

MINUTES OF THE GRFC COMMITTEE, August 1962 - July 1963

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14 August 1962 :

- Tribute: The Committee stood in silence for a minute as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr George Hudson.

- Torquay: Torquay Festival XV game to be played on 6 September 1962, 6.30pm K.O. Hon Sec instructed to book accommodation for the Thursday night at the Dunmore Hotel for 16 people.

5 September 1962:

- Ground: Hon Sec reported that:

(1) Roof of ticket office at Deans Walk in urgent need of repair.

(2) Roof of Worcester St stand rusted through in a number of places.

(3) Deans Walk toilets require cleaning up.

Hon Sec instructed to see that (1) and (3) were attended to by Saturday.

24 September 1962;

- Season Tickets : Hon Treasurer reported that while, to date, the Club was £236 down on last year on the sale of Season Tickets, Gate Receipts had increased somewhat.

- Memorial Ground: Enquiry made regarding changing rooms at Memorial Ground, and it was agreed that Mr H. Smith be contacted with regard to tender.

15 October 1962:

- Policeman: Hon Treasurer observed that the Policeman patrolling the Ground costs £2. 2s.9d. each match. It was agreed to dispense with the services of the Policeman except for main or important matches.

1 November 1962:

- Ground Committee: Hon Sec read recommendation of the Ground Committee. He was instructed to obtain tenders for all the items except that in regard to Worcester St Gates and Fencing (at White Hart End) and he was empowered to accept the lowest tender under £50.

8 November 1962:

- New Building Programme: Hon Sec summed up the financial side of any new building programme in terms which suggested that the absolute maximum the Club could reasonably shoulder was a £16,000 venture. This would necessitate raising at least £1,344 per annum from new sources of income. To undertake a £4,000 scheme the Club would have to raise, from new sources, £336 per annum. Hon Treasurer stressed the need for new revenue producing projects.

- New Building Scheme: Proposed by Mr Brett and seconded by Mr Sutton that Mr Duncalfe be asked to approach the Architect for his free advice on a phased rebuilding

scheme on the Grandstand side of the ground, commencing with a £8,000 to £10,000 building for the Social Club.

29 November 1962:

- England Trial Match: About 100 tickets for the Wing stands would be reserved for the match at Kingsholm on 22nd December for guests from County clubs who attend the Rugby Union cocktail party.

13 December 1962:

- Groundsman: Proposed by the President and seconded by Mr J. 'Bear that a Groundsman be advertised for.

10 January 1963:

- Correspondence: (a) from RFU, re nomination of Sir Laurie Edwards as Vice-President.
(b) From Northampton RFC, invitation to play under floodlights. Hon Fixtures Sec advised to decline invitation.

24 January 1963:

- Letter from Performing Rights Society Ltd: for relaying music. The charge of 12 guineas was considered excessive. Mr S. Dangerfield undertook to have the need for such a licence examined. The Committee did not feel that it was necessary to relay music.

28 February 1963:

- County Match: The Committee wished to record its appreciation of the sterling efforts of Mr Dawe on attending to the telephone for over 4 hours on the occasion of the County Match.

14 March 1963:

- Tour: The Secretary was instructed to accept the terms offered by The Western Hotel, St Ives, Cornwall, i.e., 21s for bed and breakfast for 3 nights for approx 25 players and officials.

26 March 1963:

- Charity Game: Gloucester v Peter Ford's XV on May 2nd. All details to be sent to the County Hon Sec.

13 April 1963:

- R. Hannaford: Hon sec was instructed to write to R.Hannaford releasing him to play for his own club.

9 May 1963:

- Tour: Mr Clarke reported upon a very successful tour (to Cornwall). It was unanimously decided that the thanks of the Committee should be extended to Mr Clarke for his assistance and capable handling of the tour.

16 July 1963 (AGM):

- Club President: Dr Arnold Alcock welcomed all members to the first ever AGM to be held at the Club's HQ Kingsholm.

- Report: Revd H.M.Hughes gave a detailed report relating to the Club's activities for the season 1962/1963, which suffered the worst weather conditions in living memory (eleven matches were lost with no club game at Kingsholm between Dec 15th 1962 and Feb 23rd 1963) with the 1st XV playing record as follows:

Matches Played: 37
Won: 21
Lost: 15
Drawn: 1
Points For: 442
Points Against 304

K.Wilson is to be congratulated on his English cap, as is Peter Ford in both captaining the County and gaining a well-deserved and long-overdue place in the Barbarians tour of South Wales.

The United, under the captaincy of Peter Hawker, had an excellent season as the following United playing record shows:

Matches Played: 24
Won: 16
Lost: 6
Drawn: 2
Points For: 320
Points Against 158

Treasurer's Report: the Club made a loss in 1962/1963 of £110. Pointing out the steady decline in members, the Treasurer appealed to all to try to introduce new members to the club.

Election of Officers: Proposed by Mr Lovell, seconded by Mr Embling. Carried unanimously:

President: Arnold Alcock MB, BS.

Vice-Presidents: A.J.Voyce, A. Hudson, P. Millington and Revd H.M.Hughes

Hon Sec: P.R.Tandy

Hon Treasurer: W.B.Clarke

Hon Fixtures Sec: P.D.H.Dawe

Hon Team Sec: A.J.Hudson.