

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB HELD AT KINGSHOLM ON AUGUST 5th, 1969.

Present: Mr. A. T. Voyce (President), Mr. T. R. Tandy (Secretary), Mr. A. D. Wadley (Treasurer), Rev. H. M. Hughes (Chairman), and Messrs. T. Day, R. Morris, L. A. Keck, P. Ford, N. Duncalfe, A. Kent, F. Ewers, I. Jones, W. Cale, S. Dangerfield, T. Pritchard, R. Collins, D. Dawe, R. Pitt, G. White.

Apologies: G. Hudson, P. Hawker, Dr. A. Alcock, M. Elway.

The meeting opened with all members observing silence on the death of Mr. T. H. Millington, who was a Vice-President of the Club.

Chairman

Rev. H. M. Hughes was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee for the 1969/70 season, on the proposition of Mr. T. Day, seconded by Mr. N. Duncalfe.

Minutes

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

Correspondence

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Grahame Parker, Secretary of the Gloucestershire County Cricket Club thanking the Rugby Club for their good wishes sent from the Annual General Meeting, and wishing our Club the best of fortune for the coming season.

A donation of 25 guineas had been received from the Lions Club together with a letter of thanks from their President for the use of the ground for their Donkey Derby, which had raised over £500 for local charities.

An application for the use of the ground from the Locarno Ballroom, Swindon, for a Folk Concert during the summer of 1970 was discussed by the meeting; the Secretary was asked to obtain further details.

Mr. L. A. Keck had offered to duplicate copies of Minutes for circulation to members, together with Agendas for future meetings. It was agreed by the Committee that this system should be given a trial.

Philadelphia Rugby Club. The Secretary had received a communication to the effect that members of the Philadelphia Rugby Club were quite happy to be accommodated at homes of players. Following a discussion it was the general feeling that there were numerous snags in arranging this type of accommodation, and it was agreed that the Secretary should book accommodation in Gloucester, the expense to be borne by the Gloucester R.F.C.

Election of Committees

Vice-Chairman: Mr. T. Day.

Selection Committee:

Messrs. T. Day, R. Smith, P. Ford, I. Jones, R. Morris, R. Collins, F. Hawker, P. Meadows.

Finance Committee:

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

Social Club Management Committee:

Messrs. N. H. B. Duncalfe, T. Pritchard, P. Hawker, T. R. Tandy, A. D. Wadley.

Ground Committee:

Messrs. G. Hudson, L. A. Keck, R. Collins, P. Ford, T. R. Tandy, A. Kent, S. Dangerfield, F. Ewers.

200 Club Committee:

Messrs. W. Cale, R. Collins, J. Haines, G. White.

Fixtures Committee:

Messrs. F. D. H. Dawe, P. J. Ford, R. Smith, P. Meadows, G. White, G. Hudson, T. Day.

North Gloucester Combination Representative:

Mr. G. Hudson.

Memorial Ground

A secretary was required to take over the duties concerning the Memorial Ground from Mr. A. Hudson, and it was agreed to defer this matter until the next meeting, but in the meantime the Secretary agreed to approach Mr. J. Haines regarding this position.

Meeting of Gate-Taking Clubs at Hilton Hotel on Friday, 4th July, 1969

This meeting and the Rugby Union Annual General Meeting had been attended by three representatives of the Club, Mr. Tandy, Mr. Ford, and Mr. Hawker, and Mr. Tandy gave a comprehensive report of the discussions that took place at these meetings. A further meeting of Gate-Taking Clubs was to be held early in the New Year.

County Championship

Following a report by the County Championship Sub-Committee of the Rugby Union, in which no recommendations of changes were made, further recommendations have now been put forward by the Rugby Union Selection Committee. The views of Clubs had been requested for the next County Executive Committee Meeting on the 5th September. It was agreed that copies of the recommendations should be forwarded to all committee members for perusal prior to the next committee meeting, when this matter would be on the Agenda.

Committee Vacancies

Two vacancies still remain on the General Committee. It was agreed that members should put names forward at the next General Committee Meeting for consideration.

Ground Company

Mr. Collins asked if it would not be possible for some money to be released by the Ground Company to meet some urgent repair work required at Kingsholm. The Secretary was asked to forward this request to the Secretary of the Ground Company.

In concluding the Meeting, the Chairman welcomed Mr. Pitt to his first meeting as a General Committee Member, and Mr. G. White who is this year's Players' Representative on the Committee.

25 / 8 / 69.

[Signed] T. Day.

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT KINGSHOLM ON MONDAY,
25TH AUGUST, 1969

Present: Messrs. S. T. Day (Vice Chairman), T. R. Tandy, A. D. Wadley, A. T. Voyce, R. Morris, G. Hudson, F. D. H. Dawe, I. Jones, P. J. Ford, L. A. Keck, R. G. Pitt, M. Elway, T. Pritchard, R. Collins, A. Kent, J. Haines, W. Cale, S. Dangerfield.

Apologies: Rev. H. M. Hughes, N. H. B. Duncalfe, Dr. A. Alcock, P. Hawker.

In the absence of the Chairman the Club Vice-Chairman, Mr. T. Day, took the Chair of the Meeting.

Matters Arising:

Committee Vacancies. Three names were recommended to fill the two existing vacancies on the Committee, namely, F. Ewers, R. Long, and G. Edmunds, and following a paper vote, Mr. Ewers and Mr. Long were declared elected.

County Championship:

Following discussion on the proposals of the English Rugby Union Selection Committee regarding the County Championship, the unanimous view of the Committee of the Gloucester Rugby Club was that no future could be derived from such an alteration, and the Club Representatives on the County Executive were asked to express the Club's views at the next meeting.

Philadelphia Fixture:

The Secretary confirmed all arrangements were in hand and that accommodation had been booked at The Witcome Hotel, Nr. Gloucester. He requested that all Committee men make themselves available at the game to assist with the numerous duties that had to be carried out.

Bective Rangers:

The Secretary reported that he had made bookings with B.E.A. for 25. The Treasurer once more expressed his opinion that this fixture was far beyond the reach of the Club, and that serious consideration should be given before making any further such fixtures. It was agreed that the Club party consist of 18 players, baggage men, one Committee and two selectors, together with the President, Mr. A.T. Voyce. Following a discussion it was agreed that Mr. J. Haines be Committee man in charge of the party.

Away Match Rota:

It was agreed the Secretary prepare this rota for circulation with the minutes and agenda of the next meeting.

Ladies Committee:

Mrs. T. Hudson had written to the Chairman of the Club resigning from the post as Chairman of the Ladies Committee. It was agreed that the Secretary should call a meeting of the Ladies Committee for Thursday, 4th September, at 7:30 p.m. to elect a new Chairman and arrange the rota for the coming season. The Committee wished to express their thanks to Mrs. Hudson for the excellent work she had done for the Club.

Resignation of Secretary:

Mr. Tandy informed the Committee that due to business commitments he would be unable to continue as Secretary after the end of the season, and he felt that in the interests of the Club, it would be advisable for a successor to be appointed as soon as possible, in order that he might serve part of the present season with Mr. Tandy. A general discussion took place on this matter and it was agreed that the Committee should make discreet enquiries as to possible successors, and the matter should be further discussed at the next meeting.

200 Club:

Mr. Cale appealed to the Committee for support in obtaining more members of the 200 Club.

Kick-Off Times:

It was agreed, as in the past, that all afternoon games should kick off at 3:15 p.m. and evening games at 7:00 p.m. unless a later kick-off time was requested by the visiting side.

Sub-Committee Meetings:

It was agreed that Ground Committee should meet on Monday, 8th September and the Finance Committee on Tuesday, 23rd September.

This concluded the meeting.

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[Signed] H. M. Hughes.

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT KINGSHOLM ON MONDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1969, AT 7:30 p.m.

Present: Rev. H . M. Hughes, (Chairman), A. T. Voyce, Dr. A. Alcock, T. Day, I. Jones, L. A. Keck, A. Kent, T. Pritchard, M. Elway, D. Dawe, P. Ford, P. Meadows, G. White, P. Hawker, G. Hudson, R. Long, F. Ewers, J. Haines, W. Cale, R. Collins, R. Morris, D. Wadley, R. Tandy.

Apologies: N. H. B. Duncalfe, S. Dangerfield.

Minutes of the last meeting having been circulated were taken as read and duly signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising:

The Treasurer reported that the Philadelphia Fixture had been very successful, both financially and socially.

Mr. Haines reported a vey enjoyable trip to Ireland for the Bective Rangers match, all arrangements being quite satisfactory. These comments were confirmed by the Club President who also accompanied the party.

Mr. Cale reported that the "200 Club" was going quite well, but felt an extra effort was required by the Committee Members of the Club if the maximum number was to be obtained.

Correspondence:

A request for promotion of speedway racing at Kingsholm had not been given serious consideration by the Committee as it was felt that it was absolutely impossible to have such a circuit on the ground without detriment to the playing area.

Mr. J. H. Parker, aged 88, had written the Secretary requesting a free season ticket. It was felt by the Committee that this would create a precedent and therefore the request was refused.

A meeting of the South West England Gate-Taking Clubs had been called for Sunday, 19th October 1969 at the Exeter Rugby Football Club. It was agreed Mr. Tandy and Mr. Ford should attend, and it was the Committee's feelings that the representatives should press strongly for the South West Group to be divided into two sections.

Report of Fixture Sub-Committee:

The Committee proposed that the existing fixtures be reduced by ten games per season, all of these to become effective as soon as possible. The reduction of games should be as detailed:

Stroud, Lydney, Ebbw Vale, Newbridge, Aberavon, and Pontypool to be reduced to one game per season, and fixtures to be discontinued completely with Clifton, Army, and R.A.F.

The Committee's proposals were unanimously adopted by the General Committee. It was agreed that fixtures already made should be honoured, with the exception of one game with Lydney in Season 1972/73.

The question of fixtures was then discussed more fully by the General Committee, and it was agreed on the proposal of the Chairman that no further fixtures be made with Bective Rangers after their visit to Kingsholm in 1970/71 season, and that future fixtures should not be entertained with the Wolfhounds unless they will agree to come for a guarantee not exceeding £100.

Discussions then took place on arrangements for the Centenary Match, and Mr. Dawe informed the Committee that there had been a refusal from the Barbarians for the fixture. Mr. Voyce agreed to make some further enquiries into this matter.

Report of Ground Committee:

This Committee had not been able to put any recommendations forward at this stage as there was no money available for repairs on the ground.

The new system of turnstiles was showing a reasonable amount of success: a number of complaints had been received from members, and following this it was felt that two turnstiles were required at the old car park entrance, but until these had been obtained, admission should still only be through the Worcester Street entrances.

Report of Finance Committee:

Receipts for season tickets were slightly up on last season and gate-takings were very comparable with the previous year. The Treasurer stated, however, that the future financial position of the Club did not look very bright, and in fact, if the present trend continued, the Club could cease to exist within four years.

Secretaryship:

A number of offers had been received to fill the vacancy of Hon. Secretary, and following discussion it was agreed that a sub-committee be formed to meet the people concerned. The sub-committee to consist of the following: A. T. Voyce, Rev. H. M. Hughes, T. Day, P. Ford, A. D. Wadley, N. H. B. Duncalfe, and T. R. Tandy. It was agreed that the first meeting be held on Monday, 6th October at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Voyce advised he would not be able to attend on this date, and it was agreed Mr. G. Hudson take his place.

Any Other Business:

It was brought to the notice of the Committee that the Gloucester v. Wasps fixture in January at Kingsholm was to be filmed and shown on BBC-2 television the same evening. The Secretary confirmed that to date he had received no correspondence from the B.B.C. or the Rugby Union on this matter. A discussion took place on the subject but no propositions were forthcoming. This concluded the meeting.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held at Kingsholm on Monday, 27th October, 1969, at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Rev. H . M. Hughes, (Chairman), T. Tandy, A. D. Wadley, Dr. A. Alcock, T. Day, R. Collins, L. A. Keck, P. Hawker, M. Elway, T. Pritchard, N. Duncalfe, R. Pitt, R. Long, P. Meadows, F. Ewers, P. Ford, J. Haines, S. Dangerfield, G. Hudson, R. Morris, D. Dawe, A. T. Voyce.

Apologies: W. Cale.

Correspondence

A letter of thanks for the Club's hospitality had been received from the Wolfhounds R.F.C.

The Rugby Union had informed the Secretary of details concerning the televising of the home game with Wasps on the 17th January, 1970.

The Star Centre for Youth had acknowledged with thanks the sum of £36 1s. 4d. collected at the Gloucester v. Bosuns game. The Committee unanimously agreed that a further donation of £23 18s. 8d. be made by the Club, thus bringing the total raised at Kingsholm for the three seasons to the grand sum of £250.

Secretaryship

The Chairman gave the Committee a full report of the findings and recommendations of the Sub-Committee appointed to interview Club Members who had offered their services as Secretary of the Club. The short list was discussed, and finally it was unanimously agreed, following the proposition of Mr. Duncalfe, seconded by Mr. Dawe, that Mr. H. King be appointed as Assistant Secretary for the remainder of this season, with a view to receiving the Committee Nomination as Secretary at the next Annual General Meeting.

Fund Raising

A lengthy discussion was held on this subject, and it was agreed that the sub-committee who had been appointed to look at the matter of Secretaryship, should interview Mr. C. Russell with regard to his being appointed as Club Fund Raiser, possibly working on a percentage basis of the profits obtained.

Christmas Draw

Mr. Ellway informed the meeting he had now received the Christmas Draw tickets, and every member was asked to make a special effort to ensure a financial success. Each member of the Committee agreed to be responsible for a minimum of ten books.

South African Tour

The possibility of the Club being asked to stage the Oxford University/South African game at Kingsholm on Wednesday, 5th November, was discussed, and it was felt that the Club would be unlikely to be asked to stage this fixture at such short notice in view of the implications involved.

Fixtures

It was unanimously agreed that the fixtures arranged with Aberavon this season should be brought forward to the previous Friday in both instances.

Away Match Rota

It was reported by the Chairman of the Selection Committee that on two occasions recently the Committee men appointed to travel with the side to an away match had not in fact gone and had failed to arrange for a substitute. The Club Chairman stressed the importance of Committee men fulfilling their duties, and emphasized that it was their responsibility to find a replacement if due to circumstances they could not travel. It was suggested that next season two Committee men be appointed to accompany the United XV on away fixtures. This was met with general approval by the Committee.

Memorial Ground

Mr. Haines reported that he had received correspondence from Widden Old Boys, re. extensions to their club premises, and it was agreed no action be taken on this at present until planning permission had been applied for. Mr. Haines was asked to get estimates for the erection of a fence at the Stroud Road entrance as soon as possible.

Legacy

The Chairman reported that the late Mr. T. Millington had left the Club the sum of £100 in his Will.

Honours Boards

Mr. Hudson and Mr. Ford agreed to bring details up to date in order that the necessary Boards which were missing could be ordered.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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[Signed] H. M. Hughes.

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB HELD AT KINGSHOLM ON MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER, 1969, AT 7:30 p.m.

Present: Rev. H . M. Hughes, (Chairman), T. R. Tandy, H. King, Dr. A. Alcock, A. T. Voyce, T. Day, I. Jones, L. A. Keck, M. Elway, P. Hawker, R. Collins, N. Partridge, A. Kent, R. Morris, P. Ford, P. Meadows, R. Long, T. Pritchard, J. Haines, W. Cale, S. Dangerfield, A. G. Hudson, F. D. H. Dawe, F. Ewers.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the last Meeting, as circulated, were taken as read and duly signed by the Chairman.

Correspondence:

Letters received from the Rugby Union

- (a) invited either the Club Captain or Coach to attend a Coaching Course to be arranged during the summer, all expenses to be paid by the Rugby Union. It was agreed that the Club Captain be nominated.
- (b) Centenary Ties for the Ruby Union Centenary Year 1971/72. These were available from Twickenham, and it was agreed no official Club action be taken at present.

Notices had been received from the Ground Company that the Annual General Meeting would be held on the 11th December, 1969.

Ground Development:

Letters were read to the Meeting from Bruton, Knowles & Co. and Mr. R. Collins, Committee Member, re. development of the car park on the ground. A general discussion took place on this subject, and it was agreed that both proposals be accepted in principle and the matter pursued further.

Fund Raising:

Members of the Sub-Committee had met members of the Committee of the Gloucester City Football Club at Horton Road to discuss this matter, and details of the proposals were given to the Committee who agreed with the Sub-Committee's views that the proposals put forward by the Football Club were not acceptable.

Members of the Sub-Committee then, in turn, met the Secretary of the Gloucestershire County Cricket Supporters Club who were interested in the Gloucester R.F.C. becoming North Gloucestershire sub-agents in their fund-raising scheme. Subject to a satisfactory organiser being available, the Committee were in favour of this matter being pursued.

Gloucester v. Newbridge:

The date of this game at Kingsholm had been brought forward from 26th to 23rd February, 1970.

Mr. Hudson enquired of the Fixture Secretary if the Clubs who had had their fixtures with the Gloucester Club reduced to one, had been informed to this effect. Mr. Dawe informed the Meeting that this was being attended to.

Mr. Partridge asked if the Club were satisfied with the arrangements of playing North Gloucester Combination Seven-a-Side Tournament at Kingsholm on a Sunday. The gate receipts were about the same whether the game was played on Sunday or in the evening, and the Committee were, therefore, quite happy to leave the final decision to the North Gloucester Combination Committee.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

5 / 1 / 70.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB HELD AT KINGSHOLM ON MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER, 1969.

The Chairman opened the Meeting by confirming press reports that the Club had been asked if they would consider staging the Southern Counties v. South Africans Game at Kingsholm on 28th January, 1970.

This Game was due to have been played at Bournemouth, but due to the difficulty in policing such an open ground, it had been decided to seek an alternative venue.

Some members of the Committee had discussed this matter on Thursday last and were generally in favour of the Game being played at Kingsholm.

The Secretary stated that he considered that the Club looked to benefit from this game by a minimum sum of £300; with the prices charged, this was only assuming a crowd of approximately 2,500.

It was agreed by a large majority that the Kingsholm ground be made available for the game, and the Secretary of the Rugby Union and the Southern Counties be informed accordingly by the Club Secretary.

5 / 1 / 70.

[Signed] H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Monday 5th January, 1970.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, Dr. Alcock, A. T. Voyce, T. Day, P. Ford, H. King, I. Jones, A. Kent, M. Elway, T. Pritchard, R. Long, P. Meadows, J. Haines, W. Cale, R. Collins, G. Hudson, F. D. H. Dawe, N. Duncalfe, T. R. Tandy.

Apologies: A. D. Wadley, S. Dangerfield, L. Keck, N. Partridge.

Ground Company.

Dr. Alcock reported there had been [a] meeting of the Ground Company and they would welcome any ground developments that would be of benefit to the Club.

The Ground Company had agreed to pay back £300 of loan, the balance of the Ground Company funds would be required to repaint the fences at Kingsholm.

Correspondence.

B.B.C. re. arrangements for the televising of the Wasps game on 17th January, 1970. Rev. Hughes and M. Elway gave details of their meeting with B.B.C. officials.

Southern Counties v. South Africa.

The Secretary reported on meeting with police and gave details to the Committee. All Centre Stand tickets were taken by the Southern Counties. One complete wing and part of the other would be available for the Club.

Details of ticket allocations were discussed.

Complementary tickets would only be issued by Treasurer of the Southern Counties.

Clifton R.F.C.

Letter received by the Fixture Secretary from Clifton R.F.C. re. the G.R.F.C. decision to discontinue fixtures. It was agreed that the original decision not to play Clifton should stand.

County Cup Competition.

It was unanimously agreed that the Club should not enter at present.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Date: 26 / 1 / 70.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Monday 26th January 1970.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, R. Morris, P. Ford, T. Pritchard, R. Pitt, R. Long, M. Elway, J. Haines, A. Kent, W. Cale, D. Dawe, S. Dangerfield, A. T. Voyce, R. Collins, N. Partridge, H. King, F. Ewers, G. Hudson, T. Tandy, A. D. Wadley.

Apologies: P. Hawker, Dr. Alcock, N. Duncalfe, I. Jones, T. Day, P. Meadows, R. Smith.

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

County Squash Racquets Association.

Rev. Hughes gave details of the meeting with representatives of the County Squash Racquets Association. The Secretary reported that he had since received a letter from Bruton Knowles & Co., that they didn't wish to pursue this matter any further at the present time.

Loan - Middlesex Hospital Trust.

On a proposition of Mr. R. Collins seconded by Mr. G. Hudson that the £300 repayment of loan to the Club from the Ground Company should be used to reduce the loan from the Middlesex Hospital Trust.

Meeting of Gate Taking Clubs.

A further meeting was to be held on Friday 13th February 1970, in London. It was agreed that if possible the Secretary and P. Ford should represent the Club.

Springbok Fixture.

The Secretary confirmed that all arrangements were in hand for the Southern Counties v. South Africa game to be played on Wednesday 28th January, 1970. The Secretary asked that any Committee men who were prepared to assist should report to the office before the game. The same arrangement to apply of County Semi-Final Day.

Bristol Fixture on 7th February 1970.

In view of the County Semi-Final it was agreed that the United XV fixture be played at Kingsholm on Monday 9th February 1970, and the 1st XV game at Bristol on Wednesday 11th March 1970.

A request had been received from Newport to rearrange fixtures during next season and the one following. It was agreed in principle to alter the dates, but the alternatives be discussed with the players.

Ladies Committee.

The Secretary had received a letter from T. Day, together with a copy of a letter sent to Mrs. Day by Mrs. Jones, Chairman of the Club Ladies Committee. Mr. Day asked that the matter be discussed by the General Committee. The Chairman would not permit the letter in question to be read to [the] meeting, and in view of this it was felt it would be impossible to discuss the matter in Committee. It was agreed the Chairman and President should meet the ladies concerned and if necessary arrange for a meeting of the Ladies Committee.

Coaches.

Mr. King reported on the effect new transport regulations would possibly have on away trips.

Ties.

It was unanimously agreed that Dr. T. Durkin and J. Fryer be permitted to wear Club Committee ties in view of their services to the Club.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Date: 2 / 3 / 70.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Monday 2nd March 1970.

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

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

Arising.

The Secretary reported that [neither] he nor P. Ford were able to attend the meeting of Gate-Taking Clubs, held in London on Friday 13th February 1970. At the [meeting] a proposed competition had been formulated and forwarded to the Rugby Union for approval. Full details of the proposition were given to the Committee.

The Secretary confirmed that all had gone off well at the Southern Counties v. Springboks game, but financial details were not yet available.

Ladies Committee.

The Chairman confirmed a meeting of the Ladies Committee had been held. He had acted as Chairman of the meeting, and that feelings on both sides had been expressed. He now felt that the matter had been satisfactorily settled.

Fixtures.

Mr. Dawe informed the meeting that Clifton had released Gloucester from their fixture at Clifton on the 18th March 1970, and we would now be playing Bristol at Bristol on this date.

Social Club.

The Chairman, Mr. N. H. B. Duncalfe reported on the year ending 31st August 1969, and the Treasurer, Mr. A. D. Wadley presented the accounts. Matters were now more satisfactory than the previous year. The report and accounts were adopted by the General Committee, with thanks to the Social Club committee for the work.

Players' Drinks.

Following a discussion of the matter, Mr. Keck proposed that the decision to stop players' beer taken at the start of the season due to the financial position of the Club should continue to be effective. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tandy. Mr. Hawker proposed that two jugs of beer be supplied free to 1st XV and United XV after home games, and that 50/- be allocated to the Committee man to buy beer on away matches. This was seconded by Mr. Ford. By a majority decision the proposal made by Mr. Hawker was carried.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Date: 6 / 4 / 70.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Monday 6th April, 1970.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes (Chairman), Dr. Alcock, T. Day, L. Keck, R. Collins, I. Jones, P. Ford, M. Elway, T. Pritchard, R. Pitt, R. Long, J. Hickie, P. Meadows, F. Ewers, W. Cale, J. Haines, A. Kent, S. Dangerfield, G. Hudson, N. Partridge, A. D. Wadley, T. R. Tandy.

Apologies: A. T. Voyce, N. Duncalfe, D. Dawe.

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

Arising.

A copy of a letter from the Rugby Union to the Secretary of the Gate Taking Clubs Committee informing them that their scheme for competitive football had not been agreed by the Rugby Union.

Correspondence.

St. John's Ambulance Brigade invitation for a representative of Club at their annual dinner. Agreed Mr. & Mrs. J. Hickie attend.

Schools 15 Group request for use of ground on Saturday 25th April 1970. Agreed.

Ground Committee.

Mr. Hudson reported estimate had been received for re-roofing Worcester Street Stand with corrugated iron, but the question of the possibility of using asbestos was being looked into.

Ladies Committee.

The Chairman had received a letter from Mr. I. Jones re. the Chairman of the Ladies Committee and Mr. T. Day. Mr. Jones asked that the letter be read to the full Committee. This was done by the Secretary.

It was agreed no action be taken on the matter by the General Committee.

Scrummaging Machine.

The Treasurer had received a bill for £60 0s. 0d. in respect of the supply of 1 scrummaging machine to the Club. On investigation the Treasurer had been unable to find who authorised the purchase.

It was agreed the suppliers be approached to ascertain who placed the order with them.

Tour.

The Secretary reported that to date he had not made any arrangements for accommodation. Mr. P. Ford proposed that the team travel on Saturday morning, and return on Tuesday evening.

This was seconded by Mr. T. Day and agreed unanimously.

Number of players selected would be left in the hands of the Selection Committee. Committee members travelling - Messrs. T. Pritchard and F. Ewers. Selector - Mr. P. Hawker.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8:55 p.m.

Date: 12 / 5 / 70.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of a Special General Meeting held on Tuesday 14th April, 1970.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes (Chairman), A. T. Voyce, R. Collins, R. Smith, G. White, L. Keck, I. Jones, P. Ford, T. Day, R. Long, R. Pitt, T. Pritchard, G. Hudson, M. Elway, A. Kent, J. Hickie, F. Ewers, J. Haines, W. Cale, P. Hawker, A. D. Wadley, T. Tandy.

Tour.

The Players' Representative, Mr. G. White, had been asked by the players to approach the General Committee with a view to the Committee amending its decision to leave on Saturday morning on tour, to a Friday evening departure.

Numerous points of view were put forward on this matter, and it was agreed the previous minute on this matter should not be rescinded.

Two offers of £50, and an offer to match £1 for £1 to any payment the players made towards the cost of tour was made to the Committee, and in view of their kind offers it was finally agreed the tour should commence on Friday evening.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Date: 12 / 5 / 70.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 12th May, 1970.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes (Chairman), A. T. Voyce, R. Collins, T. Day, L. Keck, I. Jones, P. Ford, F. Ewers, R. Smith, T. Pritchard, M. Elway, R. Long, H. King, J. Haines, J. Hickie, S. Dangerfield, A. G. Hudson, A. D. Wadley, R. Pitt, T. R. Tandy.

Apologies: D. Dawe, P. Meadows, N. Duncalfe.

Minutes of meetings held on 6th, and 14th April 1970 were read to the meeting, approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

Arising.

Tour. The Chairman congratulated the Captain on winning all three games on Tour. The Committee men who travelled with the team reported that the accommodation at the Western Hotel, Penzance, was very poor, and the team had moved to the Western Hotel at St. Ives where the accommodation was very satisfactory.

Scrummaging Machine: Mr. Smith explained how the machine came to be ordered. It was agreed account be settled.

A.G.M.

Agreed date 8th July 1970. Secretary to publish usual advertisement in the Citizen, with date for nominations closing on 18th June 1970.

Players' Meeting.

Tuesday 2nd June 1970 - 8:30 p.m.

Ladies Evening.

Thursday 28th May 1970 - 8:00 p.m.

Correspondence.

Invitation to Stroud Dinner on 22nd May 1970. Agreed the Captain, R. Smith, represent the Club.

Letters of thanks for the use of Kingsholm were read from English Schools Rugby Union in respect of England v. Scotland Schoolboy International, and for Berkshire Rugby Football Union in respect of Springboks game.

Fixture.

Mr. Hudson confirmed a meeting of the Fixtures Committee had been held. The reduction of fixtures had been fully discussed once more. The results of previous discussions on this matter were beginning to show results. The Fixture List for the 1970-71 season had been reduced to 50 games.

The question of a special match in respect of Centenary Celebrations was once again discussed, and the President agreed to discuss the matter in Rugby Union circles.

Memorial Ground.

Mr. Haines raised the matter of footpaths across Memorial Ground. He was authorised to write the Town Clerk on behalf of the trustees.

County Union.

A proposal had been put forward at the last County Meeting re. individual membership to the County Union. The matter was discussed and it was agreed the Secretary contact Bristol for their views on the matter.

Stand Roof.

It was estimated that the cost would be in the region of £800 to re-roof the Worcester Street Stand. There was about £450 in the "200 Club" account, and it was proposed and unanimously agreed the Memorial Ground Trustees be asked to repay the loan of £300 outstanding. This would then meet most of the cost involved.

Trainer.

Mr. J. Fryer has requested permission to erect a cover over the benches at the half-way line. He was prepared to do the job himself. Permission granted subject to care being taken to not obscure view of spectators.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Date: 2 / 6 / 70.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd June, 1970.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, A. T. Voyce, G. Hudson, R. Collins, P. Ford, I. Jones, T. Pritchard, F. Ewers, M. Elway, N. Duncalfe, R. Smith, H. King, J. Haines, W. Cale, T. Day, S. Dangerfield, P. Hawker, G. White, P. Meadows, D. Wadley, T. Tandy.

Apologies: D. Dawe, A. Kent, R. Pitt, Dr. Alcock.

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

Arising.

Mr. A. T. Voyce confirmed he had the matter of the Special Match for Centenary Year in hand.

Finance Report.

The Treasurer presented the balance sheet to the Committee showing a loss of some £900 on the season. He once again stressed the need for extra income. A long discussion took place on ways to raise extra income and to reduce expenditure. Mr. Duncalfe agreed to make enquiries re. the possibility of converting the present boiler to oil-fired system. The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his work.

A.G.M.

The Chairman read the Committee Report for the past year. This was agreed by the Committee for the Annual General Meeting.

Committee nominations for the A.G.M.

President:	A. T. Voyce.
Vice-Presidents:	Rev. H. M. Hughes, T. Day, A. G. Hudson, R. Morris.
Hon. Secretary:	H. King.
Hon. Treasurer:	A. D. Wadley.
Hon. Fixture Secretary:	F. D. H. Dawe.
Hon. Team Secretary:	P. J. Ford.

County Individual Members.

The Secretary had contacted Bristol on this matter, and they felt that as long as the conditions were strictly adhered to regarding individual members there would be no problems.

Roof of Worcester Street Stand.

Mr. Hudson reported that an estimate had been accepted and that arrangements were in hand to commence on Monday 8th June, 1970.

200 Club.

Mr. Cale agreed to notify the Committee before the A.G.M. if he would be able to continue to organize the 200 Club next season.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:20 p.m.

Date: 16 / 6 / 70.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT KINGSHOLM ON TUESDAY,
16th JUNE, 1970

PRESENT: Rev. H. M. Hughes (Chairman), A. T. Voyce (President).

Messrs. H. King, D. Wadley, T. Day, R. Collins, P. Ford, M. Elway, F. Ewers, T. Pritchard, R. Pitt, J. Hickie, J. Haines, G. Hudson, S. Dangerfield, I. Jones, and D. Dawes.

Apologies were received from R. Morris, N. Duncalfe, R. Long, and T. Tandy.

MINUTES.

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

MATTERS ARISING.

Mr. A. T. Voyce on Centenary Match. After enquiries it is almost definite that the future R.U. President, Mr. D. Greenwood, would co-operate and bring a side to Kingsholm.

RESIGNATION OF COLTS SECRETARY.

Mr. W. Cale informed the Committee that he wishes to resign as Colts Secretary, but will put up for the General Committee. Following discussion re. appointment of Colts Secretary Mr. R. Collins proposed that Mr. F. Ewers be elected Secretary of the Colts team which was seconded by Mr. J. Hickie. This was accepted by the members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter was received from the R.U. re. meeting at Twickenham on Sunday 5th July, re. gate taking, clubs and finance, etc. Mr. P. Ford elected to attend.

200 CLUB.

Mr. R. Collins will proceed with correspondence and other matters.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE.

Mr. T. Tandy was appointed as Treasurer of the Social Club. A letter was received from Colin Sibery re. use of Kingsholm for Coaching Course on Sunday July 12th. This was agreed but the playing surface was not to be used if wet.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Discussion took place re. Squash Courts to be built at Kingsholm. It was proposed that a Sub-Committee be formed to speed up this matter. The following people were elected to serve on the Sub-Committee:- R. Collins, R. Pitt, P. Ford, D. Wadley, T. Tandy, and J. Horner.

Mr. D. Dawe reported that for the coming season the fixture list had been cut to 50 1st team games. In view of a cancelled home match last season, Bath R.F.C. asked if a match could be arranged for the early part of next season. In view of the number of games the Committee feel that they cannot fulfill this fixture.

Work is well on the way re. the new roof on Worcester Street Stand. Volunteers are required to paint the metal work, etc. Mr. T. Pritchard is to organise this work.

A letter was received from the Gloucestershire Rugby Union stating that Mr. D. Astle was suspended from playing Rugby Football for three months up to and including 30th November 1970.

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

Date: 20 / 7 / 70.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held in the Social Club on Wednesday 8th July, 1970.

The Minutes of the 1969 Annual General Meeting were read by the Secretary, approved by the meeting and duly signed by the President.

Nothing arose out of "Matters Arising".

One Minute's Silence was observed after the Minutes, in memory of the late Mr. Tom Millington.

The Chairman gave Committee's annual report. He did not read through as it was contained in the Financial Report, but he did comment on the United rising to tremendous heights when County calls had weakened them.

He highlighted 12 players in the County team during the season, 4 in the National Squad, and 4 players played for Western Counties.

Another good season of wins was recorded.

The Ladies Committee again achieved an extremely high standard of catering. He finally referred to the loss of Mr. T. R. Tandy, who had, in his six years of office set a very high standard for his successor.

In conclusion Mr. Hughes mentioned that gate-taking clubs had again been hit severely by televised rugby.

The Treasurer, Mr. A. D. Wadley detailed another substantial loss and described the position as serious but not irretrievable.

We were saved, he said, from complete disaster by the County matches, Schoolboy International, and the disputed Springboks match.

In conclusion he told members that a formidable task lay ahead, and the Club must investigate every means of fund raising.

In assets we are rich, said Mr. Wadley, but in liquidity we are poor.

The Election of Officers were as follows, all having been proposed and seconded in accordance with Rule 10.

PRESIDENT: A. T. Voyce, Esq. O.B.E.

LIFE VICE-PRESIDENT: A. Alcock, M.B., B.S.

VICE-PRESIDENTS: Rev. H. M. Hughes, T. Day, Esq., A. G. Hudson, Esq.,
R. R. Morris, Esq.

HON. SECRETARY:	H. C. King, Esq.
HON. TREASURER:	A. D. Wadley, Esq.
HON. FIXTURE SECRETARY:	F. D. H. Dawe, Esq.
HON. TEAM SECRETARY:	P. J. Ford, Esq.
COLTS XV SECRETARY:	F. Ewers, Esq.
CAPTAIN 1st XV:	M. Nicholls, Esq.
CAPTAIN 2nd XV:	P. D. Meadows, Esq.
PLAYERS' REPRESENTATIVE ON GENERAL COMMITTEE:	G. G. White, Esq.
COMMITTEE ELECTED:	J. J. Fowke, P. J. Hawker, W. Cale, R. G. Long.

Mr. A. T. Voyce in thanking the members for their attendance, passed on the apologies of Dr. Arnold Alcock due to the illness of his son, the first A.G.M. that he had missed in 43 years.

Nothing arose out of A.O.B.

Meeting closed at 8:45 p.m.

Date: 14 / 7 / 71.

Signed: A. T. Voyce.