

MINUTES OF THE GRFC COMMITTEE, August 1957- July 1958

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13 August 1957 :

-Recommended that a Special Committee investigate whole of Ground rebuildings and make a report.

10 September 1957:

- Agreed that price for Juniors' tickets should be 5/-.
- Gift by Mr R.Parry of a Ray Lamp for players in the Dressing Room gratefully received.

1st October 1957:

- Waterloo Rugby Club: letter of thanks received for hospitality and sporting spirit of both players and home spectators.
- Army Match: agreed to accept offer of Gloucestershire Regiment regimental band to play at Kingsholm for Army match on January 25th (1958). Agreed that a reduction of £5 in the charge of £15 should be requested for services of band.

15th October 1957:

- Selection of 1st XV against the Old Blues criticised. Suggested that usual practice of filling 1st XV vacancies with members of United XV had not been followed. In reply it was stated that 17 or 18 players not available for this match. Vote of confidence in Selection Committee carried unanimously.

29th October 1957:

- Reported that to date membership was approx 200 less than last season. Receipts, however, were about £70 up as compared with 1956/57 receipts.
- Army Match: In response to Gloucestershire Regiment's statement that £15 was lowest possible charge for full band and Corps of Drums, 50 in number, it was agreed to accept original fee of £15.
- Win against Coventry away: agreed that congratulations should be extended to the team on their magnificent win at Coventry.

12th November 1957:

- "Yeend" Fund: agreed to donate £5.5s.0d to the "Yeend" Fund, being raised for the widow and 2 children of the Old Patesians' player fatally injured in recent game.

26th November 1957:

- Match away v Cambridge University: reported that team should be congratulated on putting up very fine display in match on Wed 20th November, and that performance on field had justified decision to travel overnight.

- No match v Harlequins: it was deplored by Dr Gibb, an old Patron of the Club and now a supporter of Harlequins club, that there was no fixture v Harlequins this season. It was agreed to write to Harlequins Hon Sec again.

- Combined Services v Wallabies at Bristol: only 25 Stand tickets for this match had been received by the Club. It was agreed that letter be sent to County Sec, asking that more Stand tickets could be made available.

10th December 1957:

- Combined Services v Wallabies at Bristol: in response to letter sent (see above para), a few more Stand tickets had been received.
- Milan Rugby Club (RC): after discussion with R.Fasellati (sic) President of Milan Rugby Club (RC), it was possible that the Milan club might come to Gloucester for a game on September 17th 1958.

4th February 1958:

- Ground Repairs: reported that rear of building on St Mark St side now presented a tidier appearance. Deans Walk lavatory had also received attention.

7th February 1958:

- Tour: decided that Torquay would be good place to stay.
- Schools (15 Group): agreed that English Boys Trials game should be at Kingsholm on Saturday 1st July (1958).

4th March 1958:

- Ground Repairs: reported that damage caused by recent gales to guttering in Main Stand would cost £90. Contactors had been instructed to carry out work.

1st April 1958:

- Tour: confirmed that party was to stay at Avenue Hotel, Torquay.

7th July 1958 (AGM):

- Playing Record for Season 1957-58: following playing record was much more successful than in recent years:

Matches played	44
Won	26
Drawn	3
Lost	15

These were outstanding results and included away wins at Coventry, Leicester and Northampton.

Although the club failed to maintain its sequence of home victories over Newport, it did win at home against Cardiff.