

MINUTES OF THE GRFC COMMITTEE, August 1959- July 1960

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11 August 1959:

- Chairman: Revd H.M.Hughes re-elected Chairman for season 1959-60. Mr N. Duncalfe was welcomed as a new member.
- Main Gates: quotation for wrought-iron gates had been obtained.
- Programme Advertisements: reported that the Daily Express have taken space previously occupied by Messrs Morlands (manufacturer of matches).
- Memorial Ground: the President, Dr Arnold Alcock, reported that Widden Old Boys would like to move changing quarters to Memorial Ground. They would start work in September 1960 and would share cost of laying water mains and services.
- Selection Committee: agreed that R.Sutton should be on Selection Committee for United team.
- Ground: estimates received for removing soil and cleaning up ground at back of Worcester Street stand, as follows: Aldridge £48, Stroud Contracts £31. Agreed that latter contract should be accepted.
- South Africa Tour 1960: Bath have agreed to change venues on the date South Africans come to Gloucester in 1960.
- Match at London Scottish: players to see a show in London at Victoria Palace 2nd house.
- Social Club: Mr Duncalfe volunteered to act as Hon Sec and Hon Treasurer of Social Club.

29 September 1960:

- Referee's Room: walls have been stripped, and after drying out well, will be finished off with match boarding.
- Coaches: discussion as to the suitability of the Bristol coaches. The latter coaches will be used pending further trials and, if necessary, Black and White Coaches to be used on longer journeys.
- Hon Treasurer: letter of resignation received from Mr R.Upham. Gen Sec to write thanking him for his past services and regretting his decision. Following names put forward as possible replacement as Treasurer: A.B.Carver, W. Mulliner, B.Kingscott. These men to be approached. Mr A. Hudson to act as temporary Treasurer in the meantime.

- Match v Coventry: home match to be avoided on days of County games if possible.

29 September 1959:

- Cardiff: Sec reported that he had arranged Saturday fixture for Season 1962/63 instead of the Wednesday fixture at Cardiff.
- Ebbw Vale: arrangements if possible for Ebbw Vale to take place of UAU during Christmas holidays.
- Guy's Hospital: discussion as to why this fixture was dropped. Explained by Secretary.
- Finance: Season Tickets down by £200 and no glimmer of hope to show a profit this year. Care must be exercised in all expenditure.

- Barbarians: discussion led up to Barbarian fixtures and why only certain teams are played (by the Barbarians) each season. Proposed letter to Barbarians Sec seeking a fixture next year.

13 October 1959:

- Fixtures: Endeavour to arrange that Ebbw Vale come on the Saturday and Pontypool the day after Boxing Day 1961.
- Away match v Cambridge University: Sec to obtain details of train services to and from Cambridge.

27 October 1959:

- Newport: Newport requested that the match with them should be played under floodlights at 6.30pm to 7.00pm 26th March 1960. Tickets will be available for the International game at Cardiff on the same day.

3rd November 1959 (Meeting at Kingsholm with Widden Old Boys):

- Building: Plan of building for Widden Old Boys changing quarters and amenities (at Memorial Ground) accepted with praise.

24 November 1959:

- Simple Concrete Stand: Gen Sec to write to Cambridge University and obtain information re a simple construction stand. Mr Voyce will find names and addressees of firms which could be contacted. Gen Sec to obtain quotations for simple stand.
- Army RU: Reduced sum of £40 as guarantee accepted by the Army.
- Groundsman: Application by J.Burkett for an increase of £1 per week was considered, and after a lengthy discussion was granted. Ground Committee to be

called and to formulate terms of employment, also to make list of jobs to be done and order of priority.

8 December 1958:

- Ties: The Chairman, Revd Mervyn Hughes, suggested that the team should have a Tie each, for the outstanding win at Cambridge. Proposed by Dr Arnold Alcock, Seconded by E.Day.

- Cyril Thomas: to be congratulated officially for his selection in the England Trial Match.

5 January 1960:

- New Treasurer: Proposed by Mr Brett and seconded by B.Green that D.Dawe could be appointed as Hon Treasurer. Carried unanimously.

- Record Board: agreed that the first 17 names in order of playing be placed on the Record Board.

- Team Record: P. Ford congratulated on the achievement of winning 13 matches consecutively in the season.

2 February 1960:

- Leicester RFC: Request that dates for the 1960/61 fixtures should be changed. Agreed that Leicester be approached with a view to making good our loss, due to the weakness of the Leicester side.

16 February 1960:

- Burglar Precaution: New locks fitted, steel plates added to doors. Spring catch to be fitted to door to protect it from opening unnecessarily.

1 March 1960:

- County Trial Match: Suggested by County Union that a friendly County game should be played against Yorkshire on a date to be fixed in September. GRFC strongly objected to this game being played on a Saturday at Cheltenham.

12 April 1960:

- Televising Internationals: Mr Dawe suggested that strong representation should be made to Rugby Union against televising of International games on Saturdays, in view of the effect on our gates. Letter to be sent to Rugby Union.

4 July 1960 (AGM):

- A.T.Voyce: The President wished A.T. Voyce a successful year of office as President of the Rugby Union.

- Tribute to Team: Revd Mervyn Hughes paid tribute to the players and the wonderful atmosphere. He pointed out that all players were born within 10 miles of Gloucester.