



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

**Committee Meeting held in Rheumatology Department, Guy's Hospital on
Tuesday 20th November 2007**

Presiding: Dr T Gibson

Present: Tom Goddard
Lucas Rehnberg
Marcus Pemberton
Rauri Hadlington
Marks Halls
Rhys Davies
Bruce Young
Mike Forsythe
Oliver Howlett
Tim Davis
Johnny Elias

1) Apologies for Absence

Pat Gush

2) Last Meeting's Minutes

The committee meeting warmly thanked Mr R Hadlington for stepping into the sizable void left by the absence of Mr Goddard and producing some first rate minutes.

3) Finances and Subscriptions

Mr L Rehnberg noted that unfortunately only 34 subs have been paid to date and expressed disappointment and regret as this poor show may once again be reflected in the grant that GHRFC is allocated by KCLSU. This happened last year and we were unfortunately given a rather paltry and meagre grant this time around. It was noted to the disgruntlement of the committee that young Mr Forsythe had thus far neglected to pay his subs and so he was duly reprimanded and left in abject misery. The committee will persist with its tough stance on non-payment of subs and will continue to monitor

the situation regularly.

There was further dismay and outrage when the committee discovered that Kings Rugby Club's grant was significantly larger than our own. A reason for this travesty has yet to be elucidated as it is immediately obvious that we are superior in every single respect.

4) GHRFC Constitution

A copy of the club rules and constitution were given to each member of the committee and will be reviewed after due digestion and amended where appropriate at the next meeting.

5) New Playing Kit

Mr R Hadlington reported back to the committee his progress that thus far he had been in email correspondence with both Kukri and Samurai. The new style of modern tightly fitted rugby kit seems to be desired by all but the more generously proportioned front row players, so a majority consensus was reached. Two different manufacturing options of sublimation or the cut and sew technique were considered and it was felt that the Kukri sublimation method would be the most durable and cost-effective. The Supporter's club generously decided to loan the necessary funds for the purchase of one set of 20 shirts. Mr R Hadlington and Mr L Rehnberg were instructed and charged with coordinating over this matter post haste.

6) Club Referees

Mr J Elias raised the issue that it is becoming increasingly difficult to organise referees from the LSRFUR due our lack of an affiliated club referee. There are places that do offer free refereeing courses from time to time and both Mr B Young and Mr O Howlett have kindly undertaken to qualify as junior referees at the next available opportunity and the supporters clubs has agreed to financially support this venture. It

was also decided to explore the possibility of changing to the Kent Society of Referees but further information is needed.

7) GHRFC Scholarship

It was remarked that the scholarship section of the Guy's website needs updating to include the necessary information on our new Maxine Hallworth Scholarship fund and Dr T Gibson kindly agreed to do this in the near future.

8) GHRFC Tour

Mr R Davies updated the committee on the current Barbados tour status and was pleased to report that enough people had paid the initial deposit to ensure its success. The final date of the start was confirmed as 14th June 2008 and the provisional cost is currently £885 each. It is hoped that sponsorship will greatly reduce this sum and it was announced that there is a hardship fund to assist with payments, for which applicants need to apply to Mr Davies in writing.

Dr T Gibson enlightened the committee on the tour plans of the Penguins team. They plan to lead a touring party to Italy at the end of May to renew a historical fixture against the Italian Army team. Further details are to follow.

9) GHRFC Christmas Dinner

Mr M Pemberton proudly announced his achievement of confirming the annual Christmas dinner with Belushi's as the chosen venue on Saturday 15th December. We can now begin to look forward with salivating trepidation to the forthcoming festive frolics.

10) Match Results

1st XV Results - P6 W3 L3

2nd XV Results - P7 W2 L5

3rd XV Results - P6 W4 L2

Penguin Results - P4 W2 L2

Student 1st XV - P6 W2 L4

Student 2nd XV - P5 W5 L0

11) Any Other Business

Dr T Gibson brought the committees attention to the lack of GHRFC coverage in the GKT Gazette and all of the captains present vowed to rectify this by supplying the Gazette editors and in fact our own website with regular match reports and club updates. Mr M Forsythe went a step further and volunteered to write to the Gazette highlighting the raw deal that we as a club get compared to King's Rugby Club in terms of funding and news coverage. We look forward to hearing Mr Forsythe's eloquent arguments in due course.

Mr T Goddard mentioned the appearance of an 1895 commemorative St Thomas' UH tankard on eBay and the subsequent loss of this item at auction due to a lack of personal funds. The committee expressed a desire to purchase the item if at all possible so the honorary secretary will contact the successful bidder and employ his considerable charm.

12) Date of Next Committee Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 15th January 2008 at 6pm in the Rheumatology Department, Guy's Hospital.