



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

Committee Meeting
Renal Admin Dept, Guy's Hospital
Tuesday 1st September 2009, 6.00pm
MINUTES

Presiding:

Mr Geoff Koffman

Present:

Mr. Duncan Steele
Mr. Marcus Pemberton
Mr. Toby Welch
Mr. Sean Rayappu

1.) Apologies

Mr. Alex Smith
Mr. Fergus Devenport
Mr. Alex Underwood
Mr. Harry Gasper
Mr. Charles West
Mr. Jonny Elias

To Mr. Koffman for late arrival of, er, everyone. Poor show, especially given that our President left someone on the operating table to arrive on time. Let it be noted that we are hopeless bastards and all apologise profusely...

2.) Minutes dated 01/06/09

Minutes were approved.

3.) Matters Arising

Freshers' Trials

Freshers' Trials confirmed for Wednesday 30th September at The Griffin, alongside other medic sports teams. There will be a MedSoc toga party at Belushi's afterwards, God help us.

Fixtures

It was noted that Mr. Underwood should arrange to meet up with the HOP Ground Manager, Mr. John Baigan, as soon as is physically possible to confirm the protocol for our home games. Mr. Baigan needs to be supported by all at GHRFC to ensure we are able to use HOP properly and benefit from the new facilities.

Bromley and Beccehamians

GHRFC shields are now in possession of Mr. Koffman who will deliver them personally to our generous hosts from last season.

4.) Kit Update

Due to Canterbury going out of business, delivery of new kit has been delayed somewhat. The new kit should, however, be available to us before the end of the month. In the meantime, it was agreed that the current kit will suffice.

5.) HOP status

Mr. Koffman suggested that we should try to use all that HOP has to offer (i.e. kitchen, “bar” etc.) to see if will withstand the rigours of Guy's rugby players. If it leaves a little something to be desired, a local hostelry will be sought out to host post match convivialities.

6.) Players

The current player database will be circulated amongst ex captains by yours truly for comments and additions. It was also noted that Richmond seem to after some of our better players. Do not despair as, astonishingly, your Hon. Sec. has received no such phone call.

It was also noted that “The Stoat” has been sniffing around for a start for Guy's, and our President and Mr. Steele are to contact him to ensure he is in gold and blue for at least some of the coming season.

Genuine regret was expressed as Mr. Rauri Hadlington has hurt himself rather badly. I apologise for not being able to provide a more detailed medical report – although I was able to deduce from the

pained expressions and long words of my fellow committee members that he has “done himself a nasty”... Best wishes to him for a speedy recovery and we all hope to see him squeezed back into a pair of GHRFC shorts soon.

8.) Fixture Cards

As Mr. Underwood was noted only by his absence, the assembled were slightly in the dark regarding fixture cards. All agreed that there is no reason why they shouldn't arrive with the Fixtures Sec. on his return to London.

9.) Freshers' Fair

Freshers' Fair stands have been confirmed and as many club men as possible should make themselves available to club and captain for the day. Mr. Steele will contact all Freshers who sign up to the club personally to ensure a good showing at the trials where Coachy Steve will “scout for talent” and “chat them up”...

The committee are keen to stress that Freshers should be made as welcome as is humanly possible from the very early stages in order to encourage sustained commitment from the new boys. It was also suggested that the exact time and venue of the trials should be hidden from a certain Dr. Wilson for fear of bugging this plan up...

10.) AOB

Club Day

Mr Rayappu has organised a 3rd XV fixture (away) on 21st November. It was suggested that this should be a club day with BBQ, Jedi rugby with an early kick off so we can watch the international as a club. It was agreed that this is a top plan and Mr. Rayappu will update us on the organisation of this day next meeting...

Some bad news...

Mr. Pemberton, Club Stalwart, UH Cup Winning Skipper, Infamous Tourist, and card holding member of Piss Artists Notorious has sadly been asked to leave University by the paper pushers at K**g's.

Due to circumstance beyond his control, Mr. Pemberton was unable to pass one rather minor module in his first year, and despite sterling results (well, passing at least) in all other areas, he is still out on his arse. Unbelievable. He has appealed, but “being ginger” did not help as much as he at first hoped.

For those worried about Mr. Pemberton's future, do not despair – The Army are getting the hands on our 2nd XV Skipper this coming January. Our loss is their gain, but it leaves us in the awkward position of being rudderless in the 2nd XV in the New Year. Mr. Pemberton will suggest possible replacements next meeting.

Let it be noted here that the club wishes him the very best at Sandhurst and all are very grateful for him continuing in his role until January. Marcus's love and commitment to Rugby, Guy's and The

Lash, will be missed hugely. Good luck and God Speed.

11.) Next Meeting

Next meeting will be held in the Renal Dept. at Guy's on Thursday 24th September at 6.00pm.
Tardiness is not an option...