

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB HELD AT KINGSHOLM ON TUESDAY JULY 21st, 1970.

PRESENT: Mr. A. T. Voyce (President), Mr. H. C. King (Secretary), Mr. A. D. Wadley (Treasurer), Rev. H. M. Hughes (Chairman), Messrs. T. Day, R. Morris, L. Keck, I. Jones, T. Pritchard, P. Hawker, M. Elway, R. Long, R. Pitt, M. Nicholls, R. Collins, P. Ford, N. Partridge, W. Cale, T. Tandy, D. Wadley, G. Hudson, J. Fowke.

APOLOGIES: Messrs. S. Dangerfield, F. Ewers, J. Haines, N. Duncalfe.

CHAIRMAN.

Rev. H. M. Hughes was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee for the 1970/71 season, on the proposition of Mr. T. Day, seconded by Mr. R. Morris. There was one abstention.

PRESIDENT.

The President welcomed new members and the new Secretary. A special word of thanks was given to Mr. T. Tandy for his past services.

The Chairman thanked the members for his re-election but stated this would definitely be his last season.

MINUTES.

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

CORRESPONDENCE.

A Donation of £25 has 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.

Mr. P. Ford gave a report on his meeting in London. He said that the Gate-Taking Clubs were against Rugby Union Scheme.

The Committee endorsed Mr. Ford's comments.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEES.

SELECTION COMMITTEE: Messrs. T. Day, M. Nicholls, P. Ford, J. Fowke, P. Meadows, R. Collins, P. Hawker, R. Long.

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

SOCIAL CLUB

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: Messrs. N. H. B. Duncalfe, T. Pritchard, P. Hawker, T. R. Tandy, A. D. Wadley, J. Fowke, R. Pitt.

GROUND COMMITTEE: Messrs. G. Hudson, L. A. Keck, R. Collins, P. Ford,
T. Pritchard, W. Cale, 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, M. Nicholls, P. Meadows,
G. White, G. Hudson, T. Day.

NORTH GLOUCESTER
COMBINATION
REPRESENTATIVE: G. Hudson.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

An application from Priestley's Studios Ltd., to erect a marquee on the car park for approx. one week was granted. The Club would benefit by the sum of £40 0s. 0d.

SQUASH COMMITTEE.

A meeting was arranged for Thursday evening 23rd July, at 8:30 p.m.

BOILER.

It was estimated that the cost would be in the region of £1,000 to replace the present boiler from solid fuel to oil. This was considered beyond the Club's financial means at present. Mr. J. Fowke offered to make enquiries from other sources as to whether the present one could be repaired.

Mr. Voyce requested that a turnstile or gate be erected from the car park to the ground, avoiding members having to enter the ground from Worcester Street. This was referred to the Ground Committee.

This concluded the meeting.

Date: 19 / 8 / 70.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB, HELD AT KINGSHOLM ON TUESDAY 18th AUGUST, 1970.

PRESENT: Chairman; Rev. H. M. Hughes, Secretary; H. King.

Messrs. T. Tandy, G. Hudson, T. Day, R. Morris, I. Jones, P. Ford, M. Elway, T. Pritchard, F. Ewers, L. Keck, N. Duncalfe, R. Collins, R. Long, J. Haines, W. Cale, S. Dangerfield, N. Partridge, J. Hickie, J. Fowke, P. Hawker, D. Dawes.

APOLOGIES: Messrs. R. Pitt, D. Wadley, A. T. Voyce.

MINUTES.

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

MATTERS ARISING.

Turnstile. Mr. Hudson reported that the Ground Committee had discussed this matter and decided that a gate from car park be opened for entrance of Ticket Holders only. An appropriate sign to be erected, i.e. "TICKET HOLDERS ONLY"

The recommendation from the Ground Committee was agreed and accepted.

Boiler. After general discussion, Mr. Fowke, Mr. Collins, Mr. Duncalfe and Mr. Hudson reported that they had consulted experts on this problem and passed the results of their enquiries on to the Committee. Mr. Ford suggested showers, which appeared to be more economical.

It was then decided that the Ground Committee make further inquiries and find out cost of replacing the boiler to gas firing.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

It was proposed by Mr. T. Day and seconded by Mr. S. Dangerfield that Mr. G. Hudson be elected as Vice-Chairman. This was met with general approval of the Committee.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

The Chairman thanked all the members who carried out work on the Ground and Stand; also the painting of the railings.

Mr. T. Tandy proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Trevor Halls, for use and delivery of his equipment for work on the ground; also to Andersons Plant Hire, for use of Vibrator.

Mr. P. Hawker reminded the members re. Dinner and Dance to be held at the Gupshill Manor on Saturday 29th August, 1970.

An away match rota was read to the Committee by the Secretary, and agreed.

It was decided that in future the monthly meeting to be held on the last Monday in each month.

Name Boards.

Mr. Cale reported that this item is well in hand.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Following a lengthy discussion on this matter it was finally agreed that a sub-committee be formed to look into the question of Vice-Presidents and Life Members. The sub-committee to consist of:- I. Jones, N. Duncalfe, T. Day, W. Cale, Rev. H. M. Hughes, J. Hickie.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Date: 2 . 9 . 1970.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 29th September 1970.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes (Chairman), A. T. Voyce (President), G. Hudson, L. Keck, P. Ford, P. Hawker, J. Hickie, M. Elway, J. Pritchard, R. Pitt, F. Ewers, J. Haines, W. Cale, S. Dangerfield, T. Tandy, A. D. Wadley, R. Collins, M. Nicholls.

Apologies: Dr. Alcock, T. Day, I. Jones, D. Dawes, R. Long, N. Partridge, H. King.

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

Arising.

It was agreed that the possibility of moving the transfer box to a position near car park gate to provide cover for gatemen.[sic] The Ground Committee to discuss this further.

Correspondence.

Letter from Rugby Union re. loan for Squash Courts. Only a possible £600 would be available. Question of loan to be looked into further by County R.U. Representative, Mr. J. V. Smith.

Fixtures.

The United XV fixture with Richmond to be played as arranged on 10th October 1970. K.O. 3:30 p.m. Ground to be arranged.

Letter from Leicester asking for morning K.O. for game at Leicester with United, and players to watch Fijian game in afternoon. Team Secretary to consult with United players.

It was agreed Fixture Secretary be asked to cancel game at Ebbw Vale on 26th December as it was felt it would not be possible to raise a team.

Press.

The Chairman raised the question of the bad press the Club had been receiving recently, due to allegations of dirty play by members of the Gloucester Club.

Mr. Ford assured the Committee that action had been taken by the Selection Committee to avoid a repetition of incidents, and that action would be taken against players guilty of misconduct. The Captain also spoke strongly on this subject.

Scoreboard.

Mr. Hickie asked if it would be possible to have a light fitted to the scoreboard. Mr. Keck agreed to have the numbers painted with luminous paint to see if this improved the clarity, for evening matches.

Mr. Hickie agreed to try for an experimental period having a programme duplicate for United games.

Next Meeting.

It was agreed that a further meeting of the Committee be held on 12th October 1970, in addition to the usual meeting on 26th October 1970.

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

Date: ¹

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

¹ Date not entered.

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB HELD AT KINGSHOLM ON MONDAY 12th OCTOBER, 1970. 7:30p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. G. Hudson (Chairman), Dr. A. Alcock, Messrs. R. Morris, L. Keck, J. Hickie, T. Tandy, T. Pritchard, N. Duncalfe, R. Long, M. Elway, P. Hawker, F. Ewers, J. Haines, W. Cale, S. Dangerfield, J. Fowke, D. Wadley, T. Day, P. Ford, N. Partridge, D. Dawe, H. King.

APOLOGIES: Rev. M. Hughes & A. T. Voyce.

MINUTES.

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

MATTERS ARISING.

Car Park Gate.

Mr. Hudson reported that a Pensioner had been approached and offered his services to operate the gate provided he is paid 15/- and found some kind of shelter. It was decided that the box from the Stand be moved to the gate; also that 10/- only be offered.

United at Leicester.

Mr. P. Ford reported that it was the general wish of the players to play match in the morning and watch the Fijians in the afternoon. Suggested time of leaving Gloucester 8:30 a.m.

Sub-Committee re Vice-Presidents.

It was agreed that an early meeting be arranged by the Secretary and Rev. M. Hughes.

Glos. United v. Ebbw Vale on Boxing Day.

It was decided to cancel this match due to the inconvenience to players etc. Mr. D. Dawe was asked to contact the Club.

Mr. Dawe requested that a Fixture Committee Meeting be arranged for Thursday October 22nd, 1970 at 7:30 p.m. This was agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter was received from the Rugby Union re. meeting on Friday Oct. 30th., 6:30 p.m. of Gate Taking Clubs & Finance etc., in London. Mr. P. Ford and Mr. T. Tandy elected to attend.

CENTENARY TIES.

Mr. D. Wadley was asked to order 2 dozen ties.

A letter was read by the Secretary which was sent by a Bristol schoolmaster who watched the Bristol v. Gloucester match. After a short discussion it was decided to acknowledge the letter.

Application forms have been received for Membership to the Gloucestershire Rugby Union. It was decided to have details printed in the next programme.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Mr. Hickie asked if the Schools Match arranged to be played at Plock Court on Oct. 14th be called off due to the possibility of the Groundsmen striking. Could Kingsholm be used? This was agreed subject to weather conditions.

Mr. F. Ewers reported that two Colts matches have been arranged for Wednesday Oct. 21st., v. Forest-of-Dean, and Monday Nov. 9th v. Bristol. The Secretary was asked to contact the Ladies Committee to provide refreshments on both these dates.

COMBINATION SEVEN-A-SIDE.

Mr. N. Partridge reported that no programme had been printed and little publicity given. It was agreed that no contact had been made between the Combination Secretary and the Club Secretary re. printing of programmes. After a short discussion it was agreed that in future more publicity be given to this Tournament, and that a fixed date be arranged. Last Sunday in September approved.

Mr. Elway reported that there appears to be a certain amount of friction re. the general working on the ground between Mr. Stroud, Mr. Oakes, and Mr. Fryer. Mr. G. Hudson stated that he would contact these persons and have a talk with them to ease the situation.

Mr. T. Day reported the lack of Committee men travelling to away matches. Cleve and Harlequins matches - no Committee men attended. A discussion then took place.

The Chairman, Mr. G. Hudson requested that every member of the Committee in future to pull their weight, [*sic*] and if it is not possible to attend as Committee Member in Charge, then it is his responsibility to find a substitute.

Mr. D. Wadley asked if the bills had been paid with reference to the Club's Dinner. It was decided to await Mr. Collard's attendance to inform the Committee about the payment of same.

FLOODLIGHTING.

Mr. P. Ford requested that extra keys to be cut in case of emergency. It was agreed to have two extra ones cut.

Mr. J. Hickie asked if a letter of thanks could be forwarded to the Headmaster of Hatherley Boys School for his kind offer of Ground and changing facilities for the United Match on Saturday Oct. 10th. This was agreed.

This concluded the meeting.

Date: 26 / 10 / 70.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT KINGSHOLM ON MONDAY 26th OCT., 1970.

PRESENT: Rev. M. Hughes, Dr. A. Alcock, H. King, D. Wadley, M. Elway, T. Pritchard, F. Ewers, J. Haines, W. Cale, S. Dangerfield, R. Long, P. Ford, T. Day, A. T. Voyce, R. Collins, G. Hudson, R. Morris, D. Dawe, P. Hawker.

APOLOGIES: & J. Hickie, T. Tandy, N. Partridge.

MINUTES.

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

MATTERS ARISING.

Mr. Dawe had written to Ebbw Vale and awaiting reply.

Acknowledgement of letter received from a Bristol schoolmaster has been sent. Also to the Headmaster of Hatherley Boys School offering our thanks.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter received from the Rugby Football Schools Union offering match, English Schools v. Welsh Schools 19 Group, on Wednesday March 29th, 1972. Evening K.O. Committee agreed to accept match.

Letter received from Gloucestershire Rugby Football Union. Mr. K. Cottle thanking the Committee and staff for excellent arrangements with the game against Fijians.

Letter received from Rugby Football Union informing the Club that we shall have the services of Irish Referee for our game on Saturday 21st November against Aberavon (expenses to be paid by Irish Rugby Union).

Letter received from Gloucester Corporation re. River Twyver requesting our responsibility to clear the river and banks or alternatively the Corporation will carry out this work and charge the Club.

After a short discussion it was decided by the Committee that the Club Solicitor be asked to check the Deeds and look into this matter.

Letter received from the Daily Express requesting the loan of a Club Badge to fulfill a project they wish to undertake. It was decided to loan them a badge.

Letter received from Mr. D. H. Cook of Cheltenham re. attendance at the recent Fiji match. Also record attendance at Kingsholm. It was agreed to inform Mr. Cook the approx. number in each case.

Letter received from the Rugby Union re. gift to the Union of £2 2s. 0d. Proposed by Mr. P. Ford, and seconded by Mr. D. Wadley that this amount be sent.

Mr. Hill from Saintbridge School requested that the final of the Schools Sevens be played before an evening match. It was suggested that games to be played on Tuesday evening April 20th, before the Cinderford v. United game.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Mr. Voyce asked if any further developments re. Squash Court had been made. Mr. Ford reported that the Sub-Committee Secretary is ill so at the moment nothing more is known.

Mr. P. Ford reported that investigations are being made and he hopes to bring it before this Committee at the next meeting.

A volunteer was asked for to accompany Mr. Ford at the meeting of the Gate Taking Club[s] in London next Friday, Oct. 30th. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Tandy who was ill, Mr. T. Pritchard offered to accompany Mr. Ford.

200 CLUB.

Mr. Cale reported that still more members are required.

The Chairman offered his congratulations to the 1st Team performance on the last two games.

FIXTURE MEETING.

Findings passed on to the Committee.

Fixture on County Match Day in place of Old Blues suggested though Clifton fill the fixture [*sic*].

Further games to be arranged with London Welsh and Neath. Not as extra games but to take place of weaker teams.

After a short discussion re. United games with Welsh sides it was decided that Mr. Dawe should look at this.

Date: 16 / 11 / 70.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT KINGSHOLM ON MONDAY
NOVEMBER 16th, 1970, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: G. Hudson (Chairman), A. T. Voyce, Dr. Alcock, R. Morris, T. Day, T. Tandy, R. Long, T. Pritchard, M. Elway, R. Pitt, J. Fowke, P. Ford, J. Haines, W. Cale, F. Ewers, D. Wadley, D. Dawe, H. King, N. Partridge.

APOLOGIES: Rev. H. M. Hughes, S. Dangerfield, L. Keck, N. Duncalfe.

MINUTES.

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

MATTERS ARISING.

It was agreed that the Final of the Schools Sevens be played one Thursday evening in March before the players commence training. Kick off 6:00 p.m.

GATE TAKING CLUBS.

Mr. T. Pritchard and Mr. P. Ford attended this meeting in London. Mr. Ford gave a comprehensive report of the discussions that took place. After a short discussion it was proposed by Mr. D. Dawe and seconded by Mr. J. Haines that we shall be willing to take part in the Competition next season.

It was agreed that the Secretary write to Mr. J. Marsh confirming the Committee's decision.

CORRESPONDENCE.

After receiving three letters from the Solicitors concerning the complaints from the Corporation re. River Twyver it was decided to pass the correspondence on to the Ground Company for their views.

An application from the Conservative Association for the use of Kingsholm Rugby Ground for the day of 24th July 1971 for the purpose of a Political Rally. This was granted subject to terms being agreed by the Secretary and Treasurer, but not to accept anything less than £100.

A letter was received from Mr. D. J. Walter on behalf of the Gloucestershire Rugby Football Union, thanking the Club for permitting members of the County side to train at Kingsholm. Also Mr. P. Ford for his co-operation in arranging for one of our players to travel as reserve to Torquay at short notice.

An application from the Combination for the use of the Ground on Wednesday November 25th, for their match with Cheltenham Combination was granted.

Mr. T. Tandy gave an encouraging report of the progress made re. Squash Courts. A further report will be given to the Committee at the next Meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Centenary Match 1973/74.

It was agreed that a sub-committee be formed consisting of the Treasurer, Secretary, Chairman, Team Secretary, Fixture Secretary, and Mr. T. Tandy, to discuss arrangements for a Centenary Match. Also to arrange a dinner in the evening following the match.

The Treasurer, Mr. D. Wadley detailed a substantial financial loss on the nine First Team gates this season compared with the same number last season. In fact we were approximately £1,000 down. In conclusion he told members that they must investigate every means of fund raising.

After a long discussion it was decided to look into the possibility of running dances, holding a fete, or even to renting the car park to the National Car Parks Ltd.; that is of course if they were interested.

A letter received from the Cheltenham R.F.C. inviting the Club to take part in their "Sevens" Tournament next year, 12th September, 1971. It was unanimously agreed to accept the invitation.

A letter was received from Rugby Union requesting a donation towards a presentation fund for Mr. Wright after a period of almost 50 years as Assistant Secretary for the Rugby Football Union. After a short discussion it was decided not to take any further action.

Mr. Collins asked if any further news was at hand re. the £300 loan to the Memorial Ground Fund. The Trustee Committee was asked to look into this matter.

A meeting was arranged by a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. I. Jones, N. Duncalfe, T. Day, W. Cale, Rev. H. M. Hughes, and J. Hickie, to look into the question of Vice-Presidents and Life Members.

Date: 30 / 11 / 70.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE [MEETING] OF THE GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB, HELD AT KINGSHOLM ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 30th, 1970.

PRESENT: Mr. A. T. Voyce, Rev. H. M. Hughes, H. King, D. Wadley, T. Day, P. Ford, T. Tandy, R. Pitt, N. Duncalfe, T. Pritchard, M. Elway, R. Collins, J. Haines, F. Ewers, W. Cale, S. Dangerfield, N. Partridge, D. Dawe, G. Hudson, P. Hawker, Dr. Alcock.

Apologies: R. Morris, L. Keck.

Minutes.

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

MATTERS ARISING.

Dr. Alcock referred to the complaints by the Corporation re. the River Twyver. The Ground Committee accepts responsibility of clearing, etc., and will contact the Corporation regarding this.

The Secretary and Treasurer met Mr. Brown on behalf of the Conservative Association to discuss the charge to be made for the use of Kingsholm Rugby Ground for their Rally on the 24th July 1971. An offer of 100 guineas was accepted.

The Secretary reported that he had received a telephone call from the National Car Parks. It appears from the conversation that they were only interested in renting it on Saturdays only, which was not accepted.

After a short discussion it was proposed by Dr. Alcock and seconded by J. Haines that a sub-committee be appointed to look into this matter of using the car park as a money-making scheme.

Sub-Committee: P. Ford, H. King, T. Tandy, R. Collins, G. Hudson, D. Wadley.

SQUASH COURTS.

Mr. Tandy reported that enquiries were still being made, but no further news at the moment.

MEMORIAL GROUND.

Mr. R. Collins asked if any further news was [to] hand re. the £300 loan. Mr. P. Ford replied by saying that the Trustee Committee have agreed to pay the Rugby Club the sum of £300.

Mr. W. Dawe asked if any further news had been received re. the Rugby Union Competition. After a short discussion it was agreed to await further developments.

A letter received from the Lions Club requesting the use of the car parks at Kingsholm for the purpose of a Spring Fair on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon, 21st and 22nd May 1971, to raise money for local charity.

Mr. Partridge was requested to inform the Lions Club that an immediate answer could not be given until the position of the car parks has been resolved.

A letter was received from a Mr. Wheble re. sale of refreshments at Kingsholm. After a short discussion it was decided that more publicity be given that teas are available during half-time, at the Social Club. A letter was sent to Mr. Wheble explaining the situation.

A letter received from Mr. L. Keck re. apologies for Monday Meetings and his lack of attendance. He felt disturbed about his position and failure to serve the Club as he wished. He felt that after this season he wishes, due to unavailability, to make way for someone else.

Mr. T. Tandy asked if any explanation had been given re. the non-attendance of Mr. Ivor Jones from the last five meetings. It was decided that the Secretary write to Mr. Jones for an explanation.

A letter was received from the Motor Club requesting the use of the Old Pavilion on three nights per week instead of the usual one. Also to make the room more comfortable it was decided that the Car Park Committee meet Mr. Tocknell to find out more about this.

A letter received inviting the Club to enter a team to play in the Oxford Sevens. It was decided no action to be taken.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Mr. Voyce asked if music could be played before 1st team matches; also during the interval. After a short discussion it was decided from a financial position it would not be profitable.

Mr. R. Collins asked if there was a need for Police attendance at Kingsholm. After a short discussion it was decided to dispense with their services from the 1st January. This was proposed by Mr. R. Collins, seconded by Mr. Duncalfe.

Mr. Duncalfe asked why two meetings a month for General Committee. It was proposed by Mr. Cale and seconded by Mr. Pritchard that we revert to once a month for these meetings.

It was agreed that the Finance Committee meet on Monday 4th January 1971, at 7:30 p.m.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Date: 21 / 12 / 70.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting of the Gloucester Rugby Football Club held at Kingsholm on Monday 21st December, 1970.

PRESENT: Rev. H. M. Hughes, Mr. A. T. Voyce, Dr. A. Alcock, Messrs. H. King, S. Dangerfield, T. Day, L. Keck, P. Ford, M. Elway, T. Pritchard, R. Long, D. Dawe, R. Collins, F. Ewers, W. Cale, G. Hudson, J. Fowke, T. Tandy.

APOLOGIES: N. Duncalfe, N. Partridge, D. Wadley.

MINUTES.

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

MATTERS ARISING.

Mr. G. Hudson gave a report of the sub-committee meeting with Mr. Tocknell re. the application from the Motor Club to make the Old Pavilion room more comfortable. They made an offer of £100 per year for these facilities, which was accepted.

A lengthy letter received from Mr. Ivor Jones was read by the Chairman. After a short discussion it was proposed by Mr. D. Dawe and seconded by Mr. T. Tandy that a letter be sent to Mr. Jones hoping that he will attend future Committee meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter received from Mr. Parsons that some recognition be paid to the Groundsmen for keeping the pitch in such wonderful condition. Committee appreciates the work that they are doing. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Mr. Parsons stating that a gratuity is given to the Groundsmen at the end of the season.

CAR PARK.

Letter received from the G.C.C. (Mr. Moore) stating that he would like the opportunity to meet a representative from the Club and discuss this matter.

This was discussed by the Committee and agreed that a letter be sent to Mr. Moore to arrange a meeting with our sub-committee at the earliest convenience.

GATE-TAKING CLUBS.

Letter received from Mr. J. Marsh re. R.F.U. Cup Competition. So far only 8 clubs have entered.

There is a further meeting of all clubs to be held in London. It was decided to await the decision of this meeting.

An enquiry has been received re. an Open Market on Saturday mornings in the car park. It was decided that the Secretary make further enquiries.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Mr. G. Hudson gave a report re. Buffet at the County match, Gloucestershire v. Somerset, stating that the County Treasurer received a bill for 17/6d. per head which he thought was extortionate, and that they reconsider the price.

It was decided that a letter be sent to the Chairman of the Ladies Committee to call a Ladies Committee meeting to discuss this and the result be sent direct to the County Treasurer.

Mr. F. Ewers requested the use of Kingsholm for a Youth Match Gloucester v. Pontypool, to be played on the 17th February, 1971. This was agreed subject to weather conditions.

Mr. T. Voyce on behalf of the Committee wished to congratulate Dick Smith on being selected for the Final English Trial.

Mr. W. Dawe [sic] reported that the United match postponed on Boxing Day has been rearranged for Saturday 13th March, 1971.

Mr. P. Ford asked if Insurance Cover is enough in case of fire. He was referring to a small fire started no doubt by children at the rear of the Stand. It was decided that the Committee will look into this.

Mr. G. Hudson asked if consideration be given to a rise to Mr. Ernie Stroud for his fine work on the ground. It was decided that this matter be placed before the Finance Committee.

Mr. T. Day reported the dangerous state of the Changing Room floor; nails, etc., sticking up from the floor, which could cause injury to players. It was agreed that Mr. J. Fowke look into this matter and to purchase Coconut Matting.

Mr. Elway reported that electric light bulbs were missing from the Stand, causing danger to members descending the stairs. It was agreed for replacements to be fitted.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Date: 25 / 1 / 71.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB HELD AT KINGSHOLM ON MONDAY 25th JANUARY, 1971.

PRESENT: Rev. H. M. Hughes, Dr. A. Alcock, Mr. A. T. Voyce, Messrs. H. King, R. Morris, R. Collins, T. Day, P. Ford, F. Ewers, J. Haines, W. Cale, S. Dangerfield, G. Hudson, T. Tandy, N. Duncalfe, R. Long, P. Hawker, M. Elway, D. Wadley, D. Dawe.

APOLOGIES: L. Keck, R. Pitt.

MINUTES.

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

MATTERS ARISING.

GATE TAKING CLUBS.

Reference was made to the Cup Competition. Mr. Cottle's remarks passed to the Committee by the Chairman. After a general discussion it was agreed to await further developments.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Phone message received from Major Rolf James, Secretary of the Public School Wanderers, requesting the use of Kingsholm for an evening game on February 17th, 1971, against the Welsh Academicals. This was not possible due to a previous game arranged for the same evening.

Letter received from Mr. Colin Sibery requesting the use of Kingsholm on Saturday April 24th 1971, for a County Colts v. Warwickshire Colts game. This was granted by the Committee on the understanding the Club receives one third of the gross takings.

Letter received from the Bath Rugby Football Club informing the Committee that a building is being erected in Barton Street which will eventually be occupied by Gloucester City Council. They hope to name it " VOYCE HOUSE" in recognition of the service that Mr. Tom Voyce has given to the game of Rugby Football. Mr. Voyce informed the Committee that he had written to the Bath Club on this matter.

Letter received from St. Paul's College, requesting the use of Kingsholm on either the 23rd or 25th of February 1971 for evening games. Due to heavy commitments the Committee felt that on this occasion their request could not be granted.

Application Form received from the Rugby Union re. tickets for England v. President's XV on Saturday April 17th, 1971. It was decided that no tickets be sent for.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

If the County Final be played at Kingsholm on March 6th, 1971, the Fixture Secretary was asked to contact Northampton R.F.C. requesting that the fixture be changed to Monday, March 8th, 1971. Evening Kick Off.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

Presented by Mr. D. Dawe.

The Committee expressed concern at the amount of Floodlighting used for training. It was agreed to cut down as much as possible.

MEDICAL SUNDRIES.

It was decided to have a word with the trainer with a view to cutting down on this commodity.

TELEPHONE.

It was decided to have a Public "Pay Box" phone installed in place of the private phone in the office.

MR. E. STROUD.

It was decided that Mr. E. Stroud's wages be increased from £5 to £6 per week for the whole season.

CAR PARK.

The Committee are awaiting the result of a further offer from the Council.

INCREASE CHARGES.

After a short discussion the Committee members were asked to consider the possibility of raising the charge of admission; also Season Tickets, for the forthcoming season, 1971/72.

It was proposed by Mr. P. Hawker and seconded by Mr. Duncalfe that a Players Meeting be called on Thursday February 11th, 1971, to discuss ways of raising funds and saving costs. Meeting to be held in Social Club.

Mr. D. Dawe reported that the Ground Committee wished to purchase Hop Sacks to cover the ground in times of frost, etc.; the cost of sacks being 6 shillings.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Date: 22 / 2 / 71.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB HELD AT KINGSHOLM ON MONDAY 22nd FEBRUARY, 1971.

PRESENT: Rev. H. M. Hughes, Mr. A. T. Voyce, Dr. A. Alcock, Messrs. T. Day, R. Collins, T. Tandy, P. Ford, R. Long, M. Elway, R. Pitt, T. Pritchard, J. Fowke, J. Haines, W. Cale, P. Hawker, D. Wadley, H. King, G. Hudson, D. Dawe.

APOLOGIES: Messrs. L. Keck, R. Morris, S. Dangerfield.

MINUTES.

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

MATTERS ARISING.

In view of the County Final being played at Kingsholm on Saturday March 6th, Northampton Rugby Football Club agreed to play on Monday March 8th. Kick Off 7:45 p.m.

CAR PARK.

Mr. D. Wadley reported that it was still under negotiation.

HOP SACKS.

It was decided that this matter to be discussed at the next meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

The Secretary presented a rota of Committee members for checking gates. This was agreed.

COUNTY FINAL.

The following arrangements were made:

Free Ground Ticket for Players. Gates and Car Park to be checked by Committee members.

Terrace in front of Grand Stand to be made safe. Mr. J. Fowke and Mr. N. Healey to deal with this matter.

Rope off steps.

A., B., and C. Stands to be marked.

A Sub-Committee to be formed to deal with application of Stand Tickets were as follows:-

Messrs. G. Hudson, D. Dawe, A. Wadley, H. King, T. Tandy, and M. Elway.

VICE PRESIDENTS.

After a lengthy discussion on this matter it was finally agreed that the Sub Committee meet on Thursday March 2nd 1971, 7:30 p.m. In the event of any members unable to attend, reserves to be called.

1st Reserve - Mr. R. Long.

2nd Reserve - Mr. P. Hawker.

MEALS.

It was agreed to write to Mrs. Jones reference food supplied for the Gloucestershire v. Somerset game at Kingsholm on Saturday 14th November, 1970, that this matter be considered closed.

COMBINATION.

Application received from Mr. N. Healey requesting the use of Kingsholm for the Junior Final on Thursday April 22nd 1971, and the Senior Final on either Monday April 26th, or Tuesday April 27th, 1971. This was granted.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Date: 29 / 3 / 71.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting of the Gloucester Rugby Football Club held at Kingsholm on Monday March 29th, 1971.

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

APOLOGIES: Mr. D. Wadley.

MINUTES.

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

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter received from the Royal Air Force, Innsworth, requesting the Club to participate in their Seven-a-Side tournament to be held at Innsworth on Sunday 18th April, 1971. After a short discussion it was decided to decline the offer due to heavy call on players during this period.

Letter received from the organisers of the Tewkesbury Festival again requesting the Club to take part in the Seven-a-Side Rugby Competition to be held on Sunday 26th September, 1971. It was decided to leave this matter to the players.

Letter received from the North Gloucestershire Area Rugby Clubs' Cricket Knockout Competition Chairman, Mr. J. Haines, requesting the Club to send a member of the Committee to a meeting to be held at Kingsholm on Tuesday 6th April, 1971, to discuss the future of the Competition. Mr. P. Hawker was the representation asked to attend.

Letter received from the Tewkesbury Sports Centre (Mr. A. Brinn) requesting the opportunity of quoting for the Club's annual requirements. After a short discussion it was proposed by Mr. G. Hudson and seconded by Mr. T. Tandy that they should be allowed to tender for the equipment for the coming season.

Invitation from Mr. D. Rutherford for members of the Club to attend a 3-day Coaching Course at Lilleshall National Sports Centre. It was agreed to ask the Captain (when elected) to attend this course which is being held from Wednesday 28th July, 1971, to Saturday 31st July, 1971.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

A discussion took place regarding increasing charges of admission and season tickets for the season 1971/72. It was proposed by Mr. R. Collins and seconded by Dr. A. Alcock that this matter be discussed at the next Finance Meeting.

TOUR.

The Secretary reported that to date he had not made any arrangements for accommodation. Mr. P. Hawker proposed that the team depart Friday evening, 5:00 p.m., 23rd April, 1971, returning Tuesday 27th April, 1971. This was seconded by Mr. T. Pritchard. It was requested to approach the players with a view to their paying £2 to cut down expenses.

Mr. R. Morris and Mr. F. Ewers offered to accompany the team during the Tour. This was agreed. Members of the selectors wishing to travel was left to the Chairman.

FINANCE.

Mr. D. Dawe, the Finance Chairman, gave a detailed account of their earlier meeting, reporting that the Treasurer was far more optimistic than he was at the last meeting.

It was proposed by Mr. T. Day and seconded by Mr. P. Hawker that the Financial Report be accepted. All agreed.

200 CLUB.

Mr. W. Gale reported that to date the Club had made a profit of approx. £530.

A discussion took place regarding the players paying a match fee. It was decided to ask the Players' Representative to be present at the next meeting when it could again be discussed.

Rev. M. Hughes, Chairman of the Sub Committee gave a detailed report of the meeting re. Vice-President. After a short discussion it was agreed to hold a special meeting on Monday, 19th April, 1971 so that this matter could be more fully discussed.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Date: 3 . 5 . 71.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

Minutes of Special Committee Meeting held on Monday 19th April, 1971.

Present: Messrs. A. T. Voyce, R. Morris, T. Day, R. Collins, P. Ford, M. Elway, T. Pritchard, R. Long, P. Hawker, R. Pitt, N. H. B. Duncalfe, F. D. H. Dawe, L. Keck, J. Hickie, F. Ewers, J. Haines, W. Cale, A. D. Wadley, T. R. Tandy.

Apologies: Dr. A. Alcock, S. Dangerfield, Rev. H. M. Hughes, H. C. King.

The Meeting had been called to discuss recommendations put forward by the special committee to look into Life Membership and Vice Presidents of the Club, together [with] recommendations from the Finance Committee in connection with Season Ticket price increases.

These matters were fully discussed by the Committee, and the following were agreed to be put forward as an amendment to Club Rules at the 1971 A.G. M.

Rule 4.

After the word 'President', delete 'Vice Presidents' and insert 'Life Vice President, and not exceeding four Vice Presidents'. This was proposed by Mr. F. D. H. Dawe, seconded by Mr. M. Elway, and agreed by the meeting.

Following discussions on this matter, it was proposed by Mr. L. Keck, seconded by Mr. J. Haines, that at the meeting following the A.G.M., a special committee should be formed to review the rules of the Gloucester Rugby Football Club.

Season Ticket Prices.

The recommendations of the Finance Committee were fully discussed and it was agreed on the proposition of Mr. N. H. B. Duncalfe, seconded by Mr. T. R. Tandy, that the following amendments be made to Rules 6 and 7: ¹

Rule 6. Patron, inclusive of Social Club and Car Park on Gloucester R.F.C. home matches only, price £7. 50.

Wing Stand. Present price £3. 15. 0. This to be increased to £5. 00.

Ground. Present price £2. 0. 0. This to be increased to £3. 00.

O.A.P. Wing £1. 15. 0. Increased to £2. 00.
Ground 15/- Increased to £1. 00.

Old Players Wing £1. 15. 0. Increased to £2. 50.
Ground £1. 0. 0. Increased to £1. 50.

Players ticket, inclusive of Car Park and Social Club, 10/- be increased to £1.00.

¹ Since the U.K. Government had introduced decimalisation just nine weeks earlier (on 15th February) the Secretary had recorded currency values, where applicable, for both pre- and post-Decimalisation.

Rule 7. Junior Tickets: Wing £1. 15. 0. Increased to £2. 00.
Ground 15/- Increased to £1. 00.

The Committee recommendation regarding gate admittance prices for 1971-72 season be increased as detailed:

CENTRE	5/-	increased to 40p. (8/-)	OAP & JNR. 25p.
WING	4/-	increased to 30p. (6/-)	OAP & JNR. 20p.
GROUND	3/-	increased to 20p. (4/-)	OAP & JNR. 15p.

Due to increase of printing cost, the existing price of programme 2½p. to be increased to 3p. and the prize remaining at £5. 00.

Date: 3 / 5 / 71.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB HELD AT KINGSHOLM ON MONDAY 3rd MAY, 1971.

PRESENT: Messrs. M. Hughes, A. T. Voyce, Dr. A. Alcock, P. Ford, R. Pitt, M. Elway, T. Pritchard, T. Tandy, D. Wadley, H. King, S. Dangerfield, J. Haines, W. Cale, R. Morris, J. Hickie, R. Collins, G. Hudson, L. Keck, T. Day, D. Dawe, R. Long, P. Hawker.

APOLOGIES: Mr. N. Duncalfe.

MINUTES.

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

MINUTES.

The Minutes of a Special Committee Meeting were read and accepted and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING.

Mr. P. Ford reported that the recent Tour was very successful. It was discussed by the Players while on tour that in the future it would be more beneficial from a playing point of view if two weekends were spent at different periods instead of a tour.

Mr. T. Day wished the Committee to know of the grand work done on tour by Mr. P. Ford, especially his handling of tricky situations, etc. The Committee endorsed Mr. Day's remarks.

Several comments were passed about the condition of the ground throughout the season.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Invitation received from the Stroud Rugby Club to their Annual Dinner to be held at the Club House on Friday 21st May. Mr. G. Hudson and Mr. R. Morris requested to attend.

Letter received from the Harrogate Rugby Football Club thanking the Gloucester Club for hospitality received during their visit to Gloucester at Easter.

Invitation received from the Gloucester Society of Rugby Referees to their dinner to be held at the New County Hotel on Friday 7th May, 1971. Mr. G. Hudson and Mr. H. King asked to attend.

Letter received from L. G. PRESS EXCHANGE, LTD., MANCHESTER, re. advertising spaces around the playing perimeter of the ground. After a short discussion it was decided to meet the people concerned with a view to discussing the matter further.

Letter received from the Gloucestershire Rugby Football Union re. County Cup Competition. Committee agreed not to enter as it would not be beneficial from a playing point of view.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Date for Ladies Committee Meeting to be arranged by Mrs. Jones.

The following meetings were arranged:

PLAYERS' MEETING: Thursday, 27th May, 1971.

LADIES SOCIAL EVENING: Thursday, 3rd June, 1971.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday, 14th July, 1971.

It was requested that members of the General Committee may bring their wives if they so wish to the Ladies Social Evening.

This concluded the business meeting.

It was unanimously agreed that Mr. T. Day and Mr. G. Hudson should represent the Club on the County Executive Committee for the 1971/72 season.

Date: 7 . 6 . 71.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB HELD AT KINGSHOLM ON MONDAY 7th JUNE, 1971.

Present: Rev. H. M. Hughes, Mr. A. T. Voyce, Messrs. R. Collins, T. Day, H. King, P. Ford, M. Elway, N. Partridge, J. Haines, F. Ewers, J. Hickie, T. Pritchard, D. Wadley, G. Hudson, T. Tandy.

APOLOGIES: S. Dangerfield, Dr. A. Alcock, I. Jones, W. Cale, L. Keck.

MINUTES.

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

MATTERS ARISING.

The Secretary was requested to get in touch with the L. G. Press Exchange Ltd., re. advertising spaces round the playing perimeter of the ground.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter received from Mr. L. Keck tendering his resignation as a Committee Member due to the fact that he finds it increasingly difficult to give the time and support to the Club.

The Secretary reported that he had written to Mr. Keck thanking him for all the help and support he had given to the Club over so many years.

Mr. Keck had given a donation of £50 towards the Centenary Fund.

Letter received from the Rugby Football Schools Union requesting K.O. time for their match on Wednesday March 29th. It was agreed that 7:30 p.m. would be the most convenient time.

CENTENARY.

The Secretary read a report of the Centenary Committee Meeting which was as follows:-

Centenary Book.

It was decided that a Centenary Book be published and that Mr. A. Russell be approached with regards to editing it.

Centenary Ties.

The Committee considered the possibility of purchasing Ties. Enquiries will have to be made [as to] what designs would be required.

Centenary Match.

The Committee discussed the possibility of arranging a match for either late March or early April. The following teams were suggested to play at Kingsholm; a Welsh XV, a Combined Oxford & Cambridge XV, the Barbarians, or a team selected by Don Rutherford.

CENTENARY DINNER.

The Committee discussed the holding of a Dinner, preferably at the Guildhall, for approx. 200 people and that number should be allocated as follows:- Players 50, Committee 30, Guest Club 40, Social Clubs 30, Others 50.

Several schemes were suggested to raise money towards expenses for the dinner. Dances and Jumble Sales were mentioned.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

The following Committee Members' terms of office having expired were requested to re-apply if they so desired;

Mr. T. Pritchard, J. Haines, I. Jones, and S. Dangerfield, who has already informed the Secretary that he does not wish to seek re-election.

The Treasurer gave a report for the past season, stating that the financial position was better than expected, although receipts from Season Tickets and the Gates were down on the previous season.

It was agreed that it is most essential that clocks be fitted to all turnstiles, even if it meant Committee Members manning some of them.

Request from the Gloucester Combination for the use of Kingsholm for their Sevens on the last Sunday in September. After a long discussion Mr. Partridge was asked if the games could be played one evening in September. From experience in the past if played on a Sunday there were so many delays due to the non-arrival of several teams. Mr. Partridge was asked if this idea could be discussed at the next Combination Meeting.

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

Date: 23 . 6 . 71.

Signed: H. M. Hughes.

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB HELD AT KINGSHOLM ON WEDNESDAY 23rd JUNE, 1971.

PRESENT: Rev. M. Hughes, Mr. A. T. Voyce, Messrs. T. Day, P. Ford, M. Elway, J. Haines, F. Ewers, T. Tandy, D. Wadley, T. Pritchard, I. Jones, W. Cale, G. Hudson, H. King.

APOLOGIES: Dr. A. Alcock, R. Long, R. Collins.

MINUTES.

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

MATTERS ARISING.

Mr. D. Wadley gave a detailed report on the Sub-Committee's meeting with the Press Advertising Representative, stating that the Club could benefit by the sum of approximately £1,000 per year. After a short discussion it was proposed by Mr. J. Haines and seconded by Mr. M. Elway. All agreed. [*sic*]

CORRESPONDENCE.

Request from the Matson R.F.C. for the Club to enter a team for their Annual Summer Rugby Club's Skittles Knock-Out Competition. The Secretary was asked to send details to the Club Captain so that they can discuss it at their next meeting.

The Secretary read the correspondence received from the Insurance Company after Mr. T. Voyce had given a detailed account of his meeting with the Insurers; also a Structural Engineer. The cost of a full examination for the Stands and Terracing could cost approx. £500. After a long discussion it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Rugby Union requesting their advice on this matter.

Letter received from the Rugby Football Union re. the Knock-Out Competition for Season 1971/72.

Thirty-two clubs will be the subject of a draw for the first round which will take place at the Rugby Football Union Annual General Meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, 16th July; Gloucester R.F.C. being one of the thirty-two teams taking part.

A.G.M.

The proposed Officers of the Club for the Annual General Meeting [on] 14th July 1971 were as follows:-

PRESIDENT: Mr. T. Voyce.

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

Hon. SECRETARY: Mr. H. C. King.
Hon. TREASURER: Mr. A. D. Wadley.
Hon. FIXTURE SECRETARY: Mr. F. D. Dawe.
Hon. TEAM SECRETARY: Mr. P. Ford.
Hon. COLTS SECRETARY: Mr. F. Ewers.

Proposed by Mr. T. Tandy. Seconded by Mr. M. Elway.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

There were seven applicants for the five vacancies for Members on the Committee.

They were as follows:-

Mr. C. Pope, Mr. A. Lankester, Mr. T. Pritchard, Mr. J. Haines, Mr. J. Holder, Mr. G. Edmunds, and Mr. I. Jones.

It was agreed subject to confirmation at the forthcoming A.G.M. that in future the Agenda and Financial Statement for the preceding season be available to members in the Gloucester Rugby Football Social Club, during the seven days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting, or from the Secretary on request.

Date:

Signed: ¹

¹ Document neither dated nor signed.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE SOCIAL CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 14th JULY, 1971.

The Minutes of the 1970 Annual General Meeting were read by the Secretary, approved by the meeting and duly signed by the President.

Nothing arose out of the "Matters Arising".

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 9 players in the Gloucestershire Team and 6 players in other Counties during the season. Also 4 players played in the Fiji match.

Three outstanding achievements were recorded. Mike Nichols played in every match during the season, Eric Stephens was second in points scored by an individual player in the country with 366, Bob Clunes was third with the individual Tries scored, with 32.

The Ladies Committee continued their wonderful work in providing refreshments for the home and visiting teams.

The Social Committee continued their great work in the Club House.

The Committee wish to thank all those who have contributed to the smooth running of the Club, including the Club Doctor, Dr. Tom Durkin, the Hon. Solicitor, Mr. Russell Jessop, the Hon. Programme Secretary, Mr. J. Hickie, the Referees Society, the St. John's Ambulance, the North Gloucestershire Combination, and the Groundsmen for maintaining a high quality of playing pitch. We are also grateful to the "Citizen" for the excellent coverage of our matches.

Mr. Harold King completed a very strenuous first year as our General Secretary and his work is much appreciated.

The Treasurer, Mr. Doug Wadley, with whom rests so much of the anxieties of running a first class club, must report a serious financial situation facing us as a gate taking club, in spite of the improved support due to the quality of football offered and the willingness of the public to follow a winning team.

We look forward to a very exciting season and we appeal to members to give both the 1st XV and United teams the support they deserve.

Proposed alteration to Rule 4. Proposed: T. Tandy.
Seconded: P. J. Ford.

and agreed by the meeting.

After the word "President" delete "Vice Presidents" and insert "Life Vice President and not exceeding for Vice Presidents"

Proposed alteration to Rule 6. Proposed: F. D. H. Dawe.
Seconded: A. D. Wadley.

and agreed by the meeting.

That the Annual Subscription to be increased as detailed;

Rule to read:-

Patrons (inclusive of Car Park on G.R.F.C. Home Matches and Social Club Membership):	£7.50
Members entitled to admission to all parts of ground including Grand Stand Wings:	£5.00
Old Playing Members who have gained 1st XV colours:	£2.50
Senior Citizens:	£2.00
Members entitled to admission to all parts of the ground except the Grand Stand:	£3.00
Old Playing Members who have gained 1st XV colours:	£1.50
Senior Citizens:	£1.00
Playing Members (inclusive of Social Club and Car Park on G.R.F.C. Home matches):	£1.00

Proposed alterations to Rule 7. Proposed: F. D. H. Dawe.
Seconded: A. D. Wadley.

and agreed by the meeting.

Rule to read:-

Non-members Scholars Tickets - Wing Stand:	£2.00
- Ground:	£1.00

Proposed: A. D. Wadley, seconded T. R. Tandy, that Rule 10 be amended to read:-

'The Agenda and Financial Statement for the preceding season be available to members in the Gloucester Rugby Football Social Club during the seven days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting, or from the Secretary on request.'

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

Election of Officers:-

President:	A. T. Voyce, Esq. O.B.E.
Life President:	A. Alcock, M.B., B.S.
Vice Presidents:	The Rev. H. M. Hughes. S. T. Day, Esq. A. G. Hudson, Esq. W. 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.

Nominated by Players.

Captain 1st XV:	M. Nicholls, Esq.
Captain United XV:	H. Symonds, Esq.
Players' Representative on General Committee:	E. Stephens, Esq.

Committee Elected:

A. Lankester, T. Pritchard, C. Pope, G. Edmunds (3 years)
I. Jones (1 year)

Mr. A. T. Voyce in concluding thanked all the members for their attendance.

Nothing arose out of "Any Other Business"

Meeting closed at 9:00 p.m.

Signed: A. T. Voyce.

FIXTURE COMMITTEE.

Messrs. F. D. H. Dawe, P. Ford, M. Nicholls, H. Symonds, I. Jones, G. Hudson, T. Day.

CENTENARY COMMITTEE.

Messrs. T. Day, G. Edmunds, A. T. Voyce, Rev. H. M. Hughes, F. D. H. Dawe, H. King, P. Ford, D. Wadley, T. Tandy.

NORTH GLOUCESTER COMBINATION REPRESENTATIVE.

Mr. G. Hudson.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Mr. P. Hawker brought to the notice of the Committee Members the forthcoming Dinner & Dance to be held at the Longhope Manor on Friday August 27th 1971, requesting that as many members as possible attend.

COMBINATION 7-a-Side.

It was proposed by Mr. P. Hawker seconded by Mr. R. Long that a Sub-Committee be formed to meet the Combination re. the most convenient day or evening for the matches to be played. They are as follows:-

Messrs. P. Hawker, G. Edmunds, G. Hudson, and R. Pitt.

Mr. D. Dawe reported that no game had been arranged for Saturday October 23rd 1971, but there is a possibility that an evening match could be arranged with Abertillery. It was agreed subject to confirmation that we play them on Monday, October 25th, due to the fact that there was a County Match on Saturday, October 23rd.

The Secretary was requested to write to St. Ives provisionally booking accommodation for the forthcoming tour in April 1972.

This concluded the meeting.

Date: ¹

Signed: A. G. Hudson.

¹ Date not given.