

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 25th July, 1967.

Present: Dr. A. Alcock, Rev. H. M. Hughes, T. Millington, T. Tandy, A. D. Wadley, T. Day, L. Keck, P. Hawker, I. Jones, F. Ewers, R. Morris, C. Lynch, S. Dangerfield, M. Elway, N. Duncalfe, G. Dance, F. D. H. Dawe, R. Collins.

Apologies: A. Hudson, G. Hudson, A. T. Voyce.

Election of Chairman.

The President commented on the A.G.M. as being one of the best attended for a number of years, and in fact one of the quietest; no controversial points being raised by the members.

Nominations for Chairman. Proposed by Mr. N. Duncalfe, seconded by Mr. L. Keck that the Rev. H. M. Hughes be re-elected. Agreed unanimously.

At this point the Rev. Hughes took over chairmanship of the meeting, and thanked the Committee for his re-election.

Vice-Chairman.

Mr. G. Dance; proposed by Mr. P. Hawker, seconded by Mr. Keck and unanimously elected.

A welcome to his first meeting was extended by the Chairman to Mr. M. Elway.

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

Arising.

Secretary reported that the elected sub-committee had met representatives from Messrs. L. C. Mitchell & Co. Ltd., and Messrs. Osram-G.E.C. Ltd., re. the proposed scheme for floodlighting at Kingsholm. A satisfactory detailed scheme had been agreed and the order placed with Messrs. L. C. Mitchell & Co., Ltd. as per their estimated dated... <sup>1</sup>

It was hoped at the meeting that the work would be completed by the end of September, but unfortunately the posts for the lights could not be obtained before this date. It would therefore be middle to end of October before completion.

The Fixtures Secretary was exploring the possibilities of a special game for the opening of the lights, but until date of completion could be finalized it was impossible to make any definite arrangements.

English Schools Rugby Union.

The English Schools Rugby Union had written for the use of Kingsholm to stage the Under-19 Group International England v. Scotland on Wednesday, 10th April 1968. Agreed unanimously permission be granted.

<sup>1</sup> Date not entered.

#### Memorial Ground.

Dr. Alcock reported that the Trustees had met representatives of Old Cryptians R.F.C., and subject to approval of General Committee proposed to lease 2 pitches and area on which they could build a Club House for an exclusive-of-rates figure of £50 per annum.

A lease of 21 years had been requested. Final details to be agreed by Solicitors and General Committee.

Committee vacancies were discussed and it was agreed this matter should be left until the next meeting, when names could be discussed in detail.

#### Sub-Committees.

Before the election of sub-committees the Secretary put the following as suggestions to the Committee:

- (a) NO OFFICERS SERVE ON SUB-COMMITTEES IN AN EX-OFFICIO CAPACITY.
- (b) EACH COMMITTEE SHOULD HAVE MEN KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THE WORK CONCERNED BY THAT SUB-COMMITTEE.
- (c) EACH SUB-COMMITTEE SHOULD ELECT ITS OWN CHAIRMAN.

The suggestions were fully discussed by the Committee and Dr. Alcock proposed they be accepted as a basis for electing sub-committees. Seconded by Rev. H. M. Hughes and agreed unanimously.

Finance Committee: J. Keck, A. D. Wadley, A. T. Voyce, N. H. B. Duncalfe, D. Dawe.  
Reserve G. Dance.

Ground Committee: J. Dancey, L. Keck, G. Hudson, T. Tandy.

Selection Committee: I. Jones, D. J. Rutherford, T. Day, R. Morris, R. Collins, P. Hawker,  
T. Tandy, M. Bayliss (United Captain; non-voting capacity).

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

N.G.C. Representative: A. G. Hudson.

#### Kick-Off Times.

It was unanimously agreed that with the installation of floodlighting all Saturday Kick-Off times be standardised at 3:15 p.m.

Rotas.

The Secretary stated he would prepare rotas of duties when a decision had been reached on the existing Committee vacancies.

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

Date: 8 / August / 67.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

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

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, Dr. A. Alcock, A. Hudson, A. T. Voyce, T. Millington, T. Tandy, G. Dance, T. Day, R. Morris, F. Ewers, C. Lynch, I. Jones, S. Dangerfield, J. Hickie, N. Duncalfe, R. Collins, P. Hawker, D. Dawe.

Apologies: A. G. Hudson, J. Dancey.

Minutes of the past meeting were read, agreed and duly signed by the Chairman.

Memorial Ground.

A letter had been received by the Secretary from the Old Cryptians R.F.C. requesting written permission to prepare the pitches for use at the Memorial Ground for the coming season. It was proposed by Mr. A. T. VOYCE and seconded by Mr. HICKIE that this should be done forthwith by the Secretary.

Floodlights.

The Secretary reported that there was a difference of some £150 between estimates of contractors for hand digging of holes for bases, and use of mechanical means of digging; the mechanical way being cheaper but this did involve some risks to the grass surface which the contractors would not accept liability for. Following some discussion on this matter it was proposed by Mr. DUNCALFE and seconded by Mr. HAWKER that the mechanical method be used, but the contractors should not use same in wet conditions.

St. John's Ambulance.

A letter of thanks had been received in respect of use of the Kingsholm Ground for their Inspection on Sunday, 15th July 1967.

Bective Rangers.

Of all Committee-men present, only Mr. C. A. Lynch signified that he was available for the Bective Rangers fixture in Dublin.

Trustee.

Proposed by Mr. R. MORRIS, seconded by Mr. N. H. B. DUNCALFE that Mr. F. D. H. DAWE should be made a Trustee of the Gloucester Rugby Football Club. Agreed unanimously.

Committee Vacancies.

A long discussion took place; finally it was agreed a ballot be held to elect three members to fill the vacancies. Five nominations had been received; Mr. HAINES, Mr. KENT, Mr. KIVELL, Mr. HYATT, and Mr. MESCROFT. The members elected to serve were Mr. HAINES, Mr. KENT, and Mr. HYATT. The members elected would not be eligible to serve until the season had commenced, as the Committee's powers to fill vacancies only existed during the season.

Away Match Duties.

The question was raised as to when a Committee-man's responsibilities end on an away match trip.

Following a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Mr. DAWE seconded by Mr. DUNCALFE and agreed unanimously that;

"A committee-man be free to leave after the general niceties had been performed."

Selection Committee.

The Team Secretary, Mr. I. Jones, asked that all Selection Committee members remain after the meeting, as he wished the Committee to elect its Chairman and discuss trial match arrangements.

It was agreed the next meeting take place on 22nd August, 1967.

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

Date: 22 / 8 / 67.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd August 1967.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, Dr. A. Alcock, R. Morris, T. Millington, L. A. Keck, T. Day, I. Jones, F. Ewers, D. Dawe, P. Hawker, N. Duncalfe, M. Elway, C. Lynch, G. Hudson, T. Tandy.

Apologies: A. T. Voyce, A. Hudson, S. Dangerfield.

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

Arising.

Work had in fact started on the floodlights. A satisfactory price had been received for hand digging trenches and foundation holes for the posts.

Away Match Rota.

The rota prepared by the Secretary was unanimously approved on the proposition of Mr. DUNCALFE, seconded by Mr. JONES. The Selection Committee to arrange their own coverage of away matches.

Selection Committee.

The Secretary reported that Mr. T. DAY had been elected Chairman of the Selection Committee.

Committee Meetings.

Mr. Day reported that the Selection Committee wished to meet at 8 p.m. on TUESDAY EVENINGS after training, and it was felt to do this an alternative night would be required on which to hold General Committee Meetings.

Following discussion it was proposed by Mr. DAWE seconded by Mr. DUNCALFE and agreed unanimously that in future General Committee Meetings be held on the last Monday in the month, at 7:30 p.m.

Finance Committee.

The Secretary reported that Mr. F. D. H. Dawe had been elected Chairman of the Finance Committee. Mr. Dawe informed the meeting that subject to agreement with the Treasurer a meeting of the Finance Committee should be held on 29th August, 1967.

Fixtures.

The Fixture Secretary informed the meeting he had arranged for the "Bosun's" to play the opening floodlit game at Kingsholm on 6th November, 1967.

Youth XV.

It was agreed the Chairman should make contact with Mr. Cale re. the position of the Youth XV.

Photographs.

It was agreed that some photographs from the Old Tea Room be placed in the lounge of the Social Club.

The Record Boards be brought up to date when possible.

Committee Room.

Mr. Lynch suggested that as players and ladies had worked very hard in preparing the new Tea Room, the members of the Committee could perhaps re-decorate the Committee Room. It was agreed the Committee Room be re-decorated. A number of Committee-men offered their assistance.

Baggage Man.

Mr. Lane and Mr. Dunn were reported to be carrying on with their duties during the coming season.

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

Date: 25 / 9 / 67.

Signed: T. Day.

Minutes of General Committee [Meeting] held on Monday 25th September 1967.

Present: Dr. Alcock, A. D. Wadley, T. Millington, T. Day, R. Morris, F. Ewers, M. Bayliss, J. Haines, J. Hickie, S. Dangerfield, A. G. Hudson, P. Hyett, A. Kent, C. Lynch, D. Dawe, J. Dancey, L. Keck, R. Collins, P. Hawker, A. T. Voyce, T. R. Tandy.

Apologies: Rev. H. M. Hughes, A. Hudson, I. Jones, G. Dance.

Chairman.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Mr. T. Day was unanimously elected Chairman of the meeting.

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

New Members.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. HAINES, Mr. HYETT, Mr. KENT, and Mr. BAYLISS to their first Committee Meeting.

Youth XV.

Mr. Cale attended the meeting to discuss this matter, and following a lengthy discussion the following propositions were agreed:

- (a) That all fixtures arranged for the Youth XV for the 1967-68 season be cancelled. Clubs should be informed immediately.
- (b) Fixtures be arranged for not more than 6 evening games this season. These could be played under floodlights; players to be selected from local clubs, Colts age limit be strictly enforced. Co-operation of North Gloucester Combination be sought at their next meeting.
- (c) A sub-committee be appointed, with powers to co-opt. Elected unanimously - W. Cale, L. Keck, A. Kent. Meeting to be arranged to discuss fixtures for this season.

New Tea Room.

It was unanimously agreed that the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to the Ladies Committee for the work they had put in to make the new tea room so presentable.

Finance Committee.

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting were read by Mr. Dawe and accepted on the proposition of Dr. Alcock, seconded by A. Kent.

Floodlights.

The Secretary reported on progress to date. All being well delivery of the posts was expected on Thursday 28th September 1967.



Mr. Dancey stressed that it would be necessary to go onto the ground with a heavy crane in order to erect the posts, but this was unavoidable.

#### Floodlight Fixtures.

It was agreed that extra fixtures arranged to be played under floodlights should be "All-Pay" games.

#### Medical Treatment.

It was agreed that a more satisfactory method of granting permission for a player to have medical treatment at the expense of the Club was needed. Proposed by Mr. Dawe seconded by Mr. Dangerfield that applications be made to Team Secretary or Chairman of the Selection Committee. Permission could be granted at the discretion of the Selection Committee.

#### Security.

The Secretary informed the meeting that he had received a complaint from the police that the Club House had been left open at night. Mr. Hickie volunteered to be responsible for checking that the building was secured at night.

#### Boiler.

The water tank of the heating system was reported as being in need of replacement. The Secretary had arranged for inspection and a quotation to carry out the work.

It was agreed that the Ground Committee be authorised to put in hand any work necessary.

#### Fixtures.

Letter re. future fixtures had been received from Neath R.F.C. It was agreed that the Fixture Secretary reply in accordance with previous minutes; that when existing fixtures ended, no new ones be arranged at present.

#### Schools.

[Schools] game October 11th. Permission given for use of Kingsholm subject to ground fitness.

#### N.G.C.

Coaching Scheme. Permission granted for the use of Kingsholm on three Sunday mornings.

#### Finance.

The Treasurer expressed concern at the Club's finances, and it is imperative that something is done to raise funds, as the days of surviving on gate receipts only were over.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:40 p.m.

Date: 30 / 10 / 67.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Monday 30th October 1967.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, Dr. Alcock, T. Voyce, T. Millington, G. Dance, T. Day, J. Dancey, D. Dawe, M. Elway, J. Haines, R. Collins, R. Morris, I. Jones, P. Hyatt, A. Kent, G. Hudson, N. Duncalfe, C. Lynch, T. Tandy.

Apologies: A. D. Wadley.

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

Arising.

The Secretary confirmed that the installation of floodlighting had now been completed, and the lights had been used for training on a number of evenings since completion.

A report had been received that the water tank should last the season. The leak in the old kitchen had been repaired. The Committee confirmed the Secretary's action in ordering the new tank, in readiness for the summer.

Finance Committee.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. F. D. H. Dawe, reported on the last meeting of the Committee. The following details were discussed by the General Committee and actions as detailed were agreed upon:

- (a) The Finance Committee recommended that the Ground Company be approached to consider letting part of the car park to raise a much needed regular annual income for the Club.

It was proposed by Mr. G. Dance seconded by Mr. J. Dancey, that the Secretary be requested to write Secretary of the Ground Company asking if any progress has been made in letting the car park and, if not, would the Company authorise the Club Finance Committee to probe any possibilities. This proposition was agreed unanimously.

- (b) When floodlights were used for County matches it was recommended a charge of £35 0s. 0d. be made as an expense of the game, and should be additional to the usual 15% of the gross gate. Unanimously agreed by the General Committee.
- (c) Following County matches all gate receipts should be banked in the name of the County Union on the Monday following the game. Pre-match ticket sale receipts would be held by the Club to meet expenses and a final statement should be forwarded to the County Treasurer within one month of the game. Unanimously agreed by Ground Committee.
- (d) Committee tie should be introduced; as per Players' tie, but no stripes. Qualification be for existing Committee members, and any past members who had completed a full three-year term of office. Unanimously agreed by General Committee.

Social Club,

The Chairman of the Social Club Management Committee, Mr. N. H. B. Duncalfe reported details for information of General Committee members.

- (a) The Steward, Mr. L. Ash, had resigned, and would be leaving on 19th November, 1967. It had been decided to run the club on part-time staff and not employ a full-time steward. This would show a considerable saving of expenses, and the Committee felt it was a satisfactory arrangement in view of present circumstances.
- (b) In view of the fact that it was not now possible to obtain regular licensing extensions on Saturday afternoons, the hours of opening were to be reviewed. In future the bar will close at 2:45 p.m. and re-open at 4:45 p.m.
- (c) Request that in view of above, United XV games as well as 1st XV games should have standard 3:15 p.m. kick-off time. Unanimously agreed by General Committee.
- (d) Although detailed accounts had not yet been received from Auditors, the first year would certainly be a successful one financially.

Bective Rangers.

Mr. Morris reported on a very successful weekend, and excellent hospitality had been provided by the Bective Rangers' Club. The Secretary had already made an approach to the Ladies Committee re. the possibility of providing a special meal for the visit of Bective Rangers to Kingsholm in October, 1968.

Harlequins.

A letter had been received from the President of Harlequins R.F.C.<sup>1</sup> re. incident in a recent game at Kingsholm. The matter was discussed; the Chairman of the Selection Committee reported the findings of his committee in the matter, and it was finally agreed that the letter be answered by the Club President.

Car Park Fence.

The Secretary was instructed to have repaired and replaced the damaged wire fencing adjacent to the Social Club.

Bosuns'.

A collection at the opening floodlight fixture on Monday 6th November 1967 - Gloucester v. Bosuns - would be made for THE STAR CENTRE FOR YOUTH. All Committee-men were requested to be available to assist with collection, gates, etc.

<sup>1</sup> Lord Wakefield of Kendal.

Gloucestershire v. Devon.

The Secretary was instructed to write the County Union protesting at the late cancellation of the game, stating that the Gloucester Club recommend that every effort should be made to play the game mid-week, under lights, and thus avoid taking players away from clubs on yet another Saturday.

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

Date: 27 / 11 / 67.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Monday 27th November, 1967.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, Dr. A. Alcock, A. Hudson, T. Millington, L. Keck, G. Dance, T. Day, N. Duncalfe, F. Ewers, M. Elway, P. Hyatt, J. Haines, G. Hudson, A. Kent, R. Collins, S. Dangerfield, C. Lynch, D. Dawe, A. T. Voyce, R. Morris, M. Bayliss, T. Tandy.

Apologies: J. Dancey, I. Jones, D. Wadley.

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

Arising.

The President read the reply he had received from Lord Wakefield of Kendal<sup>1</sup> re. the incidents in the Gloucester v. Harlequins game. It was agreed that unless any further correspondence was received the matter should be considered closed. Mr. T. Day expressed the thanks of the Committee to Dr. Alcock for dealing with the matter so ably.

Foul Play.

A general discussion took place on the increasing trend of foul play. Numerous opinions were expressed. The Chairman of the Selection Committee reported that his committee would not hesitate to take action against any player reported to them as being guilty of deliberate foul play.

Correspondence.

L. C. Mitchell & Co. Ltd., had two electricians who were prepared to attend floodlight games in case of emergencies. The cost to the Club would be £1 1s. 0d. per annum to cover insurance costs.

A Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Ground Company to be held on Thursday 14th December 1967 had been received by the Secretary.

T. Hopson.

The Chairman of the Selection Committee reported that T. Hopson had been asked to meet the Selection Committee to discuss his late 'crying off' for the game with Aberavon. The player had attended the meeting and his explanation had been accepted by the Committee. Mr. Dawe proposed that the General Committee endorse the action taken by the Selection Committee. Seconded by Mr. Duncalfe and agreed unanimously.

Car Park.

The Secretary reported that authority had been received for the Finance Committee to pursue ways and means of raising revenue for the car park, and to discuss terms, etc., with any prospective tenants.

<sup>1</sup> The then President, Harlequins R.F.C.

Opening Floodlit Game.

This had proved a successful evening, the game being enjoyed by everyone present, and the lights were very satisfactory.

The collection made on behalf of the Star Centre for Youth had realized £71 16s. 1d. It was agreed the Club should donate from the gate receipts of the game the sum of £33 3s. 11d. to make the figure up to one hundred guineas.

After making the donation, and paying all visitors' expenses, a figure of about £200 would be the balance for the evening.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:50 p.m.

Date: 17 / 12 / 67.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Monday 18th December, 1967.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, G. Hudson, G. Dance, J. Dancey, A. Kent, F. Ewers, N. Duncalfe, P. Hyatt, J. Haines, S. Dangerfield, M. Bayliss, D. Rutherford, I. Jones, A. T. Voyce, R. Collins, T. Tandy.

Apologies: A. D. Wadley, T. Day, L. Keck, T. Millington, Dr. Alcock, A. Hudson.

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

Floodlight Fixture.

The County Rugby Club [*sic*] had suggested playing regular games between Coventry, Northampton, Moseley, Leicester, and Gloucester, under floodlights. These would be additional to the normal Saturday afternoon club fixtures. Following a discussion it was agreed that if any approach was made to the Club, the Committee were in general agreement.

Lions Club.

The Secretary had received an application for the Gloucester Lions Club to hold a Donkey Derby at Kingsholm at the end of January.

It was agreed that the ground be made available to the Lions Club, subject to the usual conditions, and the Secretary be left to agree form with the President of the Lions Club.

Kitchen.

The question of heating the new Tea Room was raised, some difficulty having been found in obtaining suitable gas fires, but it was hoped they would be obtained in the very near future.

Fund Raising.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee pointed out the need for a fund raising scheme to assist in the funds for running the Club and repaying loans on recent development. There was at this stage no-one prepared to organise same.

It was agreed the matter be placed on the agenda of the next meeting.

Memorial Ground.

Mr. Dance raised the question of the present stage of negotiations with the Old Cryptians R.F.C. re. the lease of part of the Memorial Ground. The Secretary stated that the Hon. Solicitor of the Old Cryptians was preparing a draft lease, and when this had been completed a further meeting was to take place.

Cup.

[The cup,] presented by Tony Brett, had been in the possession of Mr. Hudson for a number of years, and he felt something should be decided as to the basis on which it could be presented to a player. It was agreed to place the matter on the agenda of the next meeting.

Straw.

The Secretary was instructed to order a load of straw to cover the ground.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:05 p.m.

Date: 29 . 1 . 68.

Signed: G. J. Dance.



Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Monday 29th January, 1968.

Present: A. T. Voyce, G. Dance, A. D. Wadley, F. Ewers, C. Lynch, J. Haines, M. Elway, A. Kent, N. Duncalfe, J. Dancey, T. Day, P. Hawker, R. Collins, G. Hudson, I. Jones, L. Keck, D. Dawe, J. Hickie, M. Bayliss, S. Dangerfield, T. R. Tandy.

Apologies: Dr. A. Alcock, Rev. H. M. Hughes, T. Millington, A. Hudson.

Chairman.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman Mr. G. Dance took the Chair for the meeting.

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

Arising.

The straw had been obtained, and was now causing a considerable nuisance. Children had broken most of the bales; it now needs clearing. The Secretary asked for volunteers to assist but no offers were forthcoming. He commented he would do his best to get it cleared as soon as possible.

Finance Committee.

Committee Chairman Mr. F. D. H. Dawe reported on numerous matters dealt with at a recent meeting of the Committee.

- (a) Car Park Area. To date no further details available.
- (b) Mr. Dancey was making enquiries as to the possibility of building squash courts, and indoor bowling green.
- (c) St. Luke's College be paid £40/£45 towards their travelling expenses to Gloucester.
- (d) Final account in respect of floodlighting has been received.

Correspondence.

Letter from Headingley re. increase in guarantee. Regret gates not good enough to enable increase in guarantee to be paid.

Correspondence from Mr. M. Crump re. floodlight matches. Suggestions noted. Member to be thanked for interest shown.

Invitation to O.M.T.'s Annual Dinner. Mr. A. T. Voyce to attend if possible.

Resignation received from T. Lane, 1st XV Baggage Man. Thanks to Mr. Lane for his services and £10 0s. 0d. to be paid to him in recognition of his good work.

Representative to attend Gloucestershire Referees Society Annual Dinner at Royal Hotel, Gloucester, on 16th February 1968; Mr. F. D. H. Dawe agreed to attend.

Letter from Elim Church re. use of Ground for Evangelistic Services for two weeks during the Summer of 1970. Agreed. Reference be made to charges previously made, but a sum of not less than £250 be charged.

Gloucestershire County Championship.

Subject to Gloucestershire beating Devon, the group replay had to take place on Saturday 17th February 1968, and the County would like to stage the game at Kingsholm. It was unanimously agreed to stage the game at Kingsholm. The Fixture Secretary to request Swansea to play the fixture arranged for the 17th February 1968 [on] the previous Friday evening.

Brett Cup.

Following a long discussion it was suggested the matter be talked over with Mr. Brett, suggesting that it may be given for the winner of the N.G.C. Junior Seven-a-Side Competition.

Social Club.

The Social Club Management Committee hoped to be in a position to pay more than £1,000 to the Rugby Club during the present season. In the event of this being possible the Committee recommended that amount paid should be paid directly off the loan to the Middlesex Hospitals Trust which was at present costing 9% in interest charges. This recommendation unanimously agreed by General Committee.

Fencing adjacent to J. A. Williams; repairs to go ahead. Secretary and Mr. J. Dancey to deal with matter.

Patrons.

It was reported that a number of Patrons had been unable to obtain seats in the Stand at the Cardiff game. Secretary to draw attention to steward in Stand.

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

Date: 26 . 2 . 68.

Signed: G. J. Dance.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Monday 26th February, 1968.

Present: Dr. Alcock, Rev. H. M. Hughes, G. Dance, T. Tandy, A. Kent, F. Ewers, I. Jones, J. Haines, S. Dangerfield, J. Dancey, M. Elway, D. Wadley, M. Bayliss, D. Dawe, D. Rutherford, T. Day, P. Hyatt, C. Lynch, G. Hudson, R. Morris, R. Collins, P. Hawker.

Apologies: N. Duncalfe, A. T. Voyce, T. Millington, A. Hudson.

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

Arising.

The Secretary reported that the majority of the straw had been moved by a group of volunteers, with the assistance of P. Ford's vehicles.

St. Luke's College had been paid the sum of £35 0s. 0d. towards their travelling expenses to Gloucester.

Dr. Alcock agreed to discuss with Tony Brett the details re. his cup.

A letter had been received from the Middlesex Rugby Union Trust that the interest rates on the Club's loan of £2,500 would be 7%.

Correspondence.

Invitation to Cheltenham Rugby Club Annual Dinner. Mr. F. D. H. Dawe to represent Club.

Hydro Therapy Unit.

Mr. Dancey requested permission to take a collection at Kingsholm in aid of the Hydro Therapy Unit Appeal Fund. Proposed by Mr. Dance seconded by Mr. Haines that permission be granted for a collection to be taken at a local fixture (i.e. Cheltenham, Stroud, Lydney) early next season.

County Colts Final Trial.

Proposed [by] Dr. Alcock seconded by D. Rutherford a fee of £20 0s. 0d. be charged for the use of the lights for this match. Agreed.

Memorial Ground.

Discussion re. grant for the erection of Changing Quarters at the Memorial Ground, and the lease of pitches to the Old Cryptians R.F.C.

It was agreed that in view of the meeting of the Memorial Ground Committee and representatives of the Old Cryptians to be held on Thursday no decision be taken by the Management Committee at this stage.

County Union.

A member of the County Committee had complained at seating arrangements for Executive Committee at County matches. The matter was discussed and the Secretary was instructed to reply to the effect that the Gloucester R.F.C. required the first six rows of the Centre Stand for use of Patrons and the whole of Committee Box seats 30-52 for the use of G.R.F.C. Committee members.

Col. Castle retiring as County Representative on the County Union Committee.

The Secretary had been requested by the Bristol Club to second the nomination of their Chairman, Mr. J. Bryant. The Secretary reported he had duly seconded the nomination. The Secretary's action was endorsed by the Committee. It was agreed P. Ford be approached re. the possibility of his being nominated.

United XV Fixtures.

Mr. R. Collins raised the question of matches against Welsh clubs. Most of their games proved most unsatisfactory. On Saturday the United had played at Abercarn. The facilities were to say the least, poor. Following a long discussion it was agreed that the Fixture Secretary be asked not to make any more fixtures with Abercarn and to run down on the Welsh fixtures.

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

Date: 8 / 4 / 68.

Signed: G. J. Dance.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Monday 8th April 1968.

Present: Dr. Alcock, G. Dance, G. Hudson, J. Haines, A. Hudson, M. Elway, A. Kent, F. Ewers, N. Duncalfe, D. Rutherford, A. T. Voyce, D. Wadley, I. Jones, T. Day, R. Morris, C. Lynch, P. Hawker, J. Fowke, D. Dawe, S. Dangerfield, R. Collins, T. Tandy.

Apologies: T. Millington, Rev. H. M. Hughes, G. Dancey, L. Keck.

Chairman.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Club Vice-Chairman, Mr. G. Dance took the Chair of the Meeting.

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

Arising.

The President reported on the meeting with the Old Cryptians R.F.C., stating that it was impossible for the Gloucester Rugby Club to assist them financially, but they [Old Cryptians R.F.C.] had agreed to attempt to carry out their scheme for the Memorial Ground alone.

Correspondence.

Letter from Gloucestershire Association for Mental Health re. the possibility of staging a Charity Match in aid of their appeal. Mr. Duncalfe spoke on the matter.

The general feeling of the Committee was that the Club was already playing too many matches, and it would therefore be extremely difficult to arrange such a charity fixture. It was agreed the matter be discussed further at a later meeting.

Olympian Promotions letter re. staging wrestling at Kingsholm during summer months. No action be taken.

Letter from City Health Department re. toilet at Deans Walk end of ground. Proposed by Mr. Duncalfe seconded by Mr. Dawe that the toilet be closed.

The Treasurer, Mr. A. D. Wadley had forwarded his resignation to the Secretary. He stated that due to pressure of business it would not always be possible for him to be at Kingsholm on Saturday afternoons next season, and that he would not always be able to attend meetings.

Following some discussion Mr. Wadley agreed he could continue if it was possible to have some[one] responsible for banking gate takings. Mr. G. Dance was asked to think over the possibility of assisting. It was agreed the matter be left until the next meeting.

#### Finance Committee.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee Mr. F. D. H. Dawe gave details of ideas of the newly formed Gloucester Sports Association re. the building of squash courts, badminton hall, etc., on the Club car park. It was proposed by Mr. N. Duncalfe seconded by Mr. Dangerfield and agreed by a majority vote that the Club would be prepared to listen to any concrete proposals, providing the building was sited at the Deans Walk end of the ground.

#### Tour.

The Secretary confirmed all necessary arrangements had been made. It was agreed that one Committee-man (C. Lynch), two selectors, baggage man, plus 25 be allowed to go. If this number was taken each member of the touring party to pay £1 0s. 0d. to assist in the cost of taking extra players.

#### Any Other Business.

It was agreed Mr. J. Fryer be approached re. seeding the ground, and necessary cutting during the summer months.

The tractor was in need of repair, but to date details of cost were not available.

In view of the amount of work to be done on the playing area, and the new tank that was required for the heating system, it was proposed by Mr. Dawe seconded by Mr. Duncalfe and agreed that an application for the maximum grant possible be made to the Gloucestershire Rugby Football Union. Agreed.

A discussion took place re. fixtures. Mr. Dawe requested Committee guidance as to how he should reduce fixtures, if this was the wish of the Committee. Members of the Committee expressed their views but no definite propositions were made.

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

Date: 9 / 5 / 68.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on 9th May, 1968.

Present: Dr. A. Alcock, Rev. H. M. Hughes, A. T. Voyce, T. Millington, G. Dance, L. Keck, T. Day, I. Jones, F. D. H. Dawe, C. Lynch, R. Morris, M. Elway, J. Haines, F. Ewers, A. Kent, D. Rutherford, G. Hudson, A. Hudson, J. Fowke, T. Tandy.

Apologies: J. Dancey, R. Collins, N. H. B. Duncalfe.

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

Arising.

Mr. C. Lynch reported on the tour. Injuries to players affected results, but under the circumstances the team had performed very well. Socially the weekend was very enjoyable.

Mr. I. Jones proposed a vote of thanks to Peter Ford for taking additional players to Exeter for the Monday evening fixture, and for his efforts made on behalf of the Club throughout the season.

A long discussion took place on the number of fixtures played during a season. Don Rutherford suggested a pool of 30 players from which to select a First XV, and he was sure that, in future, coaching would be the prime factor of success.

Mr. Dawe proposed a vote of thanks to the Selection Committee, who had covered every 1st and United XV game throughout the season.

Correspondence.

A letter of thanks from St. John's Ambulance Brigade for the Club allowing them to take a collection at the Neath game.

J. B. Williams & Co. Ltd. had written stating they were no longer interested in renting an area of the car park.

Letters of thanks had been sent to the Club from the Presidents of both the English and Scottish Schools Rugby Unions for the excellent facilities for the 19-Group School International. The Secretary informed the meeting that the Club had benefited by £120 from this game.

Invitation to Stroud R.F.C. Dinner. Agreed Mr. T. Day represent the Club.

National Playing Fields Association. A letter from Mr. Butt on necessary treatment to do on ground. All instructions have been carried out.

Invitation to Cheltenham Sevens. Committee agreed to accept provisionally.

Ladies Evening.

It was agreed the Club Chairman discuss this matter with M. Hudson, Chairman of the Ladies Committee.

Meetings.

Dates agreed;      Players Meeting      30th May, 1968.

                                 A.G.M.    11th July, 1968 (subject to auditors).

Treasurer.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Wadley was now agreeable to continue in office, as Mr. E. Martin had agreed to assist as necessary. The Committee agreed Mr. Martin's offer of assistance be accepted.

Tractor.

Messrs. B. S. Bird & Co. had reported that the Club tractor was beyond repair. It was agreed that a replacement at a reasonable price be sought.

Rating.

The Secretary of the Ground Company had replied to the effect that the Company had no objection to the rating of the Club to be split; i.e. Rugby Club/Social Club. The Secretary reminded the meeting this action was being taken to enable a far more reasonable tariff in respect of electricity to be obtained.

Thanks.

Mr. Day (Chairman of Selectors) proposed a vote of thanks to the Selection Committee for their support throughout the season; to Mr. I. Jones who had so ably carried out his duties of Team Secretary, and last but not least to the retiring captains, Don Rutherford and Mike Bayliss, for their untiring efforts.

The Club Chairman, Rev. H. M. Hughes, expressed his thanks to the General Committee for their efforts during the past season, and extended the good wishes of the Committee to Don Rutherford who was now leaving the area to take up an appointment in London.

Ground Committee.

Meeting was arranged for Tuesday 14th May 1968, at 7:30 p.m.

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

Date: 31 / 5 / 68.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.



Minutes of General Meeting held on Friday 31st May, 1968.

Present: Dr. A. Alcock, Rev. H. M. Hughes, A. Hudson, T. Millington, A. T. Voyce, A. D. Wadley, J. Haines, G. Hudson, M. Elway, F. D. H. Dawe, N. Duncalfe, A. Kent, C. Lynch, P. Hyatt, F. Ewers, T. Day, G. Dance, J. Hickey, I. Jones, P. Hawker.

Apologies: J. Dancey.

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

Arising.

The Chairman had met the Chairman of the Ladies Committee, and it had been agreed that the Club should purchase boxes of chocolates to give as presents to the Ladies as thanks for their work during the past season. The ladies were not in favour of the usual cocktail party.

The Treasurer gave a report on the season's workings which would show a loss of some £700. It was, he stressed, even more important than ever that the Club should raise some form of alternative income to gates.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee gave details of a "200 Club" scheme, to be run over a six month period. Subscriptions could be paid weekly (5/-), monthly, quarterly, as for the half year (£6 10s. 0d.). There would be a monthly prize of £25 0s. 0d. and a final prize of a MINI CAR. Letters appealing to members to partake in such a scheme could go out with the A.G.M. notices.

The Ground Committee report was given. Details were listed by the Secretary, and it was agreed that all urgent cases be dealt with immediately.

County Union Representative.

Unanimously agreed that Mr. T. DAY and Mr. G. HUDSON represent the Club on the Gloucestershire Rugby Football Union Executive Committee.

Aberavon Fixture.

The Fixture Secretary had received a request to play this game at Aberavon on Friday evening. It was agreed that at this stage the Fixture Secretary should reply offering to play on the Saturday evening.

The Fixture Secretary was requested to write to any clubs playing at Kingsholm on an International date to ask for either a Friday evening or Saturday evening kick-off time.

The Players' Dinner & Dance had been arranged for Friday 21st June 1968, at the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars Hotel, Frocester. Tickets 35/- each. The Secretary expressed a hope that the Committee would give their support to the evening.

Late Mrs. Cale.

It was agreed a donation of £2 2s. 0d. be forwarded to National Cancer Research Fund in memory of the late Mrs. M. CALE, who had served for many years on the Club Ladies' Committee.

Centenary Year - 1973.

The Fixture Secretary reminded the Club Committee that it was important that consideration should soon be given to making arrangements for special events and fixtures for the Centenary Season. It was agreed Mr. DAWE should endeavour to arrange a fixture with the Barbarians to celebrate the event.

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

Date: 25 / 6 / 68.

Signed: G. J. Dance.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 25th June, 1968.

Present: Dr. A. Alcock, T. Millington, I. Jones, R. Morris, N. Duncalfe, G. Dance, T. Day, J. Hickey, P. J. Hawker, J. Dancey, J. Haines, M. Elway, L. Keck, S. Dangerfield, G. Hudson, D. Dawe, F. Ewers, C. Lynch, R. Collins, A. T. Voyce, T. Tandy.

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

Chairman.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Club Vice-Chairman, Mr. G. Dance took the Chair of the meeting.

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

Arising.

The Fixture Secretary had received a reply from Aberavon stating they were not in favour of a Saturday evening K.O. but would still wish to play the fixture Friday evening.

Following some discussion it was proposed by Mr. Haines seconded by Mr. Dangerfield that the Club agree to a Friday evening game but to give reasonable travelling time K.O. should not be until 7:30 p.m. Agreed.

Players' Dinner & Dance.

This had proved a great success, and the thanks of players and Committee were extended to T. Tandy and J. Fowke for the excellent arrangements.

Correspondence.

Letter from English Schools (19 Group) requesting use of Kingsholm for England v. Scotland International in 1970. Agreed permission be granted. Date to be agreed with Secretary and Fixture Secretary.

Committee Report.

The Secretary read the Committee Report he had drafted for the Annual Meeting. It was approved by the meeting for presentation at the A.G.M.

Season Tickets.

Following discussion it was agreed by a majority decision that no proposition for the increase of season tickets be made at the A.G.M. Following the A.G.M. serious consideration should be given to the possibility of increasing gate admission charges.

Floodlight Fixtures.

The Fixture Secretary gave details of suggested dates of special floodlight fixtures to be played against Coventry, Leicester, Moseley, and Cheltenham. The dates were agreed by the Committee.

Bective Rangers.

The Secretary commented that in view of the heavy expenditure involved in this fixture he felt it would be a good thing to put to the A.G.M. that the game should be an all-pay one. It was agreed the Treasurer be asked to bring out this point in his report.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:45 p.m.

Date: 25 / 7 / 68.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held in Social Club on Thursday, 11th July, 1968.

The Minutes of the 1967 Annual General Meeting were read by the Secretary, confirmed by the meeting, and duly signed by the President.

Annual Report.

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

Accounts.

The Treasurer presented the Statement of Accounts to the meeting showing an excess of expenditure over income of £324.

The Treasurer stated that it certainly was not possible to cut back expenditure further, as there were many repairs that need attention around the ground. Season tickets and gate receipts certainly did not show any signs of being on the increase; numbers appeared to drop each season. Revenue certainly had to be increased and the Committee had considered numerous ways:

- (a) By increasing the price of season tickets, but it had been decided not to put such a proposition to members this year, although it may well be necessary next [year].
- (b) The running of a fund-raising scheme. Details of a "200 Club" had been sent to members and it was hoped support would be forthcoming.
- (c) Increasing the price of gate admission charges, and this was being considered by the Committee before the commencement of the coming season.

Excellent work had been carried out by Committee members, players, and members during the past year that had saved the Club a considerable amount of expenditure.

Concluding, the Treasurer appealed to all members to support the Club in any way they possibly could, as the great name of Gloucester Rugby Club was at stake.

The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Mr. HEWLET, seconded by Mr. CLUTTERBUCK, and agreed by the meeting, with thanks to the Treasurer for his presentation.

<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: P. J. FORD.

Capt. 1st XV: R. SMITH.

Capt. Utd. XV: M. BAYLISS.

Players' Representative: J. FOWKE.

Committee Elected by Ballot: I. JONES (53); S. DANGERFIELD (51); J. HAINES (50);  
T. PRITCHARD (45). - to serve for 3 years.

A. KENT (36) - to serve for 2 years.

All elected officers duly thanked the members for their support.

Bective Rangers Fixture.

Following discussion on the heavy financial burden involved in the playing of this fixture, it was proposed by S. BLUETT seconded by T. PRITCHARD that the game be marked on membership cards as an 'all-pay' fixture.

It was requested that when the Club finances would allow, attention be given to the area in front of the Main Stand which on a wet day is a danger to spectators.

The question of the appearance of the Club's touch judges was raised, as it was felt they did not always appear suitably dressed for the job.

Date: 15 / 7 / 69.

Signed: Arnold Alcock.