



**St Paul's School Rugby Supporters' Group  
General Meeting – Minutes  
Monday, 28 July**

1. **Open Meeting at 6.30 pm**
  - a. **Present:** Greg Love, David Sheppard, Sandra Stanley, Lisa Jones, Claire Jackson, Colin McIntosh, David Young, Paul King, Cheryl Williams, Steph Fisquet, Scott Forester, Andrew Thomas, Dave Balwin, Lindsay Seccombe, Phil Roxburgh, Kimberley Reed
  - b. **Apologies:** Chrissie Whyte, Scott Whyte, Kath North, Gab Douglas, Stuart Douglas, Chris Bird
2. **Confirmation of Minutes** from 23 June 2014:-proposed David Balwin, seconded David Sheppard
3. **Applications for memberships**:-details of current RSG members to be confirmed and further more applications to be submitted if indicated. **Action:** Claire to follow up with Dorelle Stubbings, Association Secretary
4. **Correspondence**
  - a. Outgoing -Dr Browning re TAS sport double points
  - b. Incoming
    - i. Thanks from Natasha Keir re Pink Day
    - ii. Reply from Dr Browning.
5. **Reports/Updates**
  - a. **Year 9 Tour**

The first game of the tour was novel due to being at night and in rain. The team improved with the 2<sup>nd</sup>, lost by two conversions and then a victory in the 3<sup>rd</sup>. The accommodation and food were excellent but for 2015 it is recommended that tour organiser request the agenda/menu be more formally documented to avoid last minute changes with request to have adequate food ready for the squad if/when they return from later games. Rugby club in Lennox Head is potentially a good contact. The game seemed to be at the right level, with great referees, good touch judges and first aid. 3 games were felt to be enough, 4 probably too many, particularly with the additional activities. It was estimated the tour was financially secure with over \$20,000 income. While there were a few residual receipts still to be presented it was anticipated income would be in excess of expenditure. The invoice for the bus was anticipated to be via the Association. The Tour gear was well received by the players. Parents commented their children had really enjoyed the trip with feedback all positive noting all students had been well behaved and polite. Ross the bus driver knew the area well and it was suggested a request for him to be made when booking the bus. Using the school bus provided SPS with excellent promotion. It was recommended to several get quotes for bus as initial quote from St Paul's was quite high. **Action:** Lisa Jones to confirm holiday dates with School calendar and NSW school calendar

## 6. Treasurer Report

- a) Expenditure from main account included funds for payment of Middle School Directors (\$2500) and from sponsors into Annual Dinner account.
- b) Available just over \$5000 after accounting for anticipated expenses for 2015.
- c) 2015 Senior Tour 17 boys paid deposits; some have made 2nd payment. Details of when the deposit to Tour Time is due pending.
- d) Most of the year 9 tour expenses paid.
- e) Dinner has been the main focus this month with income of about \$18,000.
- f) Sunday Holt Bolt about \$1700 profit- final figure tbc once all receipts collated.
- g) Treasurer's report was amended to include previous omission of information.

## 7. Events

### a. Recent

- i. Holt Bolt:-thanks to the Students and parents for all their efforts. Profits were anticipated to be as per Treasurers report.

### b. Pending

- i. Rugby dinner:-the running sheet was discussed in detail, with thanks to all who had taken on roles in the event. With more than 380 attendees it was anticipated to be an excellent celebration. Thanks to Kimberley for her relentless pursuit of a Reds player and AT for agreeing to interview the guest. **Action: Colin to sort metal banners.**
- ii. 2015 Opens Tour:- while all agreed 17 was not an ideal number of players, with the amazing support from the group of players and families who had committed, the 100% support from Tour Time to work with opposition to provide other players if needed and modify the itinerary to ensure three games and 2 elite training sessions the event was moving forward with a volunteer to assist with fundraising. It was flagged that the smaller number of players and the compulsion by SPS for the tour to go in the pre-season Easter holidays meant the fundraising opportunities were less and it may be RSG would need to offer a higher level of support as seen in NSG, FSG and CSG to their tours.
- iii. 2015 Year 9 Tour:- it was confirmed this event was in the school touring policy. **Action: Lisa Jones to confirm multiple offers of support and start the process as above**
- iv. Holt Bolt September will be shared by the 2015 Opens NZ tour with the Cricket European Tour. **Action: Claire to contact CSG.**

## 8. General Business

- a. **Sponsorship documents** – Lisa Jones to develop the 2014 letter to a more professional document to be circulated for the 2015 season, mindful a Platinum sponsor was already on board at \$1000.
- b. **Facebook** – Julie Mitchell had offered to administer the RSG Facebook to reduce the commitments of Colin. **Action: Colin to get school permission to delegate the Facebook administration to another volunteer.**

- c. **Rep Player Tournament dates** – as some players missed the chance to trial for of the U12 Met North, a plan for 2015 to increase dates needs to be instituted. **Action: 2015 secretary to review calendars and ensure all are aware of Bramble Bay/Met North trial dates.**
- d. **Summer 7s competition**
  - i. Details of a local competition were discussed; families would be responsible for playing fees
  - ii. Kerry Daud has volunteered to be the Year 8 manager
  - iii. Shane Morgan has volunteered to coordinate Year 9
  - iv. A note will be sent out to all coaches asking for EOI
  - v. Some interest in Girls Rugby had been raised and Colin was encouraging those , including some from Touch, to look at the Summer 7s
- e. **Junior School Coach** – Colin reported he had approached 2 possible candidates and was waiting to hear back.
- f. **Foundation course**- booked with BJRU Oct/November2014.
- g. **Smart Rugby** – booked for beginning of 2015 anticipating all Opens +/- year 10 players would attend.

#### 9. Other Business

- a. **Long Term Plans for SPS Rugby**- Lindsay Seccombe inquired and Colin working on them.
- b. **TAS Rep comp** – it was reported the organisation for the pending TAS Rep comp was not optimal. **Action:Colin to speak to Chris Leeson**
- c. **PTCs**- would be included by name in thanks at dinner. **Action: Claire**
- d. **Kimberley Reed** – thanks to volunteers for Holt Bolt Sunday
- e. **Framed photo** – Phil R had produced a framed photo of the Pink Day crowd and donated it to the 2015 Opens Tour. Options included donations to school or other sponsor, offer as an example to encourage sales mindful plan would be to recover cost \$190.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm with thanks to those who attended

**Next Meeting Monday 25 August at 6.30 pm**

**This will be the 2015 season planning meeting; please forward suggestions to RSG secretary by Friday 15 August so they can be circulated for consideration pre-meeting.**