

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Thursday 25th July, 1968.

Present: Dr. A. Alcock, A. Hudson, A. T. Voyce, Rev. H. M. Hughes, T. Millington, T. Day, I. Jones, L. Keck, A. Kent, T. Pritchard, P. Hawker, P. Ford, G. Hudson, M. Elway, J. Haines, G. Dance, R. Collins, T. Tandy.

Apologies: R. Smith, N. Duncalfe, D. Dawe, R. Morris, F. Ewers.

Election of Chairman.

The Rev. H. M. Hughes was unanimously elected Chairman for the year, and then took the Chair of the meeting, duly thanking the Committee for his election.

Mr. T. Day was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman.

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

Correspondence.

A letter had been received from a member at Dursley requesting that floodlight matches should kick off at 7:00 p.m., and not 7:30 p.m. as last season. Following some discussion of the matter it was unanimously agreed that KICK-OFF of floodlight games be 7:00 p.m. unless a later time was requested by the opposition in order to assist travelling arrangements.

Election of Sub-Committees were unanimously agreed as detailed;

FINANCE: L. Keck, A. D. Wadley, A. T. Voyce, N. H. B. Duncalfe, F. D. H. Dawe, T. Tandy.

GROUND: J. Dancey, L. Keck, G. Hudson, T. Tandy, J. Fowke, P. Ford.

SELECTION: R. Smith, P. Ford, I. Jones, T. Day, R. Morris, R. Collins, P. Hawker, M. Bayliss - Utd. Capt. (non voting).

SOCIAL CLUB MANAGEMENT: N. Duncalfe, T. Day, T. Pritchard, P. Hawker, T. Tandy.

N.G.C. Rep.: G. Hudson.

Scrummaging Machine.

The Club Captain had approached the Secretary re. the Club purchasing a Scrummaging Machine. Numerous members expressed opinions. It was finally agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the Selection Committee, who would be empowered to act as they felt fit.

Ladies Committee.

The Secretary had met the Chairman of the Ladies Committee, and had agreed with her that instead of a box of chocolates being presented to each member of the Committee from the Club for their work throughout the season, a meal be booked at the Twelve Bells, Witcome. The Club to meet the cost of meal and coach.

The Secretary explained that the idea of a box of chocolates had not been well received by some members of the Ladies Committee, and the alternative he had agreed with their Chair was the Ladies own suggestion. The Committee unanimously agreed the action of the Secretary in this matter.

Retiring Committee Members,

The thanks of the Committee were recorded to Mr. C. Lynch and Mr. G. Dawe for their services to the Gloucester Rugby Football Club. The Secretary to write a letter of thanks from Committee.

Memorial Ground.

A letter from Vowles, Jessop & Keen re. the proposed lease of the Memorial Ground was read to the Committee. It was agreed that the three points detailed were acceptable to the Gloucester R.F.C.

Club Record Boards.

This matter to be dealt with by Ground Committee.

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

Date: 13 / August / 68.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Meeting held on Tuesday 13th August, 1968.

Present: Dr. A. Alcock (President), Rev. H. M. Hughes (Chairman), T. Millington, L. Keck, T. Day, G. Hudson, P. Ford, J. Dancey, T. Pritchard, W. Cale, R. Morris, F. Ewers, M. Elway, J. Haines, S. Dangerfield, N. Duncalfe, D. Dawe, I. Jones, R. Collins, T. Tandy.

Apologies: A. D. Wadley, P. Hawker, A. T. Voyce.

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

Arising.

The Selection Committee had discussed the matter of the Scrummaging Machine, but they were still awaiting further details.

W. Cale.

The Chairman welcomed W. Cale to his first meeting of the General Committee, confirming that Mr. Cale had agreed to take care of Colts XV games.

Away Rota, produced by the Secretary, was agreed by the Committee.

Report of Finance Committee.

GATE PRICES: recommended that all charges with the exception of the CENTRE STAND be increased by 6d. Following some discussion, it was proposed by Dr. Alcock seconded by T. Pritchard and agreed that the recommendation be accepted.

DONKEY DERBY: a cheque for £26 5s. 0d. had been received as a donation from Lions Club.

FLOODLIGHT GAMES: Following a recommendation of the Finance Committee, it was unanimously agreed that the net receipts of all special floodlight matches should be placed in a separate account, the funds of which should be used for ground repairs and improvements.

'200 CLUB': Mr. A. D. Wadley had agreed to act as Promoter. A number of Committee [men] would be required to assist in running the competition, and the Finance Committee felt that all members assisting should be volunteers. Members agreed to assist: T. TANDY, M. ELWAY, P. HAWKER, T. PRITCHARD, J. FOWKE.

GLOUCESTER SPORTS ASSOCIATION: The Finance Committee had met members of the Committee of the Gloucester Sports Association who were seeking agreement to a scheme to erect a building at the Deans Walk end of the car park to accommodate Squash, Indoor Bowls, and Badminton.

Mr. Dawe gave further details to the Committee, concluding that the Finance Committee felt the project should be agreed in principle by our Committee with no obligation to either side. A long discussion took place on the subject, and proposals were made as detailed.

Proposed [by] Mr. T. DAY seconded by Mr. G. HUDSON that the scheme be approved in principle.

Amendment proposed by Mr. JONES seconded by Mr. MORRIS that more details should be made available to the Committee before the scheme be approved in principle.

The proposition was carried.

Any Other Business.

Mr. Day reported Trial Matches had been arranged for 22.8.68 and 27.8.68, and that the kick-off time of the Lydney game would be 7:00 p.m.

It was agreed that a Chain Harrow be purchased at the cost of £14 10. 0d.

Mr. Hudson requested that bills should be posted outside the Ground. This was agreed and that the Wednesday evening's advertisement in the Citizen be discontinued.

Mr. Hudson appealed for assistance to re-decorate the Ladies Toilets.

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

Date: 30 / 9 / 68.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of Emergency Committee Meeting held at Kingsholm on Tuesday, 10th September 1968.

Bective Rangers.

The Secretary reported he had called the meeting to ascertain if the BECTIVE RANGERS players should be entertained at Kingsholm following the game on 21st September 1968, or be taken out to a local hotel for a meal.

The Ladies Committee were prepared to put on a meal in the Dining Room if required to do so.

Following discussion it was unanimously agreed that a sit-down meal be provided at Kingsholm, as the suggested menu by the Ladies Committee:- Soup; Chicken & Ham Salad with boiled potatoes; Fruit Salad & Ice Cream; Cheese & Biscuits; Tea or Coffee.

A dance had been arranged in the Social Club, to follow.

Members of Committee available would travel on the coach to Birmingham, and other members could meet at the Lamprey Hotel to welcome players and Committee. The Secretary would let members know details of times.

It was agreed drinks be provided at the dinner, and expenses incurred by Committee members entertaining on Friday evening could be claimed from the Treasurer.

N.G.C.

It was unanimously agreed the North Gloucester Combination be permitted to use Kingsholm to play the Cheltenham Combination under lights for a fee of £15 0s. 0d. The date to be agreed with the Secretary.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:00 p.m.

Date: 30 / 9 / 68.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Monday 30th September, 1968.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, Dr. Alcock (President), A. Hudson, A. T. Voyce, T. Millington, A. D. Wadley, R. Morris, R. Collins, P. Hawker, A. Kent, J. Dancey, L. Pritchard, D. Dawe, I. Jones, G. Hudson, M. Elway, P. Ford, J. Haines, W. Cale, J. Hickey, L. Keck.

Apologies: T. Day, A. Hudson, N. Duncalfe.

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

Arising.

The thanks of the Committee were extended to Mr. G. Hudson and his team of helpers for re-decoration of Ladies Toilet, and to the Ladies Committee for the excellent meal they provided for the Bective Rangers' fixture.

Memorial Ground.

The President summarised the agreement which the Club Hon. Solicitor had agreed with the Old Cryptians R.F.C. for lease of two pitches on the Memorial Ground. The matter was discussed at length and finally agreed on the proposition of Mr. L. KECK seconded by Mr. J. HAINES.

Evening Fixtures.

The Chairman expressed that more help was required on the gates during the last 10 minutes before K.O. time of every game. He hoped more Committee members would report to the office to offer assistance.

Evening Fixture v. Coventry.

It was agreed efforts be made to have a policeman in attendance at this game.

Collection agreed at the Bosuns' game in aid of the Star Centre for Youth at Ullenwood, Cheltenham.

Schools.

Permission was granted to play GLOS. SCHOOLS v. FOREST OF DEAN SCHOOLS at Kingsholm on 9th October, 1968.

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

Date: 28 / 10 / 65.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Monday, 28th October, 1968.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, Dr. Alcock, A. T. Voyce, T. Day, J. Hickie, R. Morris, A. Kent, F. Ewers, M. Elway, G. Hudson, J. Harris, W. Cale, F. Pritchard, S. Dangerfield, N. Duncalfe, P. Ford, F. D. H. Dawe, A. D. Wadley, T. Tandy.

Apologies: A. Hudson, T. Millington, L. Keck, R. Collins.

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

Correspondence.

The Secretary had received a letter of thanks from the Star Centre for Youth. The collection taken at the Bosuns' game had realised £67 10s. 11d.

Social Club.

The Chairman, Mr. Duncalfe, reported a drop in bar receipts during the past year. Full details of figures would be made available when accounts were received from the auditors.

He expressed concern that a number of players and Committee members had not paid their membership subscription and hoped this matter would soon be remedied. Alternatively a list of members not paying would have to be passed to General Committee for comment. It was a legal obligation for people using the club regularly to be members.

Ground Company.

Dr. Alcock reported that the Directors had agreed that a further Director should be appointed from the Rugby Club, and in view of his position as Chairman of the Finance Committee it was felt Mr. Dawe would be the ideal representative.

It was proposed by Mr. HICKIE seconded by Mr. T. HAINES that Mr. DAWE be appointed a Director of the Ground Company. Agreed.

A general discussion on the Ground Company then took place.

N.G.C.

The Secretary reported he had been asked by the Secretary of the N.G.C., to test the feeling of the Committee of the G.R.F.C. if they would permit [an] Annual N.G.C. Seven-a-Side Tournament to be played in its entirety at Kingsholm on a Sunday. Following a long discussion it was proposed by Mr. N. DUNCALFE seconded by Mr. R. MORRIS that the principle of playing the tournament on a Sunday be agreed. Carried unanimously.

County Match Tickets.

The County had requested a large number of tickets for the Centre Stand, and Mr. Wright stated that it had been agreed at a County Committee Meeting that members of the County Executive have Centre Stand tickets. County representatives were asked to look into the matter.

Memorial Ground Fund.

Mr. Hickie asked if it would now be possible to revert the funds of the Memorial Ground to the Rugby Club, and if the proceeds from programmes should now be paid to the Club and not the Memorial Ground. It was agreed the Trustees look into this matter.

Fixture.

Glos. v. Bath - 9th February '68. Fixture Secretary asked to write to Bath Club requesting that the game be played Friday evening in view of the televising of the England v. Ireland International.

The Fixture Secretary had received a letter from Bective Rangers thanking the Club for the excellent hospitality received, and for the fine meal provided by the ladies after the game.

The Secretary agreed to speak to certain players who were taking in friends to floodlight matches without first obtaining complimentary tickets.

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

Date: 25 / 11 / 68.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Monday 25th November 1968.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, T. Millington, R. Morris, R. Collins, T. Day, F. Ewers, M. Elway, T. Pritchard, J. Haines, W. Cale, S. Dangerfield, G. Hudson, P. Ford, J. Fowke, T. R. Tandy.

Apologies: A. Hudson, A. T. Voyce, Dr. Alcock, L. Keck, J. Dancey, I. Jones, N. Duncalfe, A. D. Wadley, J. Dancey.

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

Correspondence.

Letter from Team Secretary, Gloucestershire Rugby Football Union, thanking Club for use of Ground for team practice.

The English Schools Rugby Union confirmed the date of Wednesday 1st April 1970 for the 19 Group International Match; England v. Scotland.

Application from Gloucestershire Colts Committee for the use of Kingsholm on Saturday 26th April 1969 for a fixture with Warwickshire Colts. It was agreed permission be granted subject to a basic charge of £20 0s. 0d. plus a further £5 0s. 0d. if the gate should be a gross sum of over £100.

Finance Committee.

Star Centre for Youth. A letter had been received informing the Club that the collection taken on the night of the Bosuns' game amounted to £67 10s. 11d. The Finance Committee recommended that the Club should donate a further £16 9s. 1d. to make the total for the evening eighty guineas. Agreed by General Committee.

It was recommended that a sum of £50 be paid to John Cryer as an ex-gratia payment for the work he has done on the ground during the summer and winter months. Agreed unanimously.

Damage.

The Secretary reported that a considerable amount of damage had been done by children in the tractor store. It was felt that most of the damage was probably done between the end of school hours 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. when there was no-one at the Ground. Mr. Dangerfield said he would arrange for the police to look into the Ground during the hours mentioned.

Memorial Ground.

A notice published in the Citizen dated 25th November 1968 re. a housing development adjacent to the Memorial Ground was read to the meeting. The Secretary was asked to pass the notice to the Club's Hon. Solicitor.

Medical Room.

Mr. Pritchard requested permission to purchase white paint for decorating the Medical Room. Dr. T. Durkin who [was] deputising for Dr. Neal did stitching in the Medical Room and it was felt the room should be suitably decorated and kept clean.

Player Representative asked if it would be possible to have some covering on the floor in the dressing room. Agreed by the Committee that the matter be put in hand.

It was suggested that wire netting be placed on the back of the Stand in an effort to prevent balls going into gardens. Secretary to obtain estimates.

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

Date: 6 / 1 / 69.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Monday 6th January. 1969.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, Dr. Alcock, I. Jones, G. Hudson, M. Elway, A. Kent, T. Pritchard, W. Cale, S. Dangerfield, P. Hawker, F. D. H. Dawe, R. Smith, T. Day, R. Collins, P. Ford, T. R. Tandy.

Apologies: A. T. Voyce, T. Millington, A. D. Wadley, N. Duncalfe, F. Ewers, A. Hudson, L. Keck.

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

Correspondence.

Letter from County Colts Secretary re. charges in respect of game at Kingsholm in April. The matter was discussed at length and it was agreed to offer the Ground for the Colts County Match with the Club taking 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % of the gross gate.

Request from St. John's Ambulance Brigade for their Annual Collection at Kingsholm. Agreed permission be granted. Date to be agreed by Secretary.

Letter re. Italian Tour was passed to the Captain for discussion at Players' Meeting.

Thanks had been received from the Star Centre for Youth for the Club's support in respect of the Bosuns' game; the total of collection and Club's donation being £84 0s. 0d.

N. G. Combination.

It was proposed a sub-committee of the Gloucester R.F.C. meet a sub-committee of the North Gloucester Combination to discuss the use of Kingsholm for Cup matches and Seven-a-Side competitions.

It was agreed that the following should form the sub-committee:

Messrs. G. Hudson, T. Day, D. Dawe, P. Hawker, P. Ford, and T. Tandy.

Social Club.

The Management Committee of the Social Club had suggested a special meeting be held on Tuesday 21st January 1969 in order that a report be submitted on the Club's year which ended 31st August 1968. The Chairman of the Selection Committee stated that it would not be possible to be sure of finishing their meeting in time for a further meeting to take place. It was agreed the report of [the] Social Committee be submitted at the next monthly meeting, on 27th January 1969.

Motor Club.

It was agreed permission be granted for the Gloucester Motor Club to use the old Tea Room for meetings on Wednesday evenings.

A general discussion took place re. the question of Competition Rugby and the regrouping of the County Championship Competition. The general feeling of the Committee was that if the Rugby [Union] gave approval to Competition Rugby the Gloucester Rugby Club could not afford to not enter into whatever form of competition was agreed upon.

Mr. Hudson, commenting on the regrouping of the County Championship competitions, said there was no chance of Gloucestershire being brought into the Midland Group.

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

Date: 27 / 1 / 69.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Monday 27th January 1969.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes (Chairman), Dr. Alcock, A. T. Voyce, T. Millington, T. Day, L. Keck, G. Hudson, P. Ford, T. Pritchard, A. Kent, I. Jones, F. Ewers, J. Haines, W. Cale, N. Duncalfe, D. Dawe, R. Smith, D. Wadley, T. Tandy.

Apologies: A. Hudson, J. Fowke, R. Collins.

S. Smart.

The Committee stood in silence as a mark of respect to S. Smart, a life member of the Club who had collapsed and died at the Cambridge University game on Saturday. Tributes were paid to Mr. Smart's services to the Club by Mr. A. T. Voyce and Mr. T. Millington, both who had played with him. It was agreed that on Saturday next at the Bristol game, the Club Flag would be flown at half mast, and a minutes' silence be observed by players and spectators as a further tribute to this fine gentleman. ¹

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

Social Club.

The Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st August 1968 was presented to the meeting, showing a profit of only £211 0s. 0d. for the year. Turnover had dropped by some £4,000 but the most concerning fact was that the percentage profit on the bar had dropped from 22% to 17%.

The Chairman of the Social Club presented his report (attached).²

The Club Chairman confirmed his approval of action taken, and felt the Social Club Committee had met a situation which happens through the life of most such clubs at some time or other. Mr. P. Ford proposed that as all necessary action had been taken to avoid a recurrence of the situation, no further action was warranted by the General Committee, but he felt thanks should be given to the Social Club Management Committee for their work. After all they had done during the year it must have been a great disappointment to be presented with such a balance sheet. Mr. Ford's remarks were endorsed by the Club President.

A general discussion took place, and numerous suggestions were noted by the Social Club Secretary for discussion at next Management Meeting.

In conclusion, Mr. T. Day stated that due to other commitments he had been forced to resign from the Social Club Management Committee, but wished to stress that this in no way had any connection with the events discussed.

¹ Sidney Edward J. SMART: b.1888, d.1969 aged 80 years.

² Missing.

Bective Rangers.

The Treasurer raised the question of the financing of the Bective Rangers trip next season. It was agreed the players be given the opportunity to discuss the matter before any decisions were taken. It was also suggested that the Bective Rangers trip and tour should take place in alternate years.

Glos. v. Guy's Hospital.

The Fixture Secretary was requested to ask Guy's Hospital to play this fixture on Friday or Saturday evening in view of the televising of the England v. Scotland International.

J. Bayliss.

The Chairman reported on press comments re. Rugby League approach to J. Bayliss. He had, with the Chairman of the Selection Committee and the Secretary, met the player on Friday evening 24th January '69 to clarify the position. The player confirmed he had been approached, but had turned down the offer, and that he certainly had not played in any Rugby League trial matches.

Damage had again been done to the Grand Stand over the weekend; a considerable amount of glass having been broken.

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

Date: 24 / 2 / 69.

Signed: T. Day.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held at Kingsholm on Monday 24th February, 1969.

Present: T. Day (Chairman), A. T. Voyce, T. Millington, L. Keck, G. Hudson, R. Morris, L. Ewers, I. Jones, D. Dawe, T. Pritchard, A. Kent, R. Collins, J. Haines, W. Cale, M. Elway, P. Ford, P. Hawker, J. Fowke, T. R. Tandy.

Apologies: Rev. H. M. Hughes, Dr. Alcock, D. Wadley, A. Hudson, S. Dangerfield.

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

Arising.

The Secretary confirmed he had received no further correspondence re. County Colts fixture on 26th April 1969.

Following discussion the Secretary was asked to arrange a meeting of the Ground Committee to discuss the problem of the broken glass at the end of the Grand Stand.

Correspondence.

Invitations had been received from Coventry and Jed-Forest to play in Seven-a-Side Tournaments, but the Secretary had declined due to the fact they were being played on the Sunday when the Club were in Cornwall, on tour.

K.O. Times.

To date no reply had been received from Guy's Hospital re. K.O. time of fixture on 15th March 1969. It was agreed arrangements should be put in hand to bring forward the R.A.F. fixture to Friday 7th March to avoid clashing with the televising of the Wales v. Ireland International.

County Colts Trial.

The Secretary had received a request to play a County Colts Trial at Kingsholm on Sunday morning, 8th March 1969. Permission was refused due to the large number of games to be played on the Ground before the end of the season, and the condition of the pitch.

N.G.C. Sevens.

The Secretary confirmed arrangements were in hand for Sunday, 13th April 1969. The arrangements within the ground for refreshments, bar and gates would be the responsibility of the Gloucester Club, so help would certainly be required from as many Committee-men as possible, and players had also offered assistance.

Guarantee.

The Fixtures Secretary confirmed he had agreed a sum of £25 0s. 0d. for the visit of Fylde to Kingsholm on Easter Monday.

Bath Fixtures.

Mr. Dawe confirmed that both fixtures had now been arranged; to play at Kingsholm on 5th March 1969, and at Bath on 31st April, 1969.

County Charges.

The Secretary and Treasurer had been invited to a meeting with the County Treasurer and Secretary together with the similar officials of the Cheltenham and Bristol clubs to discuss charges in respect of County Friendly Matches played under floodlights. The Secretary asked the Committee for guidance. It was agreed the matter be discussed as our original figure of £35 0s. 0d. direct charge on the gate, plus the usual 15% of gross gate.

Public Relations.

Mr. Keck commented that on numerous occasions our results were not shown on BBC T.V. GRANDSTAND. The Secretary was asked to discuss the matter with A. Russell.

Date: 31 / 3 / 69.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Monday 31st March, 1969.

Present: Dr. A. Alcock (President), Rev. H. M. Hughes (Chairman), T. Day, S. Dangerfield, T. Pritchard, J. Haines, W. Cale, F. Ewers, G. Hudson, N. Duncalfe, M. Elway, I. Jones, F. D. H. Dawe, P. Ford, R. Collins, J. Fowke, T. Tandy.

Apologies: T. Voyce, P. Hawker, R. Morris, L. Keck, A. D. Wadley.

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

Ground Committee.

Mr. G. Hudson, Chairman of the Ground Committee stressed that there were certain repairs of the Club buildings and ground which required urgent attention, and the Committee wished to know what monies were available from the special floodlight games for ground repairs. It was agreed that the Ground Committee should go ahead with urgent work when the financial position was known.

It was agreed a meeting of the Finance Committee be called to discuss the matter, and that the next Committee meeting be arranged on a date when the Treasurer can be present.

It was suggested that an appeal be made in the programme for voluntary assistance with some of the small jobs.

'200' Club.

Responses had been disappointing. There were certain members who had not kept up payments. Mr. W. Cale volunteered to contact Mr. Wadley and assist with the collection of outstanding monies.

Correspondence.

Invitation to enter Cheltenham Seven-a-Side Competition. Agreed this matter be passed to Players' Meeting.

St. John's Ambulance Brigade; thanks for allowing collection at Kingsholm.

A request for a fixture from Malone R.F.C. for a fixture in Ireland on Easter Saturday 1972. Regret we could not accept. Fixture Secretary to reply.

Letter from County Colts Committee accepting Club's terms for fixture with Warwickshire at Kingsholm on Saturday, 26th April, 1969.

Floodlight Friendly Matches (County).

The Secretary reported on a meeting with the County Treasurer, President and Secretary re. floodlight friendly matches. Subject to Committee approval a direct charge to the gate of £21 0s. 0d. be made in respect of the lights, and the usual 15% go to the home club with a minimum of £17 0s. 0d.

Seven-a-Side Competition.

The Secretary gave details of the proposed programme, times of kick-off, and other arrangements. These were agreed by the Committee.

Police Fixture.

Mr. Jones had received a request for the use of Kingsholm for an Inter-Area Police Fixture. This was agreed in principle. It was left to Mr. Jones and the Secretary to agree details.

Tour.

Mr. Fowke asked if it would be possible to travel back from Plymouth on the Tuesday. This was agreed as it was felt it was too far to travel back following an evening game. Mr. Fowke said he would try to get players to agree to paying something towards the cost. It was agreed two selectors be included in the party.

Memorial Ground.

Old Cryptians requesting car park facilities. It was felt that the Memorial Ground Fund could not stand the cost of such a project.

Fixtures.

Mr. Ford raised the question of United fixtures, and asked if more fixtures could be arranged during the later part of the season, and a special effort be made to avoid any blank dates during the season. Mr. Dawe confirmed extra fixtures had been arranged for next season.

Telephone.

It was agreed efforts should be made to arrange for a coin-box to be installed in the Social Club for public use.

Club Doctor.

A letter of resignation had been received from Dr. J. Neil, the club doctor. It was agreed a letter of thanks for his services be sent by the Secretary.

It was unanimously agreed Dr. T. Durkin be appointed his successor.

Mr. T. Pritchard suggested all players should be vaccinated against tetanus. This agreed in principle. Details to be discussed with Dr. Durkin.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:25 p.m.

Date: 13 / 5 / 69.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 13th May, 1969.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, A. D. Wadley, R. Morris, T. Day, G. Hudson, R. Collins, I. Jones, L. Keck, A. Kent, P. Ford, F. Ewers, P. Hawker, T. Pritchard, J. Haines, S. Dangerfield, W. Cale, N. Duncalfe, M. Elway, J. Hickey, F. D. H. Dawe, T. Tandy.

Apologies: A. T. Voyce, Dr. Alcock.

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

Correspondence.

Bristol R.F.C. re. meeting of gate-taking clubs to be held in London on Sunday 18th May 1969, requesting that two members attend to represent the Gloucester Club. Agreed Mr. Tandy and Mr. Day represent the Club.

Camping Exhibition in Club Car Park.

Secretary agreed a fee of £50 0s. 0d. in respect of same.

Stroud R.F.C. Dinner on 23rd May 1969. Agreed Mr. L. Keck attend.

Gloucester Rifle & Pistol Club. Letter requesting a further meeting be arranged to discuss further the possibilities of a rifle range under the Grand Stand.

Motor Club re. use of car park on 12th July for an Exhibition. Agreed terms that a donation be made to the Gloucester Rugby Football Club.

County Coaching Committee. Use of Kingsholm on Sunday 6th July; 2:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Agreed.

Matson R.F.C. organising Rugby Club's Skittles K.O Competition and Tug-of-War Competition. Committee felt it would be a good thing to support if possible. See Players' Representative.

Finance Committee.

"200 Club". Support had been disappointing. The profit would only amount to approximately £100 0s. 0d. If possible it was felt one man should be responsible for organising any future competition and be paid 10% commission on profit made. This matter was discussed at some length by the General Committee. Not all were in favour of payment being made to the organiser as this may affect the amount of support forthcoming from Committee Members. Mr. Cale and Mr. Collins showed willingness to organise a further competition. To be discussed at next meeting.

Programmes.

It was felt more effort should be made to obtain revenue from advertising in our programmes. The Secretary was looking into this matter and would report further at a later date.

Season Tickets.

Finance Committee recommended price of season tickets be increased next season, but before going into details would welcome General Committee's views, and if possible an agreement in principle on the matter. Following long discussion increase agreed in principle by a majority vote.

Treasurer reported a fairly satisfactory season, but at this stage it was impossible to give picture of exact position as no monies had yet been received from the Social Club. Due to the fact that our overdraft facilities had been withdrawn we were in a very difficult position of having no ready funds available. The Treasurer had been able to agree an overdraft of £500. The account was at present overdrawn by £215 and with nett creditors totalling £1,000, members could see we were in a difficult position, which we hoped might be eased a little by the Social Club.

A donation of £50 had been received from Mr. Brett prior to his departure to Canada.

TREDWORTH v. MATSON Cup Replay.

There was a net figure of £160 available for distribution to Charities and it was unanimously agreed a cheque for £20 0s. 0d. be sent to each of the following:

The St. John's Ambulance; The League of Friends; Horton Road and Coney Hill Hospitals; Gloucester & District Hospitals Welfare Fund; Matson Old Peoples Club; Matson Children's Fund; Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association; Gloucestershire Hydrotherapy Fund; Star Centre for Youth.

Repairs Fund.

The sum of approximately £600 was to be placed in reserve in the Club accounts in respect of receipts from floodlight matches which it was previously agreed should be used for major ground repairs. This money could then be used when liquid funds become available.

Tour Costs.

The Committee were concerned at the ever increasing costs of tours. This year had shown an increase of some £100 over last, in spite of the fact that some £65 was collected from the players towards the cost. With Bective Rangers fixture to be faced in the coming season, some very serious thinking would have to be done.

Dr. Alcock.

The Secretary had received a letter from Dr. Alcock congratulating the Club on their fine season in which a number of records had been broken, and further that he felt it was now time he resigned as President of the Club. Following a short discussion it was unanimously agreed Dr. Alcock be asked to re-consider, as the Committee would wish him to continue in office.

The Chairman had also received a notice from Mr. Arthur Hudson that he wished to resign as a Vice-President of the Club. It was unanimously agreed he also be asked to reconsider.

Floodlight Alliance Fixtures.

Fixture Secretary asked if possible to arrange home fixtures to take place before Christmas. The Fixture Secretary was also requested to contact the R.A.F. and Army Secretaries, stating that it was impossible to continue playing them under the present guarantee arrangement, and future fixtures only be arranged if no guarantees be involved.

Players' Meeting.

To be held on Thursday 29th May, 1969 at 8:00 p.m.

Next Committee Meeting would be held on Tuesday, 20th May 1969 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Date: 20 / 5 / 69.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held at Kingsholm on Tuesday 20th May, 1969.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, A. T. Voyce, Dr. Alcock, R. Morris, T. Day, R. Collins, I. Jones, P. Ford, T. Pritchard, G. Hudson, F. Ewers, J. Haines, M. Elway, P. Hawker, W. Cale, D. Dawe, T. Tandy.

Apologies: N. Duncalfe, L. Keck.

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

Resignations.

Dr. Alcock confirmed that he wished his resignation to stand, and letter from Mr. A. Hudson confirming his resignation was read to the Committee.

It was the general feeling of the Committee that the services of these gentlemen could not easily be dispensed with, and it was felt consideration be given to finding another title of office for them. Possibility of Life Vice-Presidents was mentioned.

Trustees.

Due to the resignation of Dr. Alcock and A. Hudson, two new Trustees would be required. It was proposed and agreed unanimously that Mr. P. FORD and Mr. T. TANDY be appointed to fill the vacancies.

Life Members.

Committee generally not in favour of electing any new Life Members at present.

The Secretary had received a verbal nomination from a member for P. Ford to be made a Life Member. P. Ford had intimated that at this stage he did not wish to be considered.

Vice-Presidents.

Proposed by P. Ford seconded by W. Cole that Mr. R. Morris, Mr. T. Day, and Mr. G. Hudson be proposed as Vice-Presidents of the Club by the Committee at the next Annual General Meeting. Agreed unanimously.

Players' Fees.

It was agreed by the Committee that the Chairman should inform players at their next Players' Meeting that due to the financial position of the Club in future they would;

- (a) Have to pay a match fee of 2/6d. per player.
- (b) Forfeit having free beer after matches.

One of the above would have to come into effect next season; choice to be left to Players to decide.

Players' Dinner & Dance; at the Savoy Hotel, Cheltenham, on Friday 13th June, 1969. Tickets 35/- each. The Club would pay for special menus to be printed up to a cost of £10 0s. 0d.

"200" Club.

W. Cale confirmed he would give his answer later as to whether he would be prepared to act as promoter. Mr. R. Collins was still willing to assist.

Meeting In London.

Mr. Tandy and Mr. Day reported on the meeting of gate-taking clubs arranged by Bristol and held at Whites Hotel, Lancaster Gate, London, on Sunday 18th May, 1969. A further meeting had been arranged for Friday, 4th July 1969 at London Hilton Hotel.

N.G.C.

Mr. Ewers had been re-elected representative on Gloucester Rugby Football Club Committee. A request that details of Charities benefitting from the Matson v. Tredworth Cup Semi-Final be published in local press. Secretary confirmed these arrangements had already been carried out.

Selection Committee.

The Chairman of the Selection Committee, Mr. T. Day, thanked all members of his committee for their support during the past season.

Seven-a-Side.

Following a request from the North Gloucester Combination it was agreed that in future their annual Seven-a-Side Competition be held at Kingsholm during September and not April as at present.

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

Date: 3 / 6 / 69.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Meeting of General Committee Meeting held on 3rd June, 1969.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, Dr. Alcock, A. D. Wadley, T. Millington, T. Day, R. Morris, G. Hudson, I. Jones, P. Ford, T. Pritchard, A. Kent, R. Smith, R. Collins, P. Hawker, F. Ewers, J. Haines, M. Elway, W. Cale, S. Dangerfield, N. Duncalfe, J. Fowke, T. R. Tandy.

Apologies: A. T. Voyce, F. D. H. Dawe.

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

Correspondence.

The Secretary had received a letter of resignation from D. East.

A letter from the Gloucestershire County Union requesting the Club's views on the revival of a County Cup Competition. It was the view of the Committee that no discussion could really take place on the matter until more details were known.

County Committee Representatives.

It was unanimously agreed that Mr. T. Day and Mr. G. Hudson should represent the Club on the County Executive Committee for the 1969-70 season.

Social Committee Report.

A satisfactory situation was outlined by the Social Committee Chairman, Mr. N. H. B. Duncalfe, and a donation of £ ... ¹ had been made to the Rugby Club. A further sum of £150 had been made available to the Treasurer of the Rugby Club as a loan, should it be required during the summer months.

Concern had been expressed by the Social Committee at an apparent division in the Club between Social Club and Rugby Club, and this had not been helped by remarks made by the Rugby Club Chairman as to the importance of ex-players on the Rugby Club Committee, and members of the Social Committee, the majority of which were not ex-players, were in fact prepared to resign if it was the general feeling of the Committee of the Rugby Club that to be a useful Committee man one had to be an ex-player.

The Rugby Club Chairman stated that his remarks were misunderstood, and he certainly did not make such a statement, as he knew only too well the great work done for the Club by Committee members who had not been players for the Club.

The Social Committee were thanked for their work, and donation.

The Treasurer outlined his Balance Sheet for the past season showing a loss of over £600. As this was subject to audit no action could be taken on the balance sheet, but the Chairman expressed the thanks of Committee to the Treasurer for his hard work.

¹ Amount not entered.

Fixtures.

Concern was expressed once more at the number of fixtures played by the Club. It was agreed a sub-committee be formed to look into the possibility of cutting out some fixtures. The sub-committee to consist of Fixture Secretary, Team Secretary, 1st and United XV Captains, Players' Representative, G. Hudson, and T. Day.

Congratulations were expressed to R. Smith on being elected Captain of the 1st XV for the coming season, and to P. Meadows on being elected United XV Captain.

Ground and Finance Committees to hold a combined meeting to discuss;

- (a) Increase in Season Ticket prices.
- (b) Admission to Ground. Control.
- (c) Repairs to Ground by volunteers.

President.

A long discussion took place on a successor to Dr. Alcock.

It was unanimously agreed that in future it should be the policy of the Committee to support a President for [a] three year period.

It was unanimously agreed that Mr. A. T. Voyce be nominated by the Committee for the office of President at the Annual General Meeting.

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

Date: 17 / 6 / 69.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 17th June, 1969.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes (Chairman), Dr. Alcock (President), A. T. Voyce, G. Hudson, T. Day, L. Keck, I. Jones, P. Ford, T. Pritchard, J. Haines, W. Cale, M. Elway, R. Collins, T. R. Tandy.

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

County K.O. Competition.

This had been discussed at the County Executive meeting, and further discussion, when more details were available, would take place at the September Executive Meeting.

Ground & Finance Committee Report.

It was recommended that the Enclosure should be totally opened up, and be the same price of admission as the rest of the Ground. Following discussion this was unanimously agreed.

Recommended increase in season ticket prices was discussed, and the following finally agreed:-

Patrons: £5 0s. 0d.

Wing Stands: £3 5s. 0d.

Old Players: £1 15s. 0d. OAP's: £1 15s. 0d. Juniors: £1 5s. 0d.

Ground: £2 0s. 0d. Old Players: £1 0s. 0d. OAP's 15/- Juniors: 10/-

Recommendations for improvement in Ground Control:

- (a) All spectators should enter the Ground through turnstiles.
- (b) Car Park entrance be closed completely.
- (c) All entrances would be from Worcester Street (6 turnstiles) and Deans Walk (2 turnstiles).
- (d) Increase of gateman's pay from 10/- to £1 0s. 0d. per game, and pro rata for stewards.

Recommend that old wooden stand at the Deans Walk end of the Ground be pulled down.

All recommendations were accepted by the Committee.

Colts XV.

Agreed Mr. Cale should arrange some fixtures for a Colts XV for the coming season, on the same basis as in the past. Mr. Cale to contact Fixture Secretary re. dates available.

Ladies Evening.

2nd July 1969 at 8:00 p.m. in Social Club. Secretary to send invitations.

"200" Club.

Committee accepted Mr. Cale's offer to organise same, with Mr. Collins and J. Haines assisting.

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

Date: 25 / 6 / 69.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 24th June, 1969.¹

Present: Dr. A. Alcock, A. T. Voyce, Rev. H. M. Hughes, R. Morris, T. Day, R. Collins, T. Pritchard, M. Elway, G. Hudson, J. Hickie, P. Ford, N. Duncalfe, F. D. H. Dawe, J. Haines, S. Dangerfield, W. Cale, T. R. Tandy.

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

Arising.

Mr. Elway confirmed he had catering arrangements in hand for the Ladies Evening. The Secretary confirmed invitations had been sent to the Ladies.

It was agreed the Secretary be paid an Honorarium of £100 in respect of his work during the past season.

A.G.M.

The Secretary gave details of nominations received for the A.G.M., and there were in fact two Committee vacancies not filled.

The Annual Committee Report for the A.G.M. was presented by the Chairman; agreed by Committee.

Dr. Alcock.

It was proposed by Mr. T. Day seconded by Mr. R. Morris that Dr. Alcock be nominated at the A.G.M. as an Honorary Vice-President. This was unanimously agreed by the Committee.

Philadelphia R.F.C.

Hendon R.F.C. has been in contact with the Secretary re. a fixture between Gloucester and Philadelphia R.F.C., from U.S.A. The only date available Monday, 1st September 1969. It was agreed Mr. Dawe arrange fixture subject to agreement from Clifton R.F.C. to re-arrange fixture for 1st September 1969.

Memorial Ground.

Mr. G. Hudson stated that his father wished to be relieved of books, correspondence etc., in respect of the Memorial Ground. Following discussion it was agreed that after the A.G.M. a Secretary should be appointed from the General Committee of the Club.

Closing the meeting the Chairman extended the best wishes of all the Committee to Mr. F. D. H. Dawe following his recent marriage.

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

Date: 5 / 8 / 69.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

¹ Either Tuesday 24th, or Wednesday 25th June 1969. Note the Chairman had signed and dated the previous General Committee Meeting Minutes as '25th June 1969'.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 15th July, 1969.

Minutes of the 1968 Annual General Meeting were read by the Secretary, approved 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).¹

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer presented a Balance Sheet for the 1968/69 season showing an excess of expenditure over income of £1,058.

The figure of £1,058 was largely due to the fact that for the first time a reserve has been made in respect of quotations received for repair work to be done at Kingsholm, and a depreciation figure of £365 in respect of the floodlighting equipment.

The normal day to day expenditure of the Club had been held very much as the previous year, but it was difficult to maintain such a level in view of ever increasing costs.

Mr. Wadley appealed to all members to support the "200" Club, as this would give us money to use on much needed repairs.

The adoption of the Balance Sheet was proposed by Mr. Haines seconded by Mr. Payne and agreed by the meeting.

Alteration of Rules.

Proposed by A. D. Wadley seconded by Mr. F. D. H. Dawe and agreed by the meeting:

Rule 6 to read;

The Annual Subscription shall be as follows:-

Patrons (inclusive of Car Park and Social Club)	£5	0s.	0d.
Members, entitled to admission to Grand and Wing Stand	£3	5s.	0d.
Old Playing Members who have gained 1st XV colours	£1	15s.	0d.
Members, admitted to Ground only	£2	0s.	0d.
Old Players who have gained 1st XV colours	£1	0s.	0d.
Players		10s.	0d.

Rule 7 shall read;

Scholar Tickets (non-members) -	Wing Stand	£1	5s.	0d.
-	Ground		10s.	0d.

¹ Missing.

Election of Officers.

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

President: A.T. Voyce, O.B.E.
Life Vice President: A. Alcock, M.B., B.S.
Vice Presidents: T. Millington, Esq., Rev. H. M . Hughes, T. Day, Esq.,
A. G. Hudson, Esq., R. R. Morris, Esq.
Hon. Secretary: T. R. Tandy.
Hon. Treasurer: A. D. Wadley.
Hon. Fixture Secretary: F. D. H. Dawe.
Hon. Team Secretary: P. J. Ford.
Committee (6 vacancies): R. Collins, N. H. B. Duncalfe, L. A. Keck, R. G. Pitt.
Captain 1st XV: R. Smith.
Captain United XV: P. Meadows.
Player Representative: G. G. White.

Dr. Alcock, who retired after 45 years as President of the Club, thanked everyone for all the very enjoyable times he had with the Club, and hoped he would continue for many more years to come in his new office as Life Vice-President.

Mr. A.T. Voyce, in thanking the members for his election as President of the Club, spoke in glowing terms of Dr. Alcock's many years of work. The Secretary, Mr. T. Tandy, also spoke of the work done by the Doctor and of his every willingness to help. Mr. Shewell expressed the good wishes of the members to Dr. Alcock.

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

Date: 8 . 7 . 70.

Signed: A. T. Voyce.