

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd August, 1966.

Present: Dr. A. Alcock, Rev. H. M. Hughes, A. T. Voyce, T. Millington, G. Dance, J. Dancey, T. Day, C. Lynch, E. Lane, F. Ewers, J. Hickey, D. Dawe, R. Sutton, R. Morris, N. Duncalfe, D. Wadley, P. Hawker, G. White, J. Fowke, T. Tandy.

Apologies were received from A. Hudson, L. Keck, S. Dangerfield, R. Collins, J. G. A'Bear.

Dr. Alcock took the Chair. He welcomed all members to the commencement of another year, with a special word of welcome to the new members of the Committee.

Chairman/Vice-Chairman.

Rev. H. M. Hughes was unanimously elected Chairman for the ensuing year, and Mr. G. Dance elected Vice-Chairman.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and duly signed by the Chairman.

Arising.

Mr. Hickey reported that on inspection he found the existing score-board beyond repair. Mr. F. D. H. Dawe generously offered to pay for a new board to be erected as per Halls & Keck Ltd. quotation of £21 0s. 0d.

The Secretary expressed thanks to Mr. Hickey for the assistance given by a party of his schoolboys in removing long grass from the pitch. All the lads that had assisted were given a free seat at the wrestling promotion.

The Treasurer reported that the Club had made a profit of £65 0s. 0d. on the wrestling promotion.

A letter had been received from Messrs. Halls & Keck stating that at no time had their workmen been given a key to the toilets under the Stand, and they could not therefore accept any responsibility for the damage.

Correspondence.

A letter from Major Barnes stating that he would be 65 in December of this year, and was he eligible for an O.A.P.'s Season Ticket for the coming season? Secretary to suitably reply regretting that he would not be so.

Confirmation had been received of the Club's loan of £2,500 from the Middlesex County Rugby Union Charitable Trust.

The President had received a letter from the Club's Hon. Solicitor re. the fact that he had made arrangements for obtaining the licence for the new Social Club, and that the Club Secretary had instructed Mr. S. Pritchett to act on behalf of the Club. This had caused Mr. Jessop a certain amount of embarrassment.

Mr. Duncalfe and Mr. Tandy informed the meeting that they had both been told by Mr. Jessop that he could not apply for the licence for the New Club as he was Clerk to the Magistrate's Court. Thus Mr. Pritchett had been engaged, and in fact Mr. Pritchett had dealt with all the Club's licensing applications in the past. It was agreed that President should explain the situation to Mr. Jessop.

#### Sub-Committees.

Selection Committee: Chairman, The Team Secretary, 1<sup>st</sup> XV Captain, T. Day, R. Morris, R. Collins, P. Hawker; plus United XV Captain in non-voting capacity.

Finance Committee: Officers, N. Duncalfe, G. Dance, L. Keck.

Ground Committee: Officers, L. Keck, J. Dancey, G. Dance, C. Lynch.

Youth Committee: E. Lane (Secretary), R. Morris, R. Sutton, C. Lynch; with power to co-opt.

Social Club Management Committee: T. Tandy (Secretary), A. D. Wadley, N. Duncalfe, T. Day, L. Keck.

Representative to North Gloucestershire Combination: A.G. Hudson.

#### New Club House.

The Secretary reported a Steward and wife had been engaged.

#### Trials.

It was agreed trials to take place on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### Baggage Man.

It was unanimously agreed that Mr. T. Lane be appointed Baggage Man for 1<sup>st</sup> XV.

The next meeting was arranged for Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August, 1966.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:30 p.m.

Date: 16 / Aug / 66.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 1966.

Present: Dr. A. Alcock, Rev. H. M. Hughes, T. Millington, G. Dance, T. Day, R. Morris, E. Lane, L. Keck, S. Dangerfield, N. Duncalfe, C. Lynch, D. Dawe, A. T. Voyce, G. Hudson, R. Collins, P. Hawker, G. White, T. Tandy.

Apologies were received from A. D. Wadley, J. Dancey, F. Ewers, R. Sutton, J. Fowke.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and duly signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising.

It was agreed that "*40 minutes each way*" should be sign-written on the new score board.

Correspondence.

Quotation from L. C. Mitchell & Co. Ltd. for £89 0s. 0d. to re-wire loud speaker system, and lights of Worcester Street Stand, stressing that if this work was carried out immediately all wiring could be buried in the trench that had been dug for the new mains cable. Proposed by Mr. Day seconded by Mr. Duncalfe that the estimate be accepted. Agreed unanimously.

The Secretary had received a donation of £4 15s. 0d. from R. JAMES, a life member of the Club, towards the new Club House.

Advertisements.

It was unanimously agreed that the Secretary should order the rip-off type advertisement pads as last season; a list of K.O. times being agreed by the Committee.

Official Opening of New Club.

It was agreed that the Club President, Dr. Alcock, should open the new Social Club officially on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 1966 – 7:15 p.m. for 7:30 p.m. Representatives to be invited selected by a committee comprising of President, Chairman, Secretary, and Mr. N. Duncalfe.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9:30 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August, 1966.

Date: 30 / 8 / 66.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 1966.

Present: Dr. Alcock, Rev. H. M. Hughes, T. Millington, F. Ewers, R. Morris, C. Lynch, A. D. Wadley, T. Day, N. Duncalfe, J. Dancey, L. Keck, R. Collings, G. Hudson, D. Dawe, G. White, P. Hawker, J. Fowke, T. Tandy.

Apologies: E. Lane.

Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and duly signed by the Chairman.

Arising.

The Secretary presented the Committee Away Match Rota. This was approved.

Social Club.

Mr. H. B. Duncalfe presented the accounts of the Social Club in respect of the 1965-66 season. The accounts were approved unanimously, with a special vote of thanks to Mr. Duncalfe for his work as Treasurer of the Social Club.

Opening of New Social Club.

The Secretary confirmed that the invitations to the official opening of the new Social Club on Thursday 8th September 1966 had been sent. The Ladies Committee were to be asked to provide the buffet.

Old Social Club.

The Ladies Committee had suggested that the Old Social Club be converted into a new Tea Room. A few structural alterations would be necessary behind the bar. The Chairman suggested this matter should come up for discussion at a later date.

Touch Judges.

Clifton - P. Hawker. Northampton - R. Morris.

Car Park.

Mr. Dawe agreed to approach Mr. P. Todd re. clearance of soil from Deans Walk end of the Car Park.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

Date: 13 / Sep. / 66.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Meeting held on Tuesday 13th September, 1966.

Present: Dr. Alcock (President), Rev. H. M. Hughes (Chairman), A. Hudson, T. Millington, G. Dance, P. Hawker, T. Day, R. Morris, F. Ewers, C. Lynch, R. Collins, N. Duncalfe, A. Wadley, T. Voyce, D. Dawe, T. Tandy.

Apologies: S. Dangerfield.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and duly signed by the Chairman.

Arising.

The Chairman reported on a very enjoyable and successful evening on the opening of the new Social Club, and thanked all concerned in the organisation of the evening for the work they had put in.

Advertising.

The Secretary raised the matter of advertisements being put on the facia of the Stands. It was unanimously agreed this could be done, and the Secretary should negotiate.

T. Lane.

The Secretary reported that the 1st XV baggage man, T. Lane, had been putting in a lot of time in the evening; in addition he had re-decorated the referee's changing room. It was proposed by A. Hudson seconded by N. Duncalfe that a payment should be made to Mr. Lane in respect of additional duties he carried out.

Ground Company.

The President reported that an offer had been received for the lease of the frontage of the Club Car Park, the area concerned being 160' x 100'. The firm concerned would apply for planning permission for use of a filling station and hard standing for car sales. It was proposed by Mr. Dance, seconded by Mr. Duncalfe that the Club agree to part of the car park being leased, and the Ground Company carry out negotiations for the best rental possible. Agreed unanimously.

Clearance of Car Park.

Mr. Dance reported he had received an estimate for £90 in respect of clearing soil etc., from the Deans Walk end of the car park. Proposed by Mr. Morris seconded by Mr. Sutton and agreed that the estimate be accepted.

New Zealand Tour.

Mr. Dance requested that the Secretary book accommodation for a party of 28 on Thursday 13th October, 1966.

Cups in Dressing Room.

Mr. Day reported that a number of cups had been used by players for shaving. These had been destroyed by the Ladies. The Players' Representative to be requested to see players re. this matter.

Moseley Utd.

The Secretary requested a Committee Man to travel with the United XV to Moseley as Mr. Dangerfield was away on holiday. Mr. Lynch agreed to replace Mr. Dangerfield.

United XV.

Mr. Lynch raised the matter of the arrangements of the United XV for their away game at Northampton. Some players did not know if they were playing or not; others arrived extremely late for the coach. The Chairman reported he felt this was due to the lateness of selection due to 1st XV mid-week fixtures, and such an occurrence would not happen again.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:40 p.m.

Date: 26 . 9 . 66.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 26th September 1966.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, A. T. Voyce, T. Millington, D. Dawe, T. Day, J. Fowke, F. Ewers, C. Lynch, N. Duncalfe, L. Keck, R. Morris, A. Hudson, S. Dangerfield, R. Collins, A. D. Wadley, T. Tandy.

Apologies: E. Lane, R. Sutton, Dr. Alcock.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and duly signed by the Chairman.

Correspondence.

Gloucestershire Rugby Football Union confirmed arrangements for Gloucestershire v. Somerset game at Kingsholm on 26th November, 1966. Tickets to be printed in Bristol; prices to be increased to:- Centre - 10/-, Wing - 6/-, Enclosure - 4/-, Ground - 3/-.

Department of Education & Science had offered a Grant of £2,350 towards the cost of £4,700 for floodlighting installation. Proposed Mr. Dawe seconded Mr. Duncalfe that the offer be accepted.

Proposed Mr. Day seconded Mr. Keck that a sub-committee be formed and the following were unanimously elected - Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, L. Keck, D. Dawe, and A. T. Voyce.

The Secretary to write to Trustees of the Memorial Ground re. loan of money from their funds.

Car Parking.

All Players and Officials to use the Main Car Park except in the case of emergency.

Social Club.

The Secretary reminded the Committee that it had been agreed that the lounge of the Social Club would not be opened before a game. Considerable discussion was given to this subject, and it was agreed to allow the matter to stand for a further period; if any problems arose in the future the Social Committee could be asked to reconsider the matter.

The Secretary also asked that if food was left from the players meals, it should not be taken over to the Social Club, as the steward prepared food for sale in the club and it would affect his sales.

Beer in Tea Room.

The matter of the supply of beer in the Tea Room on United match days was discussed. It was suggested that both teams should pay 2/6d. per week match fees. The United would then get a barrel of beer and a crate of lemonade. The 1st XV could then have two jugs in the Club in addition to the barrel.

Aberavon.

A request had been received from Aberavon to re-arrange the game arranged for February 25th to play Friday evening 24th February, 1966. After some discussion it was agreed by a majority vote to offer to play the game on Saturday evening, thus avoiding the clash with T.V.

Committee.

Mr. Lynch suggested a rota of two Committee men to be present at each home game 1st and United XV's, stressing the lack of Committee men at the Bristol United game. This was agreed. The Secretary to prepare rota.

The question of the outstanding vacancy on the Committee was raised. It was agreed Mr. Wadley approach J. Thornton re. coming to serve on the Committee.

Toilets.

Mr. Hudson commented that it was about time something had been done to the toilets under the Main Stand, and that the ladies toilet had been damaged over the weekend. The Secretary agreed to deal with these matters. Mr. Keck agreed to make further investigations re. comments of neglect by workmen in not locking the toilets.

Touch Judge.

v. Bedford - S. Dangerfield.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:00 p.m.

Date: <sup>1</sup>

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

<sup>1</sup> Date omitted.



Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 11th October, 1966.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes (Chairman), Dr. Alcock (President), A. T. Voyce, R. Collins, R. Sutton, R. Morris, E. Lane, A. D. Wadley, T. Millington, C. Lynch, J. Fowke, F. Ewers, D. Dawe, G. Hudson, T. Tandy.

Apologies: J. Dancey, L. Keck, G. Dance.

Arising.

The Secretary reported on the problem of preparing a list of two Committee men to be on duty at each home match. He asked the Committee to consider a rota for United XV games only. This was unanimously agreed.

Loan from Middlesex Hospital Trust of £2,500.

10 guarantors required. The following agreed: Dr. Alcock, A. T. Voyce, Rev. H. M. Hughes, A. G. Hudson, F. D. H. Dawe, T. Millington, L. Keck, J. Fowke, R. Sutton, E. Lane.

Fixtures.

The Fixture Secretary reported that the Cardiff R.F.C. would only agree to one match per season from the 1969/70 season onwards.

Fixtures with St. Paul's College for 22nd October 1966 and 18th March 1967 had been offered. It was unanimously agreed that as the first date was the day of a County match no United fixture should be arranged, but the March date should be accepted.

The Committee were unanimously against the suggestion of playing Blackheath alternatively home and away on Boxing Day.

Youth XV.

The question was raised of selection of Youth XV for United XV. It was unanimously agreed that a member of the Youth Committee be present at United XV selection.

New Zealand Visit.

The Secretary confirmed that there would be a dance in the Social Club on the evening of this game.

General Committee Meetings.

It was discussed that due to lateness of Selection Committee, General Committee meetings should be held on an alternative evening to a Tuesday. It was agreed to leave this matter until a future meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:50 p.m.

Date: 25 / 10 / 66.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 25th October, 1966.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, Dr. Alcock, T. Millington, G. White, T. Day, F. Ewers, J. Thornton, L. Keck, J. A'Bear, G. Hudson, P. Hawker, R. Collins, D. Wadley, C. Lynch, J. Fowke, D. Dawe, T. Tandy.

Apologies: J. Dancey, S. Dangerfield.

Arising.

The Secretary presented the rota for United XV Committee duties. This was approved by the meeting.

New Zealand Game.

It was agreed that a further cheque be sent to Blackheath in respect of the game with Athletic Club of New Zealand as due to details not being available on night of game, all expenses had not been covered.

Training.

The Captain reported that training in Longlevens School gymnasium would commence on Thursday 27th October 1966. It was understood the maximum number that could be accommodated was 20 players. The cost was 30/- per player for the season. On the proposition of Mr. Collins seconded by Mr. Keck it was agreed that the Club pay the £30 fee in respect of 20 players, £15 of which should be recovered by the Captain during the season and returned to the Treasurer.

Floodlighting.

The Secretary reported that to date he had received no further information re. the floodlighting scheme.

Fixtures.

The Fixture Secretary informed the meeting that the Aberavon game at Aberavon would be played on the Saturday afternoon and not under lights as previously discussed.

Newport H.S.O.B. had requested the United travel for a morning K.O. on 3rd December 1966. The teams could then watch the Wales v. Australia game in the afternoon. Tickets would be available. Agreed.

Finance.

The Treasurer expressed concern that no payment of loans from the Rugby Union or the Middlesex Rugby Union had yet been received. The President agreed to contact the Clubs' Honorary Solicitor re. this matter.

The Trustees of the Memorial Ground Fund were looking into the question of a loan being made to the Club to assist with floodlighting.

N.G. Combination.

Mr. Lynch felt that the Club should show a better lead to the Combination clubs. On numerous occasions members of our own Committee did not show a good example. Following the New Zealand game local secretaries had assisted on the Door of the Social Club, with no senior members of the Committee present. A discussion took place on the subject, and it was pointed out that the organisation of the Social Club was in fact the responsibility of the Social Club Management Committee.

Mr. Keck suggested that members should give thought to an ad hoc committee being formed to deal with the business matters of the Club.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:00 p.m.

Date: 22 / Nov / 66.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd November, 1966.

Present: Dr. Alcock, Rev. H. M. Hughes, T. Millington, G. Dance, T. Day, F. Ewers, G. White, L. Keck, S. Dangerfield, R. Collins, D. Dawe, R. Sutton, C. Lynch, J. Dancey, A. T. Voyce, T. Tandy.

Apologies: J. Fowke.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and duly signed by the Chairman.

Arising.

The Captain reported that all 1st XV and United XV players had been invited to the training sessions on Thursdays at Longlevens School. The average attendance had been 18.

Tickets had been received for United XV for Wales v. Australia match following their game with N.H.S.O.B. It was agreed the Club should pay for the tickets.

J. G. A'Bear.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. J. G. A'Bear tendering his resignation from the General Committee. The resignation was accepted by the Committee, and the Secretary was requested to write Mr. A'Bear thanking him for his many years of loyal service to the Club.

It was suggested that Mr. Ivor Jones be approached with a view to filling the vacancy.

Coaching Films.

A letter had been received from W. Cole re. purchase of Rugby Union coaching films, for use by the Club. It was pointed out that the County already had the films for use of clubs. The films were in fact being shown at I.C.I. Fibres, Ltd., on 29th November 1966.

Bective Rangers' Game.

Discussion re. the Club trip to Ireland to play BECTIVE RANGERS next September. The general opinion was that certain players would not support the trip financially. To date no details of costs were available. Agreed details of costs be obtained. The captains agreed to discuss with players details of raising money.

Harlequins.

A letter had been received from Harlequins re. K.O. time for game at Kingsholm on 14th April 1966. Suggested 5:45 p.m. K.O.

K.O. Times.

It was agreed that all games at Kingsholm during December should K.O. at 2:30 p.m.

N.G.C.

Mr. Hudson extended thanks to Mr. F. Ewers for speaking up for the Gloucester Club at the N.G.C. monthly meeting, pointing out the advantages to be gained by playing for a first class club. Mr. Ewers explained that it was felt that the Gloucester Club should help themselves more by watching more local matches.

Ad Hoc Committee.

Mr. Keck requested information regarding formation of ad hoc committee. He stated that he would put forward a proposition for the next meeting.

Finance.

Mr. Voyce asked for information re. financial position of the Club, with special reference to settlement of accounts in respect of the new club building.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary replied that to date loans from Rugby Union and Middlesex Hospital Trust had not been received, but to make settlement of outstanding accounts on the building the Treasurer had negotiated a bridging loan with Barclays Bank Ltd.

Next Meeting: It was agreed that the next meeting be held on Tuesday 13th December, 1966.

Date: 13 . 12 . 66.

Signed: A. T. Voyce.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 13th December, 1966.

Present: A. T. Voyce, T. Millington, T. Day, L. Keck, J. Dancey, C. Lynch, G. White, F. Ewers, F. D. H. Dawe, R. Morris, N. Duncalfe, T. Tandy.

Apologies: Rev. H. M. Hughes, Dr. Alcock, R. Sutton, R. Collins.

Chairman.

In the absence of Rev. H. M. Hughes, it was unanimously agreed that Mr. A. T. Voyce take the Chair.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and duly signed by the Chairman.

Arising.

The Secretary confirmed he had made enquiries re. costs in respect of the Bective Rangers fixtures. From the information received the cost would be in the region of £15 0s. 0d. per member; this assuming the 32-seater aircraft was filled.

Committee Vacancy.

Proposed by Mr. R. Morris seconded by Mr. S. Dangerfield that Mr. I. Jones be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Committee. Agreed unanimously.

Correspondence.

Letter received from Matson R.F.C. informing the Club that T. CHANT was returning to the Matson club.

Leicester bill of £1 10s. 0d. in respect of laundry of kit.

Richmond R.F.C. requested fixtures their 2nd XV v. United XV season 1969-70. Agreed. Fixture Secretary arrange.

Memorial Ground.

Mr. Ewers asking on behalf of the North Gloucester Combination if there were any plans for the future of the Memorial Ground, as the Combination Committee felt there would be a need for the ground when in the not too distant future PLOCK COURT playing field would have a new road going through. Mr. Hudson commented that it would be some 7-10 years before any road scheme would affect PLOCK COURT. It was agreed that Mr. Ewers should ask his committee to form a sub-committee, who could be invited to meet a sub-committee from the Gloucester Club when invited.

Ad-Hoc Committee.

Proposed Mr. Keck, seconded Mr. Dancey, that ad-hoc committee consisting of Chairman and four Committee members with power to co-opt be formed to consider the present structure and administration of the Club, including its various sub-committees and personnel, their duties and responsibilities, make recommendations and forward their report to the General Committee within 3 months, for consideration. Carried. Messrs. Keck, Dancey, and White agreed to serve on this committee; Mr. Keck agreeing to act as Secretary to the committee.

Colts XV.

It was agreed the Colts XV be allocated two balls, to remain in the care of their trainer, W. Cale.

Baggage Man for United XV was once again causing a problem, the trainer having informed the Secretary that he was unable to continue. It was agreed members should make enquiries to see if it was possible to find anyone who might be interested.

Kitchen.

Mr. Hudson reported there were a lot of mice in the kitchen. Mr. Dawe agreed to contact Mr. Upham re. putting down powder. In the event of not successfully getting rid of the mice, consideration be given to purchasing a steel cupboard for the kitchen.

Old Social Club.

Mr. Dawe proposed that the old Social Club be converted into a Tea Room. This was seconded by Mr. Duncalfe and carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:10 p.m.

Date: 10 / 1 / 67.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on 10th January, 1967.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, A. T. Voyce, G. Dance, J. Dancey, F. Ewers, I. Jones, S. Dangerfield, R. Sutton, D. Dawe, T. Day, R. Collins, C. Lynch, J. Fowke, R. Morris, G. Hudson, T. Tandy.

Apologies: Dr. A. Alcock, T. Millington, L. Keck, D. Wadley, N. Duncalfe.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and duly signed by the Chairman.

Mr. I. Jones.

The Chairman extended a cordial welcome to Mr. Ivor Jones on his return to the General Committee.

United XV Baggage Man.

The Secretary reported that to date no successor had been found to Mr. Harry Young. It was suggested the Secretary should mention details in the Club Programme, and ask Arthur Russell to mention same in his Citizen notes.

Correspondence.

Letter from P. Trace informing Committee that he was leaving Gloucester to work in London, and he requested the Secretary to send a letter of recommendation to the Streatham R.F.C. The Secretary was instructed to write a letter of introduction.

Pontypool R.F.C. appeal letter for Roger Addison Fund; this player having broken his neck in a recent game. Mr. Voyce agreed to investigate. Matter deferred to next meeting.

St. John's Ambulance Brigade.

At their request were granted permission to make a collection at the Cardiff game on 1st April 1967.

Glevum Rifle & Pistol Club re. construction of rifle range under Main Stand. It was agreed Mr. G. Hudson, Mr. J. Dancey and Secretary meet their representatives to discuss details and report back to next meeting.

Gloucester Bowling Club. Application for rink at Memorial Ground. Secretary to obtain more details.

The Secretary had received from the Club Hon. Solicitor a copy of a Draft Lease in respect of the Club and Ground Company. Copies had been sent to Secretary of Ground Company and Dr. Alcock, and their comments were awaited.

Gloucester Bowling Club, re. the possibility of negotiating to have a bowling green and pavilion on the Memorial Ground. Secretary to try and obtain more details.



United XV.

The Player's Representative, Mr. Fowke, had received a complaint from members of United XV that members of the Selection Committee were not attending their away matches. A discussion took place re. the difficulties of the Selection Committee. To assist it was proposed by Mr. R. Morris seconded by Mr. G. Dance that Mr. Ivor Jones be appointed to the Selection Committee. Agreed unanimously.

London Scottish.

Following a lengthy discussion, the Committee agreed that the members of the Committee who decided on the cancellation of the London Scottish [game] had made the correct decision.

Ground Covering.

The Secretary confirmed that preliminary arrangements were in hand to cover the pitch, if necessary, for the Cambridge University, Bristol, and Bath games.

N. G. Combination.

Mr. Hudson raised the matter of the meeting between the Gloucester Club sub-committee and the N.G.C. sub-committee re. the Memorial Ground. It was agreed January 31st be suggested to the Combination as a date for the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:30 p.m.

Date: 24 / 1 / 67.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 24th January, 1967.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, Dr. Alcock, T. Millington, G. Dance, T. Day, I. Jones, G. White, C. Lynch, L. Keck, D. Dawe, N. Duncalfe, R. Collins, R. Morris, J. Fowke, T. Tandy.

Apologies: A. T. Voyce, R. Sutton, J. Dancey, D. Wadley, G. Hudson.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and duly signed by the Chairman.

Arising.

Letter from Pontypool R.F.C. re. Roger Addison Fund had been dealt with by Mr. A. T. Voyce.

A meeting had taken place between the appointed Sub-Committee and the Glevum Small Bore Rifle Club. Mr. Dancey had agreed to prepare plans to present at a later meeting.

The Secretary confirmed arrangements were in hand to cover the pitch with straw as protection against frost for the Cambridge University and Bristol fixtures. It was agreed that it would not be economical to put straw down for the Bath fixture.

The meeting with the North Gloucester Combination re. the Memorial Ground had been re-arranged to Tuesday 14th February 1967 at the request of the Combination. A Finance meeting would now be held on 31st January '67.

Lease.

It was proposed by Mr. G. Dance seconded by Mr. R. Collins that the trustees of the Club be authorised to sign the new lease drawn up by the Hon. Solicitor in respect of the Clubs' rental of the Ground from the Ground Company.

M. Booth.

A letter of resignation was read by the Chairman. Mr. Booth had stated no reasons for his resignation. Proposed by Mr. Dance seconded by Mr. Duncalfe that the resignation be accepted. The Secretary to write to player stating how much the Club regretted his decision to resign, and thank him for his services.

M.E.B.

The Secretary explained the difficulty of coming to terms with M.E.B. over tariff charges, but subject to confirmation they had now agreed to the Rugby Club and Social Club being charged separately.

Car Park.

The problems of the condition of the car park was raised by Mr. Morris. It was generally felt that to put just ashes down would be a waste of money. Mr. Keck agreed to look into the problem with Mr. Dancey. In the meantime the Secretary was requested to look into the possibility of using the hard standing at the Deans Walk end of the Ground for car parking.

Repairs.

Mr. Keck agreed to look into complaints of difficulty to close Worcester Street gates, also repairs to chain link fencing and post near new Social Club, guttering on Grand Stand.

The Secretary agreed to obtain tender to repair of gent's toilet under Main Stand and adjacent to new Social Club.

Advertising.

Mr. Hudson commented strongly on no advertising outside the ground. The Secretary was asked to arrange for posters to be displayed for 1st Team matches. Mr. Dance suggested a board with removable letters could be used.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:35 p.m.

Date: 6 / 2 / 67.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 7th February, 1967.

Present: Dr. Alcock, T. Millington, A. D. Wadley, F. Ewers, I. Jones, T. Day, S. Dangerfield, D. Dawe, J. Dancey, G. Hudson, L. Keck, N. Duncalfe, R. Collins, R. Morris, C. Lynch, J. Fowke, Rev. H. M. Hughes (Chairman), T. Tandy

Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and duly signed by the Chairman.

Arising.

Letter from M.E.B. re. tariff was read to the meeting. Mr. Dancey explained that the old buildings and new Social Club were rated collectively, and this was the reason why only one tariff was allowed by M.E.B. If building[s] were rated separately two tariffs would be allowed. The Secretary suggested that if it were not possible for the buildings to be rated separately, an approach should be made to the local M.P. and Minister of Sport. Mr. Jones suggested contact with Consumer's Council.

Car Park.

Secretary reported Deans Walk end had been used satisfactory [*sic*]. Mr. Dancey stated that in his opinion a great amount of money would be required to effect any relief to the surfaces.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer reported that the bank had frozen all payments of accounts. At present the accounts to date showed a credit balance of £590. All expenditure was much as last year and in view of all facts available at the moment he felt the Club would break even on the season.

General Meeting.

A discussion took place re. future meetings of the General Committee. It was unanimously agreed that future meetings be held monthly, on the first Tuesday. In the event of emergency, special meetings should be called.

Glevum Rifle Club.

Mr. Dancey produced detailed plans for the rifle range under the Main Stand, leaving enough space for changing rooms, tea rooms, etc., at a later date if required. The Secretary had sent a copy of the plan to the Secretary of the Glevum Rifle Club. When Mr. Hudson, Mr. Dancey, and the Secretary had met members of the Rifle Club Committee it had been made clear that all capital expenditure would have to be met by the Rifle Club.

Kit.

Mr. Jones complained about the condition of the United XV kit, namely shorts and socks; also the condition of the bags the kit was carried in. A basket was suggested, and the Secretary agreed to look into the matter.

Loan; R.F.U.

The following proposition by Mr. N. H. B. Duncalfe was seconded by Mr. R. Collins and agreed unanimously:

"The Trustees of the Gloucester Rugby Football Club be authorised to obtain on behalf of the Club, a loan of £3,000 from the Rugby Union, the interest rate being 2%. The loan to be used towards the cost of the newly erected Social Club Building."

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:50 p.m.

Date: 8 / 3 / 67.

Signed: G. J. Dance.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 8th March, 1967.

Present: Dr. Alcock, F. Ewers, I. Jones, T. Day, S. Dangerfield, D. Dawe, G. Hudson, L. Keck, N. Duncalfe, R. Collins, R. Morris, C. Lynch, J. Fowke, T. Tandy.

Apologies: Rev. H. M. Hughes, A. D. Wadley.

Chairman.

In the absence of the Rev. H. M. Hughes, the Club Vice-Chairman, Mr. G. J. Dance acted as Chairman of the meeting.

Arising.

The Secretary informed the meeting that to date no payment of loans had been made by the Rugby Football Union or the Middlesex Rugby Union.

Correspondence.

St. John Ambulance Brigade - County Review, 1967.

An application to use Kingsholm for the County Review on Sunday 16th July 1967. It was unanimously agreed that permission should be granted.

Annual collection.

It was agreed that this be made by St. John's Ambulance Brigade on Saturday 1st April, 1967. The Secretary to arrange for reference to be made in the programme.

Cheltenham Seven-a-Side Competition - Sunday 10th September, 1967.

An invitation had been received for the Club to enter a team. It was the general feeling of the Committee that the Club should enter, but only if players were keen to train for the competition and not have a repeat of other years when players attended the game and did no training.

The Players' Representative agreed to discuss the matter with the players for their opinion.

It was also suggested that Don Rutherford might be approached to train a side for the competition.

Coaching.

Mr. Collins stated that the selectors were concerned with the standard of play by the Club at the present time. In a view to attempt to improve matters Don Rutherford had offered to arrange for a Sunday Coaching Course to be held at Kingsholm. This would of course have to receive financial support from the Club, and of course the full support of the players.

Coaches would be arranged by Don Rutherford. It was unanimously agreed that Mr. Rutherford's offer be accepted, and the Club to meet the financial costs of the scheme.

Toilets.

Mr. Hudson asked if anything had yet been done about the gents toilets under the Grand Stand. The Secretary replied that the work had just been started to put the plumbing in working order.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:30 p.m.

Date: 11 / 4 / 67.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 11th April, 1967.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, Dr. A. Alcock, A. T. Voyce, A. D. Wadley, T. Day, I. Jones, F. Ewers, C. Lynch, L. Keck, R. Morris, G. White, R. Collins, S. Dangerfield, P. Hawker, G. Hudson, T. Tandy.

Apologies: R. Sutton, N. Duncalfe, T. Millington, J. Dancey.

Minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and duly signed by the Chairman.

Tour.

The Secretary confirmed all arrangements were in hand for the tour. Only two Committee men were available to accompany the team, namely C. Lynch and P. Hawker.

The coach to leave Kingsholm at 5:00 p.m. on Friday 21st April 1967, staying at Cullompton on Friday night and the remainder of the weekend at St. Ives.

Correspondence.

The Gloucestershire Rugby Football Union had confirmed the suspension of M. BURTON from 5th to 19th April 1967 inclusive.

Memorial Ground.

Dr. Alcock reported that an approach to the Trustees of the Memorial [Ground] had been made by the Old Cryptians R.F.C. re. the rental of the two pitches and ground on which to build a Club House. The Trustees required the authority of the General Committee to continue negotiations with the Old Cryptians R.F.C. Following discussion on the matter Mr. R. Collins proposed that negotiations should continue; the proposition being duly seconded by Mr. Dangerfield and carried unanimously.

Newport Fixture.

The Chairman congratulated the Captain of the 1st XV on the side's much improved display against Newport.

Thanks were extended to Mr. C. Lynch, Committee-man with the United XV at Newport and to Mr. T. Law, the baggage man. Both had played due to the side being short through late 'cry-offs'.

Neath Fixture.

Once again complaints were made re. the play of certain members of the Neath XV. The Fixture Secretary confirmed that after next season no further fixtures had been made with Neath.

Police Report.

Mr. Dangerfield reported that a complaint had been made to the police re. noise in Worcester Street in the early hours of Sunday morning, 9th April 1967. It had been assumed this applied to the 1st XV on their return from Neath.



Treasurer.

Mr. Wadley confirmed that the loans had now been received from Rugby Football Union and Middlesex Rugby Union.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:45 p.m.

Date: 2 / 5 / 67.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd May, 1967.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes (Chairman), R. Morris, F. Ewers, T. Day, I. Jones, N. Duncalfe, G. Hudson, Dr. Alcock, T. Tandy, J. Fowke, A. T. Voyce.

Apologies: A. Hudson, T. Millington, L. A. Keck, J. Dancey, R. Sutton.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary, approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

Correspondence.

Invitation to Stroud R.F.C. Annual Dinner on Friday 12th May 1967. Agreed Mr. A. G. Hudson represent the Club.

Mr. T. H. Davies, 12 Kingsholm Road, Gloucester, re. the Club providing lock-up garages for rental around the perimeter of the Car Park.

Glevum Sports & Rifle Club.

Copy of planning application for firing range under Grand Stand.

Vowles, Jessop & Keen. Re. loans from Rugby Union and Middlesex Rugby Union; charges by solicitors £97 10s. 0d. Club's solicitors' firm entitled to make same charge, and as partners have to be considered. Any small ex-gratia payment by the Club would be appreciated. Proposed by Mr. N. H. B. Duncalfe seconded by Mr. I. Jones that an ex-gratia payment of 25 guineas should be made.

Coaching Course.

Mr. R. Collins had all matters in hand. The Ladies Committee were providing lunches and teas. Mr. Duncalfe agreed to make enquiries re. a projector. The Committee unanimously agreed to give support to Don Rutherford in any summer training scheme he wished to carry out.

North Gloucester Combination.

The Chairman expressed concern over the lack of control in regard to spectators in the Grand Stand. The Secretary was requested to bring this matter to the notice of the North Gloucester Combination Secretary, and to insist that in future they must supply a steward in each of the three sections of the Stand, or alternatively pay the regular stewards to carry out the task for them. On the question of charges in respect of the use of the Ground it was agreed the Club should await a possible donation from the North Gloucester Combination.

Ladies Evening.

It was unanimously agreed that the Annual Ladies Evening should be held in the new Social Club on Wednesday 24th May, 1967.

Bective Rangers.

It was unanimously agreed that the Secretary be instructed to arrange the booking of an aircraft from Staverton to Dublin for the Club's fixture with Bective Rangers on Saturday, 7th October, 1967.

Old Social Club.

The Committee agreed that the Players' Representative and Roy Long should discuss with the Ladies Committee representatives details in respect of converting the Old Social Club into a kitchen and tea room.

Players' Meeting.

The Annual Players' Meeting for the election of Captains to be held at Kingsholm on Monday 15th May 1967, at 8:00 p.m.

A.G.M.

It was agreed that a target date of 18th July 1967 be aimed for to hold the Annual General Meeting.

G.R.F.U. Representatives.

It was unanimously agreed that Mr. T. Day and Mr. G. Hudson represent the Club on the Committee of the Gloucestershire Rugby Football Union for the 1967-68 season.

Finance Committee.

To meet on Tuesday 16th May 1967 at 7:30 p.m. Secretary to contact Treasurer.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:45 p.m.

Date: 23 / 5 / 67.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

[Insert here] <sup>1</sup>

Team Secretary.

Mr. A. G. Hudson stated that he was not prepared to carry on in the office of Team Secretary. Following discussion Mr. I. Jones agreed to consider accepting nomination for the office.

Date:

Signed:

<sup>1</sup> Insert neither dated nor signed.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd May 1967.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, T. Millington, I. Jones, F. Ewers, R. Morris, T. Day, P. Hawker, S. Dangerfield, G. Hudson, L. A. Keck, C. Lynch, F. D. H. Dawe.

Apologies: A. D. Wadley.

Arising.

The Coaching Course had been a great success. Thanks were expressed to all who assisted to make the day run so smoothly, and the Ladies Committee for supplying lunch and tea for the players and Committee.

Finance Committee.

The Secretary reported that a meeting of the Finance Committee had been held. A rental of £150 per annum had been put to the Glevum Rifle & Pistol Club as a basis of negotiation for the rental of the agreed area under the Main Stand for the construction of a rifle range.

Correspondence.

A letter from R.A.F.A. requesting to hire Kingsholm to promote a Wrestling Tournament in conjunction with Dale Martin Promotions. It was agreed that the fee to hire Kingsholm would be £50, but that preferably the promotion be a joint one with the profits shared.

A.G.M.

Mr. I. Jones confirmed to the meeting that he was prepared to stand as Team Secretary. There were six Committee vacancies, and only three nominations had been received by the Secretary, namely R. MORRIS, G. HUDSON, and P. HAWKER.

Mr. G. Hudson.

Mr. Dawe expressed the thanks of the Committee to Mr. G. Hudson for his past services to the club as Team Secretary.

N.G.C.

Representatives reported that the Combination had at their last meeting agreed to donate a sum of £100 towards the cost of conversion of the old Social Club into a Kitchen and Tea Room; this donation being made possible due to the Senior Cup Final being replayed, and the excellent gate receipts at the two games.

The representatives also requested the use of Kingsholm on 20th September 1967 to play the Woolf Shield game against the Forest of Dean Combination.

D. Rutherford.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. D. Rutherford to his first Committee Meeting and congratulated him on his election as 1st XV Captain. Mr. Rutherford thanked the Chairman for his remarks, and informed the meeting that DICK SMITH has accepted his invitation to be vice-captain.

Ground Committee.

It was agreed a meeting be held on Thursday 1st June 1967.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:15 p.m.

Date:

Signed: <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Minutes neither dated nor signed.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 4th July, 1967.

Present: Dr. A. Alcock, A. G. Hudson, T. Millington, T. Day, I. Jones, R. Morris, F. Ewers, J. Hickie, P. Hawker, C. Lynch, J. Dancey, L. Keck, D. Dawe, N. Duncalfe, A. D. Wadley, A. Hudson, R. Collins, T. Tandy.

Apologies: Rev. H. M. Hughes.

Chairman.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman Mr. T. Voyce was elected to be Chairman of the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting were taken as read.

Financial Report.

The Treasurer presented a draft Balance Sheet to the meeting, showing a loss of £220 on the year ending 31st May, 1967.

He stressed the need for a fund-raising scheme to be started, as he did not feel the Club could look to the Social Club for assistance until repayments of loans had been made.

A donation of £10 10s. 0d. had been received from Percy Trentham Ltd. in respect of the use of the Club premises for first aid classes.

It was unanimously agreed that an Honorarium of £100 be paid to the Secretary.

Committee Report.

In the absence of the Chairman the Secretary read the Committee Report for the 1966-67 season, prepared by the Chairman. The report was accepted by the Committee.

Nominations.

the Secretary confirmed that no further nominations had been received in respect of Committee members, therefore 3 Committee vacancies would remain not filled.

Proposal of Change of Rules.

The Social Club Management Committee were proposing an amendment to Rule 4 to the effect that the Secretary and Treasurer of the Gloucester Rugby Football Club Social Club be members of the General Committee of the Gloucester Rugby Football Club.

A.G.M.

It was unanimously agreed the A.G.M. be held in the Social Club.

Youth XV Meeting.

It was agreed that a further meeting of the Youth XV Players and Committee be held in the Social Club on Tuesday 11th July 1967 at 8:30 p.m.

D. Rutherford.

Request that at least six balls for practice purposes be purchased.

Floodlighting.

The Secretary was requested to ring the Ministry of Education and Science re. the grant provisionally offered in respect of floodlighting at Kingsholm.

Admission Prices.

Following a lengthy discussion on this subject it was finally proposed by Mr. MORRIS seconded by Mr. DAWE and agreed unanimously that at the present time no alteration be made in the prices of admission to the Ground and Stands.

Players' Fees.

It was unanimously agreed that at the present time many players were putting in a lot of work to assist the Club and save money by carrying out work at Kingsholm. In view of this information it was felt that no suggestion of players paying match fees should be made.

Wrestling.

The Secretary confirmed that in conjunction with Dale Martin Promotions Ltd., and the Royal Air Force Association a Wrestling Tournament had been arranged for Saturday 19th August, 1967.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:50 p.m.

Date:

Signed: <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Minutes neither dated nor signed.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 11th July, 1967.

Present: A. T. Voyce, T. Millington, G. Dance, T. Day, I. Jones, R. Morris, L. Keck, P. Hawker, G. Hudson, A. D. Wadley, T. Tandy.

Apologies: Dr. A. Alcock, Rev. H. M. Hughes.

Chairman.

In the absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman, Mr. G. Dance, acted as Chairman of the meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read.

Floodlighting.

The Secretary reported that he had telephoned the Ministry of Education and Science in London, and had been given the following information: -

' that the confirmation of the Club's grant was in the pipeline, and no risk would be involved if the Club went ahead and placed their order for floodlighting. The written confirmation of the grant should be received by about the end of July. '

It was agreed that a sub-committee consisting of L. Keck, J. Dancey, D. Dawe, T. Voyce, G. Hudson, A. D. Wadley, and T. Tandy should meet representatives of L. C. Mitchell & Co. Ltd., and Osram-G.E.C. Ltd., re. details of the proposed scheme.

Proposed by D. Dawe seconded by I. Jones that the sub-committee, subject to a satisfactory meeting, be empowered to place the order for floodlighting with L. C. Mitchell & Co., Ltd. Carried unanimously.

A meeting of the Finance Committee, when appointed after the A.G.M., should meet to decide on how the cost of the lights is to be met.

Ground Repairs.

Mr. Keck confirmed that the clearing of the guttering of the Grand Stand and the painting of the goal posts would be done during the next ten days.

The fencing at the Deans Walk end of the ground and behind the changing quarters should be repaired, as the Ground Company had already agreed to meet the cost of this work.

Fencing at rear of New Social Club should be repaired.



Car Park.

It was the general feeling of the Committee that the Club had a great financial asset in the car park. The Secretary was asked to write the Secretary of the Ground Company suggesting some action be taken in the possibility of letting the area.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:25 p.m.

Date: 25 / 7 / 67.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held in Social Club on Tuesday 18th July, 1967.

The Minutes of the 1966 Annual General Meeting were read by the Secretary, confirmed by the Meeting, and duly signed by the President.

Annual Report of the Committee was presented to the meeting by the Chairman, Rev. H. M. Hughes (copy attached).<sup>1</sup>

Accounts.

The Secretary [*sic*] presented the Balance Sheet to the meeting showing a loss of £220.

In view of the Club's commitments it was essential that every attention must be paid to increasing revenue. Membership subscriptions were down on the previous year, although in members there was an increase of 27.

The average gate receipts for the season had dropped by £10 per game.

A great need for the Club was a fund-raising scheme, and he appealed to members that if they had any ideas to come forward.

The adoption of the accounts was proposed by E. Ewell seconded by Mr. Bayliss and carried, together with the Club's thanks to the Treasurer for his tireless work.

Commenting on the future, the Treasurer reported that there was now a fine club spirit being shown by the players, with J. Fowke setting a fine example.

They were at present working on converting the Old Social Club into a kitchen and tea room, and had in fact donated a sum of £100 towards the cost of the project.

A further £100 towards the cost had been donated by the North Gloucester Combination.

This did show a fine spirit existed, and all possible should be done to foster this further.

Alteration of Rules.

Proposed by N. H. B. DUNCALFE seconded by Mr. L. A. KECK that Rule 4 be amended to include Secretary and Treasurer of Gloucester Rugby Football Club Social Club on General Committee of Gloucester Rugby Football Club.

<sup>1</sup> Missing.

Election of Officers.

All having been proposed and seconded in accordance with Rule 10 were declared elected:

PRESIDENT:	Dr. A. ALCOCK.
VICE-PRESIDENTS:	A. T. VOYCE, A. HUDSON, T. MILLINGTON, Rev. H. M. HUGHES.
HON. SECRETARY:	T. R. TANDY.
HON. TREASURER:	A. D. WADLEY.
HON. FIXTURE SECRETARY:	F. D. H. DAWE.
HON. TEAM SECRETARY:	I. JONES.
COMMITTEE:	G. HUDSON, P. HAWKER, R. MORRIS.
CAPTAIN 1ST XV:	D. RUTHERFORD.
CAPTAIN UNITED XV:	M. BAYLISS.
PLAYERS' REPRESENTATIVE:	J. FOWKE.

The President thanked the members for his election for the 44th year. He looked forward very much to the coming season, when floodlights were to be installed at Kingsholm. He extended his thanks to the Committee for the work they did for the Club, with a special mention of Mr. G. Hudson who, after a number of years, was relinquishing the post of Team Secretary, although he was continuing on Committee.

All elected officers duly thanked the members for their election.

Any Other Business.

Mr. Lander expressed the pleasure of the members on hearing that floodlighting was to be installed at Kingsholm, but appealed to the Committee to be sure to have something done about the public address system which left much to be desired during the past season.

There being no further business the President declared the meeting closed at 9:00 p.m.

Date: 11 / 7 / 68.

Signed: Arnold Alcock.