

Minutes of General Committee Meeting of the Gloucester Rugby Football Club held at Kingsholm on Monday 24th July, 1972.

PRESENT: Mr. A. T. Voyce (President), A. D. Wadley (Treasurer), H. C. King (Secretary), Canon H. M. Hughes, Messrs. G. Hudson, R. Morris, T. Day, R. Collins, P. Ford, M. Elway, R. Long, T. Hopson, C. Pope, N. Duncalfe, D. Dawe, J. Fowke, T. Pritchard, P. Hawker, G. Edmunds, F. Ewers, W. Cale, J. Holder.

APOLOGIES: Dr. A. Alcock, Messrs. H. Symonds, J. Bayliss, J. Haines, A. Lankester.

CHAIRMAN.

Mr. G. Hudson was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee for the 1972/73 season on the proposition of Mr. N. Duncalfe, seconded by Mr. D. Dawe.

PRESIDENT.

The President welcomed Mr. T. Hopson the only new member of the Committee.

MINUTES.

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

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary read a letter from the Gloucester and District Society of Rugby Union Referees requesting the use of a room at Kingsholm for the third Tuesday in each month. It was agreed that they should use the Lounge.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. F. J. Price on behalf of the Gloucester Congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses requesting the hire of the Club's Ground some time in May 1973. After a short discussion it was agreed that the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer meet Mr. Price to discuss the price for the three days they would require the facilities.

A letter received from the Westgate Barbell Club (Weight Lifting) requesting to rent a room for three nights a week at Kingsholm. This again, after a short discussion, was left to the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer to meet the gentleman concerned.

Letter received from J. V. Smith on behalf of the Stroud Rugby Football Club stating that they have planning permission for SQUASH COURTS at Fromehall Park, inviting our club members to contact him if they are interested in membership.

Invitation received from the Clifton Rugby Football Club to their Celebration Dinner on 15th September 1972 to send a representative. It was agreed that the Chairman would attend.

Mr. N. Healey wrote asking permission for the use of Kingsholm on Sunday 24th September 1972, for the Combinations' Sevens. A sub-committee of three, H. King, T. Tandy, and T. Hopson, was elected to deal with the arrangements.

A letter was read by the Secretary from Mr. F. Ewers, from Auckland, New Zealand, congratulating the team on their wonderful performance in the Rugby Union "Knock Out Competition."

ELECTION OF COMMITTEES.

SELECTION COMMITTEE: Messrs. T. Day, J. Bayliss, T. Hopson, P. Ford, R. Collins, R. Long, J. Fowke, G. White.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Messrs. F. D. H. Dawe, A. D. Wadley, A. T. Voyce, N. H. B. Duncalfe, C. Pope, T. Tandy, A. Lankester, H. King.

SOCIAL CLUB COMMITTEE: Messrs. N. H. B. Duncalfe, T. Pritchard, P. Hawker, T. Tandy, A. D. Wadley, J. Fowke, J. Holder, C. Pope, G. Edmunds, M. Elway.

GROUND COMMITTEE: Messrs. G. Hudson, R. Collins, P. Ford, W. Cale, F. Ewers, Canon M. Hughes, T. Hopson, M. Elway, A. D. Wadley.

200 [CLUB] COMMITTEE: Messrs. W. Cale, R. Collins, F. Ewers, H. Symonds, G. White.

FIXTURE COMMITTEE: Messrs. F. D. H. Dawe, P. Ford, J. Bayliss, R. Long, G. Hudson, T. Day, H. Symonds.

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

NORTH GLOUCESTER COMBINATION

REPRESENTATIVE: Mr. G. Hudson.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Election of Vice Chairman.

It was proposed by Canon M. Hughes and seconded by Mr. T. Day that Mr. P. Ford be elected.

It was also proposed by Mr. J. Holder and seconded by Mr. P. Hawker that Mr. T. Tandy be elected.

This was put to the Committee Members and Mr. P. Ford was duly elected.

Canon M. Hughes suggested that Patrons be issued with Car Park Stickers to avoid waiting at entrance of Car Park. Mr. C. Pope stated that he would look into this.

Mr. C. Pope reported that up to the present time 68 members had accepted Patrons application.

Mr. P. Ford requested further consideration be given from the Newport R.F.C. regarding date of fixtures. Mr. Dawe was asked to get in touch with the Newport Fixture Secretary with a view to altering the date.

Mr. P. Ford read out names of referees which the Club would like to visit Kingsholm during the coming season.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Date: 16 Aug. 1972.

Signed: A. G. Hudson.

Minutes of General Committee Meeting of the Gloucester Rugby Football Club held at Kingsholm on Wednesday August 16th, 1972.

PRESENT: Mr. G. Hudson, Dr. A. Alcock, Canon M. Hughes, Messrs. R. Collins, R. Morris, T. Day, P. Ford, M. Elway, J. Holder, R. Long, T. Pritchard, C. Pope, D. Dawe, P. Hawker, G. Edmunds, F. Ewers, J. Haines, N. Duncalfe, W. Cale, H. King, H. Symonds.

APOLOGIES: A. T. Voyce, Messrs. A. Lankester, T. Tandy, D. Wadley, J. Bayliss, T. Hopson.

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 he and Mr. Wadley had met two members of the Gloucester Congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses regarding the use of Kingsholm some time in May, 1973. After a long discussion it was agreed that a fee of £100 be accepted.

Mr. P. Ford reported that he and the Secretary had met the representative of the Barbell Weight Lifting Club and that they were no longer interested in the use of a room at Kingsholm.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary read a letter from the Lions Club, expressing their thanks for the use of Kingsholm for the Donkey Derby. A cheque for £30 was also received.

Letter received from the Gloucestershire County Council stating that they will shortly erect notices at the entrance of car park, indicating that it is private and must not be used for the parking of lorries.

They also stated that if the demand is sufficiently heavy then it might be worthwhile for a joint application [to] be made for planning consent for the use of the area as a public car park, enabling the County Council to make a charge during working days and our Club on Saturday.

Mr. T. Voyce informed the Secretary that all the previous and present Trustees had now signed the documents regarding the Gloucester R.F.C. and Memorial Ground, and that they were now in the hands of the Club's Solicitor.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Mr. R. Collins complained about the high volume of the Juke Box in the Social Club. After a short discussion it was decided that the Social Committee look into this complaint.

The Chairman stated that an accusation was made to the Social Club Treasurer regarding the profits of the club for the season. He reported that the Committee member concerned was interviewed by the Chairman of the club; also the Chairman of the Social Club, and that a satisfactory result was obtained.

A discussion regarding temporary stands for the All Blacks match. No satisfactory result was forthcoming.

Mr. Dawe agreed to make further enquiries on the matter.

The Floodlighting was again discussed but nothing definite agreed.

A request was made for a shield to be fitted to the lamp in Deans Way Alley in order to clear the view of the scoreboard.

Next Meeting Monday 25th September.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed: A. G. Hudson.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB HELD AT KINGSHOLM ON MONDAY 25th SEPTEMBER, 1972.

PRESENT: Mr. G. Hudson, Dr. A. Alcock, Canon M. Hughes, Messrs. R. Morris, T. Day, M. Elway, P. Ford, T. Tandy, J. Holder, P. Hawker, C. Pope, T. Pritchard, D. Dawe, J. Fowke, G. Edmunds, F. Ewers, J. Haines, J. Hickie, D. Wadley, W. Cale, H. King, A. Lankester.

APOLOGIES: Mr. A. T. Voyce, Messrs. R. Collins, N. Duncalfe, H. Symonds, R. Long, T. Hopson.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

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

MATTERS ARISING.

Car Park.

After a short discussion it was decided that the County Council be contacted with a view to erecting a "PRIVATE CAR PARK" sign as soon as possible.

TEMPORARY STANDS.

Mr. P. Ford reported that negotiations were well in hand regarding the erection of two Temporary Stands for the Western Counties v. New Zealand match. This would provide seating for approximately 600 additional seats. Mr. D. Wadley agreed to inform the County Committee for a final decision.

ALLOCATION OF STAND TICKETS.

The question was raised re. allocation of Stand tickets for the forthcoming All Blacks match. It was agreed that a Sub-Committee be formed to deal with this. They were Messrs. J. Hickie, T. Tandy, H. King, C. Pope, D. Wadley, D. Dawe, and G. Hudson.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Russell Jessop informing the Committee that all present Trustees had now signed the documents regarding the Gloucester Rugby Football Ground and the Memorial Ground and that they were in the hands of the Club's solicitor.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. F. J. Price on behalf of the Jehovah's Witnesses confirming the use of Kingsholm on May 19th and 20th at a charge of £100.00.

A request to use the Club's bath and changing rooms for a Baptism Service on Sunday November 19th and 26th was considered impossible as these facilities are used by the Club on these days.

The Secretary read a letter from a Mr. E. C. Rogers complaining about the exit through the gates at Deans Walk after home matches. After a short discussion it was agreed to look into this matter.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Several complaints have been received regarding the outside Speaker System. It was agreed that an estimate be obtained from Telephone Rentals for a Broadcasting Installation to be installed.

A long discussion took place re. insufficient staff to control the setting and re-setting of the turnstile clocks. It was agreed that five Committee members be appointed to control the clocks and recording the figures at half time.

A suggestion from the Social Committee to support Wine and Light Refreshments prior to an evening game, to Patrons of the Club. After a short discussion it was proposed by Mr. J. Hickie and seconded by Mr. R. Morris that the suggestion be adopted.

A preview of the Social Club's end of the financial year Balance Sheet was given by Mr. T. Tandy. The Chairman congratulated the Treasurer, Mr. Elway, and his staff for such an encouraging report.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:10 p.m.

Date: 6 / 11 / 72.

Signed: A. G. Hudson.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB HELD AT KINGSHOLM ON MONDAY 6th NOVEMBER, 1972.

PRESENT: Mr. G. Hudson (Chairman), Messrs. A. Lankester, T. Day, R. Collins, P. Ford, J. Holder, W. Cale, C. Pope, R. Long, T. Pritchard, J. Haines, H. Symonds, M. Elway, T. Tandy, D. Wadley, J. Hickie, D. Dawe, G. Edmunds, P. Hawker, R. Morris, H. King.

APOLOGIES: Mr. A. T. Voyce, Dr. Alcock, Canon H. M. Hughes, Messrs. N. Duncalfe, T. Hopson.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

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

MATTERS ARISING.

There were no matters arising.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Complaint received from a Miss Harrison of Bristol re. seats in the White Hart Temporary Stand. She reported that her party of three had to stand during the game due to the fact that ground ticket holders completely obstructed their view. It was agreed that a refund of 50p per ticket be refunded.

Request from Mr. I. Jones on behalf of the British Police Rugby Section, for the use of Kingsholm on Wednesday 31st January 1973 to stage the annual fixture between the English Police and Welsh Police. This was granted subject to the Club receiving 15% of the gate or £100 minimum. Also subject to weather conditions.

Mr. D. Wadley read a letter received from L. G. Press Exchange Ltd. They were very disappointed that some of the adverts around the ground during the Western Counties v. All Blacks match were not seen on television due to the fact that children were sat in front of them. He also read out his reply to the advertising agents. At the time of the meeting no reply had been received.

The Secretary read a letter from the Referees Society inviting members of the Club to a dance at the Tredworth Rugby Social Club on Friday 10th November; 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Tickets 50p each.

Request from Mr. Tony Wainwright (Sports Master) from Hucclecote Secondary School to stage a Mini-Rugby Game, ages 9-13 years, before the Gloucester v. Saracens match on Saturday, December 23rd. It was agreed that the match be played in April due to the uncertainty of weather conditions in December, January, February and March.

The Secretary stated that there had been a request from the Gloucester Mobile Catering to station two Hot Dog-Beefburger vans on Kingsholm Rugby Ground on First Team match days. They were prepared to donate ten percent of gross takings to the Club. After a short discussion it was agreed to give it a trial, subject to a firm offer of £2.50 per van.

Mr. A. Hill, Sports Master of Saintbridge School requested the use of Kingsholm Rugby Ground for the Finals of Schools Seven-a-Side. This was agreed subject to the game being played one afternoon in April.

Mr. D. Dawe read a letter from Aberavon expressing thanks [for] altering game from Saturday 18th November, to Monday November 20th; 7:30 p.m. kick off. Mr. D. Dawe was requested to inform Aberavon that a kick off time of 7:00 p.m. would be more suitable.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

A discussion took place regarding alternation of dates for Club matches due to be played on International days.

It was proposed by Mr. T. Tandy and seconded by Mr. T. Pritchard that the Fixture Secretary re-arrange the London Scottish match from Saturday 6th January 1973 to Friday 5th January, and Guy's Hospital match from Saturday 17th March 1973 to Friday 16th March, 1973. Both games 7:00 p.m. kick off.

Mr. J. Haines, on behalf of the Combination asked -

(a) if the players playing for the Colts were insured. YES.

(b) Would the Committee agree for the Combination to play Bristol Combination under lights; date to be arranged. YES.

(c) Would the Gloucester United replay the Combination, due to the fact that previous game was abandoned because of fog. This was left to the United Captain and Selection Committee.

Mr. T. Tandy requested that Mr. E. Martin, instead of operating one of the turnstiles, supervise the men. This would give Committee members the opportunity to watch matches.

Mr. T. Tandy reported that a meeting of Gate Taking Clubs had taken place in London on Saturday 22nd October, unknown to the Gloucester Club. The Secretary was asked to write to Mr. Marsh requesting that the Club be informed of future meetings.

The Chairman read a letter from the Secretary tendering his resignation due to the increased work involved, stating that he is prepared to continue until the position is filled. After a short discussion it was agreed that members give this careful consideration and the matter be discussed at the next meeting.

SUB COMMITTEE MEETING.

It was agreed that the Centenary Committee should meet on Monday 13th November, and the Finance Committee on Tuesday 21st November.

This concluded the Meeting.

Date: 27 / 11 / 72.

Signed: A. G. Hudson.

MINUTES OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT KINGSHOLM ON MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER, 1972.

PRESENT: Mr. G. Hudson (Chairman), Mr. A. T. Voyce, Dr. A. Alcock, Canon M. Hughes, Messrs. R. Morris, T. Day, A. Lankester, T. Hopson, P. Ford, C. Pope, T. Pritchard, M. Elway, D. Dawe, R. Long, J. Fowke, G. Edmunds, J. Haines, F. Ewers, N. Duncalfe, W. Cale, J. Holder, H. King, T. Tandy, D. Wadley.

APOLOGIES: Messrs. H. Symonds, P. Hawker, R. Collins.

MINUTES.

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

ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

The Secretary read out two applications for the vacant position; from Mr. R. Long and Mr. A. Lankester.

It was proposed by Canon M. Hughes and seconded by Mr. R. Morris that a ballot be taken. Mr. R. Long was duly elected.

It was agreed that Mr. H. King be invited to the next General Committee Meeting when a decision as to his position would be decided.

MATTERS ARISING.

The Secretary reported that he had accepted a figure of £2.50p. per van per match for the sale of Hot Dogs, etc., to be sold on the ground by the Gloucester Mobile Catering Co., Ltd.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. D. Dawe reported that the next round of the Rugby Union Knock Out with Bristol had been arranged for Wednesday 10th January, 1973. Venue to be decided later. Mr. Dawe offered to be present at Bristol when the draw takes place.

Letter received from the Gloucestershire Rugby Football Union re. County Cup Competition, requesting the Club to send suggestions of rules and methods of entry into the competition for 1973/74. It was agreed that at least one Committee member be present at the meeting in February.

PLAYERS' DANCE.

A long discussion took place regarding the damage caused to the Social Club during the Players' Dance on November 11th. It was finally agreed that the Social Club Committee meet at a date to be arranged to discuss this matter.

SHOWERS.

Mr. J. Bayliss complained that the showers were inadequate for the players on training nights. This was fully discussed and it was decided that Mr. Wadley make enquiries to have extra showers installed in the Visitors' Room.

FINANCE REPORT.

The Minutes of the Finance Sub-Committee [Meeting] held on 20th November were distributed to the meeting. Mr. D. Dawe outlined details, reporting that season tickets were up by £900. Gate receipts were up £800 up to the corresponding period of last year. £2,350 had already been spent on repairs and renewals of which £625 was received from the "200 Club".

Already this season £14,612 had been handled by Club officials. Payments made have been £11,807, leaving a balance of £2,805 at the bank.

GROUND.

It was suggested that Suttons' of Reading be approached for professional advice on improving the playing surface of the ground. The Secretary was requested to write to Suttons' arranging for one of their representatives to meet Committee members to discuss this problem.

STREET LIGHTING.

The Secretary was again requested to get in touch with the Street Lighting Department to see if it is possible for a shield to be fitted over the lamp in the Alley Way between Deans Walk and St. Marks Street.

Date of next meeting - Tuesday, January 2nd, 1973.

Date: ¹

Signed: A. G. Hudson.

¹ Date not recorded.

MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB HELD ON TUESDAY 2nd JANUARY 1973, AT KINGSHOLM.

Present: Messrs. A. T. Voyce, A. G. Hudson, R. Collins, C. Pope, T. Day, F. Ewers, R. Morris, M. Elway, J. Bayliss, T. Tandy, P. Hawker, T. Pritchard, D. Dawe, G. Edmunds, J. Haines, W. Cale, A. Lankester, D. Wadley, T. Hopson, R. Long.

Apologies: Messrs. N. Duncalfe, P. Ford, H. King, J. Hickie, Canon M. Hughes.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING.

Showers.

Mr. J. Bayliss stated that he considered that the proposed three extra showers to be installed in the Visitors' Changing Room would still not be adequate for the numbers turning up for training. At the present time, on a private basis, they had arranged for the main boiler to be fired on training nights.

After considerable discussion on the problems involved in installing adequate washing facilities in the existing Changing Rooms, which in themselves were in a very poor condition, the Committee agreed that the Ground Committee should fully investigate and review this problem and look into the possibilities of installing new changing facilities under the Main Stand. If this was feasible, it was considered that the existing building could then be used as a Gym/Training Hall.

It was agreed that the Chairman and Secretary should speak to Mr. Stroud on the matter of stoking the boiler for training nights.

Rugby Pitch.

The Secretary said he had received a letter from Suttons Seeds stating that they would make arrangements for a representative to visit the Club, by appointment.

Scoreboard Street Light.

The Secretary said that Mr. King had been in touch with the M.E.B. regarding the street light at the back of the scoreboard but so far he had not heard any results from these negotiations.

Committee Membership.

The Secretary reminded the Committee that it had been suggested that Mr. King, as ex-Secretary, should continue in attendance at Committee meetings until the next Annual General Meeting.

After some discussion, the Committee agreed that Mr. King be invited to attend all future Committee meetings until the next A.G.M., as a non-voting member, and that the honorarium due to him as Hon. Secretary for the year should be paid in full.

3. CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary read a letter from a Mr. Clutterbuck who asked if games may be started earlier than 3:15 p.m. It was agreed that if this was altered there would be some saving on floodlight costs and it would probably be convenient to spectators to leave earlier and have the added advantage of the results of games being published on T.V. and radio.

The Committee agreed that the kick-off times should be reviewed but it was not practical to put it into operation until next year. The Secretary was asked to write to Mr. Clutterbuck accordingly.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Floodlights.

Mr. Bayliss raised the question of the number of lamps that were not working on the floodlights. The Treasurer stated that all floodlights had been replaced recently but the Club were still having a great number of lamps failing. He had made enquiries through the M.E.B. who were not very helpful and so he had referred the whole problem to Mitchells, who installed the floodlights. Mitchells had agreed for a representative from G.E.C. to visit the ground to discuss the problem.

International Tickets.

Mr. Morris raised the question of the number of tickets received by the Club for the England International game against New Zealand at Twickenham, in relation to the proportion of tickets received by minor clubs. He also suggested that the Committee should be kept informed of the number of tickets available for issue.

Considerable discussion ensued and it was agreed that an attempt should be made to collate examples of the tickets received by local clubs in comparison with Gloucester R.F.C. and the results be sent to the Rugby Football Union.

The Secretary pointed out that several other gate-taking clubs were also concerned about this matter and were proposing to raise the problem with the R.F.U.

N. Glos. Combination.

Mr. Haines, the N.G.C. representative, said that he had been asked by the Combination to raise the question of S. Boyle playing for G.R.F.C. when it was believed that the Club had not mentioned the matter to the Old Richians' Committee. Mr. Haines was advised that S. Boyle had played in all the Gloucester trials and paid his subscription at the beginning of the season and was, therefore, a member of G.R.F.C. Mr. Haines said that he would inform the Old Richians' representative.

Mr. Bayliss pointed out that a Gloucester player had been asked to play for Gordon League without any approach being made to the Club. It was agreed that this fact should be noted but left in abeyance.

Fixtures.

Cardiff.

The Fixture Secretary read a letter from Cardiff R.F.C. asking if Gloucester R.F.C. could re-arrange their away match with Cardiff that was cancelled on December 6th. After consideration, it was agreed that the Fixture Secretary should reply that, owing to congestion of fixtures, it was unlikely that we would be able to re-arrange this game.

Kidderminster-CAROLIANS.

The Fixture Secretary said that he had arranged a match with the United Fifteen v. Kidderminster-CAROLIANS at Kidderminster for the afternoon of January 27th.

Colts.

Mr. Ewers said fixtures had been arranged for the Colts to play on 16th January against the Forest of Dean Colts, and on 7th March against Leicester Colts; both at home.

Leicester Extra 1sts.

Mr. Hopson pointed out that this game, scheduled for January 13th at home, would clash with the County Quarter Final game. It was agreed that the Secretary should approach Mr. Hickie to see if the match could be played on the Hatherley School ground in the morning.

Public School Wanderers.

The Fixture Secretary was asked if he had obtained permission from the R.F.U. for the Public School Wanderers game at Kingsholm.

The Fixture Secretary said he did not consider it was the Club's responsibility but that of the Public School Wanderers who had arranged the game. It was argued that, as G.R.F.C. ground was being used, the responsibility rested with the Club.

On the suggestion of Mr. Tandy, it was agreed that the Fixture Secretary should write to the R.F.U. and ask if the Public School Wanderers had obtained their permission for the game to be played at Kingsholm.

Ties.

Mr. Tandy produced some samples as suggestions for a Centenary tie. Several suggestions were made regarding modification and it was agreed that the red and white motif should be omitted, the main motif should be larger, and the letters G.R.F.C. should be included. It was thought that the ties should be available in two or three ranges of colour. Mr. Tandy agreed that he would arrange for the firm to submit a modified design.

Players' Ties.

Mr. Elway asked if he could have the Committee's guidance on the procedure for issuing ties to players who qualified for them; the qualification he understood was to have played 21 games for either Club side. He pointed out that he kept these ties in the Social Club but was not in a position to check the number of games the player had had.

Mr. Bayliss suggested that it would be more of an honour if a player could be presented with a tie free after 21 games. This suggestion met with general approval. After further discussion and at the suggestion of the Chairman, it was agreed that a player should be presented formally with a tie, free, after 21 games for either Club side.

The President, in endorsing this suggestion, generously offered to donate the ties and present them himself. The offer was gratefully accepted.

Report from the Treasurer.

The Treasurer reported £522 had been received in payment for the advertisements on the ground and that all monies due for rent for the car park had been received.

Sub-Committee Meetings.

Sub-Committee Meetings were arranged as follows:-

Gates Sub-Committee - Friday, 12th January 1973, at 7:00 p.m.

Ground Sub-Committee - Friday, 12th January 1973, at 8:00 p.m.

Date of the next meeting - Monday, 29th January 1973.

Date: 29 / 1 / 73.

Signed: A. G. Hudson.

GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB HELD ON MONDAY 29th JANUARY 1973, at KINGSHOLM.

Present: Messrs. A. G. Hudson, A. T. Voyce, R. Collins, R. Morris, T. Day, P. Ford, T. Tandy, J. Holder, T. Pritchard, M. Elway, N. Duncalfe, D. Wadley, J. Fowke, C. Pope, F. Ewers, J. Haines, W. Cale, A. Lankester, R. Long, J. Hickie, H. Symonds, D. Dawe, P. Hawker, D. Pegler, Canon M. Hughes.

Apologies: Dr. Alcock, Mr. H. King.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

2. Matters Arising.

(a) Showers and Changing Facilities.

This matter was still in the hands of the Ground Sub-Committee. The Secretary said various plans had been drawn up and would be considered in the near future.

(b) Scoreboard Light.

The Secretary said that as Mr. King was not present, he did not know what progress had been made in this matter.

(c) Floodlights.

The Secretary reported that the matter had been attended to and lamps replaced, but the G.E.C. representative had not yet visited the ground.

(d) Centenary Ties.

Mr. Tandy showed the Committee the final design for the Centenary tie and suggested that these should be distributed before the Club tie was made available. The Committee agreed.

(e) Fixtures - Cardiff.

The Fixture Secretary read a letter which he had received from Cardiff, suggesting that the home game arranged on the 7th April 1973 should be played away so that the Cardiff game in 1974 in the Club Centenary year could be arranged as a Home game.

After discussion, the Committee unanimously agreed not to alter the fixture.

The Fixture Secretary said that, in view of this letter, he had not written to Cardiff regarding the re-arrangement of the cancelled game which should have been played on the 6th December. He said he also understood that, contrary to the minutes of the last meeting, he was not supposed to notify Cardiff that we could not re-arrange the game if we lost the knock-out game against Bristol.

Considerable discussion ensued as to the merits of attempting to re-arrange this fixture. It was proposed by Mr. T. Day, seconded by Mr. J. Hickie, that Cardiff be asked if they were willing to play the game at Cardiff on Monday, 19th March, 1973.

An amendment was proposed by Mr. R. Collins, seconded by Mr. R. Morris, that the game should not be re-arranged. On a vote, the proposition was carried.

The Fixture Secretary was asked to make arrangements with Cardiff and if this date was not suitable to them, then the game should be cancelled.

3. Correspondence.

(a) The Secretary read a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Gate-Taking Clubs, asking for specific points for a meeting to be held on Friday, 23rd February, 1973. The Secretary was asked to include:-

(i) a protest re. the organisation for the Knock-Out Final in the previous year.

(ii) comment on the Barbarians/New Zealand game being added at the last minute to the national T.V. programme, thereby causing disruption to gates and the necessity to re-organise games.

The Chairman asked Committee members to ring the Secretary if they had any further points to add.

Mr. P. Ford was nominated as representative of the Club at the meeting and the Chairman asked anyone who would like to volunteer as second representative to notify the Secretary.

(b) Oxford Sevens.

The Secretary read a letter from the Tournament Secretary of the Oxfordshire R.F.U. inviting the Club to take part in the Oxford Sevens. The Committee considered that the Club could not enter this competition if it had to go through the preliminary rounds, as it would be too arduous a commitment in addition to the existing fixtures. The Secretary was asked to notify them accordingly.

(c) Letter from Gloucestershire Rugby Football Union.

The Secretary read a letter from the Gloucestershire R.F.U. stating that there would be a Course for Coaches run from 25th to 28th July, 1973. The Committee decided that Mr. M. Booth's name should be submitted for this course, as he was willing to attend, and that the fee should be paid by the Club.

4. Gates Sub-Committee Report.

The Secretary gave the Committee the details of the arrangements made for the organisation for the checking of meters on the entrance gates and also the arrangements that were being made to try to improve the control in taking money on the car park.

The Committee noted with approval the measures taken and the obvious improvements in the reduction of error on the meters against tickets sold.

5. Players' Travelling Arrangements.

The Secretary said this matter had been referred from the Extraordinary Meeting called on Monday, 22nd January. He reminded the Committee that it was the question raised by the Captain who asked for a sit down lunch to be provided as in the past, instead of the present allowance of 50p. per player which was now given for a snack, as requested by the previous years' Captain. The Committee agreed that this matter should be left in abeyance for the present playing year but that Mr. Symonds, the Players' Representative, should hold discussions with the Players to obtain their views, in the hope of making a final decision on the problem for next year.

6. Any Other Business.

(a) Photos.

The Players' Representative stated that all players had been given their photos for the previous season. Two players had pointed out that tradition had not been carried through as the photo had not been taken against the clubhouse background, and had suggested the picture be taken again. The Committee did not agree with this suggestion but noted that for the current year the clubhouse should feature in the photograph.

The Secretary of the Social Club mentioned that the photos for the past four years had not been framed or put in the clubhouse. It was agreed arrangements should be made for this.

(b) Bath Match.

The Fixture Secretary said that this game still had to be re-arranged. The Committee agreed that the details and the decision should be left to the Fixtures Sub-Committee.

(c) Northampton Game/County Final - 3rd March.

Mr. T. Day pointed out that the Northampton game on the 3rd March would now clash with the County Final. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that this game should be played as arranged in view of the fact that it had twice been re-arranged in the previous two years.

(d) United Game - Kidderminster.

The Chairman stated that he would like to bring to the attention of the Committee certain difficulties and problems that had arisen after the United game against Kidderminster on Saturday, 27th January. He stated that he had been kept fully informed on the problem, which had been one where a vote had been taken by the Captain before the bus left Kingsholm and it was decided that the team would return at 6:30 p.m. Besides the Captain, two other players had early evening engagements and would have travelled independently by car if it had not been decided that the bus should return early.

In the event, the majority of the players wished to reverse their decision and wanted to stay on. The Captain and three players returned in the bus, leaving the Committee man with the problem of having to organise alternative transport. A mini-bus was hired, at a cost of £10. This money had been paid out, on the Chairman's authority, from the Social Club funds.

Mr. T. Day, as Chairman of the selection Sub-Committee, said that this matter had been raised by the Captain at their meeting earlier in the evening and he gave the Captain's version of what occurred.

Mr. Ewers, as the Committee man responsible, informed the Committee of the very difficult situation which had arisen.

After discussion on the very difficult principle of the responsibilities between the Captain and the Committee's representative on the coach, it was agreed that Mr. Ewers had made the best arrangements possible and that the cost would be met from Club funds and the Treasurer should pay the money to the Social Club.

The Secretary was asked to write a letter to the Kidderminster Club thanking them for their hospitality and assistance in obtaining a coach for the players to return to Gloucester.

7. Sub-Committee Meetings.

Ground Committee	-	Monday 5th February 1973 - 7:00 p.m.
Centenary Sub-Committee	-	Monday 5th February 1973 - 9:00 p.m.
Fixture Sub-Committee	-	Thursday 15th February [1973] - 7:30 p.m.
General Meeting	-	Monday 26th February 1973 - 7:30 p.m.

Signed: A. G. Hudson.

GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held at Kingsholm on Monday 26th February, 1973.

Present: Messrs. Hudson, Voyce, Symonds, Day, Ford, Tandy, King, Holder, Pritchard, Elway, Hopson, Morris, Pope, Ewers, Haines, Cale, Bayliss, Lankester, Dawe, Collins, Hawker, Canon Hughes.

Apologies: Messrs. Edmunds, Hickie, Duncalfe, Wadley, Dr. Alcock.

1. The Minutes of the meeting held on January 29th 1973 were approved and signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING.

Oxford Sevens.

The Secretary said nothing had been heard in reply to our letter on this matter.

Gloucestershire R.F.U. Coaching Course.

The Secretary confirmed that Mr. Booth had agreed to go on this course and the Club had sent the appropriate fee.

Travel Arrangements.

Mr. Elway referred to the decision of the Committee at the last meeting to continue the present lunch arrangements for long distance matches and asked if the players understood the situation. Mr. Symonds, Players' Representative, stated that there had not been a meeting before the Swansea game but he had explained the situation to the players since then, who had wished him to raise the question once more, as considerable discussion had taken place on the problem at the last Players' meeting.

Middlesex Sevens.

The Secretary stated that no details had been received yet.

3. CORRESPONDENCE.

(a) The Secretary read a letter from Bristol R.F.C. acknowledging the Club's letter of apology and stating that they now considered the matter closed.

(b) Gloucestershire R.F.U. had written to ask if the County Colts match v. Warwickshire could be held at Kingsholm on Saturday, 28th April. The Committee agreed, the charges to be as last time; one third of the gate.

(c) Esher R.F.U. had written to ask if the Club would play in their Sevens on 11th April. After some discussion the Committee agreed with the Chairman of the Selectors and the Captain that a team could not be sent, due to the 1st XV and United commitments.

(d) An invitation had been received from Exeter R.F.U. for a representative, plus lady, to a Dinner and Ball to celebrate their Centenary on Friday 30th March, 1973. Committee members were asked to let the Secretary know if they wished to attend.

4. CENTENARY SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT.

The Secretary read the Minutes of the meeting, which were accepted and noted by the Committee.

5. GROUND SUB-COMMITTEE.

The Secretary read the Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 1973. Arising from the Minutes, Mr. Cale was asked if he had been able to deal with *[[document damaged; word, or words missing]]* lighting the scoreboard. He stated that there was cable available which could be hung from the Grandstand to the scoreboard on a wire support. He would try to make arrangements for this to be fitted as soon as possible.

New Changing Quarters.

The Committee agreed to the recommendation of the Ground Sub-Committee that this matter now be referred to the Finance Sub-Committee to examine, when the Secretary had obtained some estimates of the costs.

The Chairman reported the Ground Company would pay for the repair of the gates. The Chairman stated he had talked to Mr. Stroud regarding payment for putting the boilers on, on training nights. The Committee agreed that Mr. Stroud should be paid £1.00 per week extra for the two training nights.

6. REPORT BY FIXTURE SUB-COMMITTEE.

(a) Cardiff.

The Fixture Secretary stated that Cardiff could not play on March 19th. The game was therefore cancelled.

(b) Guy's Hospital.

This game had been re-arranged for Friday, March 16th.

(c) Capt. Krawshay's Fifteen.

Mr. Dawe reported that he had correspondence with the Secretary who had told him that the Welsh R.F.U. refused permission for Capt. Krawshay's Fifteen to play Gloucester in their Centenary Year.

(d) U.A.U. Fifteen.

The Fixture Secretary stated that he had been asked what guarantee would be given for this fixture. The Committee decided £50.00.

(e) Gloucester v. British Police.

£100.00 guarantee had been asked for this game. The Committee decided £60.00 should be offered.

(f) South Wales Police.

A letter had been sent but no reply received.

(g) Stroud Game.

Now fixed for September 5th.

(h) Army Fixtures.

The Army had requested that from 1973/74 onwards games with them should be played alternately at Gloucester and Aldershot. It was agreed that the Fixture Secretary should write to the Army informing them that they would only be prepared to play them at Gloucester. [sic]

(j) Boxing Day Fixture.

The Fixture Secretary said a request had been received from Cheltenham to play alternate fixtures Home and Away on Boxing Day. This request was refused for the time being.

(k) Cleve Fixture.

The Fixture Secretary said he had re-arranged this game for 28th March, at Gloucester. After discussion, he was asked to alter this date to 29th March.

(l) Truro.

The Fixture Secretary said an invitation had been received asking the Club if they would arrange a game against Truro whilst the Club was on tour in April. The Secretary said that, due to a misunderstanding, this matter had not been passed on to the Players' Representative and he would deal with the matter immediately.

(m) Stroud R.F.C. Sevens.

A request had been received from Stroud to play in their Sevens on April 7th, 1974. The letter had been passed to the Team Secretary to investigate.

(n) Taunton R.F.C.

Taunton R.F.C. had written requesting a game with Gloucester in their Centenary Year 1975/76. The Committee agreed to a fixture being arranged on a Monday or Wednesday.

(o) Newport United.

There was a possibility that Newport United would have a fixture arranged in Paris on Saturday, 24th March. If this fixture were confirmed they asked if Gloucester would consider changing our game to the following Monday. As this was the possible date for the County Final, and we may wish to alter the 1st Fifteen fixture, it was decided that we agree.

(p) French Tour.

The Players' Representative asked if it would be possible to arrange a match against a French team, in France. Mr. P. Ford said that in his opinion the Club might be able to get a £300.00 guarantee for a game and it should be possible to contact a French club. The suggestion met with general approval and the Fixture Secretary and Sub-Committee were asked to look into the matter.

(q) Bath Fixture.

It was agreed that this postponed game could be played Away on Wednesday, 25th April.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(a) Players' Meeting.

The Players' Representative gave a report on a meeting held by the players. He had been asked to raise with the Committee the following matters:-

(i) Lunch Arrangements.

He stated that he had discussed the matter, as raised at the previous General Committee, with the players. The general feeling was one of dissatisfaction with the present arrangements. Opinions varied between being given an allowance and a meal being provided. The suggestion, however, was that on long Away trips (these to be decided) each player should be given £1.00 to cover food costs. Considerable discussion ensued.

A proposition was made by Mr. Bayliss, seconded by Mr. Morris, that for the rest of the season 50p. be paid, except for certain matches such as Northampton and Exeter, where a meal at a hotel be arranged.

An amendment was proposed by Mr. Ford and seconded by Mr. Tandy, that the matter be left for this season, as agreed at the last General Committee Meeting and that the whole question be reviewed at the beginning of next season with the Captain and the Players' Representative.

On a vote, the amendment was carried by a large majority.

The Chairman asked the Players' Representative to now make the matter clear to all the players.

(ii) Cancelled Matches.

Mr. Symonds said inconvenience had been caused to some players from a distance when the Pontypool United game had been cancelled late on the Saturday morning. He asked if a list could be put up by the phone of relevant phone numbers and Players' numbers, so that they could be contacted immediately. The Committee agreed to this and asked the Secretary to look into it.

(iii) Knock-Out Competition Caps.

The Players' Secretary said that the players were feeling a bit aggrieved because no action had been taken to implement the proposed award of caps to the players who had taken part in the Knock-Out Competition in the previous year.

The Chairman said that Mr. Brinn had agreed to quote for the caps but had had great difficulty in getting a firm to supply them. He thought the cost might be in the region of £7.50 per cap.

(b) Colts Match, March 7th.

Mr. Ewers asked if, for the game against Leicester, kick-off could be at 7:30 p.m. This was agreed. He asked if the ground could be used on a Sunday morning for a training session. This was agreed.

(c) Combination Finals.

Mr. Haines asked if the Combination Finals could be played on Monday April 16th (Juniors), and Wednesday April 18th (Seniors). The Committee agreed in principle but reserved the right to cancel the matches at short notice if the weather was bad.

(d) Gate-Taking Clubs' Meeting.

Mr. P. Ford gave the meeting a comprehensive report on the Gate-Taking Clubs' meeting which he had attended in London. He said considerable discussion had taken place on the allocation of tickets for Internationals and the principle of International matches being shown on TV.

Some consideration had been given to the organisation of the Knock-Out Competition, on the lines that it should be an Open competition as opposed to being organised on a Regional basis.

Mr. Collins asked if it would not be possible to arrange with HTV for local games to be televised and to gain some income from this source. It was agreed that this suggestion might be considered.

Mr. Ford said considerable discussion had taken place regarding proposals to be put to the Mallerby Committee. The Gate-Taking Clubs were about to meet this Committee on the 31st March.

The Committee decided that the Club should submit their own views to the Gate-Taking Clubs Committee and consequently a Sub-Committee was formed to discuss these. The Committee members were asked to submit any views they may hold to the Sub-Committee as soon as possible. The Sub-Committee elected were:-

Messrs. T. Voyce, P. Ford, D. Wadley, R. Long, T. Tandy, and D. Dawe.

The Committee to meet on Monday 5th March at 7:30 p.m.

(e) Mr. Elway again raised the question of cars being parked without payment on the car park. The Secretary was asked to check with the Treasurer to see if he had written to the County Council on this matter.

(f) V.A.T.

The question of payment of V.A.T. for the last three Home matches after 1st April was raised. After discussion the Committee decided to act on the Treasurer's recommendation that the 10% increase on the tickets sold at the gate should be absorbed by the Club.

(g) County Representative on the R.F.U.

The Chairman said that nominations were due by 1st March for County representation on the R.F.U. At the present moment, the positions were held by Mr. J. V. Smith and Mr. K. Cottle.

Mr. Ford was asked if he was willing to put his name forward. He stated he was not prepared to accept nomination this year but would certainly consider the matter next year. He would, however, be very happy if other names were put forward for this year.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Monday, 26th March, 1973.

Signed: A. G. Hudson.

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Present: Messrs. Hudson, Voyce, Morris, Day, Collins, Ford, Tandy, Elway, Hawker, Pritchard, Pope, Dawe, Edmunds, Haines, Cale, Ewers, Lankester, Long.

1. APOLOGIES.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. Duncalfe, Fowke, Hopson, King, Wadley, Canon Hughes, Dr. Alcock.

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26th February 1973 were approved and signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING.

Oxford Sevens.

The Secretary stated he had heard nothing further from Oxford R.F.U. and therefore assumed that the Club would not be allowed to play unless they went through the preliminary rounds.

Middlesex Sevens.

The Secretary stated that the Treasurer had received approximately 150 tickets and it was agreed that the Committee members should notify the Treasurer of the number of tickets they required.

Scoreboard Lighting.

This work was still awaiting the availability of an electrician. Mr. Cale had the matter in hand.

Perimeter Fencing.

The Chairman said there was difficulty in stopping the members of the public lifting the plastic covered wire erected by the County Council and crawling underneath it. Mr. Ford suggested that this problem be referred back to the County Council to ask them to make the perimeter secure. The Committee agreed that the Secretary should write to the County Council on this matter.

New Changing Quarters.

The Secretary said that, owing to the illness of the Treasurer, it had not been possible to have the Finance Sub-Committee meeting on this matter to date.

Truro.

The Secretary stated that, due to insufficient number of United players being available, it was not possible to arrange a fixture against Truro whilst the Club was on tour.

French Tour.

The Secretary said this matter had not been looked into so far. Mr. Ford advised that it would be best to take it up with Mr. D. Rutherford when he visited the Club regarding arrangements for the match against his Fifteen in our Centenary Year.

Cancelled Matches.

The Secretary stated that he had not so far made a list of players and essential telephone numbers, as he had decided with the Team Secretary that this would best be done during the close season ready for next year.

Knock-Out Competition Caps.

The Chairman stated that Mr. Brinn had given him an approximate price of £7.50 per cap and that they had been ordered. The Players' Representative raised a query regarding whether this was the total amount that was going to be spent on the players who had contributed to winning the Final Knock-Out Competition, as the players were under the impression that a figure of £10.00 per player was to be spent.

Considerable discussion ensued and the Committee unanimously decided that when the caps were received they would be presented at a suitable social occasion arranged by the Committee. The Secretary was asked to obtain a written estimate from Mr. Brinn, confirming the cost of the caps.

Mallerby Committee.

The Secretary said the Sub-Committee had sat and submitted points to the Gate-Taking Clubs Committee for submission to the Mallerby Committee. This letter could be seen by Committee members on request to the Secretary.

4. CORRESPONDENCE.

(a) Floodlights.

The Secretary read a letter from Mitchells and Osram/GEC regarding modifications to the floodlights in order to try to reduce the wastage on lamps. Osram/GEC quoted a sum of £525 for replacing fittings and lamp holders, which they suggested might solve the problem.

After discussion the Committee decided to refer the matter to the Ground Sub-Committee who were to ask Mr. Chappell, the local GEC Area Manager to attend in an advisory capacity. Mr. Voyce raised the question of charges for lights when the Club let their ground to other Rugby Unions and Clubs, as he considered they were insufficient. It was agreed that the charges should be raised for the use of floodlights on future occasions.

(b) Car Park - Kingsholm.

The Secretary read a letter received from Gloucestershire County Council on the use of the car park by heavy transport and also stating that they would possibly require to use the park during weekdays until 7:00 p.m.

The Committee considered that the use of the car park outside the terms already agreed would violate the present contract and instructed the Secretary to write accordingly to the County Council. In respect of heavy transport, Mr. Symonds suggested that a height-restricting barrier with padlock should be erected at 6'6" to stop unauthorised heavy transport using the car park. The Committee considered this an excellent idea and instructed the Secretary to ask the County Council to have a barrier of this nature installed.

(c) Star Centre, Ullenwood.

The Secretary read a letter from the Secretary of the Star Centre at Ullenwood which asked for a contribution to the Star Centre.

It was suggested that a collection could be taken at the Senior Combination Final on the 18th April. It was agreed that the Secretary should contact the Secretary of the Combination to ask if they had any objection.

5. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS - SOCIAL CLUB.

Mr. Tandy presented the audited accounts for the Social Club for the year ending 31st August, 1972. In answer to a query on the purchase of a fruit machine, Mr. Tandy said maintenance charges would be too high unless an electrician could be found privately to maintain it. It was agreed that this was not possible.

In complementing the Treasurer on the good results, Mr. Collins asked if the Social Club would be giving a contribution from the increased assets to the General Account. Mr. Tandy stated that, in consultation with the Treasurer, it was considered to be more advantageous to the Club to keep the surplus in the Social Club until it was urgently required by the General Funds. They had in mind a donation for the Changing Room improvement costs. Mr. Ford proposed, seconded by Mr. J. Hickie, a vote of thanks to the Social Club Treasurer and to the Secretary and his staff for the very excellent results over the past year and moved that the accounts be approved. The Committee unanimously accepted the motion.

6. PATRONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

The Secretary stated that it was now time to start considering the policy for approaching Patrons for the following year. Mr. Pope said that a Sub-Committee meeting should be held in the near future but he would be glad to have the views of members of the main Committee so that they could be considered by the Sub-Committee.

Some suggestions were: a combined ticket for husband and wife, a repeat of the Sherry Party, and the use of the Centre Stand for Patrons only, providing enough Patrons were obtained to fill the Stand.

The Committee agreed that every effort should be made to improve on the excellent results obtained in the previous year.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(a) Mr. Hickie requested that the Gloucester Boys v. Manchester Boys Under-15 Schools Group be invited to attend, free of charge, the 1st XV game v. Cardiff on Saturday, 31st March. The Committee agreed and suggested that the boys be allocated seats in the Wing Stand.

(b) Mr. Ewers asked if the Colts Fifteen travelling to Leicester on Saturday could be given a meal on the way, as they left at 10:30 a.m. The Committee agreed to this, with the proviso that the bus stopped at a normal Club stopping place and the bill was settled with the cashier at the end by Mr. Ewers.

(c) Ladies' Match.

The Players' Representative asked if the ground could be used on a Sunday afternoon at the end of the season for a repeat of the Ladies v. Players match, if the ladies could produce a team. This was agreed.

(d) Selection of Captains.

The Players' Representative asked if a different system for selecting the Captains for the Centenary Year and possibly future years could be devised and organised. He suggested that the present system, which he agreed had been in use for many years, was in need of revising as he felt that very often the first name proposed was elected without the opportunity of other names coming forward, due to a reluctance at a public meeting of players to nominate a second name.

The Committee considered the proposal to be one of great importance and views were divided on whether or not the system should be changed or left as at present. The Committee decided that further consideration be given to this matter and a separate meeting should be arranged where it could be discussed in greater detail.

(e) Dates of Future Meetings.

Special General Committee Meeting:	Monday 9th April 8:00 p.m.
Patrons Sub-Committee:	Monday 9th April 7:00 p.m.
Ground Sub-Committee:	Monday 9th April 7:00 p.m.
General Committee Meeting:	Monday 7th May 7:30 p.m.
Club Photograph:	Monday 7th May 7:00 p.m.

Signed: A. G. Hudson.

GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Minutes of a Meeting of the General Committee held at Kingsholm on Monday 7th May, 1973.

Present: Messrs. Hudson, Voyce, Morris, Day, Ford, King, Elway, Holder, Tandy, Pritchard, Dawe, Pope, Ewers, Collins, Haines, Cale, Edmunds, Duncalfe, Wadley, Lankester, Long, Bayliss, Symonds, Dr. Alcock, Canon Hughes.

1. Apologies.

An apology was received from Mr. P. Hawker.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26th March 1973 were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising.

Scoreboard Lighting.

The Secretary said Mr. Cale was having difficulty in obtaining labour to do the work on the scoreboard lighting. It was agreed the Secretary should see Mr. D. Meadows about this matter.

Perimeter Fencing.

The Secretary said no reply had been received so far from the County Council.

Floodlights.

The Chairman reported that he had been unable to contact the G.E.C. representative, but that he would hope to do so within the next few days.

4. Correspondence.

Cheltenham R.F.C.

A letter had been received from Cheltenham R.F.C. inviting one guest from the Club to their Annual Dinner on the 18th May, 1973. Mr. T. Pritchard accepted this invitation.

Stroud R.F.C.

A letter had been received from Stroud R.F.C. inviting two representatives from the Club to their Annual Dinner on the 18th May. Mr. R. Morris and Mr. D. Pegler said they would accept the invitation.

Gloucestershire R.F.C.

A letter had been received inviting the Club to enter the County Cup Competition and to take part from the Quarter Final stage. After consideration, the Committee decided that they did not wish to enter this competition at the present time.

British Publishing Company.

The Secretary read a letter from the British Publishing Company concerning material for the Centenary publication. This was left for the Secretary and Chairman to deal with Mr. Arthur Russell after the meeting.

Star Centre.

The Secretary read a letter from the Secretary of the Star Centre thanking the Club for allowing the Star Centre to make a collection at the Combination Final. The amount raised was £49.80. It was agreed that a copy of this letter should be sent to the Combination Secretary.

City of Gloucester Social Services.

A letter had been received from the Social Services asking for a donation of £10 or the donation of some equipment to assist in work for helping delinquent children. The Committee decided this should be considered by the Finance Committee.

Rugby Football Union.

The Secretary read a letter regarding the Annual General Meeting of the R.F.U. on 13th July 1973, at 5:00 p.m. This matter was held over, to be brought forward at the next meeting.

Harlequins Football Club.

The Secretary read a letter from the Harlequins, in which they put forward an argument for a differential penalty in place of the existing penalty law.

After some discussion, the Committee decided to refer this matter to the Selection Committee to discuss and to refer back their recommendations on this matter to the General Committee.

Moseley Football Club.

An invitation was received from Moseley Football Club for a representative, preferably the President, to attend their Centenary Dinner on the 28th September, 1973.

The Committee agreed that this invitation should be accepted and instructed the Secretary to reply and to say that the name of the Club representative would be forwarded at a later date.

5. Report of Patrons' Sub-Committee.

Mr. Pope gave a brief resumé of the Patrons' sub-committee. He stated that the most important item was contained in the Finance Sub-Committee's report regarding the recommendations as to the changes for Patrons' tickets for next year. He said until this had been decided he could not circulate patrons. He said Mr. Tandy was looking into the possibility of increasing advertising space in the programme.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Pope for his work and the work of his Committee and said it was making a valuable contribution to the funds of the Club.

6. Report of Finance Sub-Committee.

The Chairman, Mr. Dawe, read the Minutes of the Finance Sub-Committee meeting of the 26th April 1973, which recommended increases in the charges for season tickets and admission to the ground to cover V.A.T., and also the Committee's views on finances available to improve the club house facilities.

Mr. Dawe said that whatever was decided regarding club house facilities, the Finance Committee were of the opinion that money was available for this project but a loan of about £5,000 would have to be obtained if the cost were in the region of £15,000. He stated, however, that the Finance Committee felt that further consideration should be given to the existing club house being improved and felt that the building should have a thorough detailed survey to see if it was possible to make improvements to the basic structure and to find out how much dry rot there was in the building and if this could be eliminated.

A great deal of discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of using the existing building or moving all the facilities over under the Main Stand. The Committee decided to await a report on the existing club house from Mr. Horner, which they asked the Secretary to submit to the Ground Sub-Committee who should consider these reports. The Ground Sub-Committee were asked to report back to the General Committee as soon as possible.

7. Cost of Season Ticket.

Mr. Dawe gave a list of suggested new prices for season tickets and admission to ground. He emphasised that the Sub-Committee were anxious to encourage the enrolment of more patrons and therefore the increase on these tickets were at a lower percentage than other parts of the ground. All new prices covered V.A.T.

Mr. Ford enquired whether it was not possible to absorb V.A.T. without having to add it to the tickets. The Treasurer felt this was not possible. Considerable discussion ensued over the differential between Patron and Wing Stand season tickets. The Committee considered that further thought should be given to the price of season tickets before it was referred to the A.G.M.

It was proposed by Dr. Alcock, seconded by Mr. T. Day, that the recommended rates put forward by the Finance Sub-Committee should be referred back to the Finance Sub-Committee for further consideration. The Committee unanimously agreed this proposal.

8. Mini Rugby.

The Chairman stated that, as so much was heard of Mini Rugby these days, he felt it was a point that should be considered by the Committee, as to whether the Club should look into the possibilities of encouraging young children to take up Mini Rugby at the Club.

Mr. Ford pointed out that several of the local clubs were encouraging it and felt that it was probably better to leave it to them at this time.

Mr. Tandy suggested it might be better to encourage Club players to visit the local clubs to give advice and coaching and suggested the Players' Representative might wish to bring this to the attention of the players. The Secretary said that he had mentioned the subject to Mr. M. Partridge, who had welcomed the suggestion that players from Gloucester Rugby Club should, if possible, be encouraged to visit local teams who play Mini Rugby.

Mr. Symonds was asked to bring this to the attention of the players.

9. Tour Manager's Report.

Mr. A. Lankester presented a detailed report to the Committee. He pointed out that, despite some difficulties over behaviour by a few players, involving a request by the hotel manager for the team to vacate their rooms immediately on a Sunday evening, the tour had been a great success. The team had beaten both Penzance and Camborne and had scored 128 points and had played some very entertaining rugby.

He reported that the incident in the hotel may involve a claim for minor damages by the hotel owner but pointed out that, whilst there had been some incidents due to over-exuberance on the part of a few members of the tour, the organisation by the management of the hotel had left a great deal to be desired and the attitude of the management had engendered tensions. Once the party had left the hotel, the tour was far better catered for in the subsequent two hotels that it was necessary to stay in, as there were better facilities at a cheaper rate than the original hotel.

Mr. Lankester thanked the Chairman and the Secretary for their assistance in ensuring that the original coach, which had broken down, was repaired and sent to Cornwall for the tour, and to Mr. Harold King for driving all night to deliver it. He also expressed his thanks to the Committee, Captain, and Coach who had travelled, for their assistance and hard work during the tour.

The Treasurer stated that, on the provisional figures supplied to him, the tour had been very expensive, being double the cost of any previous tour.

Mr. Collins raised the point that in view of the numbers traveling and the known cost prior to the tour taking place, the costs were not excessive and the Committee had agreed to a larger tour party.

The Secretary confirmed from the Minutes that it had been agreed that anybody who wished to go on the tour might do so.

Mr. Day pointed out that there was only one more tour of Cornwall next year and suggested that greater consideration should be given to the size of the tour party next year. Mr. Symonds asked that a vote of appreciation be recorded to Mr. Lankester for the management of the tour. This was endorsed by the Chairman and Committee and they accepted his detailed report.

10. Team Secretary.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. D. Pegler regretfully resigning the position as Team Secretary, due to a change in his business commitments. The Chairman expressed the thanks of the Committee for the work that Mr. Pegler had put in during the time that he had been Team Secretary.

Mr. Ford stressed the importance when considering the selection of a new Team Secretary, of his being available during the day. After some discussion, the Committee agreed that nominations should be brought forward at the next meeting and if there was more than one, a vote be taken in the normal way.

11. Any Other Business.

Late Correspondence.

The Secretary read a letter from the Secretary of the Rugby Football Union stating that their records showed that Gloucester first played Clifton on the 20th December 1873, and their first subscription to the R.F.U. was paid on the 24th October, 1873.

Letter from Liverpool Football Club.

The Secretary read a letter of thanks for the hospitality shown to Liverpool Football Club on their tour at Easter.

200 Club.

Mr. Collins stated that the 200 Club had made a profit of £583 throughout the past year. He extended thanks to Mr. Cale who, he stated, had been responsible for collecting in the majority of the funds. Mr. Collins stated he should give the Committee due notice that this was the last time that he would be able to serve on the 200 Club Committee. The Chairman noted this with regret and thanked Mr. Collins and Mr. Cale for their hard work.

Moseley-United Fixture - 14th April 1973.

Mr. Ford asked if the Committee could be given an explanation as to what had actually happened over the middle of this fixture, when it was thought Gloucester United were away to Moseley but in fact the fixture was played at Gloucester. The Fixture Secretary stated that the error was entirely at the Moseley end and he had shown a letter to the Chairman of Selectors confirming that the game should have been played at Gloucester in the first place.

Ladies' Night.

It was agreed that a Social Evening for the ladies who help with tea should be held on Wednesday 30th May, at 8:00 p.m. The Committee members were invited to attend with their wives.

Meetings.

The following Committee meetings were agreed:

Finance Sub-Committee	-	Monday 14th May	7:00 p.m.
Centenary Committee	-	Monday 14th May	7:45 p.m.
Players Meeting for selection of Captain	-	Thursday 7th June	8:00 p.m.
A.G.M.	-	Thursday 12th July	7:00 p.m.
Date of next meeting of General Committee	-	4th June	7:30 p.m.

Signed: A. G. Hudson.

GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.

Minutes of a meeting of the General Committee held at Kingsholm on Monday 4th June, 1973.

Present: Messrs. Hudson, Day, Collins, Ford, Voyce, King, Holder, Pope, Elway, Pritchard, Edmunds, Haines, Cale, Hawker, Duncalfe, Ewers, Symonds, Lankester, Long, Wadley, Dawe, Tandy.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Dr. Alcock, Mr. Hopson, and Canon Hughes.

2. Minutes of last meeting.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th May 1973 were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising.

Scoreboard lighting.

The Secretary said he had seen Mr. Meadows, who would try to fit the light over the scoreboard before the next A.G.M.

Floodlights.

The Secretary said that the G.E.C. representative had been contacted and a meeting had taken place between the Finance Sub-Committee. It was his considered opinion that when this work had been completed, there would be no trouble with the lights failing. With the Treasurer's approval, the Sub-Committee had instructed the Secretary to accept the previously received estimate, in order to get the work underway as soon as possible.

City of Gloucester Social Services.

The Secretary reported that the Finance Sub-Committee had decided that a donation of £10 should be sent to this charity and this had been done.

Harlequins Football Club.

Mr. Day reported that he had contacted various members of the Selection Committee over the Harlequins' letter on Differential Penalty. There had been conflicting opinions and no definite decision had been arrived at, but he had not seen every member of the Selection Committee. The Committee asked Mr. Day to contact all members of the Selection Committee with a view to trying to obtain an opinion for or against the Harlequins' letter.

Damage on Tour.

The Secretary reported that he had received a bill for £25 for damage caused by the players at the hotel in St. Ives, whilst on tour. The Finance Sub-Committee had agreed to the immediate payment of the bill, which had now been sent, and they recommended that the matter be put to the players, with a view to their reimbursing the Club for this amount.

It was agreed that the Players' Representative should raise this matter at the next Players' Meeting.

4. Correspondence.

(a) Mr. R. Clissold had written asking if wings could be fitted as windbreaks at the ends of the Worcester Street Stand. The Committee considered this would be costly and was unnecessary.

(b) The Secretary read a letter from M. Rice & Co., asking if the Club was interested in joining in a Rugby Quiz sponsored by Rothmans. The Secretary was asked to write to say that the Club was interested but would consider the matter further after their representative had visited the Club.

(c) The Secretary read a letter acknowledging the donation of £10 sent to the City of Gloucester Social Services.

(d) A letter had been received from the Gloucester & District Referees Association inviting a member of the Committee to their Annual Dinner on Friday, 15th June. Mr. H. King said he would attend to represent the Club.

(e) The Secretary read a letter from Jean Pierre Plovis thanking the Club for information sent regarding past old players.

(f) The Secretary said a letter from the Rugby Football Union was still outstanding and the Committee decided this should be held over, pending a communication from the Gate-Taking Clubs regarding their meeting which normally preceded the R.F.U. A.G.M.

(g) The Club had received an invitation to the Lydney Dinner on Saturday, 9th June, asking for one member to represent the Club. It was decided that Mr. D. Wadley or Mr. G. Hudson should attend.

5. Election of Team Secretary.

The Chairman called for nominations and Mr. P. Hawker said that he wished to put his name forward. After some discussion, and Mr. Hawker's assurance that he could be contacted easily during the course of the working day, it was proposed by Mr. Cale, seconded by Mr. Collins, that Mr. Hawker's name be put forward at the A.G.M. as Team Secretary. The proposal was carried.

6. Kick-Off Time - 73/74 Season.

It was proposed by Mr. T. Tandy, seconded by Mr. N. Duncalfe, that Kick-Off time for the next season be changed to 3:00 p.m. Mr. T. Day felt it was unwise to alter the time from 3:15 p.m. unless it was altered for the months of December and January only.

After considerable discussion, the Committee decided to accept the proposal that Kick-Off time would be 3:00 p.m. in 1973/74.

7. Report of Finance Sub-Committee.

Mr. Dawe said that the Committee had met and had re-examined the proposed charges for Season Ticket holders and Gate entry charges for the next season, and they unanimously recommended to the Committee that their original proposals should be accepted. He said that the Treasurer would elaborate on the reasons in more detail.

The Treasurer stated the situation would be clearer to the Committee when they saw the draft (unaudited) accounts and balance sheet for the 1972/73 season. The Treasurer then went through the draft accounts in detail and outlined the reason for increasing the season ticket subscriptions and gate fees, which were to be inclusive of V.A.T. The Treasurer stated that, whilst there was a very reasonable profit for the first time for some years, it would be most unwise not to consolidate on the satisfactory position and he pointed out that the profit had been made from sources other than the gate receipts, except for the increased membership in Patrons. The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his comprehensive report and continued hard work on the accounts.

Considerable discussion ensued, during which both views were put for and against increasing the subscriptions and entrance fees. The Treasurer suggested that, as a compromise, all Season Ticket holders should have free membership of the Social Club included in their increased subscription for next year. This suggestion was welcomed by the Secretary and Treasurer of the Social Club.

Mr. H. King proposed, seconded by Mr. J. Holder, that the Finance Committee's recommendations for increased charges for Season Tickets and gates be accepted, with the proviso that all Season Ticket holders have free membership of the Social Club. The Committee accepted this proposal.

8. Nomination of Officers and Committee.

The Committee recommended that the existing Officers' names be put forward for re-election at the A.G.M., plus Mr. P. Hawker as Team Secretary. It was agreed that nominations for the Committee, including those retiring members of the existing Committee if they wished to stand, should be submitted to the Secretary, with Proposer and Secunder, by 28th June, 1973.

9. Any Other Business.

The Fixture Secretary stated that he had several points to raise:

(a) A letter received from Columbia Air Charters asking if the Club would be willing to play San Francisco Rugby Football Club on the 17th October. The Fixture Secretary pointed out this was the night of the First Fifteen match against Cheltenham. The Committee decided that the Club could not accept the fixture against San Francisco.

(b) Letter from Plymouth Albion.

Plymouth Albion requested that the Kick-Off should be at 7:00 p.m. on 23rd March, due to the International match being played on that Saturday afternoon.

It was proposed by Mr. T. Day, seconded by Mr. N. Duncalfe, that in view of the distance the team would have to travel, the game be started at the normal Kick-Off time. The Committee agreed. The Fixture Secretary was asked to write accordingly.

(c) Public School Wanderers.

The Fixture Secretary said he had been able to arrange for Public School Wanderers to play the First Fifteen on Wednesday, March 27th 1974, on the understanding that the gate be divided equally, after expenses. The Committee agreed to this fixture and asked the Fixture Secretary to ensure that Public School Wanderers were made aware that the Club would expect a team of first class players.

Caps.

Mr. Cale enquired if any more had been heard regarding the caps to be presented to the players involved in the 1971/72 Knock-Out Competition. The Chairman stated that Mr. Brinn had not yet received them although he knew that he was making every endeavour to obtain them from the manufacturers and was aware of the urgency of the matter.

Dates of Sub-Committee Meetings.

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| Centenary Sub-Committee | - | Monday 11th June at 7:45 p.m. |
| Ground Sub-Committee | - | Monday 11th June at 7:00 p.m. |
| Date of next meeting | - | Thursday 28th June 1973. |

Signed: A. G. Hudson.

GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Minutes of a meeting of the General Committee held at Kingsholm on Thursday 28th June, 1973.

Present: Messrs. Mr. Hudson, Mr. Voyce, Canon M. Hughes, R. Collins, P. Ford, M. Elway, J. Holder, W. Cale, A. Lankester, T. Tandy, C. Pope, P. Hawker, J. Pritchard, T. Day, G. Edmunds, F. Ewers, J. Haines, A. D. Wadley, R. Long.

1. Apologies: Messrs. A. Alcock, H. King, D. Dawe.

2. Minutes of last meeting.

[[NB. No entry made herein under this heading]]

3. Matters Arising.

Scoreboard Lighting.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Meadows had discussed with him the question of lighting the scoreboard. It was not possible to take an overhead wire to the scoreboard and it must go underground. Considerable discussion ensued about the condition of the board and its position. It was proposed by Mr. R. Collins, seconded by Mr. T. Pritchard, that the cable should be put underground, the board should stay in its present position, and the work be carried out as soon as possible. The Committee agreed. Mr. Pritchard undertook to organise the digging of a trench for the electric cable.

Damage on Tour.

The Secretary reported that as the Players' Secretary had sent an apology he could only report secondhand what he had heard regarding the results of the discussion at the last meeting of the players. He said he understood that the players felt they should not have to pay the cost of the damage. The Secretary was instructed by the Committee to ask the Players' Representative how the players intended to pay for the damage caused on the tour if they did not pay the money out of the Players' Fund.

Rothmans Rugby Quiz.

The Secretary stated that he had been in touch with Mr. Rice and gave further details regarding the Quiz but the Committee suggested that this should be left for discussion by the new General Committee, elected after the A.G.M.

Election of Team Secretary.

The Chairman said that Mr. P. Hawker had rung him up to say that, after due consideration after the last Committee meeting, he had come to the conclusion that he might not be as available as required during the daytime to carry out the duties of Team Secretary. Therefore in the interests of the Club, he felt that he should withdraw his name. The Chairman thanked Mr. Hawker for volunteering for this arduous task in the first place and said he felt he had, in the circumstances, made the right decision.

Nomination for Committee.

The nomination of Mr. P. Hawker for election at the next A.G.M. was proposed by Mr. C. Pope, seconded by Captain A. Lankester. Mr. Cale was proposed by Mr. Haines seconded by Mr. R. Collins. The Secretary gave the Committee the list of nominations he had received.

Knock-Out Competition Caps.

The Secretary stated that he had discussed this with Mr. Brinn and the situation was that the caps were made and embroidered but were awaiting delivery of the tassels. They should be delivered in July.

4. Correspondence.

Jehovah's Witnesses.

The Secretary read a letter from the Jehovah's Witnesses thanking the Club for the use of the facilities and enclosing a cheque for £80. They also made a request for the use of the ground in 1974 and 1975. The Committee agreed, in principle, to the letting of the ground to the Jehovah's Witnesses again but asked the Secretary to clarify their exact requirements, as these were not clear in their correspondence. The Committee also decided that the fee was to be negotiated for each year.

5. Election of Team Secretary.

Mr. George Edmunds was proposed by Mr. P. Hawker, seconded by Mr. T. Pritchard. There were no further nominations and Mr. George Edmunds was unanimously elected as the Committee's nomination as Team Secretary to the A.G.M.

6. Report of Ground Sub-Committee.

The Secretary stated that there had been a provisional meeting of the Sub-Committee on the survey carried out by Mr. J. Horner of the existing club house. The problems were so detailed that the Committee felt it should have time to examine the report. It had been decided to defer any decision until another meeting had been called, when all members had had a chance to consider the problems involved.

7. Report of Patrons' Sub-Committee.

Mr. C. Pope stated that the Sub-Committee had met and discussed the increases in revenue from advertisements in the programme. He stated that, from details supplied and investigations made by Mr. Tandy and the Treasurer, it was decided it was not practical in this year, especially as there was also going to be a Centenary Handbook, to increase the advertisements in the match programmes. The Committee felt that Car Park badges should be similar in colour to the previous year but the design should be altered to the shape of a rugby ball.

He said the Committee would like to organise a Patrons' Dinner/Dance but though this might not be practical this coming year, but an attempt would certainly be made to have a mid-season buffet, so that Patrons could have a chance of meeting and talking to the players of the Club.

8. Election of County Representatives.

The Chairman stated that the names of the Club's County Representatives should be submitted almost immediately. He pointed out that the Club were entitled to two representatives. The present representatives were himself and Mr. T. Day.

The Chairman called for nominations for Club representation on the County [Committee]. It was proposed by Canon Hughes, seconded by Mr. J. Haines, that the two existing representatives of the Club should continue on the County Committee. This was agreed unanimously.

9. Any Other Business.

Chairman's Report.

The Chairman circulated a copy of the report he proposed to submit to the A.G.M. and said if anyone had any comments perhaps they would let the Secretary know.

Colts Team Report.

The Chairman said Mr. Fred Ewers had a report to make on the Colts Team but before he did this, he wished to thank Mr. Ewers for his hard work in connection with the running of the Colts. Mr. Ewers then gave details of the Colts playing activities during the year.

Social Club Account.

The Treasurer, Mr. Tandy, stated that, due to the change in the accounting period, it had not been possible to get the accounts completed and audited by the date of the present General Meeting and he asked the Committee's authority to present the accounts for the first time at the Club A.G.M. without having first gone before the Committee, unless a special committee [meeting] was called. The Committee agreed that the accounts should be presented straight to the A.G.M.

Change of Rules.

The Committee agreed that the Treasurer should present the change in the Membership Subscriptions at the A.G.M.

Scrummaging Machine.

Mr. Ford raised the question of the scrummaging machine having been left out in the open. He wondered why it was always left out and felt it should be put back after use because the leather covers would deteriorate rapidly. The Chairman asked the Secretary to look into this.

Coach.

Mr. P. Hawker raised the question of whether or not Mr. Booth would be the Club official coach next season. The Chairman stated he was under the impression that Mr. Booth did not wish to carry out this function next year but was standing for Committee. It was agreed that this was a matter for discussion for the new Captain and Chairman of the Selectors.

Centenary.

Canon Hughes said he had had a request from several old players asking if a Reception could be held for Old Players. Mr. Pope said this had also been discussed at the Patrons Sub-Committee and it was wondered if a similar evening to be held for Patrons could be arranged for past and present players.

10. Committee Meetings.

Ground Sub-Committee	-	4th July 1973	7:30 p.m.
Centenary Committee	-	4th July 1973	8:30 p.m.

Signed: A. G. Hudson.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Gloucester Rugby Football Club held at Kingsholm on 12th July, 1973.

The Meeting was opened by the President welcoming everyone present to the historic 100th Annual General Meeting of the Gloucester Rugby Football Club.

1. Minutes of the last Meeting.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were approved and signed.

2. Matters Arising.

There were items of discussion. [*sic*]

3. Annual Report.

Mr. G. Hudson, as Chairman of the General Committee, presented the Annual Report, which was attached to the Agenda. He emphasised the highlights of the season and expressed the regret of all concerned at the injury to the Captain, John Bayliss, and paid tribute to his courage and determination in overcoming his very serious injury.

The Chairman said he had left out of the Report details of the Colts and he wished to thank Mr. F. Ewers and the Colts Committee for their help and enthusiasm in organising Colts fixtures.

4. Hon. Treasurer's Report.

Mr. D. Wadley presented the accounts, which were attached to the Agenda, and drew the attention of the meeting to the fact that this year the results were a great improvement over the previous year, but he added a cautionary note in stating that monies included in the year were results of the New Zealand game at Kingsholm and the final payment from the Final of the Knock-Out Competition in 1971/72.

In particular, the Treasurer drew the meeting's attention to the fact that the Club finances could not exist on income from gate receipts alone.

He pointed out that the expenditure exceeded income from subscriptions and gate receipts by almost £800, and it was purely through wise negotiation by the Committee in organising extra income from letting the car park, advertisements and hard work by the 200 Club Sub-Committee that really made the Club solvent. The Treasurer went on to explain the revenue account in detail.

The Chairman called for any questions on the Accounts and there were none. It was proposed by Mr. J. Hickie, seconded by Mr. R. Collins, that the Accounts be received and approved. This was carried, with a vote of thanks to the Treasurer.

5. Alteration of Rules.

(a).

Rule 6. It was proposed by Mr. D. Wadley, seconded by Mr. R. Long that the annual subscriptions be altered to cover higher costs on expenditure and V.A.T. The proposal was that subscriptions be raised as follows:-

Patrons (inclusive of car park and social club)	-	£8.50
Members (entitled to admission to all parts of ground including grandstand wings)	-	£6.00
Members (admitted to all parts of the ground except the Grandstand)	-	£3.60
Playing Members	-	£1.50

Prices above include membership of the Social Club and V.A.T.

(b)

Rule 7. It was proposed by Mr. D. Wadley, seconded by Mr. R. Long, that Rule 7 be amended as follows:-

Senior Citizens)	
Non Member Scholars' tickets)	
Old Playing Members who have)	Half the price stated in Rule 6 above.
gained 1st XV caps.)	
Prices above include membership)	
of the Social Club and V.A.T.)	

These amendments were carried unanimously.

6. Election of Officers.

The President stated that he proposed to take Election of Officers before Any Other Business, shown as Item 6. on the Agenda. The meeting agreed.

(a) The President stated that nominations had been received for the Officers shown on the Agenda sheet. No further nominations had been received by the date the nominations were due to close and therefore, in accordance with the Constitution of the Club, the Officers were elected as follows:-

President	A. T. Voyce, Esq., O.B.E.
Vice-President	Canon H. M. Hughes. S. T. Day, Esq. A. G. Hudson, Esq. R. R. Morris, Esq.
Hon. Secretary	R. G. Long, Esq.
Hon. Treasurer	A. D. Wadley, Esq.
Hon. Fixture Secretary	F. D. H. Dawe, Esq.
Hon. Team Secretary	G. Edmunds, Esq.
Colts XV Secretary	F. Ewers, [Esq.]

(b) Nominations for Committee.

The President stated that the ballot box should now be closed for candidates for election to General Committee and he called for nominations for tellers. The following were elected from the floor as tellers:-

Mr. E. Stephens
Mr. A. Brinn
Mr. A. Townsend
Mr. R. Collins

As a result of the ballot the following were elected to the General Committee:

Mr. M. Booth
Mr. P. Hawker
Mr. W. Cale
Mr. H. Symonds
Mr. D. Pegler was elected for one year.

(c) The President drew the meeting's attention to the fact that the Players had nominated as Captain of the 1st XV - M. Nicholls, and of the United XV - E. Stephens. Players Representative on the General Committee - J. Horner.

7. Any Other Business.

President's Remarks.

The President stated that he wished to thank the meeting for electing him for another year as their President. He said it was a great honour to be President of Gloucester Rugby Club, in whose service he had spent so many years of his life. He considered it the greatest honour of all to be President during the Club's Centenary Year.

He drew the meeting's attention to the fact that Mr. Arthur Hudson was not very well at the present time and suggested the best wishes of the meeting be sent to him. He also stated that Dr. Alcock, a Life Vice-President, had been unable to attend the meeting for the first time for many years and also felt the best wishes of the meeting should be sent to him.

The President said he also wished to thank Mr. Peter Ford for all the help he had given to the Club in various spheres of Rugby.

Fixture Secretary.

The President asked the Fixture Secretary to give the meeting an outline of the next year's fixtures. Mr. D. Dawe stated there would be 56 matches, 32 Home and 24 Away, plus Knock-Out games. Particularly, he drew the meeting's attention to the Wolfhounds' game on the 15th September; a special Centenary Match of an International XV raised by D. Rutherford, to be played on Wednesday Oct. 3rd, on December 27th against the U.A.U., Public School Wanderers on March 27th, and London Welsh on March 30th. These were all special Centenary Year fixtures.

Captains.

The President invited the Captain of the 1st XV, Mr. M. Nicholls to say a few words and also Mr. E. Stephens, captain of the United.

In reply, both captains stated what a great honour they considered it was to be captaining the teams in the Centenary Year, and their great sense of responsibility. They assured the meeting that they and all the players would do all in their power to make next season a truly great one in the history of the Gloucester Rugby Club.

Scoreboard.

Mr. A. Hayward asked if any improvements could be made to the scoreboard. The Chairman said that materials had been ordered and work would shortly begin on improving the scoreboard which would in future have a light over it for evening games. This matter was in hand now.

Social Club.

The President asked the Treasurer Mr. T. Tandy to present the accounts of the Social Club. Mr. Tandy drew the meetings' attention that the accounts were for a 9-month period only as it had been decided to bring the Social Club accounts into the same financial year as the Rugby Club accounts. He went on to outline in detail the very satisfactory position, profit-wise, within the Club.

The meeting unanimously accepted the Treasurer's report.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the President, Mr. A. T. Voyce by Mr. J. Hickie, for his chairing of the meeting.

Date: 9 / 7 / 74.

Signed: A. T. Voyce.

Minutes of General Meeting held on Monday July 16th, 1973.

Present: Messrs. Voyce, Horner, Symonds, Morris, Ford, Booth, Holder, Pope, Elway, Pritchard, Dawe, Ewers, Edmunds, Pegler, Cale, Long, Wadley, Tandy, Hawker.

Apologies: Dr. Alcock, Canon Hughes, R. Collins, A. Lankester, N. Duncalfe.

G. Hudson was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee on the proposal of Mr. Ford, seconded by Mr. R. Morris. Mr. Hudson thanked the Committee for his re-election and welcomed the new Members of the Committee.

Matters Arising.

The Secretary reported that after further discussion with the representative of the Jehovah's Witnesses it was apparent that next year the ground would be required on two weekends. It was decided to leave a decision on this matter until next year.

Correspondence.

There was no correspondence.

FORMATION OF SUB-COMMITTEES.

Selection Committee: Messrs. M. Booth, H. Symonds, P. Ford, R. Collins, D. Pegler, Nicholls, Stephens.

Finance Committee: Messrs. Dawe, Wadley, Voyce, Duncalfe, Tandy, Pope, Lankester, Long, Hudson.

Ground Committee: Messrs. Hudson, Collins, Ford, Cale, Ewers, Canon Hughes, Elway, Wadley, Horner, Long.

Social Committee: Messrs. Duncalfe, Hawker, Pritchard, Wadley, Tandy, Pope, Holder, Elway, Ewers.

200 Club: In abeyance until next meeting.

Fixture Committee: Messrs. Dawe, Ford, Nicholls, Edmunds, Day, Horner, Booth.

Centenary Committee: Messrs. Voyce, Hughes, Ford, Wadley, Day, Edmunds, Morris, Dawe, Long, Tandy.

Patrons: Messrs. Pope, Symonds, Morris, Lankester, Wadley, Long, Voyce.

North Gloucester

Combination Rep.: Mr. G. Hudson. Deputy: Mr. W. Cale.

Vice-Chairman: Mr. Peter Ford was unanimously elected.

Report of Ground Sub-Committee.

The Secretary presented the report of the Ground Sub-Committee and it was recommended that both schemes for the New Changing Quarters should be shelved for the time being.

Any Other Business.

The Secretary read a letter from J. Baker & Co., giving an estimated figure of £350 for the redecoration of the Committee Room, Tea Room, Ticket Office, and Outer Hallway. The Secretary was requested to obtain a specification and a second estimate for the above works and after discussion with Mr. Horner accept the most suitable.

The Secretary reported that an estimate of £250 had been received for the re-building of the Referee's Room and due to the shortage of time this estimate had already been accepted by the Officers of the Club prior to the meeting. This work was in fact well in hand.

At the request of the Club Captain the matter of General Committee Meetings being held on Mondays was discussed and it was decided that the matter should be brought forward for further discussion at the next General Meeting.

Signed: A. G. Hudson.

Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held at Kingsholm, Gloucester, on Tuesday, 28th August, 1973.

Present: Messrs. A. T. Voyce (President), A. G. Hudson (Chairman), G. Edmunds, H. Symonds, P. Hawker, M. Booth, R. Morris, F. Ewers, J. Holder, W. Cale, J. Haines, J. Hickie, M. Elway, N. Duncalfe, P. Ford, Canon H. M. Hughes, A. C. Pope, R. Long, T. R. Tandy, F. D. H. Dawe, A. D. Wadley, R. Collins.

Apologies: C. A. R. Lankester, S. T. Day, T. Pritchard, Dr. Alcock.

Matters Arising.

200 Club.

Mr. Collins confirmed to the Committee that he was not prepared to continue on this Committee for the coming season. Mr. Tandy agreed to keep the books of the club, provided suitable arrangements could be made for members to collect money at the club on Friday evenings. All members were requested to make every effort to recruit new members for the 200 Club for the coming season.

General Committee Meetings.

The Chairman had agreed to discuss the question of holding meetings on Monday evenings (which clashed with training) with the Club Captain.

Players' Travelling Arrangements.

Mr. P. Ford, Chairman of the Selection Committee, requested that on long distance away matches, both 1st XV and United XV have a one-course meal booked for as near 12 noon as possible. This was unanimously agreed by the Committee.

Patrons.

Minutes of the meeting held on 16th August 1973 were read by the Secretary, and it was confirmed that tickets had been sent to all last years' members.

Correspondence.

The British Publishing Co. had requested details of the numbers of copies of the Centenary Handbook required, and the price charged to the Club would be 30p. each for all copies after the first 1,000 which would be supplied free of charge. Proposed by Mr. R. Morris, seconded by Mr. P. Hawker, and agreed, that the price per copy should be 50p. Proposed by Mr. Duncalfe, seconded by Mr. Dawe, that a total of 5,000 copies be ordered (1,000 free and 4,000 at 30p. per copy).

North Gloucestershire Combination.

A cheque had been forwarded for £25 towards the use of lights and facilities in respect of the Combination Cup Finals held at Kingsholm in April, 1973. The Combination Secretary, Mr. N.G. Healey, expressed his Committee's thanks for the use of the facilities at Kingsholm.

G.R.F.U.

A request had been received for a fixture - Gloucestershire v. Monmouth - to be played at Gloucester on Monday, 1st October, 1973. It was agreed that the Chairman should contact the County Committee regarding this fixture as the suggested date was only two days before the Club's special Centenary Match against an International XV, and it was felt that if possible the date should be altered, as irrespective of where the game was played, it would put players in an embarrassing position regarding playing for the County on the Monday and in their important Club fixture again on the Wednesday.

Robin Prestcott.

Mr. Barry Bowden had written to all member clubs of the R.F.U. requesting donations to a fund to mark the appreciation of Mr. Robin Prescott's services to Rugby Football as Secretary of the R.F.U. It was suggested that a donation from any club should not exceed £2. Proposed by Mr. T.R. Tandy, seconded by Mr. N. Duncalfe that a donation of £2 be forwarded to this fund.

Fixtures.

Mr. Dawe informed the meeting that to date no agreement had been made with Devizes regarding the Cup fixture, but the 31st October 1973 had been offered by him.

The Devizes Club had invited the Gloucester R.F.C. to enter an Under-19 team in their Seven-a-Side Competition to be held on 30th September, 1973. Mr. Ewers, having previously discussed this matter with his Colts Committee, had indicated that they were not in favour of entering, and it was therefore agreed that Mr. Dawe should decline the invitation.

Sept. 15th 1973 - United v. Old Veysians, Away.

The Old Veysians R.F.C. had informed the Club that their new Clubhouse had not been completed and they would not, therefore, be able to stage the game arranged for the 15th on their ground, but alternative arrangements had been made to play on a local school ground, and for the team to be entertained at a local hostelry, after the match.

It was agreed that these arrangements should be accepted.

Televised Matches.

In addition to the two games already re-arranged on the fixture list for Friday evenings, a further five 1st XV home matches were affected by live T.V. on a Saturday afternoon. It was agreed that the Fixture Secretary should contact the Moseley club to make an effort to re-arrange the game scheduled for November 10th, preferably to Monday the 12th, as this would enable County players to play in the fixture.

Away Match Rota.

The Secretary issued to members of the Committee a detailed list of their away match commitments for the forthcoming season.

200 Club.

A cheque for £600 was handed to the Club Treasurer from the '200 Club' Committee towards the cost of re-decoration of the main club building.

Club Coach.

Mr. P. Hawker asked that the Committee be informed as to the position of the Club Coach, and if one had been appointed for the coming season, as he felt that recent press reports were rather misleading. The Club Chairman agreed to discuss this matter with the Club Captain.

Club Ties.

Mr. H . Symonds reported that from last season there were six players eligible for presentation of a Club Tie, as agreed in the Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd January 1973, namely, J. Fidler, P. Butler, E. Pinkney, C. Walford, W. Nicholls, and R. Redwood.

It was agreed that the Team Secretary should check that the players had in fact made 21 appearances for the Club, and if this is confirmed, the presentation be made by the President at an opportune time.

Players' Dinner.

The President expressed thanks to the Committee who had organised the very successful dinner and dance at the Carlton Hotel, Cheltenham, on Friday, 24th August, 1973.

Car Park.

The question of charges being made by the attendant of the Gloucestershire County Council on the Car Park was once more raised, and also the fact that coaches were being permitted to park on the Car Park. The Social Club Secretary, Mr. Elway, had approached the attendant on this matter, and had only receive abusive replies.

It was unanimously agreed that as this matter had been discussed many times in Committee, correspondence had been forwarded to the County Council by the Club Treasurer, and no satisfaction had been received, the Club's Solicitors be instructed to write to the Gloucestershire County Council stressing the conditions in the Lease, and if these were not adhered to, consideration would be given to the Lease being cancelled.

Next Meeting: It was agreed that the next meeting be held on Wednesday, 26th September, 1973.

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