

MINUTES OF THE GRFC COMMITTEE, August 1961- July 1962

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1 August 1961:

- Social Club: Mr Duncalfe raised question of extending Social Room. Architect to be called in for advice. Question of "Bingo" discussed. Ladies Committee to be formed if possible, to take over provision of meals etc.

11 September 1961:

- Gates and Gatemen: The Gen Sec reported change in Gatemen which had proved successful.
- Ladies Committee: The Chairman reported the formation of a Ladies Committee which appeared to be working satisfactorily. The Treasurer in consultation with the President had ordered certain work to be put in hand in kitchen. These actions were endorsed.

26 September 1961:

- Schools: Oct 14th, March 17th and April 14th were dates suggested for possible games to be played prior to United games. Facilities granted for training under supervision of teachers 5pm - 6pm plus use of visitors' bath and changing room.

10 October 1961:

- Torquay Festival: 5th or 6th September 1962 offered. No Saturday game. Travel down on the Thursday and return on the Tuesday.
- Llanelli match away: Good hospitality, but Baggage Man not admitted as he did not have a ticket!
- Memorial Ground: Meeting called to discuss tenders, on Tuesday 17th October 8.15pm.

24 October 1961:

- Memorial Ground: Sub-Committee met to receive tenders for changing quarters. Figure of £9,000 - £10,000 impossible for us. Revised tenders asked for concrete walls. Mr Voyce suggested that we approach Secretary of Playing Fields Association (PFA) for advice on a loan for funds for the Memorial Ground. Loans also possible from the RFU and the Ministry of Education.
- Police: Instructions to be given to Police to patrol the field to keep children outside the playing pitch.
- Boys' Behaviour: Proposed that the fathers of the two boys found lighting papers on the stand be spoken to.

- Players' Dinner: at Royal William pub, Cranham 10s 6d each. Gen Sec to invite Leicester RFC to come, by writing to them.

7 November 1961:

- Policeman: The one policeman on duty must be instructed to patrol inside the rails as a general routine. A letter to the Superintendent would cover these weekly instructions.

- Kitchen: Mitchells have omitted the extractor fan, this needs immediate attention.

- Worcester Street Fencing: In need of immediate attention. Middle pieces are rotting and inspection necessary.

5 December 1961:

- Players Representative: requested the following: that a Players' Tie should be issued that a Selector should travel with the United team; that the Captain on the field (i.e., when original Captain not playing) should be invited to next meeting of Selection Committee.

- Ladies Committee: 3 resignations received, including Chairman. Necessary to call a meeting of the ladies and try to repair the situation.

6 January 1962:

- Ladies Committee: Resignation accepted, meeting necessary to appoint new Chairman. More helpers also needed, particularly one lady in charge.

- A. T. Voyce: Congratulations by the Committee on his award of the OBE in the New Years Honours.

30 January 1962:

- Secretary in Accident: The Chairman referred to the Car Accident of Mr Balchin who was now in hospital under observation. He had visited him and expressed the Club's sympathy.

13 February 1962:

- Ties: Unanimously agreed that the Red and White Tie continue with the Club Tie. This tie to be awarded as heretofore to players on the recognized qualification.

- Special Players' Tie: for players only, to be paid for by the players with full qualification of 21 games for either team.

- Grandstand Liaison with Ticket Office: two people to act as liaison between two. Suggested badges of office to be worn.

- Mr Balchin's Ill-health and Resignation: Letter of resignation on doctor's orders was read out. The Chairman said that a replacement as General Secretary should be seriously considered. But, for the time being, Mr A. Hudson would attend to all routine jobs if necessary.

- Club's Bank Account: The Hon Treasurer said that it would be much more convenient if the Club's Account at Lloyds Bank were transferred to the new Northgate Street Branch. Mr Voyce proposed and Mr Brett seconded this to be done. Carried unanimously.

27 February 1962:

- England Trial next season: Hon Sec reported that the 2nd England Trial next season had been allocated to Gloucestershire. The date was confirmed as Saturday 22nd December 1962 and had been allocated to Gloucester, after the Club's application.

- Stade Bordelais Proposed Visit: Letter from Llanelli Club indicating that a guarantee of £150 must be paid.

13 March 1962:

- Honour to Mr G.J. Dance as Mayor Elect of the City: Mr Gilbert Dance had been selected as Mayor of Gloucester for forthcoming year. It was a great honour to the Club.

- Memorial Ground Complaints: (1) Widden Old Boys complaining pitch was rough and required rolling. (2) Complaint from Mrs Saunders that boys were damaging her fence.

3 April 1962:

- Memorial Ground Complaints: Letter from Education Committee was read about complaint, from allotment holders, of damage due to children going through the hedge. Mr Dance said that he had spoken to the Parks Superintendent Mr Evans.

- Circular from RFU on Law 27: received requesting all RU football club matches in England be played under amendment to Law 27 about the Line Out.

- Committee Vacancy: It was unanimously agreed that Mr H. Redrobe be invited to accept the vacancy on the General Committee.

17 April 1962:

- Stade Bordelais Match Cancelled: Fixtures Secretary had received message from Stade Bordelais cancelling match at Kingsholm on 24 April owing to military commitments.

- Mr Dawe: Mr Dawe to resign as Hon Treasurer on medical advice at close of present season.

- Allan Townsend and Captaincy: Allan stated that he had decided not to allow his name to go forward, as a candidate for Captaincy next season.

8 May 1962:

- Resignation of Mr E.R.Day: Owing to his duties, he was unable to attend the Committee.

- Colts XV: A Colts Sub-Committee was formed under its Chairman Revd H.M.Hughes.

19 June 1962 (Players' Meeting):

- Captains for Next Season: the following were nominated by the Players:

Captain 1st XV: Mr M. Booth

Captain United XV: Mr P.Hawker.

These were the only two nominations.

9 July 1962 (AGM):

- Report: Revd H.M.Hughes gave a detailed report relating to the Club's activities for the season 1961/1962, which showed an improvement in the playing record of the 1st XV over last year as follows:

Matches Played:	43
Won:	22
Lost:	18
Drawn:	3
Points For:	496
Points Against	468

Included in these figures were a number of outstanding victories including over Bristol, Leicester, Cardiff, Swansea, Richmond, Coventry, Wasps, Army and RAF.

Allan Townsend, the Captain, is to be congratulated on a successful season. The pack as usual lived up to the reputation made famous by Gloucester over the years.

“Mr Arthur Hudson had this year completed 60 years continuous association with the club as a player and administrator. It is quite impossible to express our appreciation of the service which he has given the Club over the years”.

The Club made a profit in 1961/1962 of £317, compared with a loss of £589 in the previous season 1960/1961.

The Club had achieved this by a 19% reduction of total expenditure, £4,735, a saving of £1,092 on the previous season 1960/1961.