

MINUTES OF THE GRFC COMMITTEE, August 1960- July 1961

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23 August 1960:

- Late S. Davies: The Committee stood in silence in memory of the late S.Davies, a member of the Committee.
- County Representative: Proposed that T.Day should be elected on County Committee.
- Memorial Ground: Use of pitch on Memorial Ground for Rugby: £15 per session. £100 grant to be made to Widden Old Boys from Memorial Fund.
- Barbarians: To be written to, with a view to getting them down to Gloucester, in place of one of the Welsh sides. Advised to offer a good guarantee.

13 September 1960:

- South African Tour: Reported that quotation had been received and would be submitted to Special Committee. Band had been arranged. Oct 1st and Oct 8th programmes to be reserved for preliminary notices re County meeting being held on 29th September.
- Water Rates: Glos Corporation water charge of £77.12s.2d could not be reduced. Suggested that Groundsman exercise great care over use of water. Automatic flushes should only be turned on on Saturdays. Gen Sec to find stop taps and arrange for them to be turned off.

27 September 1960

- General Committee: R. Morris was appointed on the Committee in place of the late S.Davies.
- South African Tour: Clubs have to apply for tickets. It was considered that 4/- was too high for ground charge. Prices for South African tickets to be included in this week's programme.
- Longlevens Complaint: Letter re Davis to be replied to, stating that we had not approached him to play.
- Changing Quarters: Gen Sec to write to the City Architect on this matter. Mr H. Smith to produce plans for submission to City Council by Mr G.Davies.
- Finance: Schemes to be considered for the raising of money to build the changing quarters.

11 October 1960:

- Barbarians: Letter received declining to accept our offer for them to play at Kingsholm.
- Schools: Schools given permission to train at Kingsholm on Thursday from 5pm to 6.30pm. Payment to Groundsman to be arranged by Schools Committee.
- Schools Christmas Draw: 2 International tickets asked for a prize, ie for French match. Mr Hudson stated that he would help.

25 October 1960:

- Reserved Seats in Stand: Seats to be reserved for members, 23-40 in both wings, rope wound back until 10 minutes before kick off. One Committee man necessary on either side, starting at Leicester match. 2 Stewards to assist 2 Committee men: R.Brett and E.R.Day.
- Letter from Neath RFC: it requests that we might alter date of Dec 3rd, owing to visit of South Africans to Cardiff. Request refused and Neath requested to honour their commitments.
- Wooden Stand: Tenders necessary for strengthening of Wooden Stand. If possible, Inspectors' advice on this matter should be obtained.

8 November 1960:

- Wooden Stand: Tender accepted of £34.10s from William Jones.
- South African Tour: Total number of tickets allocated to whole of County as follows: 112 - Centre, 700 - Wing, 486 - Special Stand, 600 - Inside etc. County Committee to meet soon to decide on allocation to clubs in Gloucestershire.
- Longlevens: Letter received from Longlevens Sec A.Healey re Davis and Beamish. Reply that both players had been selected to play for United on Saturday next.

22 November 1960:

- Reserved Seats: those in stand successful. To be confirmed, until further notice.
- South African visit: Badges will be available. Details of programmes, issues to be dealt with by Mr Hickey. Some of the Referees should also be invited.
- Loud Speaker: not satisfactory. Very poor last Saturday.

6 December 1960:

- Army Band: 11th Hussars band offered at Kingsholm on 26 January 1960. Offer accepted.
- Ground before South Africans: No training on the ground at all during rest of week. South Africans can practise on Gloucester Civil Service Ground on the Friday

morning, Kingsholm to be used. No national anthems to be played. Factory visit to be laid on, as well as visit to Cathedral.

- Mayor's Reception: All Committee invited to this on Friday at 1215pm. Tables to be placed round the wall in the tea room. No public to be allowed in. One door to be barred off.

20 December 1960:

- Bath fixture: It was agreed to try and fix a date in March 1961.

17 January 1961:

- Memorial Ground: Verbal knowledge of plans having been passed, now it is matter of actual passing of plans.

- Groundsman: Letter of resignation received, to leave January 26th. Instructed to finish on Thursday January 12th.

31 January 1961:

- Schools: Annual collection for Schools at the Cardiff match – agreed.

14 February 1961:

- Gatemen: Shortage of Gatemen v Bath made it impossible to check tickets adequately.

- Royal Air Force match: Seats granted for wounded soldiers from Chepstow at this match.

28 February 1961:

- Telephone: Coin box telephone is too costly and must be removed. The Office telephone to be put in the Committee Room together with a box for contributions.

- Tractor: To be sent to Ground for examination by Committee before Saturday next. Old tractor to be sold as scrap, but wheels to be removed before sale.

- Tour: Travelling on Saturday, not Friday. Special Luxury Coach required for 6 hours journey. Enquiries to be made to Black and White. Quotation necessary.

- Representative XV: Can Mr Voyce raise a XV to improve our finances for the Memorial Fund. Dates to be supplied to T.Voyce.

- Letter To Bristol: Agreed to support Bristol Club in an endeavour to curtail the activities of Television which is practically ruining finances of all clubs. It was suggested that Television should show rugby on Sundays by film.

30 May 1961:

- Memorial Ground: President made enquiries. Tenders now needed to find out costs, so that grants may be applied for.

- Finance: Hon Treasurer reported that we should have approximately £400 deficit on the Season's takings. Gates are approximately £700 down (on previous season).

24 June 1961:

- Sheep on Ground: it was reported that sheep were on the Ground for fertiliser purpose. Mr Hudson thought that in view of this, there was no further need for other forms of fertilising.

- Memorial Ground: Dr Alcock reported on the meeting held the previous evening relating to the new changing quarters at the Memorial Ground, with special reference to tenders.

10 July 1961 (AGM):

- Report: Revd H.M.Hughes gave a detailed report relating to the Club's activities for the season 1960/1961. Tributes were paid to Peter Ford for his excellent work in connection with the captaincy of the club.

- Treasurer: Hon Treasurer F.Dawe gave a detailed statement of accounts, which was enthusiastically received. This showed an advance Balance of Expenses over Income of approx £589. The Balance Sheet was adopted.

- Committee Elections: The Election of the Committee was as follows:

R.Sutton	77
A.G.Hudson	70
A. Beattie	68
J. G. A'Bear	65
R. Brett	65
F.Day	64
N. Duncalfe	63
R.Parry	57
G. Dance	56
J.Reid	51
E.Day	50

Not elected: G.Pickthorn, N.J.Story.

The following officers were re-elected:

A.Alcock President

Revd H.M.Hughes) Vice-Presidents

T. Hillingdon)

A. Hudson)

A.T.Voyce)

A. Hudson Hon Secretary
F.D.Dawe Hon Treasurer

- Alteration to Rules: It was decided that that two more Secretaries were necessary.
The following were elected, while Mr Balchin was out of the room:

Fixtures Secretary: F.D.Dawe
Team Secretary: J.Reid

Mr Balchin re-entered the room and accepted the new elections.