



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

**Monday, 10 February 2014**

1. Attendance: -David Balwin, Chris Bird, Andrew Curtain (Iconz Rugby) Mike Drew, Paul Ewin, Steph Fisquet, Tim Hughes, Keith Hutton, Michelle Hutton, Claire Jackson, Greg Love, Manuel Cole-Manolis (Iconz Rugby), Colin McIntosh, Kath North, Cameron Robbins, Philip Roxburgh, Lindsay Seccombe, David Sheppard. Apologies: -Gabrielle Douglas, Stuart Douglas, Scott Forester, Paul King, Jamie Kugelman, Shane Morgan, Noel Paterson, Kimberley Reed, Chrissie Whyte, Scott Whyte, Cheryl Williams
2. Action from November Minutes
  - a) The UQ Sports Academy Christmas Program: this was run at St Lucia and included 11 SPS boys attending on a "user pays basis" (discounted from standard rate due to > 10 attendees from SPS). It was regarded as very successful with comment that the S & C was complemented by rugby skills. Despite the slight delay in delivery, the kit was well received. Boys attended for between 1 & 3 weeks from Monday to Thursday between 9am to 12 noon & generally had a good time. **Action:** RSG to encourage participation in 2014.
  - b) Holt Bolt: RSG ran the canteen & car parking for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Holt Bolt on January 25; due to the long weekend there were only 200 registrants but thanks to the generosity of Rod Chiapello at Bracken Ridge McDonald's there was a profit \$1200.
  - c) Rugby kits for Fiji: 2 sets of green playing shirts were approved for donation but a question about assistance with freight had been raised. In the absence of any details the latter was deferred but it was felt perhaps the funds from one of the Gold Coin Donation days might be a useful source of financial support for that aspect of the project. The Association had declined to offer defunct rugby gear from the retail shop.
  - d) Car Stickers: 1000 had been ordered at a cost of \$339.00 with a sale price \$2.00. Philip Roxburgh was thanked for his efforts with the artwork and Kimberley in her absence for bringing the project to fruition. All were requested to promote sales.
  - e) Training shirts: all students signed up by Easter will receive a "free" training shirt to be worn after the games to improve appearance. Current 128 students signed up; estimated numbers to support teams from yr 4-1<sup>st</sup> XV is 170 players. It was estimated about 10 students signed up post Easter in 2013. Orders would be taken up to the camp, noting there is a section to fill in on the sign up form with a size request. They will not be available for MFAC but with a 10-day turn they should be there for day 1 term 2. It was noted promotion of the project was needed, especially to new students with the acknowledgment the bulk of intake was yr 4 & yr 7. These groups would be targeted by the PTCs promotion (see item 9 c).

The shirt will have ST PAUL'S RUGBY on the back with a Rugby Union ball. The same local company from Lawnton will be used. Approx. cost \$8-10 per shirt. 10-20 extras may be ordered.

- f) Sponsorship: approval was given for a letter last term to be circulated. The Karyidis family had sponsored a set of jerseys for year 10 allowing RSG to purchase sets of shirts for 4 teams (yr 8- 2<sup>nd</sup> XV) Another sponsor, Sandra Stanley, may come on board for 2015 as the 10 week turn around time for the off shore orders means arrival will be several weeks into the short playing season. **Action:** Claire would revise the letter for 2014.
- g) Toowoomba Prep date: still tbc with clarification whether yr 6 & 7 would be available with the shift of the yr 7 MS state wise. **Action:** Tim to follow up.
- h) Welcome to Rugby event on February 19<sup>th</sup>: Colin outlined the planned event's history. Firm details where training and game will take place for each team will be sent out as message by midweek to all parents with an RSVP date to optimise catering. Promotion via Link/Facebook/Daily notices etc to the wider community would be arranged.
- i) Pink Day: a brief history of the event was given. 100 pairs of pink socks on hold at Canterbury and 100 pink caps had been received. The orders for these were placed on Flexischools last week. Details about polo shirts were awaited from Paul King, noting the quote from Canterbury was felt to be too costly for this event. Should a shirt be sourced it would be by pre-order only to minimise financial risk in the fundraiser. Cheryl was investigating sourcing helium at ? cost/donation via colleague. **Action:** Promote early sales, liaise with other SG to inform them of RSG activities (Claire), determine details of balloons (Cheryl) & shirts (Paul).
- j) Rookie to Reds: starts 22<sup>nd</sup> of April for students age 5-8. It was noted this excluded about 50% of the yr 3 cohort, the pre-prep & some prep. The Head of JS sport would be again asked to invite some of the younger students to be Ball Boys at the Home games. Cognisant of desire to envelope enthusiasm for Rugby at the youngest age the possibility of 1-3 sessions for 1-3 weeks as a general introduction for the Early Childhood group would be explored. **Action:** Dave & Tim to develop. Claire to liaise with Helen Sheppard.
- k) Touch judge course: it was agreed the next course would be run in 2015.
- l) Smart Rugby: This qualification is mandatory for all coaches. A course will be run at SPS on March 3 after school. 25 students have been invited to attend. **Action:** Colin to confirm all SPS coaches have a current qualification or are attending the course;
- m) Rugby dinner: Due to multiple clashes with the Super 15/ARU fixtures & mindful of location availability the dinner will be Friday August 1 at Eaton's Hill Tavern. All involved will be given due warning of the change. There is a bye for TAS fixtures the following day. Sponsorship will be sought to try and ensure the event is cost neutral. **Action:** date to be noted in e-news.
- n) Feedback on 7s: the BJRU have been contacted are supposed to be sending details. **Action:** Cheryl to follow up again in a few weeks if I don't hear back.
- o) Camera: further to e-mails the offer of trialing one before purchase had been agreed on. **Action:** Colin to follow up with Stu Douglas
- p) e-news: to be sent by the end of the week including update of training schedule. **Action:** Claire to liaise with Lesleigh. All who wish to contribute to submit by COB 12/02/14

3. Correspondence nil noted
4. Reports
  - a. SS Rugby Coordinator/Opens Coach Scott Forrester submitted the report:-During 4 weeks of training prior to Christmas the boys showed their commitment in numbers and effort on the field. It was encouraging to see such efforts in November for our 2014 season. Beginning this week is training on Mon and Wed afternoons where the boys will build on their efforts and prepare for the in-house trials and games. The focus will be on positional play and bringing the boys together as one team and putting in place strategies, formations and plans for the season.
  - b. Head of Rugby

#### Coaches

2014		
Head of Sport	Tim Hughes	
Head of Rugby	Colin McIntosh	
Senior School		
Senior School coordinator	Scott Forrester	
1st XV	Scott Forrester	tbc
2nd XV	Aaron Setterfield	
Year 10	Damien Vesley	Jono Skippen
Middle School		
Middle School coordinator	Iconz Rugby	
Year 9	Craig Cook	Shane Morgan
Year 8	Colin McIntosh	Student Assistants
Year 7	Dave Balwin	Mark Anderson
Junior School		
Year 6	Bob Knersvoke	Chris Bird
Year 5	John Smith	David Young
Year 4	Glen Smith	Andrew Auckland

#### Preseason – Term 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM		Yr 5	Fitness		Yr 8
Area used		Junior school oval	Meet at the sports oval		Area below tennis courts
AM					Yr 5
Area used					Area below tennis courts
PM	Opens	Yr 9	Opens	Yr 9	
Area used	MS oval		MS oval		
PM			Yr 7		
Area used			Area below tennis courts		

Year group	
Yr 4	TBC
Yr 5	Tues & Friday am
Yr 6	rolling timetable sent to parents Tues and Thursday pm
Yr 7	Wed pm
Yr 8	Fri AM
Yr 9	Tues & Thurs pm
Yr 10	Tues 7am
Opens	Mon & Wed 3.30 - 5 pm

### **Tours**

NNSW tour - Mon 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014 – Thu 17<sup>th</sup> July 2014

### **New Jerseys**

Eta for the new uniform is the 5<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Students Dress Standard**

All students in Year 7-12 are required to wear formal uniform to the grounds and arrive in adequate time to get changed for pre-game warm-up. At the completion of the game students are to get changed into, a green Training jersey or school tracksuit. If students do not comply with this standard they will be asked to change back into formal attire. It is essential that no students wear a combination of formal uniform and playing attire. Under no circumstance should a player wear any clothing that is non-St Paul's, this is not acceptable. A reminder will be sent to parents via the E-News to purchase the correct uniform of Euro sock and Rugby shorts.

### **Sportacise/ Junior school Training event**

Due to MFAC dates, we will have to change the date from the Monday to either Tuesday or Wednesday.

### **Rookie to Reds**

Booked in for the younger grades from the 22<sup>nd</sup> April for 5 weeks

- c. JS: Chris Bird as JS LO mentioned for yr 6 there were 2 extra boys signed up and training had started with fitness & skills with tackle
  - d. Head of Sport: for the 2014 season students will not be permitted to play up from their current year group unless exceptional circumstances and all requests for any sport must be approved by Head of Sport.
5. Treasurer's Report: Balance reconciled with final Association report for 2013 - \$19 464.19 Movement for 2014 so far has been income \$1300 from Holt Bolt , \$74.00 from sticker sales; Expenditure has been \$1500.00 to yr 9 tour, \$1000 deposit to Eatons Hill for 2014 RSG dinner; removed \$200.00 from commitments this year as there will not be a touch judge course; leaves available funds as - \$ 2292.14  
Moved Steph Fisquet; Seconded Lindsay Seccombe; agreed by all present
  6. 2014 Year 9: Mike Drew reported details as the coordinator. The tour was 14-17<sup>th</sup> July 2014 to Lennox Heads with 3 confirmed games, (Austinville, Lismore, St Johns +/-Emanuel). Accommodation would be in Cabins. Cameron Robbins, Fundraising coordinator reported on plans for various BBQs incl Bunnings at Albion, Stafford, and North Lakes for possible cancellation plus various Masters, Officeworks. Some had a waiting list but it was agreed those received post tour might be secured on behalf of future groups. It was confirmed that no money should be spent until 20 deposits had been banked – the minimum number of players to make the tour viable. Action: Claire to send letterhead to Cameron.
  7. 2015 Opens Tour: deferred until further details available from school

## 8. Association Report

- a. An update of the SG handbook was nearly complete; volunteers to review it with "fresh eyes" were sourced (Kath, Albert & Mike).
- b. Welcome Family BBQ- RSG participation was well received and an offer to continue for 2015 would be made.
- c. Market Day: Tim confirmed each Head of Sport was responsible for sharing details with various SG.
- d. Operations: profits of Retail shop \$64 000 v \$53 000 (2012) v \$103 000 (2011) despite poorer sales, probably due to better stock control, Tuck shop profit \$30 000 v loss \$18 000 (2012) v loss \$39 000 (2011) due to a number of factors including better credit control, Flexischools making it easier for students to spend and price increases & Sippers \$20 000 v \$9 000 (2012) noted.
- e. Funding applications approvals included ongoing C of A awards & Year 12 day and new funds (approx. \$7500) for
  - Year 11 Safe driver program
  - Guest Speaker Michelle Mitchell yr 5-7? Share with JSSG
  - Air curtain for Sippers
  - 2 x 4 burner BBQ –

In the priority 2 group

- Relocation of S & C to be considered (see 9 c)

## 9. General Business

- a. S&C programme & facility: the Association will work with Des Hylton to move the project forward. Des has cleared some of the storage sheds near the cricket ground so a shed is not vital to start the project. Des will prepare a list of equipment in groups of priority i.e. minimum needed to make it functional & then stepped packages of equipment. Des envisages offering a series of S & C education sessions to players & coaches. He also is willing to be at school every home game at 7-7.30am to have the area open so players can warm up. If it was for the Opens initially (not just 1st to ensure we are not supporting just an elite few) then its use could be extended.
- b. Year 4 carnival shirts: Marianne Connolly confirmed these would not be used for other sports and agreed they would be returned to the Head of Rugby for the year 4 team.
- c. PTC for 2014: below confirmed
  - Opens – Phil Roxburgh
  - Yr10 – Gabby Douglas
  - Yr9 – Shane Morgan
  - Yr8 – Jamie Kugelmann
  - Yr7- Kath North
  - Yr6- - tbc
  - Yr5- Jean Jacquet
  - Yr4- tbc

**Action:** Claire to forward Amanda Carter's suggestions to Chris Bird & send PTC guide to all.

- d. Change in TAS structure: Tim noted due to the continuation of finals but the presence of 9 teams one team will not be played. As one school would have a Bye on their "missed week" it had been decided one week would be for double points. While some it was confirmed questioned the logic and fairness of the system the attitude should be to try & win each

- game irrespective of the school or whether for double points.
- e. Met North trials: concern was raised about the fairness of the rugby trial conduct. Tim confirmed selectors & coaches are directed not to talk to students or parents during trials but agreed to feedback to Convenor the SPS concerned re rugby on 2013. Details to be clarified. **Action:** Tim to feedback from meeting. Cheryl to confirm timing of trials and ensure coaches/students/parents are aware.

Meeting closed 7.55pm.

**Next Meeting Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 6.30 pm;** further RSG meeting dates for diary

- 31 Mar
- 28 April
- 26 May
- 23 June
- 28 July