



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

**Monday, 16 September 2013**

1. Open Meeting at 6.30pm with thanks to all attending and apologies noted as below.

Attendees: Claire Jackson, Judy Watts, Steph Fisquet, Colin McIntosh, David Sheppard, Cheryl Williams, Kimberley Reed, Phil Roxburgh and David Balwin.

Apologies: Chris Bird, Shane Morgan, Gail Tanner, Gabrielle Douglas, Stuart Douglas, Lindsay Seccombe, Trish Seccombe, Bev Brown, Albert Brown, Gary Hall, Scott Forester, Noel Paterson and Chrissie Whyte.

2. Action from August Minutes

- a) Beginners Day – known as Taster Day will be 30 October 2013. Michael Pendergast from Albany Creek Rugby Club, Leo Bartlett from North's Rugby Club and Dan Cook from North Lakes Rugby Club will be attending the Taster Day. The following coaches have confirmed their attendance: Scott Forester, John Smith, Jono Skippen, Aaron Setterfield, Rob Kearney and Dave Balwin. Icy poles, lollies from stock on hand and cordial to be provided. Taster Day extended to include girls, Years 4, 5 and 6 and if possible the pre-prep- year 3 groups. **Action: Colin to confirm date with Tim and to confirm whether insurance cover is available for girls/younger students. Cheryl to create flyer**
- b) Welcome event for Term 1 2014 – the date to be confirmed but looking at Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> February, pending confirmation by SPS and Scott Forester. The concept is that every team from year 7-12 will train that afternoon with a BBQ after. While the year 4 -6 will not be training due to other sport commitments they will be invited.  
**Action: Claire to email Sarah Slade to ensure calendar is clear for those dates**
- c) TAS Changes – still waiting for details.  
**Action: Tim to convey to the RSG as soon as available**
- d) QRU Coaching Dates – not yet set. Details of UQ courses were placed in newsletter.  
**Action: Judy to put on Facebook with link**
- e) Motto – Tim to see if whole school wants to adopt. Stickers will need approval.  
**Action: Kimberley and Philip to work on artwork for stickers**
- f) Contact Rugby Pre-season – Establish whether contact can occur during Term 1.  
**Action: Tim to liaise with Robin Cox**
- g) Electronic Sign-on – 18 people have signed on. Colin has arranged for a leaflet to be given new students on their year 7 orientation day. David Watts to discuss in assembly on Friday. Claire to contact Marianne Connolly to confirm the date of the Year 4, 5 and 6 orientation day and clarify if the green SPS lunchboxes could be sold that day. If so a volunteer to be sourced.  
**Action: Cheryl to create flyer and Claire to contact Marianne Connolly & if approved to source a**

volunteer.

- h) Sub-School Development Officer PD – Leo of MiRugby discussed the details of his proposal with Colin. Icon rugby company was recommended. They would provide 2 staff, (Andrew Curtain and Manuel Cole~Manolis) currently work with Clontarf State School and Brisbane State High, focusing on speed sessions and are aware of financial limit. Mindful of the limited budget, although MiRugby offered an excellent programme the RSG committee endorsed Icon as the choice for Middle School Development Position, with the hope if finances permitted to employ Mi Rugby in some position.
- i) Funding of Rugby Kits by Association Funds. RSG received \$1650 from Association.
- j) Sponsorship Funding – Current issue is that any sponsorship must go into pool rather than specifically to RSG.

**Action: Claire to chat to Chrissie Whyte re marketing strategy.**

- k) Toowoomba Prep Game Date move to start or end of JTAS season– this is still pending.

**Action: Tim.**

Minutes moved by Judy Watts, seconded by Claire Jackson

### 3. Correspondence

- a) Incoming
  - i) E-mail from Robin Cox concerning embellishments noted but as it failed to address any of the issues detailed by RSG the outcome remains unclear.  
**Action: Philip Roxburgh to follow up.**
  - ii) Report from Kieran Moffat received after last meeting's request. Extracts added to the end of these minutes.
- b) Outgoing
  - RSG sent thanks to Kieran Moffat for service.

### 4. First XV Coach Appointment. Welcome to Scott Forester.

**Action: Judy to link with comment and photo to Facebook page.**

- 5. Training shirts. Alternative supplier currently away but a quote will be sourced. Lawnton Hip Pocket offered a less expensive deal than 2013. Discussion re options of green, red, black or white shirt with rugby ball or puma. The volleyball Toowoomba Tour had a puma on their shirt & the cross country used red in 2013 so in theory there should be no barrier to approval for a red shirt with black puma. Students to be canvassed as to opinion of options mindful the plan is, within a \$2000 budget, that all students who have signed up by Easter will get one at the camp and they will be expected to wear it after every game to improve the appearance.
- 6. Rugby Kits. Stock take has been completed. Year 9 have 5 shirts missing, year 6 2 shirts & year 7 Red 2 shirts missing. **Action: Claire to contact PTCs to chase; also to confirm PTCs for 2014. Action: Colin to return unsold 2013 1<sup>st</sup> XV socks to retail shop; for 2014 numbered jerseys not sold on 2013 not to be reordered in an attempt to minimise losses for the Retail Shop.**
- 7. 2014 Calendar. Dates for 2014 meetings to be finalised by end of October
- 8. 2014 Year 9 Tour. Dates still to be confirmed although currently looking at last week of the holidays between term 2 and 3.
- 9. Treasurer's Report. Minimal changes with few minor amendments to commitments including catering for the 2014 Camp and end of year function. To optimise income for 2014 RSG to offer to run the Met North Cross Country canteen session. It was confirmed excess funds from the year 9 tour are earmarked for the following year 9 tour. However, it was noted the 2013 tour had yet to finalise their budget. Once the coffee table book, around \$1000, still to be charged had been confirmed the details will need to be presented as under previously stipulated tour guidelines funds cannot be held over for a potential 2015 overseas tour. If the 2013 year 9 tour had very large funds available other options had been suggested including returning all funds to the general RSG, for the purchase a new style set of playing jerseys.  
**Steph moved and Kimberley seconded.**

10. Association Meeting Report – allocation of funds from the sale of the donated 1<sup>st</sup> XV kit remained an issue but thanks to the support of JSSG the previously noted funds were allocated & received with thanks. Should the other SG not produce a funded proposal matched by their own SG contribution the Association had minuted the remaining funds (approx. \$600) would be given to RSG to buy more playing shirts.

11. General Business

- a) St Andrew's school – Steve Robson their Head of Rugby had approached RGS with proposed dates February 17 or 24 from 1pm – looking at U12, U13, U14 and Open.  
**Action: Colin to speak to Tim to confirm.**
- b) Scott Forester will start training with the 2014 Opens (current Year 10 and 11) from the last week of October
- c) BJRU 7s tournament. **Action: Cheryl to follow up with BJRU**
- d) Pink Day: Colin suggested pink balloons (**Cheryl to try and source cheap helium**). It was agreed the socks should still be offered. **Action: Claire to ask Canterbury to hold 100 pairs of pink socks.** The possibility of pink caps was raised and all agreed they would be a welcome addition. **Action: Judy to get quote on pink caps.**
- e) Headgears. It was agreed that the purchase of headgear by SPS for the year 4-6 this year had been well received. The players had been allowed to keep their headgear by Mrs. Harle. It was felt ideal if SPS would purchase stock for the 2014 year 4 team. The current extra stock ? 5 would be likely to cover any new players in the 2014 yr 5 or 6 team. The 2013 year 6 team will move on to year 7 with all players having headgear.  
**Action: Claire to email Helen Shepherd regarding headgear for Years 4 - 6.**
- f) Colin requested if kit could be ordered before end of next term mindful of long timeline for delivery.
- g) Excess stock of old style jerseys to be sold at Taster Day.
- h) Claire to take keys for Library.
- i) Colin to look for specific date for RSG photo of everybody in the rugby community– perhaps Taster Day?
- j) AGM 4<sup>th</sup> November.

## EXTRACTS FROM KIERAN MOFFAT RUGBY REPORT

In terms of numbers the season began on a very positive note with always two teams attending training sessions ready to take the First XV season in full stride. This in itself is a step forward for St Pauls rugby union straight away it takes away that self-entitlement that has been a huge deterrent throughout the rugby community, turning up is no longer acceptable nor should it be for any player wishing to be a part of this program.

The aim for me as coach since I have been involved is and has always been to create a rugby culture within the school, to create pride in a jersey no matter what the colour or number was on the back, for this to happen it had to begin and end with the First XV and the way each member of the squad approached every aspect of their rugby.

The season started with an Open squad carnival at Matthew Flinders and from all reports was seen to be a success with strong performances against decent opposition, from here we went straight into a day camp conducted by Sportacise which is a program run and implemented by some of the best coaches in Australia.

Cannon Hill Anglican College were our first game of the year and knowing full well that as a team we were a little under done this was always going to be very difficult game, but through sheer determination the team were able to come away with a strong 19-12 victory which was pleasing but knew that we had to be much better if we wanted to push forward in this competition. Our second game was against a very willing but also very unskilled Redeemer Lutheran team so the focus for us was always to play to the structures that the coaching staff have implemented all pre-season and to have faith in our own ability as a team, a game like this was never going to be judged on the end result but how the result was obtained and credit to all that took the field that afternoon the result was something that hasn't been seen at St Pauls for an extremely long time. 95-0 victory. The next three games were crucial to our program if we were to be serious contenders, games against three schools that have dominated the First XV competition for a number of years is what lay ahead. The next two games against John Paul College and St Columban's College were extremely frustrating, the team fell back into typical patterns and lacked the mental toughness required to beat high quality school rugby programs, the most disappointing thing about both losses was that we had the team to beat both John Paul College and St Columban's but on the day lacked that drive and commitment.

Playing Ormiston College was and has always been a difficult task but once again we knew we had the team to beat them as long as we turned up to play. This game is one I will always remember for a number of reasons not solely the score line at the end of the game but for the way the team never gave an inch, the way they defended till the death, how relentless they attacked with ball in hand, the implementation of the structures put in place, and the complete and utter devastation that overcome the team losing in the final minute of the game. This is how St Pauls Rugby teams need to play every week, this is how St Pauls rugby teams need to feel after every lose.

A strong and well deserved victory against Canterbury College meant the team had met its goal of reaching the top 4 playoff game which would come up against John Paul College,

unfortunately the boys came up against a much improved team we were beaten to finish fourth in which was a commendable effort.

The season overall I would regard as success in terms of the development of the team we were never going to be the biggest, fastest, but if we were able to play to the structures implemented and for the full 70 minutes we would always put ourselves in a good position to win any game and this was fairly indicative throughout the season. The improvement of the team was especially evident towards the end of the season with a game just lost to Ormiston College that could have just as easily gone in our favour, and gutsy effort against John Paul College to finish off the season. For St Pauls rugby to grow their needs to be a sense of self belief a sense of worthiness which is something that does not come easy but must be obtained.

I would like to thank Scott Whyte for his tireless efforts as assistance coach he is undoubtable what St Pauls should be about, and also coaches of the 2nd XV, Aaron, Jack, and Garry Hall for their commitment towards the Open squad this season not only on game day but throughout the season as someone to bounce ideas off and take the load off myself at training. I would also like to thank Colin Mackintosh for everything he does behind the scenes I can only imagine some of enquires that are constantly sent your way, your eagerness and passion for the sport is something that I am envious of and I hope that it rubs off on the rugby community.

To the Rugby Supporter Group I thank you for all the support throughout the season your efforts off the field has allowed all those that played rugby this season to wear the school colours with tremendous pride.

My Recommendations if St Pauls is to move forward:

We need to utilise the gym better, it is an essential component of Rugby to ensure there is a effective strength and conditioning program to supplement the Rugby program. Strength and conditioning should start with our juniors with students in Year 9 starting to utilise an appropriate weights program.

Need to build depth in the Open squad there is too much of a gap between our best effort and worst. We need to look across other codes within the school to try and capture any unutilised talent. We have good juniors coming through from the grades we cannot allow them to slip into other codes or become disinterested in rugby because of coaching or neglect we must continue to provide a good coaching structure and continue to recognise their talents.

Schools are moving forward with their rugby programs we need to continually look at ways to enhance the program at St Paul's by looking at all available options. There are a number of possibilities that need to be explored to supplement and further enhance the rugby program at St Paul's. .