

25 Aug 1933:

- JT Brookes again elected Chairman
- HH Berry welcomed as new member
- SW Insurance be asked to cover Club for a month whilst position considered
- action of the Chairman & Secretary in letting the Car Park & Spare Ground to Bertram Mills Circus for Sep 7-8-9<sup>th</sup> confirmed & agreed to a rent of £40
- subcommittees appointed for Selection, Finance, Ground, & Emergency
- JF Scoon appointed as N Glos Combination Rep
- again accepted the offer of the Wagon Corps Band
- programmes to again be published by the Supporters' Club
- Rev Barnes had left the City, so new masseur required

4 Sep 1933 [these minutes appear twice, both before and after those for 25 Aug]:

- insuring again with the SW group Grade A for £2 per week & also for the extended period as last season but to suggest the Extra Premium for this be £10 instead of £20. Also for £20 Fatality Insurance.
- confirmed that the Club would take over the remaining £1300 mortgage on the Ground
- J Barnes to be appointed masseur to the players; Secretary to arrange terms
- prolonged drought had rendered the pitch unfit for play

Pasted into the minute book is a Citizen article dated 9 Sep 1933 on the fire at Kingsholm which destroyed the stand.

11 Sep 1933 (Emergency Meeting):

- met with Fire Insurance Cos Assessor, Mr Baker, & Davies Bros (Wolverhampton) rep, Mr Dent & Mr Wm Jones
- all agreed New Grand Stand totally condemned; generally discussed new structure

12 Sep 1933 (Emergency Meeting):

- estimates had been sent that day by Davies Bros for steel work, & Wm Jones for interior work, to the Assessor, & tender by Davies Bros for dismantling
- agreed that New Structure be put back 17 feet
- Mr Leah appointed as architect
- letter of appreciation to be sent to Supt Windebank for the magnificent efforts of the Fire Brigade

19 Sep 1933:

- decision to take over the remaining mortgage on the Ground rescinded because of the fire
- minutes of meeting on 12 Sep not confirmed – matter to be deferred – architect to prepare a plan of the ground
- accepted offer by County Cricket Club to lend their portable stands
- 20 complimentary passes to be granted to the unemployed
- tender form Davies Bros for steel work for new grand stand accepted

26 Sep 1933 (Emergency Meeting):

- Mr Leah presented plan of ground and stands and tracing of pitch – agreed stand be erected 17 feet back from frontage of original stand
- accepted the offer for settlement of insurance, ie £2284, by the Insurance Cos' Assessor, Mr HA Baker - the Club to pay to Davies Bros for dismantling, the salvage to belong to the Club
- Mr Leah instructed to obtain tenders for the building work of the new stand

3 Oct 1933:

- tender from Wm Jones accepted
- architect's plans approved
- SW Insurance agreed to £10 premium for extended period of players' insurance
- application for grant to Cinderford deferred
- accepted offer of services of Dr Martin as Violet Ray specialist
- Mr Berry invited players and committee to the Services Club Dinner on Nov 18 to celebrate the win at Leicester

17 Oct 1933:

- proceeds of Oxford Greyhounds match to be given to Royal Infirmary
- 3 Minimax fire extinguishers to be obtained through Mr Balchin
- committee keen to encourage rugby amongst schools – Kingsholm to be used by Schools Rugby Union on Nov 1 & Dec 28 – new set of jerseys to be presented to the Gloucester School Boys Team
- tin sheets salvaged from stand sold for 5d per sheet to Messrs Stephens; 30/- had been offered per ton for the ironwork, but other offers to be obtained

31 Oct 1933:

- accepted offer from Mr Dalloway of £63 for the salvaged ironwork
- 5Gn donated to Poppy Day
- 1Gn granted to the fund being raised to the late WJ Martin, Newport
- Rev Hensman provided a wreath from the Club at the opening of the War Memorial
- the names of the 18 players who played most matches to be put on the record board for 1932/3
- the charges recommended to the County Union for the Gloucestershire v Somerset match at Kingsholm on Nov 11 were:

New Grand Stand Reserved Seats	– Centre 4/-, Wings 3/-
“ “ “ Unreserved	- Centre 3/6, Wings 2/6
“ “ “ Enclosure	– 2/6
Old Stand	- 2/6
Worcester St Side	- 1/6
Deans Walk	- 1/-

- wreath & expression of sympathy to the relatives of the late HA Dancey

14 Nov 1933:

- wreath to be sent for late ET Gardom, a founder member of the Club
- further information required on front fencing for new stand, but concrete posts and galvanised bars to be provided
- Fred Merrett recently married – present to be given from collection from officials and players – County union sanction to be obtained

28 Nov 1933:

- “a vote was taken on the recommendation of making Mr J Hemmings a Life Member of the Club. Several papers were against the proposition.” [Hemmings's playing career ended in 1932]
- regrettable accident to Mr SL Waide, the Oxford University player at Kingsholm on 25 Nov, which necessitated an operation at the Charnwood Nursing Home. Letter of sympathy and hopes of a speedy recovery to be sent

- letter of thanks from Mr Langston of Schools Union for gift of jerseys, use of ground, and privilege of scholars being admitted to Club matches
- letter of sympathy to Rugby Union on death of Rear Adm EW Roberts
- frost proof boxes to be obtained for fire extinguishers in New Grand Stand
- complaint from MR WH Pickford about lack of accommodation for Patrons at Oxford University match – committee man to assist steward in the centre section of the New Grand Stand

19 Dec 1933:

- agreed to buy any shares of the late Mr Dancey if offered at £1 each [in the Ground Company]
- agreed to pay £30 extra rent to the Ground Co as last year
- Mr Clutterbuck referred to the coldness of the concrete steps in front of the New Grand Stand – enquiries to be made about duck-boards
- letter of sympathy to be sent following the death of the Secretary of the Newport club
- tea to be provided in Officers Room at White Hart to OMT and Gloucester teams

2 Jan 1934:

- Mr Waide would be leaving the Nursing Home on 3 Jan
- Quote for £28/4/- from Wm Jones for railings and gate to front of New Grand Stand accepted

23 Jan 1934:

- accepted invitation from Middlesex County Union for Gloucester to play in their 7-a-side competition on 28 April
- Rev Hensman organised the Rugger Service for 28 Jan at St Catherines

13 Feb 1934:

- agreed to send a side to play at Lydney in April to compensate for the game cancelled on 9 Dec
- Llanelly suggested 3 [English] referees for the forthcoming fixture at Gloucester, and S Budd of Bristol was invited
- thanks for gift of old football for the unemployed
- ground offered to Chapman's Circus for £15 for the day on 11 May
- Gloucester Juniors v Forest of Dean Juniors to play on Kingsholm before the United fixture on 10 March
- Mr AT Voyce to be again nominated as County Representative on Rugby Union

6 Mar 1934:

- approved suggestion from Middlesex Secretary about the financial arrangements for the 7-a-side competition – Gloucester to pay own expenses & receive 2 ½ % of the nett profit of the whole competition to go to any Gloucester Hospital
- Chapman's Circus could only afford £10 for the day's hire – accepted
- Mr Jones to take the 1<sup>st</sup> team photograph, and Mr Fox the United
- final accounts for the New Grand Stand presented and approved

20 Mar 1934:

- skittle match to be held at the White Hart

- the gate from the Gloucester Juniors v Forest of Dean Juniors was £5/19/-, less tax 17/5 – agreed to pay ground expenses for this match, for which Supporters' Club grateful

10 Apr 1934:

- players thanks for skittles match and enjoyable Devon tour
- question raised as to insurance of players for 7-a-side tournament; Secretary to accompany team of 7 players and 3 reserves to Twickenham
- wreath and letter of sympathy re death of Capt W S Donne
- Schools Union granted use of Kingsholm on 21 Apr prior to United game
- Old Boys v Old Cryptians granted use of Kingsholm on 18 Apr
- owing to bad weather Secretary accepted guarantee of £35 from Torquay
- replay of North Glos Combination Cup Final at Kingsholm 19 Apr
- request from Newport for an extra match each season in midweek was declined owing to difficulty in raising a representative side

8 May 1934:

- further information required from contractors re new stands
- Torquay asked Gloucester to support their proposal for alteration of Rule 34 – reply to say that the Gloucestershire arrangements of dealing with cases of players being sent off the field by holding the enquiry within 7 days was satisfactory
- Mr J C Brooks was seeking medical expenses from SW Insurance for his operation, but he was still in hospital so the total was not yet known
- agreed to send team to Cinderford early next season
- balance sheet approved subject to audit
- grants approved:
  - Gordon League £10/-/-
  - Widden Old Boys £7/10/-
  - All Blues £5/-/-
  - Spartans £5/-/-
  - Tredworth £5/-/-
  - Gloster Old Boys £5/-/-
  - Barnwood £5/-/-
- Secretary's salary approved at £150/-/-, and a special grant of £25/-/- for extra work in connection with New Grand Stand
- Roy James tendered resignation owing to age

29 May 1934:

- “the Secretary explained the lay out of the Ground in conjunction with the proposed New Stand & after inspecting the position & a rough plan as prepared by Mr Millington, it was agreed to. Also that the Old Grand Stand (excepting the urinals etc) be demolished & a New Covered Stand (for standing only) 180 feet in length & 24 feet in depth as per blue print submitted be erected & the Secretary requested to obtain quotation for the steelwork. Wm Jones to be given the work of concrete foundations for same as per estimate.”
- match to be arranged on 13 Dec, A Gloucester XV v Wycliffe College
- in special recognition of the successful season to give blazers to the 18 most regular players of last season. Application to be made to the County Union for their consent.

15 Jun 1934:

- accepted tender of Messrs Davies Bros for the New Stand, plus extra for asbestos sheeting

- accepted offer of Mr Hayes to take down the iron work of the Old Stand & the same to become his property on a payment of £5
- County Executive had granted permission for blazers to be given to players
- application had been made for the match New Zealand v Gloucestershire & Somerset to be played at Kingsholm in 1936
- Messrs J T Brookes, T Millington & W A Thomas nominated as Gloucester District representatives on the County Union Executive
- Secretary to represent Club at Rugby Union Annual Meeting
- Motor Park let to Edwards Pleasure Fair, June 14-16 for £20

29 Jun 1934:

- players meeting which unanimously elected their old officers:

Captain 1<sup>st</sup> XV – Fred Wadley

Vice-Captain – J C Brooks

Captain United XV – George Fowke

Players' representative on Committee – T Hiam

- nominations for Annual Meeting:

President – Dr Alcock

Vice-Presidents – J T Brookes & A F Fielding

General Secretary – A Hudson

General Committee – F A Abbey, F W Ayliffe, H J Balchin, H H Berry, G J Clutterbuck, Rev H J Hensman, E T James, T Millington, J F Scoon, S Smart, A T Voyce (all old members), S T Davies, R N Loveridge, F W James

[at the AGM, the result of the ballot was: H J Balchin (158), E T James (150), G F

Clutterbuck (147), F W Ayliffe (145), J F Scoon (144), T Millington (140), A T Voyce (134), F A Abbey (131), S Smart (125), R N Loveridge (118), and H H Berry (118); and not elected were: S T Davies (110), Rev H J Hensman (107) and F W James (66)

- agreed to Headingley request for guarantee of £50 for Easter Monday 1936

- cheque received for £26/8/- as share of the profits of the Middlesex 7-a-sides, and paid directly to the Royal Infirmary a/c.