

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



Committee Meeting held in Rheumatology Dept.,  
Guy's Hospital on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2006

**Presiding:** Dr T Gibson

**Present:**

Iain Wilson  
Ben Diggins  
Stuart D'Sylva  
Rhys Davies  
Pete Gretton  
Robert Hone

Rupert Entikamp  
Lucas Rehnberg  
Mark Halls  
Harry Gasper  
Adam Staten  
Mike Forsythe

**1) Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies were received from David Manson-Bahr.

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

The minutes from the AGM were confirmed as an accurate and correct reflection of the proceedings of the meeting.

**3) Supporters Club:**

Dr Gibson informed the Committee that he had sent out an email to all Club Vice-Presidents to encourage their support on the touchline this season. Building upon this idea, it was suggested that social secretary, Mike Forsythe, ought to look into arranging a VP luncheon similar to that held a few seasons ago, which saw fervent and occasional interactive support from the touchlines. It was agreed that the 21<sup>st</sup> October was the first most suitable date for such an occasion. The social secretary would have to confirm if the Club could accommodate VP's from the visiting Club's. It was proposed that luncheon guests could be offered the a la carte menu of saucisons, pomme frites nestled on a bed of fine Kentish haricots or another suitable alternative.

**4) Rugby Dinner:**

In the absence of last year's social secretary, President Terry Gibson reported that there had been a mismatch of incomings and outgoings at the last Club Dinner to the tune of £4000. Dr Gibson prescribed stiff upper lips all round and recommended the Club take this loss like gentlemen and never speak of it again. The incoming social secretary was advised to plan this season's event with extra vigilance as neither the Club or the Supporters Club could sustain another loss like this in the future.

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

Following lengthy debate at the UHRFC AGM the United Hospitals agreed to give the UH Dinner 'one last in chance'. This year's dinner will be organised by Imperial College School of Medicine at 'Broadwalk' on Greek street, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November. The cost of the evening is predicted to be around £20 Sterling, which should include 3 courses and half a bottle of wine per person. Club Officers were advised to invite Club VP's in order to discourage feral behaviour from students from the other London medical institutions.

#### **6) Scholarship:**

Plans to establish a scholarship for first year students in order to attract bright young talent to the Club has been poor. A letter sent out to people associated with the Hospital has so far generated £4000. This is £8000 short of the £12,000 target needed if the scholarship is to become viable. It is believed that those people contacted are reluctant to donate money to the scholarship fund as they believe some of these funds will be swallowed up by King's College London. Dr Gibson will report back to the Committee as to the progress of the scholarship next meeting

#### **7) UH 7's Competition:**

The annual United Hospitals Seven's Tournament will this year be held at the Imperial Medicals Sports Ground, Teddington. Club Seven's Captain, Adam Staten, was advised to field both a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VII and to conjure up as much support as possible on the day. The author is convinced the Club is assured of victory this year, and forecasts a gripping final in which the 1<sup>st</sup> VII will come back from a two try deficit in the 1<sup>st</sup> half to secure victory against ICSM.

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

Club officers reminded the social secretary he would be responsible for organising the Club's Christmas dinner. The dinner is traditionally held on the last match day in December which this year falls on the 16<sup>th</sup> of the month. Mr Forsythe was advised to make arrangements posthaste as anecdotal memories from more senior club members state that patrons in the Southwark area willing to host this event are thin on the ground.

#### **9) Fresher Recruitment:**

Club Captain, Pete Gretton, reported Fresher recruitment had gone exceedingly well with outstanding attendance at training and the emergence of several potential star talents.

Due to the success of last year's Fresher versus Veterans fixture, the Penguins have laid down the challenge of a match against the new intake of youngsters. Fixture Secretary Mr D' Sylva, agreed the best date for this game would be Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November. An early kick off was recommended to allow those playing to catch the international games scheduled for that afternoon. Harry Gasper will arrange the Freshman team.

#### **10) AOB:**

Dr Gibson informed the Club that he had attended a dinner during the summer hosted by Dr Stephen Duckworth OBE. Dr Duckworth is a Guy's alumni and former 2<sup>nd</sup> XV captain of the Club. Following an unfortunate training injury is now tetraplegic. Dr

Gibson added that that Dr Duckworth's company 'Disability Matters' has recently been awarded the contract for advising on the development of the athlete's village for the 2012 London Olympics and Paralympics. The Club would like to send heartfelt congratulations to Dr Duckwoth and wish him every success in helping London deliver a fantastic Olympics for both able and disabled bodied athletes

And finally, ex-player and orthopaedic surgeon, Mr Neil Slater, is in possession of 20 polo shirts celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Club. The polo shirts are navy blue with the Club's crest in yellow embroidery, and are available at the knockdown price of £22. Those keen to purchase this item of history and needless to say antique of the future are advised to document their interest on the Club's message board. The Club would also like to thank Mr Slater for his kind donation to the Supporter's Club.

**11) Match Results:**

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

**12) Next Meeting:**

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for the 31<sup>st</sup> October, 6pm in the Rheumatology Department, Guy's Hospital. (Fancy dress is optional)