

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



Committee Meeting held in Rheumatology Dept.,  
Guy's Hospital on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2006

**Presiding:** Dr T Gibson

**Present:**

Iain Wilson  
Rhys Davies  
Pete Gretton  
Robert Hone  
Lucas Rehnberg

Mark Halls  
Harry Gasper  
Mike Forsythe  
David Manson-Bahr

**1) Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies were received from Ben Diggins, Rupert Entikamp, Alexandra Fonfe and Stuart D'Sylva

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

The minutes from the previous meeting were not at hand, though Mr Davies recalled the Honorary Secretary had once again produced an excellent set of minutes.

**3) Finance and Grant:**

Mr Rehnberg, the Club's treasurer, informed the Committee that so far twenty-nine people have paid their playing subs, already beating the total number who had paid last season. Furthermore the Mr Rehnberg reported that both the Club's grant account and subs account are for once looking healthy.

Student 1<sup>st</sup> XV skipper, Mark Halls, added he had attended an RFU development meeting that month. There he was told that the Club could be eligible to a maximum grant of £3000. The Committee were eager to hear the progress of this grant application.

Whilst on the subject of grants Dr Gibson discussed with Club officers that during his latest visit to Honor Oak Park he felt the clubhouse and stands could do with the odd lick of paint. Dr Gibson then proceeded to say he would make inquires with the RFU to see if the RFU could provide any money for such improvements.

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

Mr Gretton reported to the Committee that the annual UHRFC dinner, originally scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> November 2006, has been postponed. The reason provided for the moratorium is that the initial venue required somewhat of a sizeable deposit in advance of the booking which the organisers from Imperial College School of Medicine could not afford. Consequently, a new venue is to be booked on either the 7<sup>th</sup> December or 11<sup>th</sup> January. Club officers agreed that the latter date would suit the Club best, as this date would avoid exams timetabled for late December and early January, but most importantly this date for the majority of students would coincide with the student loan instalments meaning the event would be well lubricated and attended.

**5) Vice-Presidents Luncheon:**

Unfortunately a VP luncheon could not be arranged for the 21<sup>st</sup> October, as previously agreed in the last meeting. Despite this, Dr Gibson urged the Club to endeavour in organising such a luncheon at some point in the future, as not only would it serve as an excellent opportunity to attract match day support, but would also serve as a platform to boost awareness and thus attendance at the UH Cup Final and end of season rugby dinner. Both of which have seen dwindling attendance in recent years. Mike Forsythe was encouraged to consult the newly printed fixture cards to find a weekend when the 1<sup>st</sup> XV and one other team would be at Honor Oak Park.

**8) Christmas Dinner:**

Mr Forsythe reminded the Committee the 16<sup>th</sup> December had been set aside for the Christmas Dinner. He reported he was currently in negotiations with Belushis of Borough High Street.

**9) Rugby Dinner:**

The lambasting of Mr Forsythe continued as he was urged to start thinking about the Rugby dinner in May. The social secretary was encouraged to liaise with the Women's social secretary who in the past have often been keen to share the workload. Furthermore Mr Forsythe was asked to think of ways he could enhance attendance at the event, for example advertising in the GKT Gazette.

**10) Student 1<sup>st</sup> XV Home Fixtures:**

Mark Halls proposed to the Committee that the Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> XV home fixtures be moved from Cobham to Honor Oak Park. Mr Halls argued that Chelsea AFC have now moved the Club's pitch again to the part of Cobham formerly owned by St George's Hospital, some considerable walk away from the Clubhouse. The Committee had no objections to this motion, though they did recommend to Mr Halls that he first approach Norm to see if he could accommodate the extra fixtures at HOP, then with KCLSU and BUSA who together administrate the Wednesday leagues. Mr Davies added that he felt Chelsea AFC had been most unfair to the Club, as they had failed to mention any of these changes when they bought the Cobham grounds.

**11) Guy's Hospital Women's RFC:**

Dr Gibson was pleased to announce that the Guy's Hospital Women's RFC had recently organised a United Hospitals VII's competition. Although the women's side were unable to win the tournament he added that it was a clear sign the women's Club

must be flourishing. It was also added the girls are more than welcome to attend Committee meetings as it was stressed it is their Club too!

### **12) Fresher versus Penguins Fixture:**

Penguins Captain, David Manson-Bahr, informed the Committee that the Fresher versus Penguins fixture, scheduled at the last meeting for the 18<sup>th</sup> November, needs to be moved to a date later in the playing season, as many of the Penguins side will be unavailable that weekend. It was decided Stuart D'Sylva would be the best man to find another suitable date for this match.

### **13) Kit:**

In recent weeks two keen freshers with an inkling for 'stash' have been onto a rugby suppliers website and designed training tops, trousers and a thermal undergarment. Given the current financial buoyancy of the Student account it was suggested treasurer Lucas Rehnberg purchase a number of said items, which could then be bought by players from the Club at a small profit. This was greeted by great enthusiasm by Club Officers, though it would be fair to say some comments were raised about the ilk of player who would require a thermal undergarment whilst playing rugby. Mr Rehnberg is on the case.

### **13) Match Results:**

	P	W	L	D
1 <sup>st</sup> XV	6	4	2	0
2 <sup>nd</sup> XV	6	0	6	0
3 <sup>rd</sup> XV	5	3	3	0
Penguins	2	0	2	0
Student 1 <sup>st</sup> XV	3	2	1	0
Student 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV	3	3	0	0

### **12) Next Meeting:**

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, at the later time of 6:30pm in the Rheumatology Department, Guy's Hospital.

