

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



Committee Meeting held in Rheumatology Dept.,
Guy's Hospital on Tuesday 6th February 2007

Presiding: Dr T Gibson

Present:

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

Lucas Rehnberg
Mark Halls
Harry Gasper
Adam Staten
Mike Forsythe

1) Apologies for Absence:

Apologies were received from David Manson-Bahr and Robert Hone

2) Last Meeting's Minutes:

The minutes from last meeting were deemed to be a full and precise account of the meeting.

3) Rugby Scholarship and Fundraising:

Club officers were most pleased to welcome Miss Elaine Martyn to the committee meeting. Miss Martyn works for the King's College Development Office raising substantial sums of money for the Health Schools affiliated with the College, additionally Miss Martyn is also charged with the arduous job of encouraging alumni to donate money to the Club and helping to establish the rugby scholarship.

With regards to the rugby scholarship, Miss Martyn reported that in November 2005 a letter was sent from John Novak, the Club's last international player, asking alumni to contribute to a rugby scholarship totalling in order to attract high quality rugby players to study at the medical school. Miss Martyn stated that the fund would need to generate £30,000 ensure perpetuity, however presently only £6200 had been raised. Miss Martyn cited the recent name change and merger of the medical school as one major reason causing some reluctance amongst alumni to donate to the fund.. Miss Martyn then proceeded to inform the Committee as to how she intends to make up this deficit over the coming months, she stated that she would again follow up all alumni and mention the scholarship in all three of the College's alumni publications.

The committee also suggested that we dedicate a section of the website to the scholarship and publish details the fundraising scheme in the GKT gazette in order to

raise awareness amongst alumni. Peter Gretton also handed Miss Martyn a copy of the Club's vice-presidents list as a further list of people associated with the Club whom Miss Martyn could contact.

Miss Martyn ended by saying that the Club could apply to the King's Development Committee in order to secure funds for new playing kits. The club is able to ask for any amount up to £10-15,000.

4) Rugby Ball Update:

For the first time in many moons, Mike Forsythe, the Club's elusive social secretary attended the committee meeting. He reported that he has recently been in contact with Emma Gripton of EMSCO, who has helped the Club organise the dinner over the past couple of years. Miss Gripton highlighted certain areas whereby the Club could improve on the last years debacle. These included to initially plan for a much smaller event and secondly to cut down the personal alcohol allowance. Miss Gripton made particular note that one bottle of champagne, one bottle of red wine, one bottle of white wine and one bottle of port per person was a slightly over zealous estimate even considering the Club's drinking prowess.

Mr Forsythe is also in negotiations with Ben Wheeler and his band 'Touching Cloth' who have offered to play a three hour set on the night.

5) Finance and Grant:

Club Treasurer, Mr Rehnberg, reported that there was £98 Sterling in the Club's subs account and £0.00 in the Grant account. In brighter financial news Iain Wilson informed Club Officers that due to the 1st XV's success in reaching the second round of the EDF Energy Junior Vase the Club had been awarded £250. The Committee agreed they would donate this money to the Supporters Club.

6) UH Competition:

The date for the 1st XV UH Cup Final was confirmed by Mr D'Sylva as Wednesday 21st March. Dr Gibson added that all club members, past players and friends and family are welcome to attend the pre-match luncheon. Tickets cost £60 Sterling and cover; entrance to the ground, three course luncheon with wine and cheeses, a stand seat, match programme and tea after the match. Those interested in the event ought to contact Dr Gibson as soon as possible.

Club Captain Peter Gretton added that despite his best efforts in advising Kings College Students Union to avoid the 21st March, they have proceeded to schedule the Macadam cup on the same afternoon as the Cup Final. Mr Gretton stated he would maintain pressure on KCLSU to try and change this date, as the Macadam Cup often provided the 1st XV a good opportunity to put fifty points past the infidels from the Strand. Dr Gibson compared the Students Union to a large octopus sprawling over the Club's business, and in somewhat of a rebellious mood suggested that if the students union refused to change this date, that the 1st XV and perhaps the other medical school sides ought to boycott the event!

7) United Hospital's RFC Dinner:

Pete Gretton reported that he has received apologies from the organiser of the UH dinner, and a subsequent promise that the organiser is getting on top of the matter. The Hon Sec would like to add that it is with little surprise he minutes the incompetence of a Mary's man; as from the short time the author has spent at University, he is accustomed to members of the student body of that institution often failing in the things that they set their minds to, making particular reference to their rugby team.

8) Match Results:

	P	W	L	D
1 st XV	12	8	4	0
2 nd XV	13	2	11	0
3 rd XV	9	4	5	0
Penguins	6	1	5	0
Student 1 st XV	12	6	5	1
Student 2 nd XV	8	6	1	1

9) Next Meeting:

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 13th March at 6:00pm. Committee members are advised to arrive promptly to allow the 2nd XV to leave in good time for the traditional pre-UH Cup team bonding session at Cotto, Lambeth North.