for replacement dinner plates

10-Social Events:

The Christmas dinner was heralded as a success. Mr Davies thanked our social secretary and the tolerance and hospitality of the various venues the club attended that night. All present are looking forward to the May Ball.

10-Results:

1st XV P12 W9 D1 L2

2nd XV P12 W4 L8

3rd XV cpt not present

4th XV/Vets P7 W1 L6

Students:

Both captains not present

Ladies:

No statistics available, but they lie in fourth position in both their league and cup.

Dr Gibson applauded both students teams for large and convincing wins against KCL rugby teams in the recently passed Macadam Cup, part of the 15-1 thrashing the GKT sides gave our friends from the Strand.

Next meeting is Tuesday 15th February