



**Minutes of Rugby Supporters' Group General Meeting
Held in the Library, Monday 30 January 2012 @ 6.30pm**

Attendees: Paul King, Claire Jackson, Tim Hughes, Kieran Moffat, Noel Paterson, Kimberley Reed, Steph Fisquet, Judy Watts, Gary Willmot, Trish Seccombe, Lindsay Seccombe, Gail Tanner

1. Open Meeting and Welcome

Meeting opened at 6.42pm. Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

2. Apologies: Gary Hall, Dan Cook, Sheena Treston, Kerry Ryan, Laura Kenny

3. Review of Previous Minutes (14 November 2011)

- a) Home Game Day Co-Ordinator: RSG are still looking for someone to fill this position. Paul King will take on the role until someone can be found. Include this position in the first newsletter and in upcoming Link reports. Action: JW
- b) Paul K has been in touch with Dan Cook who confirmed that he will be able to coach the Year 6 rugby and will be available to assist with the Welcome to New Families function.
- c) BGS Carnival – Tim H advised that this carnival has been cancelled due to GPS moving their Rugby Season to Term 3. This will mean a review of our calendar of events with regard to the lead up trial games and coaching clinics prior to the TAS season commencing. It may be difficult to secure trial games on the original BGS dates as this is still during school holidays. The Matthew Flinders Carnival is available at the beginning of April, however this is only for limited teams tbc? U15's and opens. Tim H will research.
- d) Tim H will re-work the Calendar to try to secure support for the coaching clinic and as many trial games as possible, 6-7 trial games for the upper year levels and 3-4 for the junior teams. St Patrick's are still keen to have a trial game on Wednesday 21 March. The Barbarians (Old Boys) game should be planned as soon as possible to allow plenty of notice to the old boys.

- e) Kieran M may still look at a training session with the Opens on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 April, with a camp sleepover planned for the Saturday night.
- f) Tim H confirmed that the home game on Saturday 21 April is a trial game.
- g) Welcome to New Parents Function (10 February) – RSG currently have 10-12 helpers. The school is hoping for an attendance of approximately 100-200. Kimberley R confirmed that she has catering organised.
- h) Kieran M asked if it was possible to have a Game Day Flyer for home games which would including all the timings of the games on the day, with listings of the players names. Tim H advised that we should have the Team lists early in the season. JW to progress.
- i) Photos – Judy W to check with school for copies of photos to include in handbook
- j) Year 9 – If two teams were possible, they would be have a Blue and a Red division team rather than the ideal of 2 teams in the blue, so both team played at the same location; a minimum of 18 players in each team would be needed for this to occur. Colin Macintosh (yr 9 coach) has been in encouraging boys who opted out in 2011 to play this season, including some form the year below. Lindsay S mentioned that Club registrations for juniors have increased which should relate to the numbers playing school rugby. Tim H will discuss the option of two Blue Division teams at the next TAS meeting.

Minutes Moved: Claire Jackson

Seconded: Trish Secommbe

4. **Business Arising from Previous Minutes** (as above)

5. **Correspondence.**

Judy W tabled thank you letters from Nick Whyte and Mathew Engelbrecht (Year 7 and 5 RSG award winners at Celebration of Achievement 2011).

6. **Head of Rugby Report** – Tim H announced that Kieran Moffat has been appointed as Head of Rugby for SPS. This is an extension of Kieran's role as 1st XV Coach. Kieran will be working closely with the other coaches, providing them with feedback, coaching templates and other resources. Kieran will also be very involved in game day commitments. Tim H will still be working on the logistics and administration for SPS Rugby. Kieran is still working full time

for the Reds so liaison with Kieran should be via email as first preference.

a) **Coaches**

All external coaching arrangements are to be co-ordinated by Kieran.

Tim H confirmed the school's preference for 2012 coaches is to utilise staff and past students (eg Elliot Jackson, Jono Skippen, Alex Skippen, Damien Vesely and Reyne Warren). Tim H to email a list of all coaches to Judy.

Gary Hall will liaise with Kieran M for coach co-ordination. Paul K to ask Gary if he would be interested in taking on the role of Home Game Co-Ordinator.

The Coaches Meeting will go ahead on Saturday, 11 February.

Kieran would like to continue the tradition started last year with a Breast Cancer awareness day where the 1st XV wore pink shorts for their home game. It was discussed that the concept could be expanded to all teams and other sports playing; the home game on 9 June was suggested and pink socks was discussed as simple/inexpensive. RSG could encourage as many parents and supporters to wear pink as well.

Kieran confirmed the tradition of the 1st XV arriving at games in full formal uniform and watching other games of rugby to support their younger counterparts will be continued.

- b) **Sign-On.** Judy W to have the draft sign-on form to Tim H by the end of the week. Claire J asked if Year 7's could be included in this sign-on process as they are often overlooked being in MS but play JTAS sport. It was agreed that Year 7's would sign-on on Friday, 10 February with the older year levels.

Volunteers are needed to assist on this day. Iceblocks to be purchased to hand out to the boys once they have signed up. Judy W to buy iceblocks.

- c) **Training.** Pre-Season training will commence next Wednesday, 8 February at 6.45am to 8am. Kieran M will

email Judy W with more details of future training times. In approximately 3 weeks, training will increase to twice per week. All sessions will be held in the morning.

d) **Pre-Season Trial Games** – already covered.

7. **Head of Year 4-7 Rugby Report.**

Tim H advised that Laura Kenny will no longer take on the role of JS Co-Ordinator. She will still be involved from a Team Manager's role. Tim H will try to find someone to fill this position. It was agreed that communication with the Junior School is essential. Tim H is keen to see the older students take an active role in the JS to promote Rugby. The Senior boys be an inspiration for the younger students. Claire J asked if it was possible if one or more of the senior boys could promote Rugby to the Year 7's. Claire J also suggested these older students attend the JS Assemblies to promote the sport. Gail T suggested using the Year 11 boys so there is continuity over a two-year period. It was thought that this would inspire the younger players to come to watch the older boys play.

8. **Treasurer's Report and Budget.**

Gary W presented the Budget for 2012. Copy attached.

Paul K to contact JSSG for a \$500.00 donation towards rugby training in the JS. Before approaching JSSG, RSG must decide exactly what these funds will be contributed towards (suggestion was the Rookies to Reds program).

The outside coach for JS was discussed. It was agreed that if an outside coach is appointed again, a job description must be written for that person. Tim H will look into an old boy's external coach for JS.

It was confirmed that RSG have applied for a BBQ at Bunnings during 2012; no date as yet

Paul K to ask Michael Skinner if there are any opportunities for RSG to work the BBQ at a 2012 Touch Tournament at the school. Paul K also to ask Michael S if there is going to be an election Booth at the school for the election on 24 March and if so, can RSG take the position.

Kimberley R asked who would be responsible for the banking after Home games. Trish S agreed to look after this and will be in

contact with Kimberley to make arrangements.

Treasurer's Report Moved: Trish Seccombe
Seconded: Gary Willmot

9. **Canteen Report**

Kimberley reported that arrangements were in place for the Welcome to New Families function on 10 February. Paul K to forward email from Aasta with suggested catering numbers.

10. **Events / Activities**

Welcome to New Families Function

Tim H to look into a board ? in, the PE Centre which the ball can be thrown through. Paul K to arrange some of the older rugby boys to attend to help with the game and talk to any of the new boys interested in rugby. Any boys who attend should wear their new rugby training shirts.

The remaining rugby training shirts should be available for sale.

Steph F will check with SPS if she is able to have the yr 9 tour sunscreen to sell at our stand.

Parent Team Co-Ordinators

Claire J will email Judy the current list of PTC's. Any outstanding year levels should be advertised in the RSG Newsletter, mindful positions couldn't be determined until teams are selected.

Newsletter

Judy to have Newsletter finished by 10 February. Include a section welcoming Kieran Moffat as Head of Rugby.

Handbook

Judy to have Version 1 of the Handbook available for 10 Feb. Ask Kieran M for ideas for Rugby Motto.

April Rugby Camp

The details are being revised but current arrangements may include a 1-4pm session flowed by friendly games v SAC for yr ? 5-10. Tim to see if SAC have open teams.

BGS Carnival

As discussed previously, this event has been cancelled.

Year 9 Rugby Tour

Steph F has sent out a newsletter to the parents. 27 boys have now signed up. The kit is being organised at the moment and the boys have voted on a shirt design. Parents will also be given the opportunity to order a shirt. Steph F will speak with Aasta to see if it is possible to sell the sunscreen at the Welcome to New Families function. There have been a few offers for sponsorship. Funds will also be raised by manning a water station, which has been booked at the Doomben Half Marathon. Steph has sent out a budget to all the families to keep them informed. Games are still being worked on.

Tim H thanked the parents for organizing this tour, which is generating great Rugby support. It was agreed that every tourer should receive equal opportunity for game time.

2013 Rugby Tour Update

Judy advised that 25 expressions of interest have been received.. It was agreed that we would wait until second term to arrange a meeting where a deposit will be required. Judy and Claire to contact Tour Company to get arrangements started. Games were discussed – it would be ideal to have 4 games and 1 training session while on tour.

Rugby Dinner Update

Claire J advised that the date had to be moved to Saturday, 11 August at the Kedron Wavell RSL to avoid clashes with the Super Rugby final.

Golf Day

Cancelled.

11. **General Business**

Performance and Training Shirts

Paul K to establish what is the minimum order for these shirts.

It was moved that RSG provide a \$15 subsidy per shirt, to a maximum of 100 shirts, with the selling price increased to \$35.00. All would need to be pre-ordered in time for arrival before the 1st game.

Moved: Claire J
 Seconded: Noel Paterson

Raffles at the Canteen

Kimberley R asked if it is possible to have a raffle run in the Canteen during home games. It was agreed that the item Kimberley has to raffle would be given to the Rugby Dinner Committee to use in the multi-prize draw on the night.

Gail Tanner advised that she is able to get good pricing through Anaconda if we ever need it.

External Coaching Clinics

Lindsay S inquired about external coaching clinics for the students. Paul K asked Lindsay to provide more details. It was suggested that 12 April may be an ideal date for an external coaching clinic.

12. **Close of Meeting:** The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Next meeting 6.30pm on Monday 20 February 2012
 Venue: School Library

Action by:		
Judy Watts	Advertise Home Game Day Co-Ordinator in Newsletter and Link reports	
	Work on Draft Game Day Flyer per Kieran M	
	Find past rugby photos	
	To complete Sign-On Form for 10 Feb	
	Buy iceblocks for Sign-On	
	Complete Newsletter ready for 10 Feb	
	Have Version 1 of Handbook ready by 10 Feb	
Tim Hughes	Pre-Season Trial Games	

	Revised Calendar	
	Discuss 2 nd team for Year 9 TAS at next TAS meeting	
	To email Judy a list of all coaches who have been appointed	
	JS Contact for Rugby	
	Possible SPS Past Student for JS Coach	
Paul King	Contact JSSG for donation	
	Contact Michael Skinner re BBQ opportunities	
	To forward email from Aasta to Kimberley	
	To establish minimum order quantity for training shirts	
Trish Secommbe	To contact Kimberley re collection of money on home games	
Steph Fisquet	To contact Aasta re selling sunscreen at Welcome to New Families Function	
Lindsay Seccombe	To forward details regarding external coaching clinics	