



St Paul's School Rugby Supporters' Group General Meeting – Minutes

Monday, 4 November 2013

1. Attendance – David Balwin, Chris Bird, Gabrielle Douglas, Stuart Douglas, Steph Fisquet, Scott Forester, Tim Hughes, Keith Hutton, Michelle Hutton, Claire Jackson, Paul King, Jamie Kugelman, Colin McIntosh, Kimberley Reed, Philip Roxburgh, Lindsay Seccombe, David Sheppard, Judy Watts, Chrissie Whyte, Scott Whyte, Cheryl Williams.
Apologies - Gary Hall, Rowena Harle, Jean Jacquet, Shane Morgan, Noel Paterson and Gail Tanner.
2. Action from September Minutes
 - a) TAS Changes: No confirmation about finals. Confirmed that there will be 9 teams in the main competition and 4 teams in the associated division – extra teams can be added per sport into the associated draw. In the associated draw the venue will be rotated – 8 games. All second/B teams (open) will be in main TAS draw NOT the associated draw. Consensus is RSG supports no midweek games, no holiday Saturday games and no finals if they cannot fit into the normal time frame.
 - b) UQ Christmas Program = Dec 3 week program
Action: Cheryl Williams to send out a further email.
 - c) Car Stickers – \$1.90 cost – sale price \$5.00. Proposal agreed to by Julie Hillier
Action: Philip Roxburgh to do artwork – Judy will send Kimberley the style guide. Philip and Kimberley to process.
 - d) Pre-Season Contact – There was a misunderstanding and it has been confirmed there is no problem with training involving contact during pre-season and no implication for selection of any other sport.
 - e) Sponsorship – Trying to get support in the broader community for different level.
Action: Claire to action with aim to canvass for a variety of different level sponsors from \$100 - \$1000 for different exposure of the companies logos . Paul King to provide copy of previous RSG sponsorship letter.
 - f) Toowoomba Prep date shift on hold – tbc
Action: Tim to follow up.
3. Correspondence
 - a. Outwards Reds Thank you letter.
4. 2014 First XV Coach Report
Training started with opens – 18 – 20 players for both sessions and 22 on taster day. Scott is happy, particularly with attitude and commitment. Hoping to build a playing group opens – rather than first and second team – later on in season to focus on teams.
5. Head of Rugby Report
Review of Taster Day
 - a. Change name as students didn't realize it was for everyone irrespective of experience.
 - b. Club coaches enjoyed the day & have asked if they can coach at school as they are keen to build relationship with SPS. They will send information about their open days which will be distributed as to develop as rugby players with SPS short season cooperation with clubs is vital.
 - c. Cricketers haven't yet joined pre-season.
 - d. Still finalizing a number of coaches.

- e. Kit orders for 2014 season to be finalized Tuesday 5 Nov. 1sts, 2nds, year 10 and 9 will be ordered new style playing shirts; this leaves Year 8 without new kit mindful RSG purchased year 7 kit for 2013 season.
 - f. Coaches training details still to be confirmed.
 - g. Currently 3 friendlies planned (Sienna College, SAC and Albany Creek Club). Looking for another friendly and to extend all fixtures to as many groups as possible. An option of St Lawrence 1st team friendly being investigated but a repeat of the 2013 issues was not desired; tough games are to be encouraged but not if completely unmatched. Matthew Flinders Easter Carnival will also happen with plan if possible to send 2 open teams; awaiting their response. While the general tournament is only for opens a request for expansion to younger grades has been submitted to MFAC. A fixture v Scott's College Warwick (high level rugby school) on the bye weekend will be explored with the possibility of a "whole of Rugby " bus trip to Warwick.
 - h. Focus on goals for rugby season: Mateship, tradition and belief in themselves.
6. Training Shirts
- Each players will be provided with a green training shirt; design is similar to 2013 (ST PAUL'S RUGBY on the back) with a ball if possible. A puma was explored but the cost was prohibitive. All students who have signed up by the Easter camp will get a free shirt. The same local company from Lawnton will be used. Approx cost \$10 per shirt. How to manage the shirt for those who fail to sign up before the Easter camp tbc.
7. Rugby Kits for Fiji
- Mr Kernovske coaches Year 5 and will coach Year 6 has an interest in community projects and would like old rugby gear to go to Fiji. Paul Browning to be asked for support of the project. If endorsed RSG agreed to donate 2 of the old kits (once new arrived) & perhaps defunct rugby gear in the retail shop.
- Action:** Colin to find space where to store things. Claire to explore with retail shop/Association.
8. 2014 Calendar
- o RSG meeting dates ; liaised with Netball SG and Assoc to minimise date clashes –
 - 10 Feb
 - 3 Mar
 - 31 Mar
 - 28 April
 - 26 May
 - 23 June
 - 28 July
 - o First home game 17 May planned for Gala Day
 - o Next home game 31 May (WMAC) planned for Pink Day. 100 pink caps have been secured and will be sold on Flexischools. 100 pairs of pink socks on hold with Canterbury. Pink balloons are being investigated. The option of shirts was raised.

Action: Paul King wants polo shirts – will get a quote from Judy/CCC.
 - o Welcome to St Paul's Friday 7 Feb 5.30pm – 7.30pm; volunteers will be needed.
 - o Rugby Dinner – Bledisloe cup date not confirmed by ARU currently but advertised as weekend 16/17 Aug. Sat 9 Aug not available at Eaton's Hill. Another suitable venue difficult to secure. As weekend 2 Aug SPS has a bye after discussions agreed to request a hold on Friday 1st and Sat 16th with EHT.
 - o Rookie to Reds program; Little Legends and Small Champions investigated but as QRU could not supply the older group in term 1 it was decided not to offer the older program but in Term 1 arrange Year 12 and 11 boys to run ball and rugby skills with this group. Little Legends for 5-7 year olds would run from 22nd April for 5 weeks program on a user pays basis.
 - o Gabrielle requested SPS teams being encouraged to join a summer 7s competition for 2014 – **Action:** Cheryl to get info from Kim Shuck for next meeting.
9. Tours
- a) 2014 Year 9 Tour – brief meeting to be held after this meeting with information being brought to next RSG meeting.
 - b) 2015 Opens Tour – approval from school for 2015 opens tour which would be available to the current yr 9 & 10, both groups who had experienced Year 9 tours. A few ideas have been circulated but a minimum of 25 kids would be needed at the expression of

interest stage mindful students drop out for a variety of reasons. Timing is a challenge with the training necessary to get a team trained to be safe to tour pre-season potentially impacting on other term 1 sports.

Action: Gabby and Steph to follow.

10. Treasurer's Report

Paid for pink caps and added Assoc extra money. Year 9 gave idea of the cost of coffee table book. It was confirmed the excess money from the 2013 Year 9 tour will be allocated to the 2015 Open tour. If that tour does not go ahead the money will be returned to general RSG funds. Moved Steph Fisquet. Seconded Claire Jackson; agreed by all present.

11. Association Meeting Report

RSG has received \$2290 from the sale of the FOC 1st XV kit, which allows the purchase of 3 kits. Holt Bolt competition will be run on school grounds every second month starting Nov 30 and has offered to the school options to run the car park (\$5 per car all funds to SG) & kiosk. For Nov 30 SwSG will run the kiosk & MSG the carpark. There will be no Holt Bolt on home game Saturdays. RSG keen to secure a canteen during term 2 if possible. NSG keen on parking in March.

12. General Business

- 2014 Touch judge course; undecided whether to run.
Action: Colin to get dates from Michael Pendergast for AC touch judges' courses.
- Cameras for analysis of games – Tim to confirm if acceptable then RSG will investigate costs.
- Members of 1st team – will not be decided until a few weeks before the season; no player has been assured of their position.
- Rugby captain - Colin will request expressions of interests from players; coach will decide.
- Assoc granted \$2000 for new fridge/freezers.
- Position on weight based training- currently participation in school based weight training solely on boys decision due to many exploring own training/Utilising other services but Colin is investigating a school wide approach with targeting rugby players. It is anticipated for 2014 participation will be compulsory for opens team players.
- Tour from Canada 16 – 17 March - RSG will cater for BBQ after games & assist with securing billets for the visitors.

Next Meeting Monday 10 Feb 6.30pm School Library.