



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

**Committee Meeting held in Renal Admin Dept, Guys Hospital on Monday 16th
March 2008, 6.00pm.**

Presiding: Mr G Koffman

Present: Johnny Elias, Charlotte Ashton,
Oliver Howlett, Harry Gasper,
Mike Forsythe, Marcus Pemberton,
Dr Terry Gibson, Thomas Goddard,
Charles West.

1) Apologies for Absence

Rhys Davies,	Frazer Barnes,
Oli Laird,	John Kendall,
Pat Gush,	Steve Beckett,
	Rauri Haddlington,

2) Last Meeting's Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting despite being rather anorexic, were gratefully received. The Secretary is extremely grateful for the cover provided whilst he is in Margate. The minutes from last meeting will be published after some editing.

Matters Arising:

Beccehemians

In order to thank Beccs for their generous hospitality during this season it was proposed that we should get a plaque or a shirt to present to the club. All agreed this was an excellent suggestion.

Wealth

We are in the rather pleasing position of having wealth to spend before the end of the season. Uses for this wealth were discussed and will be documented later in the minutes (see kit for next year)

HOP

HOP will be up and running next year, albeit with portacabins instead of a clubhouse. We need to look into arrangements for match teas and decide what we are to do for the next season in terms of providing food. I.e. whether we will have the facilities to cook them or look at a local option such as fish and chips.

UH Training

Has been progressing well with good attendance and good coaching. General murmurs of optimism were in abundance at the mention of UH, many committee members feeling that our 'tasty' backline could do a job on those Mary's boys. There was unanimous appreciation for the talent of a certain Duncan Steele.

3) Treasurers Report

The treasurer first apologised for his lateness sighting inability to enter the renal department as his excuse. Regarding monetary matters it was generally observed that GHRFC despite years of financial turmoil have managed to buck the worldwide trend and now have surplus wealth, which indeed must be spent, this shall be spent on the 'funbus' to Richmond, some lovely new stash and some kit (see kit allocation for next year for more details).

Invoices for the attention of the chairman of the supporters club were passed to the latter. There was much puzzlement as to the nature of these invoices as we seem to be sending Kent Met Rugby an endless number of cheques. Further egg was applied to face when the first invoice was found to be dated Nov 19th and the recipient of the second cheque was unknown to the treasurer. After much deliberation it was agreed that the cheque was to be written to Steve Beckett in payment for a coach ordered some time ago.

4) Ball

A seemingly endless issue, although the Ball Sec. was not in attendance, we were still able to discuss the student representation at this event. Although it is now believed that we have 4 tables of students, there are still many people who are not currently on the guest list. We have until the end of March to get people on this list and this must be achieved by 'manning up' and reaching into pockets and by gentle pressure. Special attention must be paid towards encouraging the younger members of the club to attend what promises to be a splendid event.

R.E. Scanlan cup and past v present. This will take place the day of the ball at The Griffin. The ground has been confirmed as has a ref for the second game, however it is quite likely that London Society will not be able to provide an official for the first game due to kick off at 11.30. Options include asking Men Donka if he can do it, or making up the rules as we go along.

5) Kit

The state of affairs is thus;

- The first team kit is in tatters after just one season, mainly due to inappropriate sizing of shirts. A new set of shirts is therefore a must, this should come from a higher quality range than the last.
- We have a sponsor willing to give us more dollars (Gabriel) and also an allocation for kit from KCLSU, the latter requiring us to purchase it via Samurai and have the KCL logo on
- We would prefer to use the traditional style logo and the shirts to be used by the Saturday sides but concede that we don't mind using the KCL style shirts for a sevens kit and a spare kit for Wednesday use.

- The decision was taken to provide the 1st XV with a set of new shirts, to be paid for by our sponsor. A quote should be obtained and given to Geoff so that he can arrange payment. The old kit will be given to the third XV for the coming season.
- Further to this a set of the KCL Samurai shirts is to be ordered as a spare kit.
- Finally it should not be forgotten that we still have tracksuits for sale and should endeavour to buy new stash, furthermore the new hoodies and t-shirts are available to those who wish them. These will be subsidised in part from the grant account.
- And on a parting note the pikey's who have piked shorts and socks from the kit bag are to be found and asked to return these.

6) Fixtures and Results

Results so far:

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Diff	Pts	League Position
1 st Team	16	14	0	2	758	207	551	26	2nd
2 nd Team	15	2	0	10	220	425	-225	26	7th
3 rd Team	1	0	0	1	7	15	-8	n/a	n/a
Student 1's	12	7	0	5	237	204	33	21	2nd
Student 2's	12	2	0	10	196	420	-224	9	6th

The excellent run of results for the 1st XV continues with the side undefeated since the Lent term began. Recent performances of note include the excellent 5 try display against RUMS to ensure our place in the UH final once again and the retribution defeat of HSBC by 48 points to 12. It was pointed out that the rugby on show by the 1st XV is excellent, and teams we have played against are only

able to compete by playing ball up the jumper tactics. It should be noted that the team have a point's difference currently of 551 with 2 matches still to play.

The 2nd XV have been on the receiving end of some good fortune of late. A win over Charlton Park and a walkover from Dartfordians, who turned up at HOP, rather surprised to find it resembles a scene from an early 20th century war. Also 4 losing bonus points have helped the 2nd XV secure their place in mid-table obscurity with the mouth-watering prospect of a floodlit game at Blackheath to come.

The mighty 3's roll on again! In preparation for UH the 3's have been resurrected by the sterling work of Oliver Howlett. A recent friendly against Old Whitgiftian Wanderers was a close run affair which ended in defeat for Guys by 9 points. However the defence on show was pleasing to watch and bodes well for the coming final on Saturday. Wise words imparted by Dr Gibson recommended that we try and keep the 3rd team going as long as we can.

The student first team finished a chaotic season, where several matches were rearranged due to snow or cancelled at the last minute due to angry Chelsea Groundsmen! They finished second in their league and qualified for the cup where the dream was shattered by a well drilled UWIC team.

The second team's season of woe continues, however a large win against Southbank has lifted them from the drudges of the bottom of the table and a reasonable result against KCL should ensure they stay in their current league.

Finally but no means least, the girls have enjoyed a hugely successful season reaching the final of the BUSA cup, to be played against Portsmouth on the 25th March. Due to the clash with Macadam cup it was agreed by KCLSU that as the girls have defeated KCL twice this season in the league, these results will count as the first points of Macadam cup to GKT. In the ULU leagues the girls currently lie second. Well done all round.

UH preparations have already been mentioned, but Captain Johnny Elias was pleased to report again that the squad of 24 has been selected and all the plans are in place for the coming weekend. And air of optimism for all teams hangs around the club and we look forward to the weekend with nervous excitement.

The order of play for Sunday will be 11am Plate and Bowl finals, 1pm Lunch, 3pm Cup final. This will not be played at Old Deer Park, London welsh expressed their regret at this, instead it is to be played round the corner at Richmond RFC. The churn needs to be secured with fresher's Alex Smith and Deadre nominated to carry it. The 'funbus' is also booked and we need to make sure that our famous support is not in absentia. On a separate note Richmond RFC previously have banned UH due to unsavoury behaviour of a kind too dark to mention on these minutes. Therefore it was asked if people could kindly observe a measured approach to support.

Unfortunately on a rather sour note the age old problem of commitment was raised. It has been a problem all season, particularly with players who are between 1st XV and 2nd XV not wishing to play for the 2nd XV when not required by the 1st XV. This is an important issue and will be raised at the AGM on the 24th April. However special mention was paid to the current alumni who have been excellent in their performances this year, returning to play for the club whenever possible. We are very grateful for this and hope it can be an example to all of us.

7) Honours and Officers

As always two players will be presented with a tankard at the end of this season. One for best newcomer and the other for best player; these are to be decided by Steve, Geoff and Johnny and presented to the winners at the ball. We must ensure that the recipients are intent on attending the ball!

Blues awards are to be presented at the AGM as per tradition. The awards will be given to those suggested who fulfil a criteria laid down in history. Candidates for blues awards were suggested by the committee, with stated reasons why they are suitable. The final decision to be decided by a small committee made up of

Chairman, Coach, Club Captain and Hon Sec at a later date. Suitable candidates for officers were also suggested. These and the candidates for blues shall be kept secret from the minutes for obvious reasons

8) AOB

Arrangements for the tour to the Costa Brava are in place, with initial estimates looking at £200.00 for flights and accommodation.

Once again our thanks to the current alumni for their efforts throughout this season

Guys for the cup!

9) Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will take place on Monday April 20th at 6.30pm in the Renal Admin Dept, Borough Wing, Guys Hospital.

The AGM of the club is to be held in the Harris Lecture Theatre at 6.30pm on Friday April 24th