

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT KINGSHOLM ON TUESDAY, 10th AUGUST, 1971.

PRESENT: Messrs. G. Hudson, A. T. Voyce, Rev. H. M. Hughes, T. Day, T. Tandy, D. Wadley, A. Lankester, T. Pritchard, C. Pope, P. Hawker, G. Edmunds, F. Ewers, W. Cale, R. Collins, M. Elway, N. Duncalfe, H. King, D. Dawe.

APOLOGIES: Messrs. P. Ford, R. Pitt, J. Fowke.

The meeting had been called to discuss the resignation of Mr. I. Jones (General Committee) and Mr. P. Ford (Hon. Team Secretary).

A lengthy letter received by the Chairman from Mr. Jones tendering his resignation from the General Committee was read by all members. After a short discussion it was agreed to accept the resignation. The Secretary was requested to write to Mr. Jones thanking him for his past services as a Committee Member [and] also as a player.

The resignation of Mr. P. Ford as Hon. Team Secretary is due to his commitments as a Regional Selector for the Rugby Union. The Committee wished to congratulate Mr. Ford on his new appointment.

It was unanimously agreed following a proposition by Mr. T. Day and seconded by Mr. N. Duncalfe that Mr. R. Long be appointed Hon. Team Secretary.

Two vacancies remain on the General Committee. After a short discussion it was unanimously agreed that Mr. P. Ford should be invited to fill one. This was proposed by Mr. T. Tandy and seconded by Mr. D. Dawe.

The second vacancy. It was agreed that members should discuss this at the next General Committee Meeting.

The Secretary was requested to write to Mr. J. Haines who was no longer a member of the Gloucester R.F.C. Committee to produce the books as Secretary to the Trustees at the Memorial Ground.

This concluded the meeting.

Date: <sup>1</sup>

Signed: A. G. Hudson.

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

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

PRESENT: Rev. H. M. Hughes, A. T. Voyce, H. King, G. Hudson, R. Morris, T. Day, A. Lankester, H. Symonds, T. Tandy, M. Nicholls, N. Partridge, T. Pritchard, F. Ewers, R. Collins, C. Pope, P. Ford, W. Cale, R. Long, D. Wadley, G. Edmunds, P. Hawker, E. Stephens.

APOLOGIES: Dr. A. Alcock, N. Duncalfe, M. Elway.

MINUTES.

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

MATTERS ARISING.

The Secretary reported that accommodation had been provisionally booked at St. Ives for the forthcoming tour in April 1972.

CHELTENHAM SEVENS.

Invitation received from the Cheltenham R.F.C. to take part in their Sevens on Sunday Sept. 12th.

This was agreed. Mr. M. Nicholls was asked to forward names of Players taking part to the Cheltenham Club in time for the Programme to be printed.

COMMITTEE VACANCY.

One vacancy still remained on the General Committee due to the resignation of Mr. I. Jones.

After a short discussion it was agreed that Mr. J. Holder be asked to fill the vacancy for twelve months. This was proposed by Rev. M. Hughes and seconded by Mr. R. Morris.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Request had been made re. sale of Hot-Dogs etc., on the ground during First Team matches.

Committee members were asked to consider this matter and discuss this at the next General Committee meeting.

It was unanimously agreed after a short discussion that Senior Citizens be given a free Membership ticket to the Social Club.

Mr. P. Ford reported that a request had been made from the Rugby Union that the numbering of players be brought into line with other clubs. This was proposed by Mr. T. Day and seconded by Rev. M. Hughes.

After a long discussion it was decided to look into the possibility of having showers installed for training nights, either to be heated by gas or electricity. Several members were asked to make inquiries re. cost, etc.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Date: <sup>1</sup>

Signed: A. G. Hudson.

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

Minutes of General Committee Meeting of the Gloucester Rugby Football Club held at Kingsholm on Monday, 27th September, 1971.

Present: Messrs. G. Hudson (Chairman), A. T. Voyce, A. Alcock, R. Morris, R. Collins, A. Lankester, M. Elway, P. Hawker, P. Ford, J. Holder, N. Duncalfe, J. Hickie, F. Ewers, T. Day, G. Edmunds, W. Cale, R. Pitt, T. Pritchard, E. Stephens, R. Long, T. Tandy, D. Wadley.

Apologies: H. King, C. Pope, D. Dawe.

Minutes.

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

Matters Arising.

Showers. Mr. Collins reported that the cost would be £120 - £150. It was agreed that a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. R. Collins, G. Hudson, and A. Lankester should investigate more fully, with powers to authorise installation.

Finance Committee.

It was agreed that Mr. C. Pope should serve on the Committee.

Correspondence.

It was noted that a Rugby Union film was to be shown at the ABC cinema on October 3rd.

Polythene Ground Protection.

It was suggested that we should await the outcome of the trial by Coventry R.F.C. Mr. P. Ford would endeavour to attend the demonstration at Coventry.

Committee Ties.

It was decided to purchase Die Stamped ties as these were available in small quantities.

Complimentary Tickets.

It was reported that blank tickets were tendered at matches.

Gatemen.

Mr. E. Martin to be instructed to issue sufficient tickets to gatemen. A replacement was also needed for the Grandstand, and Players' Gate.

Notices for Turnstiles.

Mr. J. Holder offered to obtain suitable notices.

North Combination 7-a-Side.

This tournament would take place on Wednesday, 29th September. Committee were asked to man the gates. Mr. Hickie offered to take charge of programmes, if required.

#### Training Floodlights.

It was decided to restrict the use of floodlights when the condition of the ground necessitated this. Mr. Hickie reported the residents of St. Marks Street had complained of the glare of the lights. Action to be taken by using the lights nearest to St. Marks Street.

#### Late Arrivals of Players for Away Matches.

The Players' Representative would discuss the matter with the players at a Players' Meeting to be held shortly.

#### Club Trustees.

Messrs. D. Dawe, T. Day, and P. Ford had been appointed at previous meetings held on August 28th 1967 and May 20th 1969 but, due to a misunderstanding the Club Solicitor had not taken the necessary action. Consequently Messrs. A. Alcock and A. Hudson were still officially the Trustees. It was decided to discuss the matter further at the next meeting.

#### Memorial Ground.

Mr. P. Ford reported that he had arranged a meeting. Mr. Ford was thanked for all the excellent work he had done in connection with the Memorial Ground.

There being no further business the meeting closed.

Date: 25 / 10 / 71.

Signed. A. G. Hudson.

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

PRESENT: Messrs. G. Hudson (Chairman), A. T. Voyce, A. Alcock, R. Morris, M. Elway, A. Lankester, C. Pope, R. Long, T. Pritchard, D. Dawe, P. Hawker, H. King, W. Cale, P. Ford, T. Tandy, T. Day, D. Wadley, G. Edmunds.

APOLOGIES: Messrs. E. Stephens, N. Duncalfe, F. Ewers, Rev. H. M. Hughes.

MINUTES.

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

MATTERS ARISING.

GROUND COVERING.

Mr. P. Ford reported that he attended the demonstration given at Coventry R.F.C. ground which proved quite successful, but due to the heavy cost it was not considered possible to have the covering at Kingsholm for the time being.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MIDDLESEX "SEVENS"

Mr. T. Voyce wrote and asked if the Gloucester R.F.C. would be considered as a "Guest" team for this seasons' SEVEN-A-SIDE competition. It appears that for this season all teams have accepted, although we are assured that our application will be considered for next season.

L. G. PRESS EXCHANGE LTD.

Letter received giving details of adverts of clients appearing on our ground. At the time of writing the Club would receive the sum of £375.

Request received from the branch of the Samaritans to take a collection during one of Gloucester's home games was read by the Secretary. After a short discussion it was felt that this was not practicable to be granted.

Letter received from the Cheltenham R.F.C. regarding one of their players, [*name*] joining our club. It was reported that the player in question is in debt to their club to the extent of £6.00 for tickets. If he was allowed to play for another club before this debt is settled they would be forced to take this matter higher. After a short discussion it was decided to take no further action.

R.F.U. KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION.

Cheque received from Bath R.F.C. for the sum of £77.50p. This amount represents 50% of the Gross Gate.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Mr. T. Tandy, Social Secretary, gave an encouraging report for the Social Club, stating that a profit of £1,200 had been made during the Financial Year ending August 1971. This represents 21% profit.

SCHOOLBOYS' INTERNATIONAL - (19 Group).

It was agreed that the following admission charges be made:

STAND	-	75p
GROUND	-	25p.
SENIOR CITIZENS & JUNIORS	-	15p.

TRUSTEES.

The Secretary referred to back dates when new Trustees were appointed. This was explained in detail by Mr. T. Voyce. After a long discussion it was agreed that the Club's Solicitor, Mr. Jessop, asked to be present at the next General Meeting in order to clarify the situation. All agreed.

MEMORIAL GROUND.

Mr. T. Voyce gave a full explanation regarding the present position of the Memorial Ground. Also for selling part of the ground.

Proposed by Mr. R. Morris and seconded by Mr. R. Long that action taken by the Trustees in selling part of the ground be endorsed by the existing Gloucester R.F.C. Committee.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Request from the Gloucester Irish Pipe Band to entertain before home match and during half time. After a short discussion it was proposed by Mr. P. Hawker and seconded by Mr. G. Edmunds that a trial be given to the Band.

There being no further business the meeting closed.

Date: 22 / 11 / 71.

Signed: A. G. Hudson.

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

PRESENT: Messrs. G. Hudson (Chairman), A. T. Voyce, R. Morris, T. Day, Rev. H. M. Hughes, R. Collins, P. Ford, H. King, J. Fowke, P. Hawker, W. Cale, T. Tandy, J. Holder, R. Long, F. Ewers, T. Pritchard, M. Elway, A. Lankester, C. Pope, G. Edmunds, J. Hickie, E. Stephens, D. Wadley, D. Dawe.

APOLOGIES; Dr. A. Alcock, N. Duncalfe, N. Partridge.

MINUTES.

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

MATTERS ARISING.

The Secretary reported that he had been in touch with members of the Gloucester Irish Pipe Band and they had agreed to entertain during the home match with Lydney.

TRUSTEES.

Mr. T. Voyce explained to Mr. Russell Jessop the present position regarding the Club Trusteeship. Mr. Jessop then explained the legal position. After a long discussion by several members of the Committee, it was proposed by Mr. T. Tandy and seconded by Mr. J. Hickie, that a Sub Committee be appointed.

The Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary to meet the Club Solicitor to discuss Terms of Reference, Trusteeship, Trust Documents, and Articles of Association.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Mr. D. Dawe, Chairman of the Finance Sub-Committee, gave a report of their meeting held on Thursday November 18th 1971, stating that Mr. D. Wadley reported that Season Tickets to date had brought in £2,513 compared with £1,823 last season.

Gate receipts were £1,966 compared with £766 to this date last season; this season's average gate [takings] being £246. As there were no special games at Kingsholm this season it would still be necessary to average £200 per game for the remaining home matches to meet commitments.

PATRONS.

It was proposed that thought be given to including patrons' names on season tickets, making the Patrons tickets transferrable. Firms and business houses in the City could then be approached to purchase tickets which could be used by any members of the company or their staff. If this proposal was accepted, a sub-committee should be formed for the purpose of recruiting more patrons.



#### TURNSTILES.

The Finance Committee recommended that tickets still be used on the turnstiles; to have just one price through each turnstile would be very convenient, but would not work in practice, especially at big matches.

It was also important that season ticket holders come into the ground through a special gate. A Committee rota be prepared to check clocks just before half time. Gatemen instructed to wait at turnstile until Committee members had been to check clock.

Proposed by Mr. P. Hawker.

Seconded by Mr. T. Tandy.

Decision unanimous.

#### CENTENARY.

Mr. G. Hudson, Chairman of the Sub-Committee reported that the season 1973/74 would be the Centenary Season and that an evening match be arranged for Wednesday 3rd October, 1973. Dinner to be held on Friday 5th October, 1973 (venue to be decided at a later date).

#### MEALS.

The question of meals on route for away matches was fully discussed by the Committee. It was agreed that 50p. be allowed to each playing member for refreshments on the way, but no meal on the return journey.

#### TRAINING.

Request from the Combination for the use of Kingsholm for training on several evenings, was discussed. It was proposed by Rev. M. Hughes and seconded by Mr. P. Ford that no training facilities be granted for this season.

#### COUNTY MATCHES.

Mr. D. Wadley reported that it had been agreed by the County officials that for the use of Kingsholm for County games the minimum charge would be £15.00 for the loan of the ground, and £20.00 for the use of the Floodlights.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:55 p.m.

Date: <sup>1</sup>

Signed: A. G. Hudson.

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

Minutes of a meeting of the General Committee of Gloucester Rugby Football Club held at Kingsholm on Monday 3rd January, 1972.

PRESENT: G. Hudson (Chairman), M. Hughes, R. Morris, N. Duncalfe, T. Tandy, C. Pope, E. Stephens, P. Ford, T. Pritchard, D. Dawe, T. Day, R. Fowke, G. Edmunds, R. Long, F. Ewers, M. Elway, D. Wadley, J. Hickie, W. Cale, A. Lankester, H. King (Secretary).

APOLOGIES: N. Partridge, J. Holder, R. Collins.

#### MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman stated that N. Partridge had asked if a substitute may attend in his place on behalf of the Gloucester Combination as he often found difficulty in attending on Mondays. The Committee did not agree with this request and asked the Secretary to write to the Combination asking them to nominate another member in place of Mr. Partridge.

#### MATTERS ARISING.

##### TRUST DEEDS.

The Secretary said that he had had a letter from the solicitors regarding the Trust Deeds of the Gloucester Rugby Club. The club solicitors reported that these deeds had been lost by the previous club solicitors and recommended that new Trust Deeds be drawn up and, at the same time, the rules of the Club and Memorial Ground be examined.

##### TURNSTILES.

The Secretary reported that the meters at the White Hart entrance were still out of order, although they had been repaired very recently. It was agreed that Mr. R. Long should contact the suppliers immediately to have the meters put in order.

##### USE OF GROUND BY COMBINATION LEAGUE.

In answer to a question, the Chairman explained that the Combination had rung up and asked if they might use Kingsholm ground for practice prior to them having a match.

He had given permission for one game only, but as this was contrary to the wishes of the Committee he would write to the Secretary stating that the ground would not be available.

##### SHOWERS.

The Chairman said that an order had been placed with the Gas Board for the showers. Mr. Lankester reported that the multi-point Ascot Heater had arrived and that the Gas Board had informed him that they were now awaiting delivery of the mixing valves and governor.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter from Mr. P. Ford.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Ford stating he did not wish [to] become [a] Trustee of the Gloucester Rugby Club.

After general discussion it was agreed that the Chairman would discuss the position with Mr. Ford after the meeting. The Committee felt that the question of Trustees had become very confused and previous elections had been unconstitutional.

Letter from British Publishing Company.

Details were given of costs for a publication for the Club Centenary. This was referred to the Centenary sub-committee to consider.

Letter from Rugby Football Union on Coaching Course.

The Committee agreed to accept two places and a decision would be made at a later date as to who would go on the course.

Letter from Club Insurers.

The Secretary read a letter received from Messrs. Lowndes, Lambert & Co., the Club insurance brokers, regarding the use of the space under the stand for vehicle repairs. The Secretary stated, in connection with this, a letter had been received from Mr. J. C. Fennihough asking if he may rent this space for repairs. The Committee decided in view of the advice of the insurance brokers and the increase in the premium required, to reject the application. However, the Treasurer was asked to contact the brokers with a view to ascertaining the premiums required if the space was used for general storage of non-inflammable materials.

Mr. Dawe raised the question of the Stand being insured for only £35,000. It was agreed that this should be reconsidered with the insurance brokers when the insurance was due for renewal.

International tickets - England versus Wales.

The Committee agreed that a sub-committee should be formed to allocate the fifty tickets available to the Club for this game. The Secretary, Treasurer, and Mr. Tandy were elected to the sub-committee.

Social Club Accounts.

Mr. Tandy said that sufficient copies of the printed accounts for the Committee had not yet come through from the printers. The Chairman ruled that copies should be given to members of the Committee before the next meeting when this matter should be raised again.

Report by the Treasurer.

The Treasurer gave a brief report on gate takings up to Boxing Day and said there was a steady improvement and that the Club still had a credit balance in the bank. He reported that he had heard from Mitchell's regarding the dimmer control on the Floodlights. He said the dimmer resistor would cost £190 and another building the size of the existing switch-room

would be required. The Committee requested the Treasurer to investigate the cost of such a building as there was a general feeling that the capital outlay may be worthwhile [sic]. The Treasurer agreed to do this and make further enquiries from Cheltenham and Bristol Rugby Clubs who had dimmer controls on their floodlighting. The Treasurer reported Mitchell's had replaced ten lamps under guarantee.

#### Fixture Secretary.

The Fixture Secretary read a letter from Wasps asking if the game fixed for Saturday 15th January at Kingsholm could be changed to floodlights on the 14th January so that teams could watch the International on the Saturday. He said that in consultation with the Chairman and selectors he had agreed to this change. The Committee approved this action. Mr. Day said that Cleve had requested that their game against United be played in the morning on Saturday 15th January. The Committee agreed to the game being played, with Kick-Off at mid-day.

#### Any Other Business.

Mr. Voyce said he had heard from the Gloucester Motor Club that they wished to revert to one meeting a week and to pay the Club £50. This was agreed.

The Chairman suggested that a letter of congratulations be sent to Messrs. Brinn and Burton on their selection to play for England against Wales on the 15th January.

The Committee also offered their congratulations to the Rev. M. Hughes on his conferment as Honorary Canon of Gloucester Cathedral.

#### Dates of Sub-Committee Meetings.

Ground Committee: Wednesday, 5th January 1972, at 7:30 p.m.

Centenary Committee: Thursday 13th January 1972, at 7:30 p.m.

Finance Committee: Thursday 20th January 1972, at 8:00 p.m.

#### Date of next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on 31st January 1972.

Signed: A. G. Hudson.

Minutes of a Meeting of the General Committee of Gloucester Rugby Football Club held at Kingsholm on Monday 31st January, 1972.

PRESENT: G. Hudson (Chairman), T. Voyce, R. Morris, T. Day, R. Collins, P. Ford, T. Tandy, M. Elway, T. Pritchard, N. Duncalfe, J. Holder, G. Edmunds, R. Long, C. Pope, W. Cale, D. Wadley, C. A. R. Lankester.

APOLOGIES: Canon Hughes, D. Dawe, H. King, P. Hawker.

#### MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman with one amendment. Mr. P. Ford said that his letter stated that he did not wish to be nominated as a Trustee of the Gloucester Rugby Club.

#### MATTERS ARISING.

Floodlights.

(a) The Treasurer said that to date he had not been able to process this matter further.

(b) Discussion took place on the possibility of obtaining special off-peak rate for the electricity consumed by the floodlights as it was understood that other clubs in England and Wales obtained this. It was agreed that Mr. Ford should pursue this further.

(c) The Treasurer said that a quotation of £55 had been received from Mitchell's for the erection of a floodlight on the east end of the Main Stand to be used by teams training on the car park. this expenditure was approved.

Trustees.

The Chairman said that the sub-committee had not yet met on this matter.

Turnstiles.

Mr. Long reported that he had heard nothing further on the meters but hoped that the suppliers would replace the faulty meters free.

Centenary Year.

The Chairman said the sub-committee had met. The Guildhall had been booked for a function and there had been a discussion on a handbook.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

(a) Oxfordshire Sevens.

Mr. Tandy said that a letter had been received from the Secretary of the Oxfordshire Rugby Union asking the Club to play in the Oxfordshire Sevens. It was agreed that the Team Secretary would deal with this matter.

(b) Sunderland Cricket and Rugby Club.

A letter was read from this club requesting a fixture in their Centenary Year 1973/74. The Committee agreed the letter should be passed to the Fixture Secretary who should refuse the fixture on the grounds of too many commitments in that season.

#### FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING.

Mr. Tandy reported that the Finance sub-committee had met. The Treasurer had reported a satisfactory balance in the bank. No money had been received so far from the advertising agency, nor had we received rent for the last two quarters from the County Council in respect of the use of the car park.

The Treasurer reported that he had made arrangements to meet the advertising representative in the second week of February to discuss the situation. He had made investigations into the standing of the firm and had been assured that they were a company of repute. The company had stated that they had not received payment from their clients.

Regarding payment from the County Council, he stated he had sent two invoices to them. At the request of the Committee the Treasurer agreed to contact the County Treasurer, or his representative, on this matter.

Mr. Tandy said that the Finance Committee had given thought to renewing and lighting the score board and improving the public address system. The Committee felt the public address system might be a project that the 200 Club may be able to support. It was suggested that towards the end of the season when the Club financial situation was more fully known, a meeting between Finance, Grounds, and 200 Club Committee could usefully be held to discuss improvements and repairs.

Other items suggested for consideration were repair and decoration of the Visitors' Changing Room and improvements to toilets.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(a) Showers.

A discussion was held on the merits of the three showers erected and now in use. Mr. Lankester said it was not possible to extend the three showers off the same multi-point heater. It was agreed to see how these showers worked before considering installation in the Visitors' Changing Room.

(b) Gate Taking Clubs.

Mr. Tandy produced copies of a letter received from the Honorary Secretary of the Gate Taking Clubs calling a meeting in London on Friday, 11th February 1972, for the purpose of discussing the Rugby Football Union Club Knockout Championship Competition and the proposal by the Richmond Club for the reorganisation of the structure of the Rugby Football Union.

The Committee felt that insufficient time had been given to them to read the proposals submitted by the Richmond club. After some discussion the Committee agreed that a sub-committee of Mr. P. Ford and Mr. Tandy should consider the letter and represent the Club at the meeting. Any member of the Committee who, after reading the letter, had any views on this subject, should submit them to this committee.

(c) Rugby Football Union Club Knockout.

Mr. Tandy gave the Committee details of the proposed system for the knockout competition for Gloucestershire next year. The Committee found these proposals satisfactory.

(d) Social Club Accounts.

The Treasurer of the Social Club handed round printed accounts of the Social Club and on a proposal of Mr. T. Day seconded by Mr. J. Holder the Balance Sheet was approved. The Chairman congratulated Messrs. Tandy and Elway on the hard work that they personally put in to the Social Club organisation. The question of the juke box in the club was raised. It was agreed that there was very little profit but it was popular and much used by the club members.

(e) Club Ties.

Mr. Tandy said the Club ties had been ordered and hoped that delivery would be in the very near future.

(f) Coach.

Mr. T. Day said the standard of the coaches used to take teams away seemed to have deteriorated and in particular the heating was extremely poor and he had received many complaints from the players. These remarks were fully supported by Committee members who had travelled on the coaches, especially to Bridgend. The Committee agreed that the Chairman should take this matter up with Edwards Coaches.

(g) Presentation by the President.

The President presented to the Club a copy of the Rugby Football Union Centenary Book. The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, thanked the President most warmly for this generous contribution to the historical records of the Club.

(h) Players' Drinks.

Mr. Elway asked the Committee if he could have a clear ruling as to how many jugs of beer should be provided for the players of both teams after home games. This led to a general discussion on the provision of money for the same purpose for away games.

The Committee unanimously agreed that due to increased costs that in the future £3.50 should be provided for beer and 50p for the driver - total £4 - for away matches, and four jugs of beer should be provided for home matches.

The Chairman agreed to the suggestion that he should speak to both captains about this and ask them to stop players going behind the bar of the Social Club to collect the jugs. Jugs would only be provided on request by the barman on duty.

(i) The Team Secretary said a request had been made for the Bristol United match on the 5th February to be played at Kingsholm on Friday night, 4th February. The Committee agreed to this.

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

Date: <sup>1</sup>

Signed: A. G. Hudson.

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



Minutes of a Meeting of the General Committee of Gloucester Rugby Football Club held at Kingsholm on Monday, 28th February 1972.

PRESENT: G. Hudson (Chairman), T. Voyce, Dr. Alcock, Canon Hughes, R. Morris, W. Cale, R. Collins, P. Ford, G. Edmunds, H. Symonds, M. Elway, T. Pritchard, C. Pope, F. Ewers, R. Long, J. Fowke, P. Hawker, D. Wadley, H. King, A. Lankester.

APOLOGIES: N. Duncalfe, M. Nicholls.

#### MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman said that he felt sure the Committee would agree with him in expressing pleasure that Messrs. Brinn and Burton had once again been selected to play for England and that T. Palmer was again a travelling reserve. The Committee agreed.

#### MATTERS ARISING.

##### (a) M.E.B. Floodlights.

The Treasurer said that he had consulted the M.E.B. over the payment for the floodlighting and had been assured that we are on the cheapest rate available.

##### (b) Advertising.

The Treasurer said that he had received £350 from the advertising firm and had been promised another £625 in the near future.

##### (c) Car Park.

The Treasurer said that the County Council had now paid their rent for the use of the car park up to the end of April.

The question of lorries parking on the car park was raised. It was agreed that the car park was still a private one and lorries were not authorised to park on it. The Secretary was asked to write a letter to the County Council asking them to stop lorries coming onto the park.

The question of cars parking on Saturday mornings and staying throughout the afternoon on the car park was raised and the Chairman agreed to make arrangements for a chain to be put across the entrance at 8 a.m. on Saturday mornings.

##### (d) Deans' Walk entrance to Car Park.

A request had been received from the Chief Constable suggesting that it might be helpful if Deans' Walk gates were opened for use by cars to come in and go out from matches. The Committee agreed that this should be given a trial, and Mr. Martin is to be asked to arrange for a gateman to be on duty at these gates.

## MATTERS ARISING.

### (e) Gate Taking Clubs Meeting.

Mr. P. Ford said that with Mr. Tandy he had attended this meeting. In summarising the results of the meeting, Mr. Ford said the main points were:-

(i) Knockout Competition to be played on a fixed Saturday unless clubs agreed to play on another prior day. there would be a merit table for the Knockout competition.

(ii) Re-organisation of Rugby Football Union. The Richmond Club's proposals had been shelved for the time being but to be given further consideration. The forward planning committee of the Rugby Football Union was to have representatives from the Gate Taking Clubs on it.

[Inserted here the word '*Recommend*']<sup>1</sup>

### (iii) International Tickets.

Disappointment was expressed at the allocation of tickets, especially for the England/Wales game. It was thought that there should be a minimum of 100 tickets given to clubs. Clubs would be entitled to ask for more if they so wishes.

The Chairman expressed a vote of thanks to Mr. Ford for a very clear explanation of the meeting and the Committee thanked both Mr. Ford and Mr. Tandy for giving their time to go to this meeting.

### (f) Club Ties.

Mr. Elway said, in the absence of Mr. Tandy, that these were still on order.

## GROUND COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Chairman reported that the Ground Committee had met and had resolved that urgent repairs were needed to the toilet in the Visitors' Changing Room and Gentlemen's and Ladies' Toilets behind the clubhouse. Mr. J. Fowke had been asked to supply a price for this work.

The Chairman then outlined a proposal for improving and extending the standing room between the tump and the main Grandstand by building a retaining wall and raising the level of soil. Some concern was expressed by the Committee members on the safety factor and cost. It was felt that this matter should be gone into thoroughly and the advice of a structural engineer obtained before any work was carried out. Mr. Collins raised the question of whether the cost was justified for the number of spectators accommodated. Dr. Alcock, in agreeing, felt strongly that standing room was not what was required for the future, as more people would want to sit in the stands. If any alteration was to be done in this area the stands should be extended. The Committee agreed that before further consideration was given to this, Mr. H. Symonds should contact a structural engineer, informally, to make enquiries on the problems involved. He said that he thought he could do this by the next meeting.

<sup>1</sup> See Minutes of GRFC General Committee Meeting held on 11 April 1972 under heading 'Minutes of the Last Meeting.'

## SHOWERS.

Mr. Collins said that he had a complaint from the 1st XV captain that the spread of water was not sufficient from the new showers. In conjunction with Mr. Lankester arrangements had been made for the South West Gas Board to visit the site and inspect the showers. He personally had been present and could find nothing wrong with the showers other than the fact that the volume of water was not as great as the old showers coming off the coke boiler. The showers were in fact doing what the Committee asked them to do and the engineers had reported that the showers were working perfectly.

Mr. Symonds said, on behalf of the players, that the showers were satisfactory but it took too long for thirty players who wished to shower at the same time to go through the showers. The only solution was to put another three showers in the visitors' changing rooms. It was agreed that this matter should be borne in mind.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary read a letter received from the London Welsh Club regarding the issue of tickets for the Knock Out Competition game on the 4th March 1972. 50 tickets had been received at 25p each and spectators would also pay 25p to go through the gates.

Mr. Symonds raised the question of the United match against Newport High School Old Boys on the same afternoon. He said he had taken a vote of the United players and by a majority they wished to go to the London Welsh game. The Committee asked the Fixture Secretary to try and re-arrange the United game. The Fixture Secretary said that he had heard from London Welsh that they proposed kick-off to be at 3 p.m. and the referee to be Mr. Paterson. The Committee agreed to the time and the referee.

## LONDON WELSH MATCH - ARRANGEMENTS.

The Secretary stated that there had been a request from the captain for the 1st XV team to travel to London on the Friday night. Mr. T. Day as chairman of the selectors put the captain's point of view on this matter and on behalf of the Selection Committee recommended it be accepted.

After general discussion it was proposed by Mr. P. Ford, seconded by Mr. W. Cale, that the team travel on Friday afternoon. The Committee agreed. After further discussion the Committee agreed that the coach party on Friday, 3rd March, should consist of 15 players, 2 reserves, 1 baggage man, 2 selectors, Committee man in charge, the President of the Club, and the driver of the coach. The Secretary to arrange accommodation and meals for this party.

## TICKETS.

The Committee decided that the players and Committee members should be allocated two tickets in the Main Stand, the balance being allocated to Club members.

## HOSPITALITY.

The Treasurer asked for guidance as to how much may be given to the Committee man in charge for this occasion to cover drinking expenses. After discussion the Committee authorised expenditure of £15.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(a) Referees.

Mr. P. Ford raised the question of the quality of referees for 1st XV games at Kingsholm. He said that recently the standard had been very mediocre and that the standard of the games at Kingsholm deserved a higher quality of referee. The Committee entirely agreed with this and asked the Secretary to deal with this matter.

Date: <sup>1</sup>

Signed: A. G. Hudson.

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

Minutes of a meeting of the General Committee of Gloucester Rugby Football Club held at Kingsholm on Tuesday 11th April, 1972.

PRESENT: G. Hudson (Chairman), T. Voyce, R. Morris, T. Day, W. Cale, H. Symonds, M. Elway, J. Holder, T. Pritchard, C. Pope, G. Edmunds, F. Ewers, N. Duncalfe, P. Ford, C. A. R. Lankester, J. Hickie, D. Dawe, P. Hawker, H. King.

APOLOGIES: M. Hughes, M. Nicholls, T. Tandy, R. Long, Dr. Alcock, D. Wadley.

#### MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The word '*recommend*' was added to the last sentence of Minute (e) (ii) - Gate-Taking Clubs Meeting, under Matters Arising.

#### MATTERS ARISING.

##### (a) Car Park.

Mr. Elway said that difficulties had arisen over the closing of the car park entrance on Saturday mornings. After discussion the Committee agreed that a board should be put at the entrance to the car park stating 'Gloucester Rugby Football Club Private Car Park.'

##### (b) Club Ties.

The question of the non-delivery of the Club ties was again raised. The Committee felt that every effort should be made to have these ties available before the final of the Club Knockout Competition on 29th April. Mr. Elway said on behalf of Mr. Tandy that he understood that the ties should have been here the previous week and that he would pass on the views of the Committee to Mr. Tandy.

##### (c) Toilets.

The Chairman reported that the Ladies' and Gentlemen's toilets behind the changing rooms had been repaired and painted.

##### (d) Terracing.

Mr. Symonds reported that he had had an informal discussion with a Quantity Surveyor regarding improvements for standing room at the Deans End Walk [*sic*] side of the ground. The Quantity Surveyor had estimated that to do this work satisfactorily would cost £3,000, without crash barriers. The Committee decided that the work was not economical and decided not to continue with this project.

##### (e) Showers.

Mr. Symonds asked if any further consideration had been given to having extra showers installed as he felt certain that at the beginning of next season the three showers would not be sufficient. The Committee agreed that this matter should be referred to the Ground Committee to consider and give their recommendations.

(f) Referees.

The Secretary said he had contacted Mr. Roberts regarding the standard of the referees at Kingsholm. Mr. Ford said a suggestion was being put up by the Selection Committee that a list of the names of referees who would be acceptable to the Club should be given by the end of the season to the Secretary for forwarding to the Referees' Society, asking them to choose referees for matches at Kingsholm from the list. This had the Committee's approval.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(a) Rugby Football Union.

The Secretary of the R.F.U. had written to state that the expenses for the semi-final Cup Match should be paid out of the match expenses and he had forwarded a letter to the Coventry Club. As there was some doubt on this procedure it was agreed that the Chairman and Secretary should look into this matter.

(b) Gloucestershire Rugby Football Union.

The Secretary read a letter from the Gloucestershire Rugby Football Union regarding the Gloucestershire County Knock-Out Competition. It was agreed that a reply should be delayed to see if the Club was seeded in the National Knock-Out Competition next season.

(c) Lions Club.

The Secretary read a letter from the Lions Club asking to hire the ground for their Donkey Derby. The Secretary was asked to contact the Lions' Secretary to suggest that the Memorial Ground might be more suitable. Failing this, the Committee agreed that the Secretary and the Ground Committee should decide whether the ground may be used and a fee of £25 should be donated for hire of the ground.

(d) St. John's Ambulance.

A letter had been received from the St. John's Ambulance Brigade requesting that they be allowed to hold a collection for their funds during a match. This was agreed for the Pontypool game on Monday, 17th April. They also requested the use of the car park for their annual inspection on a Sunday. This was agreed.

(e) North Gloucester Combination.

A letter had been received from the Secretary of the Combination asking for the use of the ground for one Junior Cup Final on 20th April, a Seven-a-Side on last Sunday in September, and a Senior Cup Final on the 25th April. The Committee agreed.

TOUR.

The Secretary reported that he had contacted the receptionist at the hotel in St. Ives regarding the reduction in the tour programme. She had asked him to write to the manager on this matter which he had done, but so far had not received a reply.

A discussion took place on how many would be going. It was agreed that the party would consist of approximately thirty members; players and Committee.

#### SCHOOLBOY INTERNATIONAL.

The Chairman congratulated those involved in the organisation of the Schoolboy International and thanked the Social Club Committee for their arrangements. He also congratulated the wives on their excellent buffet. Regret was expressed on the small present given to the ladies for their very hard work, and it was agreed that the Chairman or Secretary mention this privately at an appropriate time to the Chairman of the regional committee.

#### KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION FINAL.

On behalf of the Committee, the Chairman expressed his congratulations to the 1st XV on their magnificent achievement in the semi-final at Coventry.

A discussion took place on the arrangements for the final at Twickenham on the 29th April. The Committee agreed that an extra coach should be ordered for Saturday morning for use by the United players and members of the Committee. The arrangements for Stand tickets and for a meal and activities after the game for players and Committee were left in the hands of the Secretary to contact the winners of the semi-final and Colonel Morgan of the Rugby Football Union. The Secretary said that he had made arrangements for the party of 20 to be accommodated at the Richmond Hill Hotel on the Friday night, and for a larger party on the Saturday.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(a) Mr. Duncalfe raised the question of notice of the meeting. The Committee agreed that cards should be sent to all members not informed of a meeting by the Secretary.

#### (b) Cardiff Match.

Mr. Duncalfe, on behalf of himself and many supporters who went to Cardiff, expressed his dissatisfaction at the match being cancelled so late that the Committee and supporters could not be informed of the cancellation. He also expressed the view that he found it difficult to understand why the ground was unplayable. After some discussion the Committee decided that whilst the cancellation was regrettable, no further action should be taken in this matter.

#### (c) Fixture Secretary.

The Fixture Secretary read two letters; one from Camborne and the other from Liverpool, releasing the Club from fixtures that had to be cancelled due to the Knock-Out Competition Final. They expressed their regret but offered their best wishes and success to the Club.

#### (d) Social.

Mr. Symonds said, for the information of the Committee, that he and Mr. Tandy were arranging for a Social Dance to be held at the Guildhall on 5th May.

(e) Mr. Symonds said that he had been asked to put forward a request from the players' ladies that the ground and changing quarters be made available on Saturday, 6th May, for a game to be played for charity comprising of a team of ladies versus a team of players.

Some disquiet was expressed by members at this suggestion but the question was left in abeyance until the next Committee Meeting so that the Chairman could speak to the lady organisers to ascertain what their proposals and suggestions were on this matter.

(f) Lydney Rugby Football Club.

The Secretary said that he had had several complaints from Committee members regarding the rudeness and poor reception that they had met when Gloucester played Lydney. He stated that he had taken this matter up with the Secretary of the Lydney Rugby Football Club who sent his apologies but said that thirty tickets had been sent to the Fixture Secretary. However it was ascertained that these tickets had been sent to the wrong address.[sic].

(g) Memorial Ground.

Mr. P. Ford gave a brief report on the finance of the Memorial Ground which showed that the accounts were solvent.

(h) Ground Committee.

The Chairman said it would be necessary to hold another meeting of the Ground Committee. It was agreed that the date should be fixed between the Chairman and Mr. Ford.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Monday, 24th April 1972.

Date: <sup>1</sup>

Signed: A. G. Hudson.

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



Minutes of a meeting of the General Committee of Gloucester Rugby Football Club held at Kingsholm on Monday 24th April, 1972.

PRESENT: G. Hudson (Chairman), T. Voyce, Dr. Alcock, T. Day, R. Morris, W. Cale, R. Collins, T. Tandy, J. Holder, M. Elway, P. Ford, T. Pritchard, G. Edmunds, E. Stephens, F. Ewers, D. Wadley, H. King, C. A. R. Lankester, R. Long, H. Symonds.

APOLOGIES: N. Duncalfe, C. Pope, M. Nicholls, P. Hawker, M. Hughes.

#### MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

#### MATTERS ARISING.

##### (a) Club Ties.

Mr. Tandy reported that he was still pressing the firm to deliver the ties for the Committee and Players before the 29th April.

##### (b) R.F.U. Schools' Union.

The Secretary read a letter from the Schools' Union conveying their thanks to Gloucester Rugby Football Club for the use of their ground and facilities.

##### (c) Cup Final Dance, 5th May.

The Committee agreed that two complimentary tickets should be sent for use by the local clubs for this dance.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

##### (a) Maidenhead Hotel.

The Secretary read a letter from the hotel asking if an evening meal was required on the 28th April. The Secretary was instructed to reply in the negative.

##### (b) Lions Club.

The Secretary of the Lions Club had written giving details of the Donkey Derby on the 8th July and agreeing to a donation to the Club of £25-£30, and stating that they would put right any damage done. The Committee agreed that two members should meet the organisers on the Friday evening, 7th July.

##### (c) Harlequins' 7-a-Sides.

An invitation had been received from the Harlequins to take part in their 7-a-Sides on the 2nd September. The Committee agreed that a sevens side should be entered into this competition.

#### RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION.

The Secretary stated that he had had a great deal of difficulty in making arrangements with the officials of the Rugby Football Union for the game on Saturday, 29th April. The Secretary again outlined all the arrangements, as he knew them at the time.

Mr. Voyce informed the meeting that he had spoken to Col. Morgan regarding the M.P. for Gloucester and the Mayor of Gloucester attending, and the Secretary said that arrangements had been made to give tickets to them. The Committee agreed that from the fees received from the game, twenty meals should be paid for, plus fifteen extra on the Saturday evening. The Committee coach was to leave at 10 a.m. and it was agreed that Messrs. E. Martin and T. Oakes should travel on the coach. Mr. Ford suggested, and the Committee agreed, that the Secretary should send two bills for the official party expenses for both Friday and the Saturday night. Mr. T. Day gave the Committee the details of the team and reserves selected for the knock-out match.

#### LADIES' EVENING.

The Chairman raised the question of entertainment for the lady helpers of the Club. He suggested that this be held in May, the day to be arranged by Messrs. Tandy and Elway.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

##### (a) Ladies' Rugby Match.

Mr. Voyce gave the Committee details of a meeting he had attended with the ladies and basically the intention was to play Touch Rugby. After considerable discussion the Committee approved the use of the Ground on the understanding that the Club would not be responsible for any injury or accident.

##### (b) Tour.

Mr. T. Day, on behalf of the team and Committee, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Long for his organisation on tour and to Mrs. Long for her work in preparing rolls for the tour party on the coach. Mr. Collins said he would like to comment on the greatly improved coach facilities now provided by Edwards Coaches.

##### (c) Advertising.

Mr. T Day gave details of the discussions at County level on advertising and the necessity to contact the Rugby Football Union.

##### (d) 1972/1973 Fixtures.

Details were given of the changes necessary due to the visit of the All Blacks Touring Team and it was agreed that the Fixture Secretary should deal with this matter. The Fixture Secretary stated that Leicester had written similarly asking to change their fixture with the Club on January 13th and it was agreed that the game should be played on a Monday evening.

##### (e) Photographs.

The Secretary passed around proofs of the photographs of the teams taken for the 1971/72 season. Members complained that no photographs had been received of those taken over the previous two years. The Chairman stated that he would deal with this matter and would visit Jones and investigate the matter immediately.

(f) Honours Board.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, thanked Mr. Cale and Mr. G. Cresswell for the work that they had put in in compiling the new Honours Board now erected in the Clubhouse. Mr. Cale was asked if he could include, after D. Rutherford's name, details of his tour with the British Lions.

(g) Club Tour to Penzance.

The Fixture Secretary, in answer to a question, stated that the Club had only one or at the most two more matches arranged with the Penzance club. He confirmed that he had in mind the wishes of the Committee discussed at their meeting on 3rd May 1971 regarding the arrangement for tours when the present fixture lapsed.

(h) County A.G.M.

The Committee were informed that the County A.G.M. would be on 12th July.

(i) Letter from Mr. Lankester.

Mr. Day asked what was proposed in respect of the letter from Mr. Lankester, circulated after the last meeting. Mr. Tandy proposed that as the letter was addressed to the Secretary for the Trustees & Rules Sub-Committee, it should be considered by this sub-committee first, and any relevant recommendations arising from the letter should be brought to the General Committee for consideration as necessary. This was agreed.

(j) The following Sub-Committee meetings were arranged:

Ground Committee:	1st May 1972, at 7:30 p.m.
Fixture Meeting:	11th May 1972, at 8:00 p.m.
Trustee & Rules Sub-Committee:	To be arranged by Treasurer for week commencing 1st May 1972.
Finance Committee:	Tuesday, 9th May 1972, at 7:30 p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Monday, 15th May 1972, at 7:30 p.m.

Date: <sup>1</sup>

Signed: A. G. Hudson.

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

Minutes of a meeting of the Gloucester Rugby Football Club held at Kingsholm on Monday 15th May, 1972.

Present: Mr. Hudson, Mr. Voyce, Mr. Morris, Canon M. Hughes, Mr. Day, Mr. Cale, Mr. P. Ford, Mr. R. Collins, Mr. Holder, Mr. Long, Mr. Fowke, Mr. Symonds, Mr. Pritchard, Mr. Pope, Mr. Ewers, Mr. Stephens, Mr. Elway, Mr. N. Duncalfe, Mr. T. Tandy, Mr. Wadley, Mr. Lankester, Mr. Hickie, Mr. H. King, Mr. N. Nicholls.

Apologies:

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24th April 1972 were approved and signed.

2. Matters Arising.

(a) Club Ties.

Mr. Tandy said he regretted that the ties were not yet available, but he had been promised that they would be sent within a week.

(b) Harlequins Seven-a-Side.

The Secretary read a letter received from the Harlequins Club, welcoming the Club's acceptance to play in their Sevens Tournament.

(c) Knock-Out Competition.

The Chairman formally congratulated the captain and the team on their magnificent effort in winning the Rugby Union Knock-Out Competition. The Committee unanimously endorsed the Chairman's remarks.

The Players' Representative asked if the Committee would consider presenting some memento to the players concerned in the Knock-Out Competition and wondered if the Club would finance a Victory Dance. The Committee approved a proposal in principle that a memento should be given to the players, and a social evening held. It was agreed that a sub-committee should be formed to look into this, and a social evening, consisting of the Selection Committee, Players' Representative, the Social Secretary, Mr. Tandy, and the Treasurer.

The Treasurer reported that he had been in contact with Mr. R. Prescott, Secretary of the Rugby Union, and understood that cheques for the semi-final and final would be received within a month, but that he had received no details so far. The Treasurer also stated that he had sent details of the advertisements put up at Kingsholm to the Secretary of the R.F.U.

The Committee agreed that a letter should be sent from the Secretary to the Mayor of Gloucester thanking him for the hospitality accorded to the Club at the reception he gave in the Club's honour.

(d) Photographs.

The Chairman and Mr. H. Symonds said that they had been to Jones photographers, and found the negatives of the previous two years' photographs. These would be available in due course.

3. Correspondence.

(a) Painswick Rugby Football Club.

An invitation was received to the Centenary Dinner on the 14th October.

Canon Hughes said he had been approached by the Painswick Rugby Football Club asking him if it would be possible for a Gloucester Rugby Football Club, or President's Team to play Painswick Rugby Football Club in their Centenary game in April 1973. It was agreed to a President's team playing. The matter was left to the Fixture Secretary to write to Painswick R.F.C.

(b) Leicester Rugby Football Club.

A letter had been received asking if the Club could put forward a Junior Under-19 Rugby Football team to play their under-19's. The Committee agreed. Mr. F. Ewers to arrange with the Fixture Secretary.

(c) Worcester Rugby Football Club.

The Secretary read a letter inviting Gloucester R.F.C. to enter a team in the Worcester R.F.C. Sevens on Sunday 3rd September 1972. The Secretary was instructed to regretfully decline this invitation due to heavy commitments on the 2nd September.

(d) Moseley R.F.C.

The Secretary read a letter from Moseley R.F.C. congratulating the Club on their win over them and apologising to the Club for the unfortunate incident early in the game. The Committee agreed that the Secretary should send a suitable reply to Moseley, accepting this gesture.

(e) Knock-Out Competition.

The Secretary read letters of congratulations to the Club from Lydney R.F.C., Widden Old Boys, Gloucestershire R.F.C., Stroud R.F.C., and Mr. Danny Evans. The Chairman thanked the Secretary for all the hard work he had put in on behalf of the Club in the administrative arrangements he had made to help the Club in the Knock-Out Competition.

4. Trustees.

The Committee were joined by the Honorary Club Solicitor, Mr. Jessop. Mr. Jessop gave a resumé of discussions at previous meetings over the question of trustees. He stated that the Deeds of Trust had been lost, and said that a new Deed could be drawn up stating that the duties of the trustees were to administer the property of the Club in the best interests of the Club. Discussion then took place on who should be elected to be Trustees of the Club in addition to Mr. T. Voyce.

On a proposal by Mr. R. Collins, seconded by Mr. J. Hickie, the Committee agreed that the trustees nominated in 1966 and 1967 should be confirmed. These were Mr. D. Dawe, Mr. T. Day, and Mr. P. Ford. Mr. Ford confirmed that he was willing to be a Trustee.

(b) Memorial Ground Trustees.

It was proposed by Mr. Tandy, seconded by Mr. Duncalfe, that the Gloucester Rugby Football Club Trustees should also be trustees of the Memorial Ground. The Committee agreed.

#### 5. Gloucester R.F.C. Car Park.

The Secretary said that he had received a letter from Gloucester County Council stating that they wished to let out that part of the car park not now needed entirely for use by their employees. Mr. Jessop referred to the lease negotiated with the County Council and advised the Club to look into this matter carefully and if a fee was to be charged he advised the Club to negotiate with the Gloucester County Council that a portion of this fee should be paid to the Club. After further discussion the Committee agreed that the matter should be referred to the original sub-committee who negotiated the lease on the car park. The Committee agreed that the trustees should be given a copy of the Deeds of the Ground.

#### 6. Finance Committee.

(a) The Minutes of the Finance Sub-Committee held on 9th May were distributed to the meeting.

The Chairman of the meeting, Mr. D. Dawe, outlined details of the meeting and gave an outline of the proposed improvements and repairs that the Committee recommended should be carried out during the summer season which had been considered by the Ground Committee.

(b) The Treasurer circulated the unaudited accounts showing the financial position of the Club to date. He said that the accounts showed a more healthy position than in many previous years. The Treasurer stated that the Finance Committee had felt that it was necessary to install a dimmer unit for the floodlighting, as discussed at previous meetings. A great many lamps had been replaced under guarantee but the labour cost was considerable. Mr. Collins queried the necessity for this unit as Bristol had had a similar problem and had solved it by installing waterproof holders in their floodlights. It was agreed that Mr. R. Collins should contact Bristol Rugby Club on this problem to get further details and inform the Treasurer accordingly.

The Committee approved the payment of an honorarium to the Secretary and to the Baggage Men.

(c) Insurance.

Mr. T. Joyce gave the Treasurer a schedule of insurances which he had been asked to arrange with the Club's brokers at the Finance Sub-Committee [Meeting].

(d) Patrons.

Mr. Dawe drew the Committee's attention to the proposal in the Finance Committee Minutes that a sub-committee should be formed to have a drive to get more Patrons and that the commercial firms and other bodies should be allowed to become patrons and transfer their tickets for use of members of their company, or guests. Also the names of patrons should be published in the membership card.

The Committee agreed to this suggestion and a sub-committee was formed of Messrs. C. Pope, H. Symonds, T. Tandy, D. Wadley, and A. Lankester.

7. Any Other Business.

(a) Cheltenham Seven-a-Side.

The Fixture Secretary asked if the Club wished to enter a team into the Cheltenham 7's on Sunday 10th September. This was agreed.

(b) 200 Club.

Mr. R. Collins said that he would like to be rested from the 200 Club sub-committee in the following year. The Chairman asked members to consider whether anyone would volunteer to stand for this vacancy at the next meeting.

(c) Players' Meeting.

The Players' Meeting Wednesday 14th June, 1972, at 8 p.m.

(d) Ladies Night.

This was arranged for Wednesday 7th June at 8 p.m.

(e) Annual General Meeting.

Wednesday 19th July, 1972.

(f) Date of next meeting.

The next meeting was arranged for Wednesday 14th June, 1972, at 7:00 p.m.

Date: 26 / 6 / 72.

Signed: A. G. Hudson.

Minutes of a meeting of the Gloucester Rugby Football Club held at Kingsholm on Monday 26th June, 1972.

PRESENT: Mr. G. Hudson, Mr. A. T. Voyce, Dr. A. Alcock, Canon M. Hughes, Messrs. R. Morris, R. Collins, P. Ford, M. Elway, C. Pope, R. Long, T. Pritchard, D. Dawe, P. Hawker, N. Duncalfe, T. Tandy, D. Wadley, M. Nicholls, T. Day, H. King.

APOLOGIES: H. Symonds, F. Ewers, A. Lankester, J. Holder, G. Edmunds.

#### MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

#### MATTERS ARISING.

Mr. Collins reported that he had met the Bristol representative re. the Dimmer Unit and stated that it would not prove satisfactory with our present installation.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary read a letter from H. Symonds in connection with the proposed presentation to the players for winning the Knock-Out Cup. He stated, on behalf of the players, that they would prefer a Gloucester Cap as opposed to a Shield. After a short discussion it was decided to obtain quotations for the cost of these.

Mr. Nicholls also gave his comments, stating that the players would also like a Blazer Badge. Members were asked to submit a design for approval at the Committee; the cost to be paid for by the players.

The Secretary read a letter from the Widden Old Boys, requesting that a representative side from the Gloucester R.F.C. be selected to play them during the coming season. This was agreed and that Mr. R. Long to make the final arrangements.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

The subject of the clocks on the gates were again discussed. Mr. R. Long reported that they were now in working order.

It was decided that Committee Members should meet to see how they are operated, with a representation from the firm who installed them.

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

PROPOSED BY: Mr. R. Tandy. SECONDED BY: Mr. N. Duncalfe.

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

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



VICE-PRESIDENTS: Canon M. Hughes, T. Day, Esq., G. Hudson, Esq.,  
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: R. G. Long, Esq.  
Colts Secretary: F. Ewers, Esq.  
Captain 1st XV: J. Bayliss, Esq.  
Captain 2nd XV: G. White, Esq.  
Players' Rep.: H. Symonds, Esq.

There were six applicants for the five vacancies for Members of the Committee. They were as follows:-

Mr. M. Billington, Mr. R. Collins, Mr. N. Duncalfe, Mr. P. Ford, Mr. J. Holder, Mr. T. Hopson.

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

Date: <sup>1</sup>

Signed: A. G. Hudson.

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

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of the Gloucester Rugby Football Club held in the Social Club on Wednesday July 19th, 1972.

#### MINUTES.

The Minutes of the 1971 Annual General Meeting were read by the Secretary, approved by the Meeting, and duly signed by the President.

#### ANNUAL REPORT.

The Chairman, Mr. G. Hudson, gave [the] Annual Report. He did not read through it as it was contained in the Financial Report, but he did congratulate the Team on winning the first Rugby Union Knock-Out Competition.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mr. D. Wadley gave an encouraging report on the Club's financial situation. He stated that the balance in hand of £855 did not include the Club's share of the Knock-Out Competition, semi-final, and final, which he thought would be in the region of £900.

The adoption of the Balance Sheet was proposed by J. Haines and seconded by Mr. G. Cook, and agreed by the Meeting.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

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

PRESIDENT:	A. T. Voyce, Esq., O.B.E.
LIFE [VICE] PRESIDENT:	A. Alcock, Esq., M.B., B.S.
VICE-PRESIDENTS:	Canon 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:	R. G. Long, Esq.
COLTS XV SECRETARY:	F. Ewers, Esq.

#### NOMINATED BY PLAYERS.

CAPTAIN 1ST XV:	J. Bayliss, Esq.
CAPTAIN UNITED XV:	G. White, Esq.
PLAYERS' REPRESENTATIVE ON GENERAL COMMITTEE:	H. Symonds, Esq.

COMMITTEE ELECTED:

Messrs. R. Collins, N. Duncalfe, P. Ford, J. Holder  
(3 years).

T. Hopson (1 year).

Mr. V. Clark recommended that a memento be presented to all the players who took part in the Rugby Union Knock-Out Competition. Mr. Voyce stated that this was already in hand and would be discussed at the next General Committee Meeting.

Miss. B. Keck asked if it was possible for the Rugby Union to authorise substitutes during Club Matches. Mr. Voyce reported that this had already been considered.

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

Meeting closed at 9:00 p.m.

Date: 12 . 7 . 73.

Signed: A. T. Voyce.