

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



Minutes of Committee Meeting held in Rheumatology Dept.,
Guy's Hospital on Tuesday 9th January 2007

Presiding: Dr T Gibson

Present:

Iain Wilson
Rhys Davies
Pete Gretton
Robert Hone
Lucas Rehnberg
Rupert Entikamp
Stuart D'Sylva
Harry Gasper
David Manson-Bahr

1) Apologies for Absence:

Apologies were received from Alexandra Fonfe, Mark Halls and Ben Diggins.

2) Last Meeting's Minutes:

The Committee agreed that the minutes of the meeting were an accurate and precise account of the last meeting.

3) Finance and Grant:

Mr Rehnberg reported that there the very round sum of £0 was in the grant account, but there is around £500 remaining in the subs account. Mr Rehnberg stated that this would more than likely be spent on a coach for the student 2nd XV later on in the season. In addition, the treasurer said he will be completing the grant application form within the next few weeks, and as per usual will be asking for the full amount of funds available from the students union.

With regards, to such money matters, Dr Gibson added that he is continually on the look out for new sources of income for the Club and considering the increasing prices of match teas, league costs, referees and the present state of the Club house at HOP he will be writing to Kent and the lottery to see if they may be able to alleviate the Club's financial woes.

4) Kit:

Lucas Rehnberg reported that the long awaited training kit has finally arrived. Kit will be available only to those Club members who have paid their playing subs and attend training.

In response to the playing shirt crisis reported by many club members in the last meeting, Dr Gibson has kindly purchased a set of 20 playing shirts. The 1st XV will take these shirts and the remaining shirts will be circulated amongst the 2nd and 3rd teams where it was felt there would be enough good shirts left from three sets to make up two full sets. Again it was mentioned that players can still purchase their own shirts from the Rheumatology Department at very competitive prices.

5) United Hospital's RFC Dinner:

Pete Gretton informed the Committee that he has still heard no word of the UH Dinner. He will follow up this matter. Club officers will await with baited breath to hear the date of this dinner as it is often a highlight of the rugby year.

6) Christmas Dinner:

The Christmas dinner was reported to be a tremendous success. Anecdotes of the frolics and antics had that night were reverberating around the Club website for days after the event. The Club would like to thank social secretary Mr Forsythe and hope he can deliver an event of the same calibre in May.

7) Rugby Dinner:

The continually absent Social Secretary was again 'missing in action' from the Committee meeting, making any discussion about the ball fruitless. Dr Gibson again strongly urged Mr Forsythe not to rest his laurels and strongly urged him to attend future meetings in order to update the club as to his progress and ultimately avoid the financial penalty of a badly organised event.

8)Website:

Iain Wilson, the Club's dashing Honorary Secretary reported that over the Christmas vacation he had been in contact with Joel Newman the coordinator and founder of the Club's website. Mr Wilson said that with the help of Joel he intends to spruce up the website, through updating player profiles and adding photos to the profiles. Members of the Committee were subsequently delegated jobs to contribute to this updating of the website.

9)Gazette:

Dr Gibson announced with some disappointment that he had failed to see the Club mentioned in the most recent edition of the Gazette. It was said that people beyond the hospital are keen to hear of the Club's progress and the match reports in the Gazette are a useful way of achieving this. Dr Gibson also raised the point that it would be useful to contact the Editor of the Gazette to arrange some sort of advertising to increase awareness of the forthcoming UH Cup Final and Club Ball in May both of which have suffered with falling attendance in recent years.

10) Tour:

The Club's newly elected Tour Secretary Mr Davies reported to the Committee that is highly motivated to arrange a large Club tour as this has sadly been missing from the make up of the club in recent years. Mr Davies stated that he would plan the tour for the summer of 2008, as this date would coincide with the largest year group in the club qualifying and would avoid exams for students in years below.

Mr Davies stated he would be most keen to organise a tour to far off climbs though some club officers stated that although in theory it would be good to visit exotic places, but learning from previous tours it may in fact not be practical due to the cost of such tours and the heightening financial hardships which burden students these days. Dr Gibson added that a successful tour need not be in the southern hemisphere, in fact he remembered many successful tours to the States, Caribbean or even Sri Lanka.

Mr Davies will report back next meeting having taken on board this feedback.

11) Paul Scanlan Memorial and St Thomas' Hospital RFC Prize:

Our esteemed President, Dr Gibson, announced that applications are now welcome for the Paul Scanlan Memorial Bursary and the St Thomas' Hospital Rugby Football club Prize. The awards are open to male or female medical or dental students in their first clinical year. written applications must be submitted to Dr Gibson stating their contribution to the Club, their financial need and their academic record.

12) Match Results:

	P	W	L	D
1 st XV	12	7	5	0
2 nd XV	12	2	10	0
3 rd XV	9	4	5	0
Penguins	5	1 (won five 2nd ½'s)	5	0
Student 1 st XV	10	5	5	0
Student 2 nd XV	6	5	1	0

13) Next Meeting:

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 6th February, at the later time of 6:30pm in the Rheumatology Department, Guy's Hospital.