



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

**Committee Meeting held in Rheumatology Department, Guy's Hospital on  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2007**

Due to unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances the Honorary Secretary Mr Goddard was absent from the proceedings and so the minutes were recorded by Mr Hadlington

**1) Last Meeting's Minutes**

The committee, whilst disgruntled at the absence of the Honorary Secretary still found some praise for the spirited penmanship of Mr Goddard's last committee meetings minutes.

**2) Fixtures and Fixture Cards**

Johnny Elias pointed out fixture cards would soon be available and the committee meeting took time to heap praise upon Mr Elias' shoulder for taking the longest to produce the fixture cards in our club's long and illustrious history.

**3) RFU Player Registration**

Player registration forms are to be obtained from Iain Wilson.

**4) Fresher Recruitment**

The committee as a whole commented that the fresher recruitment has been good and that this bodes well for future success.

**5) Finances and Subscriptions**

Lucas Rehnberg told us 30 players had paid subs and said we need to chase up the sponsorship situation.

**6) Tour and Fundraising**

It was mentioned that if the tour was to go ahead, players needed to get £150 to Rhys Davies as soon as possible and once 24 people were confirmed they could secure the

deal. Dr. Gibson mentioned that it might be possible to get a loan from the supporters club if necessary.

**7) United Hospitals VII's Cup and United Hospital's RFC Dinner**

It was agreed that the UH7's went well and it was hard luck to lose in the final.

Marcus Pemberton explained the reasons behind there not being a dinner to follow and it was discussed whether a UH dinner should be held in the future.

**8) GHRFC Christmas Dinner**

Mr Pemberton also informed the committee that enquiries were being made with regard to the Christmas dinner on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December. Options other than Belushi's were discussed but it was generally agreed that this venue is most in keeping with the general hi-jinks and tomfoolery of the festive season.

**9) GHRFC Website Update**

The updated message board was discussed and approved of, with a special thanks to Mr Joel Newman for his continued time and effort. Pictures on player profiles were mentioned and whether profiles were now up to date. Dr. Gibson also queried the number of hits the website received.

**10) GHRFC Scholarship**

Dr. Gibson also informed the committee that the scholarship had been awarded to Naveen Pajanippane. The publicity of the scholarship was also discussed as details were only given out halfway through the fresher's fair and during the fresher trials. The office kindly delayed the deadline to allow players more time to fulfil the demands of application however some players found it difficult to obtain references in time. Naveen's ability to fulfil the criteria to receive the scholarship was questioned, as it seems he is unable to play on Saturdays.

**11) RFU League Restructure**

Mark Halls brought to the committee's attention a letter he had received from the RFU asking us whether we would like to increase the number of teams in our league from 10 to 12 thus increasing our league commitment from 18 games to 22. It was decided to vote against so as to maintain a sensible number of fixtures in a season.

**12) New Playing Kit**

The issue of new kit was brought up. The whereabouts of the new kit worn in last year's UH final was questioned but alas no answer found. It was decided that it was an option to look into finding a new kit manufacturer and investing in some more modern shirts. Rauri Hadlington was asked to gather quotes for kit in more modern

materials and some that were more in line with the constitution and to report back at the next meeting.

### **13) Team Results**

Thus far the 1<sup>st</sup> XV have won 2 of 3 league fixtures and lost their one cup game, the seconds have won 2 lost 2 and the thirds had played 3 lost 2. The Penguins have lost to Blackheath and London Welsh.

The student 1st XV noted a somewhat less successful start to the season with losses to Imperial and RUMS despite looking the better side on both occasions. The song sung by RUMS in the tunnel after the game was discussed and it was concluded they were bad eggs and the way to better them was simply not to lose to them in the future.

The student 2<sup>nd</sup> XV's impressive start to the season was noted, with many convincing victories.

### **14) Any Other Business**

It was agreed that at the next committee meeting we would look into rewording the constitution.

### **15) Date of Next Committee Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for the 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2007 at 18:00 hours in the Rheumatology Department of Guy's Hospital.