



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

**Committee Meeting held in Rheumatology Department, Guy's Hospital  
on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2007**

**Presiding:** Dr T Gibson

**Present:** Tom Goddard  
Lucas Rehnberg  
Marcus Pemberton  
Rauri Hadlington  
Marks Halls

**1) Apologies for Absence**

Rhys Davies  
Mike Forsythe  
Oliver Howlett  
Bruce Young  
Johnny Elias

**2) Last Meeting's Minutes**

The minutes of Guy's, King's College & St Thomas' Hospitals 163rd Annual General Meeting written by Iain Wilson were deemed to be a fair and accurate description of the meeting which bordered on eloquence on occasions.

**3) Fixtures and Fixture Cards**

Unfortunately the ill-fated Johnny Elias has been temporarily suspended from the college email system due to a clerical error and thus the fixture cards are not in the state of readiness that we had anticipated. Mr Elias has given the committee his word he will work unceasingly until the fixture cards are completed.

Club captain Mark Halls raised the possibility of a Varsity match fixture comprising Kings vs. UCL and Guys vs. RUMS. It was felt by the committee that this would not be in our best interest as this current season RUMS are in the 1<sup>st</sup> XV BUSA league and we are also scheduled to play them in the Semi-Final of the UH Cup. Committing to this competition would mean playing RUMS four times in one season, which was felt to be a tad excessive. It was, however, felt that if the Varsity fixture could be combined with another of the BUSA or UH fixtures then we would be happy to accept the silverware for the inevitable triumph.

#### **4) GHRFC Insurance and RFU Player Registration**

Dr Gibson assured the committee that the matters of insurance and Kent Rugby subscription had been taken care of automatically. However no information has been received regarding RFU player registration and the London Society of Referees bill. It is suspected that the information has been mistakenly delivered to the ex-Honorary Secretary Iain Wilson who is currently lounging on a beach sipping cocktails somewhere. The current Honorary Secretary has agreed to undertake the challenge of resolving this matter as soon as possible.

#### **5) Fresher Recruitment**

The importance of having a good fresher intake was once again highlighted at the committee meeting. The Freshers' Fair is in Boland House on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2007 and it has been decided that the committee members will take it turns to man the station and entice unsuspecting Freshers. Marcus Pemberton the Ball and Social Secretary was given responsibility for designing fliers to advertise the club and the Freshers' Trials which will take place on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2007 at Honour Oak Park. The possibility of organising a barbeque for the occasion was mooted but we will need to rely on the benevolence of Norman Crowder our esteemed Grounds Keeper.

#### **6) Finances and Subscriptions**

Lucas Rehnberg the Club Treasurer informed the committee that the grant from KCLSU will not come in until Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2007.

With regard to subscriptions the committee has decided to take a tough stance on the continual non-payment by some club members. Club funds are all important

with the run up to the Barbados tour so if a player hasn't paid subs then they are not insured to play and therefore will not be allowed to play.

On a lighter note it has been decided that Mr Rehnberg will put in an order for some more club stash from Kukri for the new intake of players and any old players who foolishly missed out last season.

#### **7) Tour and Fundraising**

After two years in the wilderness without any tours Rhys Davies has finally come up trumps, and what a spectacle he has organised (more information on the tour is provided on the GHRFC website). Barbados 2008 promises to be a jolly good time but there's a long hard road ahead. Fundraising is key issue that needs to be tackled early in order to reduce the overall costs by as much as possible. Lots of ideas and interest have been generated and will be discussed in further detail at the next committee meeting when Mr Davies returns from "pestering" his way around the world.

The idea of organising a Freshers' Tour for a weekend full of hi-jinks was proposed. One going to Newcastle planned by Club Captain Mark Halls and the other to Bath by Honorary Secretary Tom Goddard. A free weekend in the fixture calendar needs to be identified and for that we need the input of our missing fixture secretary. Hopefully some progress can be made and Guy's players can once again spread our own particular brand of merriment throughout the nation.

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

At the United Hospital's AGM it was agreed that this year GHRFC would host the annual UH VII's tournament at Honour Oak Park Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2007. It was also agreed that we would host the annual dinner. In the past this dinner has had its fair share of difficulties which has included financial problems, lack of attendance and substantial damage to the venues. With this in mind the idea of a simple Barbeque was proposed to take place at Honour Oak Park after the competition. The plan further blossomed upon the discovery that the Rugby World Cup Quarter Finals are due to be played on the same day. Hence the committee has decided to move swiftly into action to organise a large screen to watch the internationals and a themed BBQ party with music for the evening.

Marcus Pemberton has been called upon to deliver the necessary organisational skills and we eagerly await what hopefully may prove to be a useful fundraiser for Barbados Tour 2008.

**9) GHRFC Christmas Dinner**

The date of this years Rugby Christmas dinner has been decided on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2007. Marcus Pemberton, the Ball and Social Secretary, has agreed to undertake the burden. He will aim to find a new venue for us but it was decided that Belushi's should be kept as a back up as they have always had a slightly more laid back approach to some of the more boisterous antics.

**10) GHRFC Website Update**

The Committee's attention was drawn to the Club's website which is in need of some tender love and care. Specifically the President's Welcome, the Vice-Presidents and Honours Board, the Obituaries and the player profile sections need updating. The Honorary Secretary eagerly accepted the role of updating the website post haste.

**11) Any Other Business**

Dr Gibson had great pleasure in announcing that the long awaited scholarship is now officially up and running. The fund has been named the Maxine Hallworth Scholarship after Dr Gibson's daughter. It has been offered to all incoming medical or dental students who excel in rugby while exhibiting leadership, ability and commitment. A scholarship of £1000 will be given on an annual basis to an exceptional student-athlete. This scholarship will be open to male or female students who have excelled academically, and who are committed to contributing widely and enthusiastically to GKT Rugby Club. The committee, on behalf of the entire club would like to thank the hard work that Dr Gibson has put into seeing this dream become a reality. We can only hope that with all of our continued support it will be a fantastic success.

**12) Date of Next Committee Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2007 at 6pm in the Rheumatology Department, Guy's Hospital.