

MINUTES OF THE GRFC COMMITTEE August 1973 – July 1974

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26 September 1973:

- County Fixture versus Monmouth, 1st October: it has been agreed with the county officials that the game should be played at Kingsholm, but Gloucester players who would be appearing in the Centenary fixture on the following Wednesday would not be appearing in the selected XV.

Players Rep: A request has been made by the players to have an official photograph with caps awarded in respect of winning the 1972 Rugby Football K.O. Competition.

8 November 1973:

Before meeting Chairman asked Committee to stand in silence in memory of Dr Alcock, the late Club Vice-President.. The President paid tribute to his service to the club and Rugby Football.

Report of Players meeting: reports included behaviour and time of return on away matches, use of new bar adjoining the tea room, for which a rota system of players was being worked out. A request for a Players dance in the Social Club and a request to the Selection Committee that it made it quite clear to whoever is the Reserve whether he is to travel or not.

The Fixtures Sec. reported that he had a letter from Old Merchant Taylors asking the Club to release them from their annual fixture on Boxing Day, as they stated that they were no longer in a position to field a team of the same standard as Gloucester. The Committee felt that this year at least the OMT's should be asked to honour their commitment.

3 December 1973:

Nienae Old Boys Rugby Club: a letter had been received from this club asking if two players were likely to visit New Zealand and if they did, would they play for them. It was agreed that Peter Ford should try to obtain advice on this from the RFU.

Selection Committee: Mr P Ford announced that Mr D Pegler had reluctantly had to resign as Chairman of the Selection Committee. Mr P Hawker was elected to replace him.

7 January 1974:

Report of Centenary Sub-committee. It was reported that WH Smith's had been approached with a view to marketing the books on a wholesale basis. WH Smiths said that they usually expect a discount of 42.5% as they have to pass 25% discount on to the retailer. The Secretary requested that WH Smiths would take 42.5% discount as that would leave the Rugby Club with some profit.

4 February 1974:

Boiler System Club House: The Secretary reported that he had received a letter from O. B. C. quoting for a dual system of heating and hot water gas boiler to replace the existing antiquated system. The quotation was £2120 plus labour £300 + VAT. This was a wholesale rate. The Committee asked the Secretary to obtain 2 more quotations.

Nomination to RFU: The Chairman reported that Mr J V Smith was not standing again for nomination and was resigning from the RFU which left a vacancy within the County. Mr D Dawes, seconded by Mr C A R Lancaster, proposed that Mr Peter Ford be nominated as the rep. for

Gloucester Rugby Football. As for County selection, Mr Ford said he had been approached by certain club players.

8 April 1974:

Finance: Mr D Dawes, Chairman of Finance sub-committee reported that the contract for installing a new heating and hot water system in the Club House had been awarded to Messrs O.B.C. and Mr R Fowke at a price of £2650. He stated that the contract did not include a new water main but Mr Fowke had this in mind and would install it at cost.

Guarantees: He also stated that in answer to a request from Headingly, the guarantee had been increased from £40 to £70.

6 May 1974:

Fixtures: The Chairman stated that he would like to raise once more the question of the Harlequins and Richmond games not being honoured by these clubs. The Fixtures Sec. stated that he had heard nothing further from Richmond, and that Harlequins obviously did not wish to honour the fixture.

3 June 1974:

Report of Centenary and Patrons sub-committee

1. Venue: Guildhall subject to extra bar facilities, alternative Pineholt.
2. Dress: Majority decision – evening dress should be worn but any Player or Committee Member who wished could wear a blazer.
3. Food to be provided by Mellor Finn as a carved buffet.
4. Tickets not to exceed £3.
5. Date of Ball tba later half of June.
6. Mayor, Sheriff and wives to be invited as official guests.
7. Duration of dance 9pm to 2am.

9 July 1974:

Hon. Treasurers Report: The Treasurer states that regretfully there had been a loss of £2854 over the season (1973 -74). This had been caused by the heavy expenditure in the Centenary Year and the very heavy rise in inflation, but it was encouraging to report that the amount received from subscriptions had increased.

The President's Report: A.T. Voyce esq. MBE thanked the meeting for his re-election. He said so much had happened in the Centenary Year and congratulated the Captain, Mr M Nicholls and thanked the players for their great contribution during the year and the enjoyment they had given to all.

Canon Hughes spoke on behalf of the vice-presidents and congratulated Mr R Smith on taking the captaincy of the United Team. Mr K Richardson thanked the players for his election as Captain of the First XV.