

**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 20th September 2005**



Presiding: Dr T Gibson

Present:

Iain Wilson
Rhys Davies
Peter Gretton
Edward Sheppard
Rosalind Mitchell-Hay
Jennifer McGivney
Oliver Laird
Simon Trotter

Ben Diggins
Thomas Goddard
David Manson-Bahr
Rob Hone
Stuart D'Sylva

1) Apologies for Absence:

Duncan Austin, Edward Jefferies

2) Last Meeting's Minutes:

Due to poor attendance at the last meeting, discussion took the format of 'an informal chat' so no minutes were taken.

3) Position of Fixture Secretary:

The committee were delivered a letter from Rory Gleadhill, the Fixture Secretary elected at the AGM. The letter informed the committee that Mr Gleadhill was formally resigning from his position as Fixture Secretary due to a conflict in academic and extra curricular commitments. Mr Gleadhill proposed that Mark Halls should take on the position, however, Mr Halls was absent from the meeting and none present could recollect any occasion when Mr Halls had declared any interest in the position. Rhys Davies reported that a Mr Oliver Laird was 'as keen as mustard' to fill the position. Consequently, the committee unanimously approved Mr Laird's appointment, though Mr Laird did stipulate he would only fill the position for one year!

4) Fixtures and Fixture Cards:

Following news of the resignation of Mr Gleadhill, the committee were made aware that Mr Gleadhill had done little work over the summer towards arranging fixtures and compiling the fixture card. All captains present were able to provide details of their forthcoming fixtures to Mr Laird who will now begin organising the fixture card under the guidance of Pete Gretton.

Mr Gretton, then informed the assembly of the worrying news that the London Society of Referees would not be providing referees to all 3rd XV home fixtures this season due to a 'lack of man power'. Despite this, it is hope John De Mendonca, a member of the club who has recently become a London Society referee, may help the Club on occasion. It was agreed though that this is only a temporary solution and something more concrete needs to be sorted out.

5) GKT Name Change:

During the course of the summer months GKT staff and students were informed that the medical school would be re-branded to the rather verbose title of King's College London School of Medicine at Guy's, King's, and St Thomas' Hospitals, or KCLSMGKTH for short! All committee members articulated their fears that the student sides which play on Wednesday, under the banner and colours of GKT, may lose their present identity. Mr Davies allayed the fears of the committee and stated that BUSA, for this season, would allow the GKT sides to play under their current name.

6) Insurance

Mr Wilson informed those present that although the Club has not yet been officially invoiced for compulsory playing insurance this season, all teams are still fully covered by last season's insurance. Added to this King's College Student's Union will pay for two teams, irrespective of when during the week they play. Dr Gibson added that he would arrange for the payment of the insurance for the other two teams in the club.

7) Finance and Grant

Mr Davies was delighted to report that Steve Beckett, the Club's new player/coach, has full empathy with the Club's financial difficulties and is willing to make a kind donation of £300-400 to the club. The committee asked Mr Davies to express their gratitude and thanks to Mr Beckett.

8) Fresher Recruitment

Mr Wilson reminded the committee that Freshers' Week was imminent along with the Freshers' Fair and notorious Freshers' Trials. Mr Wilson urged all members to be proactive in helping with recruitment at the fair, distributing posters and avoiding behaviour at the trials which may scare off quieter members of the University.

10) Match Results

1st XV P1 W1 L0 D0