

**Guy's King's College & St Thomas' Hospitals  
Rugby Football Club - Est. 1843**



**Committee Meeting held in Rheumatology Dept.,  
Guy's Hospital on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2006**

**Presiding:** Dr T Gibson

**Present:**

Iain Wilson  
Pete Gretton  
Robert Hone  
Lucas Rehnberg  
Mark Halls  
Harry Gasper  
Stuart D'Sylva  
Adam Staten  
Mark Halls

**1) Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies were received from Ben Diggins, Rupert Entikamp, Mike Forsythe, Rhys Davies and David Manson-Bahr.

**2) Last Meeting's Minutes:**

The minutes from the previous meeting were not to hand, though Dr Gibson remarked that he remembered the minutes were of an exceptional standard. Treasurer, Mr. Rehnberg added that reading the pleasant digest authored by Mr. Wilson was frequently a highlight of the month.

**3) Kit:**

All Committee Officers expressed their views that the state of the playing kit for all Saturday and Wednesday teams had become inadmissible. It was mentioned that even the shirts worn by the backs, who are infrequently involved in the rough and tumble of the game, are riddled with tears. This provoked some debate as to where and how the Club should secure new kit. Robert Hone suggested that each squad member ought buy their own shirt as this would ensure that shirts are taken care of and less likely to go missing. Dr Gibson said he would purchase a new set of numbered shirts, which would not be for sale. Playing shirts are available from the Dept of Rheumatology for £35. All squad

members were encouraged to look for possible sponsors. Mr Wilson remarked that one does not have to be a captain or Committee member to secure sponsorship for the Club.

#### **4) Finance and Grant:**

Treasurer, Mr Rehnberg, declared that the funds in the Grant account had been spent on purchasing the new training kit and 'various things', also that there is some £800 in the subs account which is likely to be spent on coaches throughout the season. Dr Gibson informed those present that the Supporters Club had paid £425 for the new fixture cards and were continuing to pay for match teas and other incidentals.

With regards to the newly purchased training kit; Mr Rehnberg asserted that kit would be only available to those who have paid their subs and attend training.

#### **4) United Hospital's RFC Dinner:**

Peter Gretton emailed Imperial Medicals Captain James Morris, indicating the Club's preference for the proposed date of the UH Dinner on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2007. Though neither he, nor any of the other Captains from respective UH sides had heard if this date had been confirmed nor any details pertaining to it. Dr Gibson also said that Professor Imms is also eager to find out these arrangements. The Club eagerly awaits news of the dinner.

#### **5) Training:**

Club Captain, Peter Gretton, informed the Committee that training on Thursday nights since the start of term have occurred at Burgess Park in the overflow of flood lighting from an all weather pitch. Mr Gretton stated this arrangement is wholly unsatisfactory and was beginning to take a detrimental effect on the numbers attending training. One Club Officer happened to mention that they felt they ran a higher risk of contracting a needle stick injury whilst training in the park than they did whilst on the wards. Mr Gretton added that he had approached Norm about this issue, though little progress has been made. Mr Gretton asked Dr Gibson if he could broach the subject with Norm and if it could be suggested to Norm that we train in an area off the pitches in order to preserve their life throughout the season.

#### **6) GHWRFC:**

Once again it is with disappointment that I minute the Girls team did not send a representative to the Committee meeting. Peter Gretton did report there may be an element of friction between him and the women's Club, as had been reluctant to provide a first year rugby playing student to experience the GHWRFC 'hospitality' on a recent tour.

#### **8) Christmas Dinner:**

Mr Forsythe, although not present at the meeting, forwarded that Belushis of Bourough High Street has been booked for 16<sup>th</sup> December. The price will be £20 to include a set menu of pate, turkey and profiteroles. He added that a promising number of Club members will be in attendance.

Dr Gibson added the Penguins would be celebrating in the George, and as usual would welcome any Club members beforehand for drinks.

**9) Rugby Dinner:**

Dr Gibson urged Mr Forsythe to attend the next Committee meeting as he urgently wishes to talk to him about arrangements for the Rugby Ball. Dr Gibson added that it is of the greatest importance that The Club has a successful and non-loss making event this year.

**12) Fresher versus Penguins Fixture:**

David Manson-Bahr reported that for various reasons the Freshers versus Penguins fixture could not be honoured earlier in the season. In response, Fixture Secretary extrodinare Mr D'Sylva delved into the fixture card and informed that this fixture could now take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2007, provided there will be an early kick off to allow people to watch the Internationals later that day.

**13) Match Results:**

|                                  | <b>P</b>  | <b>W</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>D</b> |
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| <b>1<sup>st</sup> XV</b>         | <b>10</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> XV</b>         | <b>9</b>  | <b>2</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> XV</b>         | <b>7</b>  | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>Penguins</b>                  |           |          |          |          |
| <b>Student 1<sup>st</sup> XV</b> | <b>8</b>  | <b>5</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>Student 2<sup>nd</sup> XV</b> | <b>6</b>  | <b>5</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |

**12) Next Meeting:**

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January in the New Year, back to the normal time of 6:00pm in the Rheumatology Department, Guy's Hospital.