

MINUTES OF THE GRFC COMMITTEE, 1930-40

Inside the front cover are:

- 2 copies of the Rules of Gloucester Football Club
- A copy of the voting form for committee members, for use at the AGM on 29 June 1928
- A copy of the Citizen Pink 'Un for 26 April 1924, with articles summarising the final matches of the season, WB's summary of the season, and the season's record

Pinned to the first page of minutes are 2 copies of the rules and regulations of the agreement between Gloucester Football Club and local clubs.

At every meeting during the season, the committee appointed officials (touch judges and referees) for forthcoming matches – individual appointments are not recorded below

20 July 1930 - first meeting recorded:

- Mr J T Brookes elected Chairman of Committee.
- Messrs J T Brookes, A T Voyce & W A Thomas invited to be District Representatives on the County Executive.
- sub-committees appointed for Selection, Finance, Ground, & Emergency.
- representative appointed to North Gloucester Combination.

9 Sept 1930:

- framed photograph of the late Sir Rowland Hill, received from RFU, to be hung in the Gymnasium. Agreed:
- Gloucester Rugby Supporters Club to publish the Official Programme
- Wagon Works Band to play at home matches
- 88 tip up seats to be provided for patrons
- £2/2/- granted for wedding present for Mr Geo Fowke

23 Sept 1930:

- agreed 22 more tip up seats for the reporters and committee row

7 Oct 1930:

- quotation of £62/19/9 for tip up seats, plus £3/7/6 for varnishing
- quotation for blazers with City coat of arms as badge
- complimentary ticket granted to Mr T Collins, an old player in necessitous circumstances
- notices to be exhibited that dogs only to be admitted on a lead

21 Oct 1930:

- Dr Alcock invited the players of both 1st & United teams and officials of the club to dinner at the Spread Eagle Hotel on 27th October. Agreed:
- use of Kingsholm for Schools Union matches on 29th Dec & two Saturdays later in the season
- names of the 17 players making most appearances 1929-30 be placed on the Record Board
- County Boy Scouts Rally at Kingsholm on Whit Monday next

4 Nov 1930:

- floor to be reconstructed to allow installation of tip up seats
- mid-week game with Weston Super Mare be declined

- 5 Gn donation to local Poppy Day fund

18 Nov 1930:

- "The Chairman remarked on the unsatisfactory match with the Wagon Works & after discussion it was agreed in future instead of games of Gloucester United being played against local clubs to arrange if possible two matches with the North Gloucester Combination one at commencement of season & the other after Xmas".
- agreed £10 guarantee to be sent to Oxford Greyhounds for the match at Gloucester on 8th Nov.

12 Dec 1930:

- £10 to be paid to The Mayor's Xmas Unemployed Fund
- letter of sympathy to be sent following the death of Mr W H Worth, ex-Treasurer of the Club
- new MacIntosh be provided for the United team
- use of Kingsholm for rugby match on 18th Dec, Bristol Tramways v Police, on behalf of Police Charities
- Dr Alcock, President, to attend a meeting of the Training Sub-committee with the players

16 Dec 1930:

- OMTs to be provided tea in committee room, and Gloucester team at the White Hart
- desirability of a telephone being installed at 58 Northgate Street on behalf of the Club

13 Jan 1931:

- congratulations to Messrs M A McCanlis & D Crichton Miller, who have been selected for England and Scotland respectively
- gate receipts for match v Cheltenham were £181/10/5 – Cheltenham to get 33 1/3 % of amount over £100, which was £24/3/6
- footballers' service arranged by Rev Hensman (committee member) at St Catherine's Church on 18 Jan
- sympathy for Joe Davies, in Royal Infirmary owing to injury received in the County Match at Cornwall
- £1/10/- to be paid to Messrs Gardner & Saunders for broken teeth of L Franklin
- postpone decision on desirability of taking over further mortgage on the ground

10 Feb 1931:

- agreed proposal by Rev Hanson to hold a 7-a-side tournament at the end of the season amongst local clubs, with proceeds to go to charities
- refusal to release 2 players back to the Spartans for cup matches
- proposal from Mr Voyce to hold a Smoking Concert for players and officials
- £2 to be paid to Mr Pepperell, dentist for treating F Master's broken teeth
- £10 grant to Gordon League to support the purchase of their ground at Hempstead for £500
- assessment of ground by Eggleton & Co on Schedule A, i.e., Ground Company £325, Gloucester Football Club £125

10 Mar 1931:

- Aldershot Command invited to play a match at Kingsholm on Thurs Apr 16th for charity
- agreed to pay all expenses of North Glos Combination v Bristol Combination on Mar 7th

17 Mar 1931:

- nominated A T Voyce as County Rep on RFU, support for which to be sought from all affiliated clubs
- permission granted to Old Boys to play charity match v Old Cryptians at Kingsholm, and to Gordon League for match on behalf of their ground fund

31 Mar 1931:

- Devon tour to be made by rail
- Combination deferred 7-a-side to beginning of next season
- whole gate to be given to North Glos Combination for match v Bristol Combination for the Juniors, and they meet all expenses
- Bertram Mills circus applied for use of Kingsholm
- no decision on dog racing at Kingsholm
- Aldershot Command unable to play this season – alternatives to play a charity match might be Bristol or the County

21 Apr 1931:

- turned down proposal by Mr Detheridge of Clifton to use Kingsholm for greyhound racing

29 May 1931:

- grants made:

Royal Infirmary make up to £75

Children's Hospital £20

Local Blind 8Gn

St Lucy's Home £10

District Nursing Society 5Gn

Cripples' Fund 5Gn

Gordon League £15

Widden Old Boys £7-10

West End £7-10

Spartans £7-10

Wagon Works £5

Old Boys £5

Barnwood 5Gn

All Blues £2-10

- Secretary's salary £150

- A Spackman claiming compensation grant from S W Insurance for time off work owing to rugby injury

- Annual meeting Fri Jun 19th, Players meeting Fri Jun 12th

Pasted into the minute book are newspaper cuttings from the Citizen Pink 'Un giving WB's summary of the season, the playing records of both 1st and United XV's, and an account of the annual meeting