

## **SUMMARY OF GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB COMMITTEE MINUTES BOOK, 1923-30**

Inside front cover – Gloucestershire RFU printed scale of charges for referees from Gloucester, dated December 1924, and list of referee's names.

Minutes of committee meeting held 26 June 1923

- Present: J T Brookes, A F Fielding, F Pegler, G R Fox, F Abbey, A Cromwell, W P Kerr, W Johns, E Keys, A Brown, G J Collingbourne, G J Clutterbuck, T Millington, F Mansell, S Smart, A Mason
- J T Brookes elected Chairman and A F Fielding Vice-Chairman
- Sub-committees appointed for Selection, Finance, Emergency and Ground
- Proposal to City Council that Worcester St stand be erected six feet from Kingsholm Road

Minutes 14 Aug 1923

- Town Clerk proposed formal agreement on Worcester St stand
- Members' ground tickets to be 7/6 for entry from Deans Walk
- £40 guarantee proposed for OMTs for Boxing Day match 1924
- Charges for admission agreed as – reserved seats 3/-, wings of stand, new grandstand 2/-, Worcester St 1/3 and juniors 9d, transfer to old stand 6d, Deans Walk 9d and juniors 4d. Also set of charges for 2<sup>nd</sup> XV matches between 1/- and 2d.
- Centre portion of new grandstand to be reserved for patrons, life members, press and visiting & home officials
- William Dix elected as life member

Minutes 4 Sept 1923

- OMTs wanted £45 guarantee – agreed
- Touch judge and referee appointments
- Ground Company had proposed rent of £250 + 10% of profit and eight months rent instead of six. Agreed to offer £250 + 5% + 8 months rent
- Wagon Co band wanted to change from making a collection at each match, averaging 35/- to a fixed sum – agreed to maintain existing arrangement
- Masseur to continue on 5/- retaining fee + 1/- per visit
- Gloucester Thursday XV usage of ground to continue
- For away matches a selection committee member should accompany in addition to the usual committee man
- Next season to start on 13 Sept with Lydney
- Complimentary season ticket for W Collins for disability caused by football injuries

Minutes 11 Sept 1923

- Different referee suggested for match at Bristol

- Cinderford requested Gloucester not play J Merry v Lydney
- Request to send team to Worcester turned down

#### Minutes 18 Sept 1923

- Rotary granted complimentary tickets
- Agreed to send team to Cinderford on a Thursday in March to mark opening of new baths and changing accommodation
- Match with Birmingham next season declined

#### Minutes 2 Oct 1923

- Letter from City Surveyor about bracing in new grandstand
- Guarantees agreed for matches at Easter against London Welsh £35 and Northern £40

#### Minutes 16 Oct 1923

- Messrs Davies had inspected new stand and said no further bracing necessary, but would put some in to satisfy City Surveyor
- Agreed provision for committee, press and reserved seats in centre section of new grandstand
- £5 grant agreed for evening schools
- Agreed to increase London Welsh guarantee to £40 if match financially successful
- Offer of flag by supporters club was accepted
- T Voyce congratulated on selection for centenary match

#### Minutes 29 Oct 1923

- Old Blues match to be for the benefit of the Royal Infirmary
- Agreed to pay medical expenses for injury to S Stone
- Agreed to insure stands for fire and third party
- Application for use of ground for 3 schools matches approved

#### Minutes 13 Nov 1923

- Grants of 3gns to Technical Schools and 5gns to
- Grants of 3gns to Technical Schools and 5gns to 5<sup>th</sup> Glosters Memorial approved
- 8gns to doctor for services to Tom Voyce
- No matches against Drybrook next season because of "incidents"

#### Minutes 27 Nov 1923

- 12gns approved for Mr Davies to carry out further work including doors for new grandstand
- 3 exits to be provided at front of new grandstand
- Report given on finances of Ground Company – no call on Club as anticipated – dividend of 2½% to be paid – very satisfactory

#### Minutes 18 Dec 1923

- Grant of 5gns to Mayor's Xmas Fund for unemployed
- Police given permission to use Kingsholm
- G Halford had written to announce his retirement from playing after match on 27 Dec – Secretary to write to thank him for long and splendid services to Club, and County Union to be asked for permission for a testimonial
- Devon tour in 1925 - Newton Abbot, Torquay and Sidmouth to be asked what guarantees they would offer
- Moseley to be granted a midweek fixture on Thu 11 Sep for a guarantee of £10
- Hucclecote refused a fixture with Gloster A next season because their players had refused to play for the A team when selected
- Discussion about making an application to host an international trial
- The names of the 17 players who made the largest number of appearances for the 1<sup>st</sup> team to figure on the 1922/23 record board

#### Minutes 1 Jan 1924

- OMTs asked for additional grant for £10 in view of good gate – refused
- Major Roderick's resignation for business reasons was accepted with regret

#### Minutes 15 Jan 1924

- Sidmouth agreed to £40 guarantee for match on 1924/25 Devon tour – agreed
- Letter of condolence to be sent to widow of Albert Collins
- Agreed kick-off at 1130 for match at Richmond on day of England v France match
- Sub-committee appointed to organise testimonial for G Halford, County Union having approved
- Citizen had reported that 1924 would be Club's jubilee – needed to be verified

#### Minutes 5 Feb 1924

- Vote of sympathy to relatives of two former players – the late Frank Tandy and Victor Rowles, and floral tributes to be sent
- Corporation had written about lavatory accommodation in new grandstand
- £4 granted to Yorkley for charabanc on 26 Jan
- Banks application to use Kingsholm refused because of recent heavy wear on pitch

#### Minutes 19 Feb 1924

- Invitation from Col Horlicks for players and officials to dine with him in London on Saturday was accepted
- Letter of thanks from Rotary Club for complimentary tickets for disabled ex-soldiers
- Rotary Club given permission for boys football tournament at Kingsholm
- Collecting cards for G Halford's testimonial were approved, and Club to make a collection on behalf of the Fund at the Bristol match on 8 March

#### Minutes 4 Mar 1924

- Letter of thanks to Col Horlick for splendid manner in which players entertained in London
- Balchin & Keys to organise collection at Bristol match for G Halford's testimonial
- W T Pearce of Bristol nominated as County Union representative on ERU
- After unsatisfactory game with Cross Keys, fixtures for next season cancelled
- Payment to be made to A Rea, injured at Lydney A, for period unable to work

#### Minutes 18 Mar 1924

- £20/2/- collected for Halford testimonial at Bristol match
- Cross Keys asked for reconsideration of fixtures for next season – decision made, and dates offered to Coventry and Penarth
- Palladium asked for reduction in fee to advertise on stand – agreement made 3 years previously was for £15 per year for 5 years – but agreed to reduce to £12/10/- for remaining two years
- Supporters Club holding whist drive in aid of Halford testimonial
- Thos Cook unable to agree to a reduction in GWR fares to London for Guy's match
- Pontypool wanted to kick-off at 4:30 -requested 4:00

#### Minutes 1 Apr 1924

- Cross Keys would not accept cancellation of fixtures – Gloucester stood firm
- Coventry accepted fixture in place of Cross Keys
- Stroud application for evening fixture at Kingsholm next season was declined with regret, but two fixtures with A team to be offered without expenses to help Stroud finances
- Note of sympathy for late J Hanman
- H E Jones had quoted for team photograph, but expensive, so H K Fox to be asked for a quote
- J H Webb had resigned as a playing member on doctor's advice – doctor's fees of 15/- to be paid for treatment of knee injury

- Use of Kingsholm offered to Schools Union and for replay between St Marks & West End

#### Minutes 14 April 1924

- H E Jones to be given order for 1<sup>st</sup> team photo, and H K Fox for A team
- Ground granted for N Gloster Combination final on Easter Tuesday – St Marks v West End
- Cinderford to be thanked for services of their players on the Devon tour
- Sid Smart seriously ill – letter of sympathy

#### Minutes 23 May 1924

- Agreed Palladium fee at £7/10/- for last and next season
- Ground to be rented from Ground Co for £35 for summer months, and to pay half of any lettings
- Ground granted at no charge for school sports
- J Studt applied for hire of ground for Pleasure Fair
- Agreed £150 salary for Club Secretary plus £10 for services on new stand
- Grants agreed to charities – Childrens Hospital 10gns, St Lucy's Home 5gns, Cripple Childrens Outing 5gns, District Nursing Society 5gns, Local Institute of Blind 8gns, St John Ambulance 3gns
- More private accommodation for referees to be considered
- Players Meeting at Ground 13 June; Annual Meeting at Corn Exchange on 20 June
- Sir James Bruton resigned Presidency on grounds of age – he offered to give a Cup to promote rugby in the City
- Priestleys Studios offered to produce a Jubilee Souvenir booklet, with Mr Darley providing the necessary data – offer accepted

#### Minutes 13 June 1924

- Chairman welcomed the players, who were invited to elect their representatives on the committee – A T Voyce, captain 1<sup>st</sup> XV; Sid Brown, vice-captain; A Rea, captain 2<sup>nd</sup> XV; Stan Bayliss, Players Representative
- Messrs Millington, Mansell & Smart thanked for services as past officers
- Mr Fielding, Chairman of the Ground Co had gone through the Club's balance sheet and agreed £500 was a reasonable figure as net profit for the season – the meeting approved the payment of £25 as 5% of the profit
- The final balance sheet as prepared by the Secretary was approved
- Nominations for officers were accepted:  
President – Arnold Alcock  
Vice-Presidents - A F Fielding & J T Brookes  
General Secretary – A Hudson

General Committee – F A Abbey, H J Balchin, A Brown, G J Clutterbuck, G J Collingbourne, A Cromwell, G R Fox, F Pegler, E Keys (all old members), E T James, A W Carter, J Jones, N L Hayes, S Smart, J H Webb

- Alteration to rules proposed to reduce £1 members tickets to 15/-, 10/- members tickets to 7/6, and tickets for Deans Walk to 5/-. This was rejected by the committee because of the level of the bank balance and forthcoming commitments on lavatories, referee accommodation, Deans Walk terracing, etc, but agreed to reduce the 7/6 Deans Walk season tickets by at least the amount of any reduction made by the Entertainment Tax Commissioners
- Tender of Wm Jones for the grandstand lavatory and referees changing room accepted – Ground Co to be advised
- The Secretary had suggested to Sir James Bruton that, rather than a Cup, a more lasting memento might be a clock on the outside of the gymnasium facing the new grandstand
- W S Donne, President elect of the ERU to be asked to bring a team to Gloucester on 16 Oct to celebrate the Club's jubilee

Cuttings of newspaper reports of the Club's 1923-24 season and of the 1924 AGM pasted into minute book

#### Minutes 4 July 1924

- Present: J T Brookes, G J Clutterbuck, A Brown, S Smart, G R Fox, J H Webb, F Abbey, F Pegler, N L Hayes, A Cromwell, G J Collingbourne, S Bayliss, L A Brown, A Rea, A Hudson (Secretary)
- J T Brookes re-elected as Chairmen and A F Fielding as Vice-Chairman
- Sub-committees appointed for selection, finance, emergency and ground; also Combination rep
- Local clubs agreement to continue as previously
- Jubilee match arrangements proceeding well between Messrs Donne and Pearce. Members to be admitted free
- Sir James Bruton to present a clock, and Club to mount and provide inscription plate
- Admission charges set at:  
For 1<sup>st</sup> XV matches:  
Deans Walk 6d, juniors 3d  
Worcester St 1/2, 6d  
Old grandstand & enclosure 1/8, 1/-  
Inside ropes unreserved 2/-, 1/-  
New grandstand wings 2/-, 1/-  
New grandstand centre 3/-  
For A team matches:  
Deans Walk 3d, juniors 2d  
Worcester St 6d, 4d  
Grandstand 9d, 6d  
Deans Walk season tickets now free of tax, and some to be issued at 6/6

- George Halford and Sidney Smart elected as life members
- Terms with Ground Co to be agreed as previous year

#### Minutes 26 Aug 1924

- Baggage men reappointed on same terms
- Jubilee match fixed with W S Donne on 13 Nov; A D Stoop to be invited to referee, or failing that D R Gent; Secretary to make enquiries about accommodation for dinner
- Grant of 5gns made to GAC Sports Fund
- Gloster Combination granted permission to meet monthly at Kingsholm
- Supporters Club given permission to publish the official programme and to visit visiting teams
- J Coulson had moved to Coventry and applied for a trial with the Coventry club, who requested information on his playing ability and his social character
- R H James had resigned as a playing member
- S Birt of Bream and H Roberts of Drybrook had applied for trials
- Further standing accommodation required either side of the new stand, and County committee would provide financial assistance – Ground committee to deal with this at approximate cost of £200

#### Minutes 9 Sep 1924

- Jubilee dinner to be held at New Inn Hotel @ 7/6 per head
- Order for new open stand given to W Jones
- Services of J M Barnes to be engaged as masseur on 5gns retainer and 1/- per visit
- Clock had been installed
- Kick-off with Moseley to be at 5/45 and a charabanc to meet train
- Transfer tickets from Deans Walk to Worcester St to be issued at back of new stand
- Ben Embling's offer of £5 for confectionery rights accepted
- Charge for British Legion Carnival reduced from £10 to £8 owing to inclement weather
- London Welsh to be offered Easter Monday fixture at Kingsholm with guarantee of £35 (or £40 if gate receipts justify)

#### Minutes 23 Sep 1924

- Fixture with Richmond for next season had fallen through – London Scottish to be offered instead

#### Minutes 7 Oct 1924

- A D Stoop unable to referee Jubilee match – Mr Donne to be consulted – J C Collett to be invited to play for Gloucester in this match – Donne's players to have overnight

accommodation at the Wellington or New Inn – sub-committee formed to determine invitations to Jubilee dinner

- Seats to be reserved in centre section of new stand @3/- and wings 2/- after sufficient accommodation reserved for members

#### Minutes 21 Oct 1924

- List of invitations for Jubilee dinner confirmed – entertainers to be engaged
- The 17 players who had made most appearances to go on the Record Board

#### Minutes 4 Nov 1924

- Mansell resigned as playing member
- Schools use of ground on 13 Dec, 28 Feb & 18 Apr approved
- Tom Voyce arranging match for the benefit of the Local Blind Association
- A gateman had been issuing old tickets at the Plymouth Albion match – he was severely reprimanded and his services dispensed with
- Developments on the lavatory in the new grandstand and the Deans Walk urinal
- W S Donne to be approached about resuming fixtures with Leicester , at instigation of Supporters Club
- Various jobs at Jubilee match allocated to committee members; Chairman to make enquiries about a band; Banjo player suggested as entertainer

Newspaper cutting of Gloucester Journal 15 Dec 1924, reporting on Jubilee match and banquet

#### Minutes 11 Nov 1924

- Discussion of invitation list and acceptances for Jubilee dinner
- Declined to help with expenses of S Stone with treatment of a knee injury by a specialist at Pontypool

#### Minutes 25 Nov 1924

- Payment of expenses for Jubilee match and dinner approved
- Framed photograph of the teams to be presented to W S Donne, who had written to the Club to congratulate on the match and the dinner
- Secretary thanked for the very satisfactory arrangements he had made for the Jubilee
- Glamorgan Wanderers to be offered a guarantee and train fares for fixture next season
- Same terms as last year agreed with Ground Co for 1924-25
- Whole proceeds from match with Old Blues to be given to Royal Infirmary
- H W Bennett had given the Club a framed photograph of the All Blacks at Kingsholm on 25 September



#### Minutes 9 Dec 1924

- £5 donated to Mayor's Xmas Unemployed Fund
- Application to use ground by Old Boys refused, but permission granted for Glos Thursday
- Stroud to be offered a Thursday evening fixture at Stroud in Sept 1925, and Old Edwardians one at Kingsholm in Sept 1925
- Club had applied for 215 tickets for England v New Zealand – 73 allocated to go to members
- Glazing end of new grandstand to be costed
- Players to be given option of photograph of Jubilee teams as the official photograph of the season

#### Minutes 23 Dec 1924

- Tea to be provided to OMTs
- Application for reduced price season tickets declined

#### Minutes 6 Jan 1925

- Team unable to get beyond Cardiff for a fixture at Llanelli because of landslide on railway – Llanelli to be offered a match on 2 Apr provided they guaranteed £20 towards additional expenses
- OMTs disappointed with guarantee – agreed to increase from £45 to £55 next season
- Hartlepool cancelled fixture at Kingsholm on Easter Saturday 1926, because unable to arrange other fixtures, so Aberavon to be offered guarantee of £40 for this fixture
- Deputation from Cinderford attended meeting – they were in £150 in debt and experiencing difficulties in running club, especially when their captain, R Milliner, went to play for Gloucester at no notice. Gloucester claimed to have kept everyone informed. Gloucester decided not to play Milliner for time being, and to offer a benefit match. But Cinderford deputation returned to say that they consented to Milliner playing for Gloucester, asked Gloucester not to accept other players without Cinderford's consent, and thanked for the offer of a benefit match.

#### Minutes 20 Jan 1925

- Usual business was suspended because of the death of Stan Bayliss, who had died in the Royal Infirmary at 6pm that night as a result of injuries sustained in the match against Old Blues. He was admired on the field for his clean and brilliant play and off as a true type of sportsman and a gentleman. Club would pay all funeral expenses and widow to choose burial ground. Matches against Guys Hospital and Berry Hill on the following Saturday were cancelled.

#### Minutes 23 Jan 1925

- The Citizen had started a subscription list on behalf of the widow and orphan of Stan Bayliss – subject to the approval of the RFU, the Club would grant £150
- Wreath being sent from GRFC President, officials and players, and a separate one from the players
- Many letters of sympathy from Clubs and individuals were read out
- Widow was leaving all funeral arrangements to the Club, and was pleased that fellow players would act as pallbearers
- All committee members to attend memorial service at Northgate Chapel

#### Minutes 24 Jan 1925

- Llanelly declined to give any guarantee for the match on 2 Mar, but decided to go ahead without
- Midweek fixture offered to Guys Hospital after match cancelled, or grant for loss of gate money
- Mourning expenses of widow to be paid by Club; black armbands to be worn next Saturday; Letter to be sent to local businesses asking for subscriptions to the Bayliss fund; letters of thanks to be sent from widow and Club to those who sent wreaths

#### Minutes 10 Feb 1925

- George Bland attended to discuss Citizen fund for Bayliss
- W S Donne had written to give sanction from RFU Emergency Committee for individual subscriptions and collections, but donations from Club funds would be considered by the RFU General Committee; Donne asked for proposals for administering the fund to be put forward through W T Pearce
- Letter to RFU about the Stan Bayliss fund agreed, and a copy is pinned into the minute book. Trustees to be A Alcock, WT Pearce, A F Fielding, G Bland, J T Brookes & Councillor Ridsdale. Fund to close on 28 Feb. Fund to make a suitable allowance to Mrs Bayliss and son; should Mrs Bayliss remarry or die, fund to be administered for benefit of son until he is 21; if Mrs Bayliss and son died balance of fund to be given to Royal Infirmary to endow a bed in memory of Stan Bayliss
- Messrs Chance and Bland thanked for raising the public subscription
- Moseley arranging match with Coventry on behalf of the fund
- Offers, both rugby and football, for fund raising matches at Kingsholm were declined

#### Minutes 24 Feb 1925

- RFU had no objection to County and Clubs subscribing to Bayliss fund; County & SW Group each made a grant of £100; Redruth to make a collection at one of their matches

- Abertillery offered guarantee of £25 for match at Gloucester on Xmas Eve 1925; Cardiff Scottish offered guarantee of £7/10/- for match against Gloucester A on 10 Apr 1926
- County to be asked to notify clubs as soon as County fixtures were made – by error the match at Llanelly now clashed with a County fixture

#### Minutes 10 March 1925

- W T Pearce of Bristol to be nominated as County Representative on ERU
- Citizen to be asked to place the money in the Bayliss Fund into a deposit account
- At an A team match, a spectator had paid entry bit then found his members ticket and returned to the gate for a refund. When the two gatemen were unable to pay him immediately, he assaulted them both. The Club decided to prosecute, and a Citizen cutting about the case is pasted into the minute book – the magistrates found it to be an unprovoked assault and the defendant was fined £1 in each case or in default 14 days imprisonment
- Doctor's bill of 1gn to be paid for treatment of R Milliner
- It had proved impossible to arrange a fixture against Oxford Greyhounds, so a team drawn from the N Glos Clubs would be played instead on 2 Apr

#### Minutes 25 March 1925

- For the Cinderford benefit match, Gloster Club to pay all expenses and to provide a meat tea; entry from Worcester St to be 1s (6d for members) and 6d from Deans Walk
- W Jones to quote for glazing one end of grandstand and for sheeting at the back
- - the draft copy of the Stan Bayliss Trust had been agreed by the trustees

#### Minutes 7 Apr 1925

- The proceeds of the Cinderford benefit match were c£33, which was made up to £50
- First team photo to include Pryor and Rea
- Quotation for work on new grandstand accepted - £30 on glazing one end, and £40 for sheeting part of back
- Declined to let the Hippodrome advertise with a sandwich board paraded at Easter matches
- Schools granted permission to use Kingsholm for annual sports on 23 May
- North Glos Combination given permission to use Kingsholm for Junior Cup Final after the first team game on 11<sup>th</sup> and for Woolf Challenge Cup on 21<sup>st</sup>
- Arrangements for Devon tour approved – Secretary to accompany the team

### Minutes 29 May 1925

- Leicester would be glad to renew fixtures in 1926/27
- Capt Crawshaw wrote to thank for assistance to Guardsman Powell, injured in the match with London Welsh
- E Comley was injured in the match with Ruspage on 4 Apr – it was agreed to pay him for the 3 weeks he was unable to work and hope for sympathetic consideration by S W Insurance
- £25 guarantee offered to RAF for fixture on 18 Mar 1926; agreed to visit Sidmouth on 20 Apr 1926 for £35 guarantee
- Agreed to make over ground for the 4 summer months on same terms as last year - £35 plus half of lettings
- £150 agreed as Secretary's salary
- Grants to local clubs – Gordon League £5 + £1/7/- capitation fee, West End £5 + 1/7/- capitation fee, St Marks £5 + 4s capitation fee, and £5 to each of Oil Mills, Tredworth & Old Boys
- Grants to – Plymouth Ground Fund £5, Gloster Hospital Sports 7gns, St John Ambulance 3gns, Local Blind 8gns, St Lucy's Home 10gns, Crippled Childrens Outing Fund 5gns, Childrens Hospital 5gns, District Nursing Society 5gns
- A F Fielding to represent Club at RU AGM on 26 June
- Secretary to make enquiries about the players changing rooms & electric light for practice
- Nominations for AGM – President A Alcock, Vice-Presidents AF Fielding & J T Brookes, and General Secretary A Hudson
- Members season tickets – patrons 2gns, Grand Stand Enclosure £1 (juniors & old players 8/6), Ground only 8/6 (juniors & old players 5/-), Deans Walk field tickets 6/6
- A F Fielding, J T Brookes & W A Thomas proposed as County Union reps

### Minutes 19 Jun 1925

- Players welcomed to meeting – they elected Tom Voyce as captain, Sid Brown as vice-captain, Albert Rea as A team captain, Tom Millington as players rep on committee
- Tom Voyce thanked team for their loyal support during the season and proposed the formation of a cricket team
- 2<sup>nd</sup> XV caps awarded to L Franklin, L Abbey, J Priest, H Pitt, F Williams, W Prior, P Hogg, E Fisher

### Normal business

- Insurance fund had paid £6 for Comley's injuries – Club to pay outstanding £3
- Mr Mitchell glad to visit ground to estimate for electric light for training – Mr Robbins to also be invited to tender
- W R Eggleton elected as auditor
- Nominations for County officials – Meredith as President, Tratt as Treasurer, Roberts as Secretary
- Secretary had been unable to get payment from the Palladium for advertising

## Annual General Meeting

- Nominations were listed and voting took place 5-7.45
- Change of rules – all 10/- tickets reduced to 8/6, thus giving members the full benefit of the concession on entertainment tax duty
- 1<sup>st</sup> XV caps awarded to R J Loveridge, F Ford, J Hemmings, H Roberts, S Duberley, R Milliner, S Short, E Triggs Herbert, G Thomas, J Seabrook
- 2<sup>nd</sup> XV caps awarded to L Franklin, L Abbey, J Priest, Ron James, H Pitt, S Williams, W Prior, P Hogg, E Fisher, A Comley, A E Hopcroft, P Hobbs

Citizen cuttings of 1924-25 season and 1925 AGM pasted into minute book

## Minutes 1 Sep 1925

- Present – J T Brookes, G J Clutterbuck, F Abbey, S Smart, E Keys, H J Balchin, A Brown, G J Collingbourne, J H Webb, N L Hayes, F Pegler, T Millington, T Voyce, S Brown, A Hudson
- J T Brookes elected as Chairman, A Brown as Vice-Chairman
- Sub-committees appointed for selection, finance, emergency, ground
- F Abbey appointed Combination rep, and Bagwell and Bloxsome as baggage men
- Local clubs agreement to continue
- Players to be insured with S W Group Fund
- Charges of admission unchanged
- Supporters Club to continue to produce programmes
- H Reed of Longhope and Owen of Hereford offered their services – referred to selection committee
- G J Dere, former player and referee, had died
- R J Robin's quotation of £19/5/6 for two electric lights to be fixed to main grandstand for training was accepted
- Wm Jones quotation of £22/2/6 for dividing bath room and providing stove was accepted
- Emergency committee to assist secretary in completing the fixture list for 1926/27
- London Hospital offered a midweek match at Gloucester in Jan 1926 – offered a Thursday
- The question of post-match teas had been raised at the County Union AGM, and a ruling being sought from ERU. Meanwhile light refreshments to be provided after Lydney match
- Rooms at Kingsholm to be placed at the disposal of players at any time

## Minutes 15 Sep 1925

- Letter received from RFU about teas – it is pasted into the minute book – teas may be provided to teams after a match out of Club Funds, but careful supervision of

expenditure must be maintained. Plain teas to be 1/- to 1/6 and high teas 2/6 to 3/-, including drinks such as ginger beer, cider and beer. Theatre tickets cannot be supplied from Club Funds as this would contravene the laws on professionalism

- £5 accepted from A Embling & Sons for sale of confectionery in 1925/26
- 5 shares in the Ground Co to be purchased from W C Ferris
- Difficulties were being experienced in restarting the St Marks and Tredworth clubs – N Glos Combination to be invited to deal with it

#### Minutes 22 Sep 1925

- F Ford had played for Coventry against Plymouth – a letter to be sent to Coventry saying it was an unfriendly act to play Ford before communicating with Gloucester
- County planned to play Devon & N Midlands next season Gloucester to offer Kingsholm for latter fixture

#### Minutes 6 Oct 1925

- Agreed to let drop the matter concerning Ford and Coventry
- Wagon Works band did not accept playing at Kingsholm for collection only, so offer of P Hayward to provide a band of 12 players was accepted
- Record Board for 1924/25 to contain the names of the 17 players with the most appearances plus Stan Bayliss
- Difficulty in arranging fixtures with Plymouth and possibly Llanelli – any vacant dates to be offered first to Northampton and then Old Edwardians

#### Minutes 20 Oct 1925

- Hopes for an international trial or international match played at Kingsholm – Chairman to speak to Mr Pearce
- H E Fox thanked for framed photo of the late Stan Bayliss – to be hung in committee room
- Club's finances considered most satisfactory – Chairman to discuss with Ground Co the spare piece of land behind new grandstand

#### Minutes 3 Nov 1925

- S Crowther only paid for 4 days for his injury by insurance, so Club to make up to the full week he could not work (from £2 to £3)
- Cricket Club granted use of Kingsholm on 12 Nov 1925
- Gloucester asked to play at Treorchy to open their new ground on 6 Sep 1926 – declined
- Northampton offered to play at Gloucester on 18 Sep 1926 for guarantee of £50 or half nett gate, and to play Saturday home and away the following season. Agreed to offer up to £40 guarantee or half nett gate with minimum £30 and maximum £50

- Accepted offer of Mr Arthur Bouchiers to entertain team and officials to a meal and theatre after the match with Guys Hospital in London on 23 Jan
- Quotation for insuring for fatal accidents was thought excessive – SW Group to be asked to entertain covering for £500
- The Motor portion of the ground to be fenced off for parking
- R C Thompson (Cheltenham) had offered his services to Gloucester and was selected to play against Oxford Univ on condition he advised Cheltenham, who told Gloucester not to play him – to be referred to the County Union

#### Minutes 17 Nov 1925

- Fencing off the parking ground would cost £95, and extending sheeting and glazed portion of new grandstand would cost £25, both to be carried out by Wm Jones
- Plymouth to be asked to increase guarantee for 1926/27 fixture from £30 to £35
- Whole of the receipts from the Old Blues match to be given to the Royal Infirmary
- Use of rooms for meetings of the Women's Labour Party refused
- Set of 18 jerseys to be provided to the Gloucester Ex Scholars team
- H Reid of Ruardean trying to join, but Cinderford objecting

#### Minutes 1 Dec 1925

- County Union dealing with the case of H Reid
- 10gns donated to the Mayors Xmas Relief Fund
- Ground Co had suggested that the Club take over the ground for the whole year – Club decided to offer rent of £245, to pay all rates and repairs, and the 4/- per week paid to the groundsman by the Co.
- Covering of the ground to be left to the Secretary, calling on the Emergency Committee if in doubt
- Mr Pearce had made formal application that an England trial match be played at Kingsholm next season
- If County match not played on 28 Dec, then Gloucester to play Lydney at Lydney – Kingsholm at disposal of Ex Scholars League
- J Hemmings to be paid for the 4 days not covered by SW Insurance, when he was not able to work

#### Minutes 15 Dec 1925

- Old Blues objected to Mr Budd as referee and suggested a London official – Gloucester standing by Budd
- E Richardson of Bristol was offering his services for the Xmas matches
- Lydney had suffered financial loss when frost caused cancellation of match on 28 Nov, so asking for an extra fixture at end of season – County Union to be asked for an extension of the season
- Owing to frost, the Secretary had arranged to cover the ground with hay at a cost of £25 including clearing on Saturday morning – approved

- Suggestion of Northgate Church that they hold a footballers' service in the New Year was supported, and a date of 31 Jan suggested
- There had been a problem with a player not being paid for all of his time off work with injury by SW Group – agreed not to extend insurance scheme unless a doctor's certificate was produced

#### Minutes 5 Jan 1926

- Messrs Brown & Fox thanked for helping to cover and clear the ground for the Xmas matches
- Players and officials invited to the evening service at Northgate Church on 31 Jan – Mr Brookes to read the lesson
- Gloster Boys granted use of ground to play Bristol Boys before the Herford match on Saturday, and to give them the whole of the gate
- London Hospital satisfied with their train fares and lunch as their guarantee
- Cardiff Scottish to be given a guarantee of 7/10/- for a match against the A team in 1926/27
- Agreed to renew fixtures with Chepstow, and to arrange matches with Moseley A if possible

#### Minutes 19 Jan 1926

- The takings at the London Hospital match were £29/1/6, and agreed to the following grants to local charities, with the balance from Club funds:  
 Childrens Hospital 10gns  
 St Lucy's Home 10gns  
 Local Blind 8gns  
 Crippled Children 5gns  
 District Nursing Society 5gns  
 Palmer Fund 5gns  
 St John Ambulance Assn 3gns
- Letter of sympathy to be sent to Dr Taylor on his serious injury, wishing speedy recovery
- Old Boys had asked to be notified in writing before Wednesday evening of any of their players being selected for Gloucester teams, and none to be selected thereafter. The present arrangement of advertising teams and reserves in the Wed Citizen was fair to all, and Old Boys not to get any preferential treatment
- Ex Scholars thanks for the set of jerseys, and asking to use ground for match with Bristol Ex Scholars – use of ground granted for use prior to Bath match on payment of £5, but they to receive all receipts

#### Minutes 2 Feb 1926



- Plymouth Albion asked whether a mid-week match at Gloucester or a grant towards expenses was preferred in lieu of match cancelled on 16 Jan – decided to suggest a grant of £30
- Stroud to be offered a Thursday fixture next September
- Benefit match for the Royal Infirmary – the gate was £58/13/- and the collection £14/12/5 – a postcard with a very offensive remark on it had been thrown into the collection – one of the Infirmary Workpeoples committee had owned up and apologised – report to be sent to the IW Secretary
- County match with Hampshire to be played at Kingsholm on 20 Feb
- A T Voyce congratulated on being selected for the international against Ireland, his 26<sup>th</sup> consecutive appearance for England
- Decision deferred on question of members A tickets being given to others, thus reducing the gate

#### Minutes 16 Feb 1926

- G'shire Football Assoc had applied to use ground on 17 Apr, but already granted for Schools match
- Tyldesley application for match at Kingsholm on Mon 13 Sep declined
- Grant of £20 to United Services approved
- Western Independent newspaper from Plymouth asked for a Club view of the proposed formation of a SW league - Gloucester would not entertain entering
- SW Insurance hoped to include insurance for fatal accidents in insurance for next season
- English Schools Union applied to play their international match with Wales at Kingsholm in March 1927 – possible on 19 Mar if match with Cardiff Scottish could be moved

#### Minutes 2 Mar 1926

- Cardiff Scottish having agreed to change their match, it was agreed to grant use of the ground free of charge to the Schools Union on 19 Mar 1927 for their England v Wales international
- Extra 2 days insurance paid to S Collins for his injury against Cardiff on production of a medical certificate
- E D Pope paid 4gns for medical professional attendance
- Use of Kingsholm granted to the N Glos Combination for their Junior and Senior Finals
- Gordon League were asking for help with building better accommodation
- £10 to be charged for use of ground for Allotment Holders Show and Childrens Carnival
- Mr Lee had been expelled from the Infirmary Workpeoples for his conduct at the benefit match
- H E Jones to photograph the 1<sup>st</sup> XV, and Mr Fox the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV for season photos

#### Minutes 16 Mar 1926

- Easter matches to kick off at 3:15
- £6/17/8 paid for medical attendance on Dr Taylor
- Cricket practice at Kingsholm two evenings per week by Nondescripts CC approved
- Use of Kingsholm granted to the Ex-Scholars on 8 & 22 Apr
- H G Norman willing to sell his shares in the Ground Co to the Club

Inserted into the minute book is a newspaper cutting about Bristol cancelling fixtures with Gloucester for next season following the match on 6 Mar 1926

#### Minutes 23 Mar 1926

- W T Pearce to again be proposed as RU representative
- G McIlwaine wrote to apologise for his inability to play against Bath due to a fractured rib
- Use of ground for fee of £5 granted to Oil Mills on 28 Aug
- Club thanked for support to Rotary Bureau, which was now closing down as demand for free entertainment to disabled soldiers was declining after 5 years
- Special meeting called to consider a letter from Bristol, which read "At a meeting of the Bristol Committee held at the Memorial Ground on Monday March 15 1926, the following resolution was passed – "That in view of the unsatisfactory nature of the games between the Gloucester & Bristol Clubs it will be in the best interests of Rugby Football

#### Minutes 30 Mar 1926

- Report on meeting at Bristol by Mr Brookes. The Bristol players said that, although no actual charges of rough play had been made, they considered that for several seasons the rivalry was too keen, so fixtures should be cancelled. Dr Alcock proposed "That this meeting is of the opinion that the cancellation of fixtures between old and near rivals is prejudicial to the interest of sport and to the game in the County and that we hope the Bristol Committee will reconsider their decision and allow the teams to meet once again in friendly rivalry"
- Newport had proposed an addition to the bye law to deal with disputes between clubs – it was agreed to support this if framed as "That cancellation of fixtures or disputes between clubs affiliated to the Union shall be referred to the Union Committee for adjudication on the written request of either club"

#### Minutes 4 Apr 1926

- Emergency meeting following the death of Sid Brown, who had died that morning of injuries sustained when playing against Aberavon the previous day. Resolution of

sympathy was passed to widow and relatives, and expression given to his manly qualities and service to the Club as player and official.

- Matches arranged for the Easter holiday against London Welsh and Cinderford, and the Senior Combination Final, were cancelled

#### Minutes 6 Apr 1926

- Ground to be closed for week, so A team fixture with Cardiff Scottish cancelled
- Messrs Voyce, Ayliffe and Hudson to interview Moseley at Cheltenham on their return from their Easter tour this evening, and suggest cancelling of the match at Moseley on Saturday
- Funeral to take place on Thursday with player as bearers. Detailed arrangements for the funeral left in the hands of the Club. Wreaths to be sent from Gloucester Football Club and Fellow Players.
- Vicar of All Saints to be asked to hold a memorial service next Sunday
- A Subscription list to be opened on behalf of widow and child, and to ask the Citizen to organise. RU consent sought for voting a sum from Club funds

#### Minutes 9 Apr 1926

- Meeting at short notice to discuss Devon tour and rearranged match at Lydney. It was concluded that all the remaining fixtures be played
- Agreed Club should donate £150 to the Sid Brown Fund, subject to RU permission

#### Minutes 21 Apr 1926

- RU had approved a fund being set up for the widow and Child of Sid Brown, but ruled that no grant could be made from Club funds. Being asked to reconsider, since this was allowed in the case of Stan Bayliss
- Free use of the Palais de Dance and band for a dance had been offered to raise money for the fund – committee to be formed to organise
- Gloucester City AFC had offered to play a match against Bristol at Kingsholm to raise funds, but since that was the scene of Sid Brown's accident and similar offers from rugby organisations had been declined, it was thanks but no thanks
- Agreed to grant London Welsh £30 against their guarantee for Easter Monday, and a grant of £30 to Cinderford for the loss of gate at the cancelled match on Easter Tuesday
- Agreed to double the guarantee to Moseley next season or to play at Moseley
- S Duberley, injured against Bristol on 6 Mar, was still incapacitated, but SW Insurance only provided for 3 weeks and he had been paid for 2 – agreed to pay him the extra week and to obtain a medical report
- Free use of Kingsholm granted for the Gloucester Schools Sports on 12 June
- Agreed to reduce benefit to £2 per week, but to ask SW Insurance to increase period of benefit for next season

- No reply had been received from Bristol – if this remained the case by 30 Apr, fixtures should be considered as cancelled – if an unsatisfactory reply received, matter to be referred to County Union

#### Minutes 4 Jun 1926

- Last medical certificate for S Duberley dated 3 May – agreed to pay him £12
- Citizen fund for Sid Brown had closed – a letter from the Club to be published thanking the public for making it such a success
- St Thomas Hospital would fill one of the Bristol dates next season for a guarantee of £25, and Oxford Greyhounds to be invited to fill the other
- Balance sheet approved subject to audit – Messrs Russell Eggleton and Tomkins to act as auditors
- Grants made to local clubs - £5 to Gordon League, West End, Old Boys and Alington, and 2gns to Hucclecote
- N Glos Combination balance sheet received
- AGM to be at Old Corn Exchange on 2 Jul, and Players meeting Agreed on 25 Jun
- Agreed to propose Dr Alcock as President, J T Brookes & A F Fielding as Vice-Presidents, and A Hudson as Secretary
- As County officials, it was agreed to propose Meredith as President, Tratt as Treasurer and Roberts as Secretary – J T Brookes, A F Fielding and W A Thomas to be Gloucester's reps on the Executive Committee
- Agreed to insure for fatal accidents with SW Insurance up to £400 at an additional premium of 30/-
- J T Brookes to attend ERU AGM as Club rep, and Keys as Schools Union rep

#### Minutes 26 Jun 1926

- The Players Meeting – Tom Voyce reluctantly elected as 1<sup>st</sup> XV captain, with T Millington as vice-captain. A Rea re-elected as captain of 2<sup>nd</sup> XV, and T Millington as Players Rep
- Trustees of Stan Bayliss Fund to be invited to act for the Sid Brown Fund – A Alcock, J T Brookes, A F Fielding, T Pearce & G H Bland
- Nominations for officers at AGM – President A Alcock, Vice-Presidents JT Brookes & AF Fielding, Gen Sec A Hudson; voting for committee to be held F W Ayliffe to be thanked on his retirement as a player
- 1<sup>st</sup> XV caps for S Williams, Dr Taylor, RC Thompson & G Foulkes. A XV caps for F Sturge, G Shaw, S Collins, L Bartlett, R Smart, E Spiers, G Foulkes & G Thomas

Pasted into book are newspaper reports of the 1926 AGM

#### Minutes 24 Aug 1926

- J T Brookes elected Chairman, and Albert Brown as Vice-Chairman

- Sub-committees elected for Selection, Finance, Emergency & Ground
- F Abbey appointed as Combination rep
- Bagwell & Martin to be baggage men for 1<sup>st</sup> XV, and Bloxsome for 2<sup>nd</sup> XV
- No changes to agreement with local clubs and admission charges; Supporters Club to continue to produce match programmes; Wagon Works Band to play at matches for the season
- Cricket Club granted use of Kingsholm on Thursdays
- Agreed to play London Welsh on Easter Monday 1928 and offer a guarantee of £35
- A Cromwell, F W Ayliffe and A Hall were elected as life members
- St Marks and Tredworth clubs had not restarted for want of officials and a ground

#### Minutes 7 Sep 1926

- Most of the Tredworth players had joined other clubs; the future of St Marks depended on finding a ground
- Agreed to increase London Welsh guarantee to £40
- Rees of Bristol had offered to play for Gloucester
- The approach to the main entrance had been concreted
- Grant of £5 made to the Prize fund of the Gloucester Athletic Club
- N Glos Combination allowed use of room for monthly meetings
- Duke of York Angling Assoc granted use of gymnasium for prize giving provide no intoxicating drink brought into ground
- Five each from the County Committee, Bristol and Gloucester to meet to discuss renewal of fixtures – J T Brookes, A F Fielding, A Brown, E Keys & a Hudson for Gloucester

#### Minutes 14 Sep 1926

- Agreed to offer guarantee up to £40 to Welsh Universities for match at Gloucester on Easter Saturday 1928
- Agreed to open next season with match at Kingsholm against Lydney
- London Hospital asked for a Thursday fixture next season – to be referred to Cricket Club with a view to assisting their funds
- County to be asked for tickets for reserved seats for Gloucester Committee at County matches at Kingsholm
- Bristol to consider renewal of fixtures next season – Gloucester made it conditional on one match this season

#### Minutes 21 Sep 1926

- No progress on renewing fixtures with Bristol
- B Embling to again have confectionery rights for £5
- L Abbey injured on 7 Sep – incapacitated for 10 days – SW Insurance had paid for 7 days – Club to pay £1 for 3 days

- Mr Washbourn still willing to sell Ground Co shares – Club willing to pay original purchase price plus £5 commission to S Starr
- Wreath to be sent to funeral of P Hogg, a former player
- Club not prepare to pay landlord of White Hart for additional licensing costs
- Gymnasium getting crowded at matches, so to be limited to players and officials
- Complimentary season ticket to E A Newton service rendered in watering ground etc

#### Minutes 1 Oct 1926

- Special meeting to consider letter concerning the Bristol dispute from A J Gardner of Clifton – but Gloucester position unchanged. Club supported Gloucester players in refusing to play with Bristol players in County matches

#### Minutes 5 Oct 1926

- A J Gardner reported that Bristol had declined an invitation to play Gloucester at Clifton
- White Hart had not obtained a licence and Club considering other arrangements
- H G Norman considered himself free to do what he will with his Ground Co shares
- Cinderford to be played on Barton Fair day next season
- Northampton thanks for pleasant spirit in which game played on 18 Sep and to Mr Balchin for placing a charabanc at their disposal to catch train for return journey
- Cardiff suggested six referees as for their match, noting that Gloucester had been given the choice of referee at Cardiff
- Members absent from the 24 Aug meeting had all objected to the open voting on life members, but agreed minute should stand

#### Minutes 16 Oct 1926

- Special meeting to discuss Bristol dispute, because Voyce and Millington had decided in the interest of good sport to place their services unreservedly at the disposal of the County Selection Committee – agreed that these players be congratulated on their action and spirit

#### Minutes 19 Oct 1926

- White Hart now had a special licence
- Whole committee had now assented to Cromwell, Ayliffe and Hall being made life members
- Agreement granted for G P Pennington to play for Stroud
- Complaints of bad language by A Manns at the Guys match led police to issue a summons – he pleaded guilty and was fined 15/- - Club endorsed

- Torquay to be offered the open date in 1927-28, and to play return fixture during Devon tour
- Cardiff Scottish to be offered guarantee of £7/10/- for 1927-28 fixture against A team
- Secretary reported that Mr & Mrs Washbourne agreed to sell their 543 shares in the Ground Co to the Club
- H G Norman to be offered 20/- per share for his 265 shares – this would result in the Club owning 2964 of the 3150 Ground Co shares – of the balance of 186 shares, 113 could be taken as held sympathetically – a special effort to be made to purchase the outstanding shares

#### Minutes 2 Nov 1926

- H G Norman had agreed to dispose of his shares in the Ground Co at par plus a dividend of not less than 2 ½ %
- Ground Co to be asked to remove board advertising spare piece of land for sale
- Mr Bouchiers invitation to players for dinner after the Guys match accepted
- County had made a grant of £75 to the Club from last season's profits
- Lydbrook requested a collection at Kingsholm for distressed miners
- Mr Brown to support alteration of rules at special meeting of the ERU
- Cruelty to Children had received only £3 from Mr Hill of Roundabout from the fete at Kingsholm on 26 Aug – Club agreed to forego their half of this and to refuse future lettings
- Offered guarantee for matches in Cork and Limerick – could not be fitted into next season's fixture list
- After the Aberavon match Mr Prins of Broadway had acted objectionably towards ladies in the old grandstand – he denied but promised not to go in the stand in future – he was to be observed

#### Minutes 16 Nov 1926

- No point in attending rule change meeting at ERU – all passed in a few minutes
- Mr Hamilton had agreed to sell his one share in the Ground Co to the Club at par plus dividend
- Agreed to apply for one of the England trial matches to be played at Kingsholm next season
- Wet weather resulted in a poor attendance at the Ex Scholars match on 6 Nov, so Club to forego the £5 charge
- £1 to pay to Bristol Tramways Co for window broken on 30 Oct
- Dr Taylor had now left the district but thanked the Club for the kindness shown to him on and off the field
- Agreed to apply for County fixture against Cornwall to be played at Kingsholm in 1927-28

#### Minutes 30 Nov 1926

- Ground Co had declared a dividend of 2 ½ % - every effort to be made to get in touch with remaining shareholders
- Congratulations to Gloucester players awarded Blues – Byers & Macdonald at Oxford and McIlwaine at Cambridge
- A Team to play a match at Widden Old Boys next season
- Agreed to pay £20 guarantee to Oxford Greyhounds next season
- Record Board for 1925-26 to include the 15 players with most appearances plus L Abbey & S Crowther
- Mr Harris had enquired as to the desirability of forming a Gloucester Juniors XV – he to be invited to put his proposals in writing and if desirable to attend a future committee meeting

#### Minutes 14 Dec 1926

- Ground Co had discussed winding up the company and asking the RU for a loan to clear the rest of the mortgage with the Conservative Benefit Society, but no decision was reached
- Accepted the offer of Col Horlick to entertain players and officials to dinner & theatre after the Harlequins game next week
- W H Madge to be paid £7/4/- for stamp duty and professional services, and to thank him for his great assistance with the Bayliss & Brown Funds
- 10gns granted to the Mayor's Xmas Unemployed Fund
- Whole takings from the Old Blues match on 29 Jan to be donated to the Royal Infirmary
- The boiler for heating the water for the baths was leaking badly and was beyond repair, so Messrs Bevan engaged to supply a new one for £50+
- In future costs of work over £20 to be submitted for tender except in emergency cases
- Gloster Nondescripts CC granted use of Kingsholm for cricket practice for summer 1927 for £5
- Berry Hill agreed that Cooper could play for Gloucester

#### Minutes 4 Jan 1927

- Difficulties were being experienced in persuading remaining shareholders in the Ground Co to sell their shares – RU to be asked if a loan of £2500 might be made towards the purchase of the ground
- Cardiff had suggested that secretaries of clubs all meet in May to arrange fixtures and reduce the tremendous amount of correspondence – Gloucester secretary to attend
- Club accepted invitation to send two reps to the Bristol Tramways annual sports club dinner

#### Minutes 25 Jan 1927



- Club had succeeded in obtaining Ground Co shares of Mrs Constance (20), Mr Goddar (7), Mr Wm Dancey (10), Mrs Grant (5) and Mr F Pegler (10). Only difficulty now was with Mr Harry Dancey.
- RU said no grant could be made to clear off the mortgage, but they were thought to be under a wrong impression
- Town Clerk had expressed Council's approval of existing lavatories, but suggested more
- Ex Scholars granted use of Kingsholm on 19 Feb – they to pay all expenses and profits to go to Ex Scholars League
- Mr Bouchier thanked for his hospitality in London
- Dr Shepherd's bill for 2gns for services to GP Pennington to be paid
- Tom Coulson of Coventry, but formerly of Gloucester, congratulated on his international cap
- A J Owner granted permission to play for Cheltenham
- Many persons had been gaining entry by climbing over the Worcester St fence, so planning to add barbed wire

#### Minutes 15 Feb 1927

- The gate at the Old Blues game was £55/4/6 and the collection £10/4/7 – all paid to the Royal Infirmary
- Quotation accepted from Wm Jones of £6/16/- for stays and barbed wire along 109 yards of Worcester St between the main and White Hart entrances
- Use of Kingsholm offered for a match on behalf of the blind
- Interest in obtaining four second hand turnstiles

#### Minutes 8 Mar 1927

- Barbed wire installed along Worcester St
- Community singing to be organised at the Newport match on 12 Mar , 2:45-3:30 – 5,000 programmes containing the songs to be printed
- H K Fox to photograph 1<sup>st</sup> XV and HE Jones A team
- Extra matches - team to go to Hereford on 21 Apr for benefit of their funds, and to Cheltenham on 23 Apr on behalf of Cheltenham General Hospital Extension Scheme
- Players injured on the SW Insurance Gp Fund could also claim benefit from the National Health
- Permission granted for a 10-mile walking race to finish at Kingsholm on Easter Monday after the London Welsh game
- N Glos Combination granted use of Kingsholm for 2<sup>nd</sup> Div Cup Final on 13 Apr and 1<sup>st</sup> Div Cup Final on Easter Tuesday, and to Ex Scholars on 14 Apr for their match with Cardiff Ex Scholars
- Application for a match on behalf of Poor Childrens Outing Fund declined with regret

#### Minutes 22 Mar 1927

- Paid £2 to cover the loss on the extra programmes produced by the Supporters Assoc for the community singing
- Mr Milford Barnes thanked for the splendid service he is rendering to players as masseur
- To second the Bristol nomination of W T Pearce as RU rep
- The band at the Schools international was granted £3 in lieu of a collection – the collection at this match on behalf of the Allen Warren Fund raised 21/6/- - 10gns donated from Club funds on behalf of widow and child
- Application from Alabama University for exhibition game of American Football at Kingsholm was declined
- The Plymouth v Gloucester match on 9 Apr to be broadcast by the Broadcasting Co

Pinned into the book are several letters in which W D Meredith, President of the County Union, had tried unsuccessfully to find a way for fixtures to resume between Bristol and Gloucester

#### Minutes 5 Apr 1927

- The letters referred to above were read to the meeting – all were in favour of resuming fixtures next season
- Mr Dancey was refusing to sell his shares in the Ground Co because of the treatment he alleges he received when he was Chairman of the Ground Co
- Concerns over the attitude of some of the spectators towards the referee at the Leicester game

#### Minutes 26 May 1927

- Mr Short was injured on 19 Apr and unable to work until 9 May – the insurance covered only seven days – Club to pay for the extra 14 days on the doctor's certificate
- W T Pearce congratulated on being nominated as Vice-President of the RU
- W Meredith thanked for finally bringing the Bristol v Gloucester dispute to an end
- Secretary to attend meeting on 29 May empowered to arrange fixtures with Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, Llanelly and the Welsh clubs
- Uncertainty over how to respond a proposal from Paignton and Cardiff to form a Rugby Union League
- Tom Millington resigned as a playing member of the Club
- Supporters Club granted use of the committee room for their monthly meetings
- H K Fox presented the Club with a framed photo of the late Sid Brown
- Grants made to local clubs – Gordon League £7/10/-, Old Boys £6, West End £7/1/-, Widden Old Boys £6/10/6, Hucclecote £2/2/-
- Grants made to charities – Local blind 8gns, St Lucy's Home 10gns, Childrens Hospital 10gns, Crippled children 5gns, District Nursing Assoc 5gns, Palmer Fund 5gns, Mayors Xmas Fund 10gns, St John Ambulance 3gns, GAC 5gns, Allen Warren Fund 10gns
- Secretary's salary - £150

- Russell Eggleton & Tomkins appointed auditors
- AGM to be at Corn Exchange on 1 July and players meeting at Kingsholm on 24 June
- Tenders received for painting outside iron work of the new grandstand and Worcester St stand accepted from Cromwell & Stock for £44/17/6
- Nominations agreed for various County Union posts

#### Minutes 24 Jun 1927

- Meeting with players held first – they elected Captain 1<sup>st</sup> XV – L E Saxby; Vice-Captain – R L Loveridge; Captain A team – A Rea; Players Rep on Committee – T Millington to be invited, or failing him Hemmings
- Deans Walk fence dangerous
- Agreed that the gate from the Bristol match on 22 Sep should be given to various charities in the City
- Agreed guarantee of £40 for London Welsh on Easter Monday 1929
- Nominations for the AGM – President – Dr A Alcock; Vice-Presidents – AJ Fielding & J T Brookes; Gen Sec – A Hudson; voting for committee to be 5-7:45pm

Newspaper articles on the 1926-27 season and on the 1927 season inserted into the book

#### Minutes 22 Jul 1927

- J T Brookes elected Chairman and A Brown Vice-Chairman
- The committee agreed unanimously “That the Club make an offer to purchase the Ground based on a sum sufficient to cover the Issued Share Capital of the Company & the Mortgage, and in addition bear all legal expenses in connection with the Transfer”
- Sub-committees appointed for Finance, Emergency and Ground; Eric Keys (or Scoon) to be Rep for North Glos Combination; T Millington resigned as Players Rep, but to be asked to reconsider
- Charges for admission to 1<sup>st</sup> XV games to be New Grandstand centre 3/-, wings 2/-, enclosure 1/6; Old Grandstand 1/6; Worcester St 1/-; Deans Walk 6d. No change for A matches

#### Minutes 30 Aug 1927

- Mr Mundy had offered a 15-strong band in uniform for next season, and the Wagon Works not less than 16. Decided to continue with Mundy, who had provided the band for the previous two seasons
- 5gns donated to the Prize Fund of the Gloucester Athletic Club
- Moreland and Sons removing the advertising cone flying on the ground
- Fixture with RAF on 15 Mar 1928 declined
- Hucclecote regretted cancelling their fixture with the A team – the club had disbanded
- Supporters again granted permission to publish match programmes

- J Pollard to paint the Worcester St gates
- Iron fencing along Deans Walk needed repair - Blundell to do
- Mr Balchin's offer to convey team and officials to Stroud on 8 Sep free of cost was accepted
- For out (away) matches the team to be accompanied by a member of the Selection Committee as well as the Committee man in Charge
- Proceeds of the Bristol match to go to the Childrens Hospital, St Lucy's Home, District Nursing Soc, the Cripples Fund and the Palmer Fund, the balance to the Royal Infirmary, increased by the Club if necessary – Mr Balchin to organise the collection

#### Minutes 13 Sep 1927

- Hucclecote club had fallen through from lack of interest shown by players – Fixture at Neath Wanderers arranged instead
- Bristol Tramways had provided charabanc free of charge to Stroud
- Messrs Smith & Morris had provided cold meat tea after match with Lydney – should be continued at charge of 35/- exclusive of beer and minerals
- Agreed Supporters Club could fix a notice board on ground stating Headquarters and objects of the Club

#### Meeting 24 Sep 1927

- Arthur Bouchier had died
- Whitecroft RFC had applied for assistance – set of jerseys to be gifted
- Support requested for National Union of Journalists ball on 17 Nov
- Leicester proposed that Mr Freethy referee both matches this season
- North Glos Combination given permission for monthly meetings in committee room
- Finance Committee had met with Ground Co – still thought desirable to try to acquire shares held by Mr H A Dancey
- Receipts at Bristol charity match amounted to £84/11/6 – after making grants to six charities as previously decided this left £39/8/6 for Royal Infirmary – further grant to be considered later in season

#### Meeting 11 Oct 1927

- After the match against Guys Hospital a wreath was placed in the vestibule of the Strand Theatre in memory of Arthur Bouchier
- H A Dancey still not persuaded to part with his Ground Co shares – Alcock, Heasman and Carter to try to get him to change his mind
- Harlequins requested that fixtures be made three years ahead owing to a new agreement with the ERU on the ground at Twickenham – dates n 1930 and 1931 agreed
- Tank Corps had requested a fixture with Gloucester at Kingsholm this season

#### Meeting 25 Oct 1927

- Tea to be provided for Harlequins and home players preferably at the White Hart
- Team under the name of the Captain to be sent to Berry Hill on 1 Sep 1928 to open their new ground, at no expense to Berry Hill
- E H Hughes resigned as a playing member, and request from Stroud to play him was accepted
- Howard Meek of Ruardean wrote asking for a trial, saying he had finished with Cinderford, who objected and he was not played
- The names of the 16 players who had played most to be put on the Record Board plus that of G McIlwaine
- Agreed to grant use of Kingsholm to the Schools Union on 4 Feb, 5 Jan, Easter Thursday and two Saturdays when the A team at home
- North Glos and Forest Combinations to be asked if they would like to play each other at Kingsholm early in the season as a way of finding promising local players
- A M David to be presented with his Gloucester cap at the Presidents dinner and given a gift in appreciation of his services because he is leaving shortly for India
- More serious and intensive training of the players deemed necessary, so effort to be made to secure a full turn out of both teams on Thursday evenings – George Halford with the Captain, Ayliffe and Hayes to coach the forwards, and Millington, the Captain and Clutterbuck to coach the backs

#### Meeting 8 Nov 1927

- Some progress made towards the buying of the Ground Co shares from H A Dancey
- Chairman, Secretary and Rev Hensman to attend a conference proposed by Mr Meredith of clubs in the Northern part of the County
- North Glos Combination hopeful of a match with the Bristol Combination early next season
- Letter of thanks to Dr Alcock for his President's dinner, attended by W W Wakefield
- Millington and Halford prepared to take charge of training
- Owing to the time taken in selecting teams, the General Committee meetings to start at 8pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Battn of the Royal Tank Corps to play at Kingsholm on a Thursday, the Club to pay £2/10/- for a charabanc and teas, whole takings to go to Royal Infirmary
- E Stephens asked to be recognised as a playing member of the Club – left to the Selection Committee
- Les Primeveres RFC requested a match at Gloucester next September with a return match in Paris – Secretary to arrange if possible
- Oxford Greyhounds asked for a fixture at Oxford in 1928/9
- Agreed the playing of "Banker" by players on out matches be not permitted

#### Meeting 22 Nov 1927

- Harmonious meeting of North Glos clubs decide that a player desirous of changing his club must resign and meet all his obligations to his old club. The new club must

write to the old club before selecting him, advising them of the application of the player and enquiring whether the foregoing conditions had been complied with

- Bristol Combination wanted a Saturday match, But N Glos Combination trying to persuade them to accept a midweek in September at Kingsholm
- Tea to be provided for Oxford Greyhounds in the Committee room
- Blackheath had offered guarantee of £50 for match at Blackheath on 24 Dec, but could not be accepted because Bath due to visit Kingsholm on that date
- Millington mentioned the necessity of a Ladies Cloakroom – referred to Ground Committee
- Joe Davies of Lydney had applied for a trial
- George H Smith, former player, had died – Club to send letter of sympathy, a wreath and be represented at funeral

#### Meeting 6 Dec 1927

- Bristol Combination insisted that a midweek fixture was impossible, so Sat 29 Sep agreed
- Agreed that Messrs Jays Furnishers could advertise in front of Worcs St stand for 4gns pa
- Gloucester Cricket Club asked for a match on behalf of their funds – their balance sheet to be examined first
- Refused a request to use Kingsholm during the summer for greyhound racing
- 10gns granted to Mayors Xmas Fund for unemployed
- County Secretary to be asked for reserved seat tickets in new stand for Gloucester Committee at future County matches at Kingsholm

#### Meeting 20 Dec 1927

- County to issue tickets at Kingsholm to any Committee member who requested them
- Hay was ready for protection of ground in bad conditions – Mr Hayes to be added to Emergency Cttee

#### Meeting 3 Jan 1928

- £25 spent on clearing snow and covering and uncovering ground of hay over the Xmas matches
- Letter of confidence to be sent to J T Curtis, who had been upset about remarks in the Echo about his refereeing of the Bath match

#### Meeting 17 Jan 1928

- Team to travel to Northampton by road
- Loss of gate money during bad weather was close to £500, but given fine weather the Secretary thought the balance sheet would turn out satisfactory

#### Meeting 14 Feb 1928

- Cricket Club had sent their balance sheet and it was agreed to grant them the use of Kingsholm on a Thursday
- E Godwin resigned as a playing member
- Peake of Plymouth Albion, sent off last Saturday, had written to express his regret at the injury to G Foulkes and explain his view of the accident – agreed that letter be received and sympathetically noted
- Another application for greyhound racing at Kingsholm was declined
- Club to express disappointment that United Services had sent a reserve side to Gloucester
- The Gloucester Trades Council and Labour Party applied to hold a religious service at Kingsholm – much discussion but no decision
- Ex Scholars applied to play on two Saturdays before A team matches – offered one Saturday and one Thursday
- Tom Stephens failed to appear for the A team at Evesham and instead played for Widden Old Boys – he was dropped, and the question of the Clubs grant would be addressed at the end of the season
- W Gough had been acting irregularly as a ticket seller – his services had been dispensed with and he was to be pursued for the amount owing, which he had promised to repay

#### Meeting 28 Feb 1928

- Cricket Club had accepted Thursday 29 March – Mr Loveridge's XV v Westminster Bank, ko 5:15
- Agreed that Gloucester Trades Council could use Kingsholm for a fee of 5gns, and on condition that the order of service be submitted for approval and that the "Red Flag" having political significance be not sung
- Widden Old Boys players had again refused to play for the A team when their club was playing in a Combination Cup tie – matter to be dealt with by the Combination, and meanwhile all privileges and facilities for training for Widden Old Boys players to be withdrawn
- Benefit match with 5<sup>th</sup> Tank Corps had raised £41/8/- for the Royal Infirmary
- Nondescripts Cricket Club granted use of Kingsholm for practice during summer months on usual terms
- Journey to Bristol on 7 March to be by charabanc

#### Meeting 10 Mar 1928

- President of Widden Old Boys asked for further particulars of the refusal of their players to assist Gloucester
- Mr Pearce to be thanked for his hospitality at Bristol

- R N Loveridge resigned as Vice-Captain having been told by his doctor that he would be unable to play again this season – letter of sympathy and request for him to continue in office
- West End had cancelled many matches due to wet weather and asked for a fixture with the A team on Good Friday – declined, but their financial situation would be considered at the end of the season
- Application by the Commercial Travellers to use Kingsholm for a charity entertainment in July was agreed for a fee of 5gns, provided that no motor cycle gymkhana be included

#### Meeting 24 Mar 1928

- Loveridge agreed to remain as Vice-Captain to end of season
- Bristol reported that as a result of the match on 7 March, £100/10/6 had been distributed among Bristol charities
- Letter of sympathy to Leicester club on death of J H Crumbie and a wreath to be placed on the grave next Saturday
- Bristol Tramways employees granted use of Kingsholm for training ahead of their Sports in June
- 18 players to be taken on tour to Devon – to be accompanied by Mr Kingscott and the Secretary to accompany
- Agreed that a Gloucester team would play at Hereford on 26 April for the benefit of the funds of the Hereford club

#### Meeting 25 May 1928

- Grants to local clubs approved – Gordon League £10, West End £10, Gloster Old Boys £5, Greyfriars 3gns
- Secretary's salary £150
- No response from Widden Old Boys
- Balance sheet read by Secretary and considered very satisfactory. Agreed to issue a report with the balance sheet and draft left with Rev Hensman, Chairman & Secretary
- Elementary School Sports granted use of Kingsholm on 21 July
- Gloucester Athletic Club granted use of ground for training for season for £5
- Secretary to attend a meeting of club secretaries at Cardiff on 5 June
- Club to be represented at the annual meeting of the Rugby Union on 22 June
- Club's annual meeting to be held at Corn Exchange on 24 June – players meeting at ground on 20 June
- Nominations – Dr Alcock as President, J T Brookes and A J Fielding as Vice-Presidents and A Hudson as Secretary
- Question of appointing Trustees of the Club raised by the Chairman- agreed that a rule change to that effect be submitted to the annual meeting
- Same County officials to be supported as last year
- United Services had applied for fixtures for 1929/30 – assurance sought re sending 1<sup>st</sup> XV to Gloucester



#### Meeting 20 June 1928

- Players meeting appointed L E Saxby Captain 1st XV, G R James Vice-Captain, A Rea Captain A team, R N Loveridge Players Rep on Committee
- Widden Old Boys had applied for grant for past season – refused in view of their players action
- United Services regretted the unrepresentative team sent to Gloucester, and promised their 1<sup>st</sup> XV in future
- Agreed to play Oxford Greyhounds at Oxford on 22 Nov for minimum guarantee of £10

Newspaper cuttings from Citizen inserted, reporting on 1927/28 season and on the 1928 annual meeting

#### Meeting 3 July 1928

- J T Brookes was re-elected as Chairman – no Vice-Chairman elected – deputy would be appointed when Chairman absent
- J T Brookes, A T Voyce and W A Thomas to represent Gloucester District on the County Executive Committee
- A T Voyce and T Millington made Life Members
- Grant of £5 to the Gloucester Athletics Club Sports
- Preferred to play Camborne rather than Plymouth on the 1930 Devon tour
- No change in prices of admission
- Previous conditions of agreement with local clubs to continue
- T Bagwell and J Bloxsome to continue as baggage men
- Sub-committees appointed for Selection, Finance, Ground and Emergency – J Scoon appointed representative on N Glos Combination

#### Meeting 28 Aug 1928

- Meeting to be held with Widden Old Boys
- Offer of guarantee of £60 from Camborne for 1930 Devon tour was accepted
- Torquay disappointed that no fixture in 1929/30 – they could not be fitted into the Devon tour, but a midweek game might be possible
- N Glos Combination granted use of room for meetings
- Supporters Club granted permission to publish programmes in 1928/29
- Cinderford appeal for £164 to clear off a deficiency due to prolonged depression in local industry – agreed to grant £10
- An application from last season's band to play again at first team matches in 1928/29 was accepted subject to a guarantee of fifteen players in uniform
- Slight extension of team insurance would cost £12 – agreed to pay for £2 per week allowance and £400 fatality

- The growth of the system for paying for season tickets in instalments was being abused, so to be discontinued
- Guarantee matches had been arranged with St Barts Hospital and UCS Old Boys in 1929/30
- Member of selection committee as well as committee man to accompany team for all out matches, and selection committee man to carry the touch flag if he so desires

#### Meeting 11 Sep 1928

- Mr Rowles band could not meet the uniform requirement, so Wagon Works band to be asked if they could
- Offer accepted from Lindsay Vears to present a medal to the players making most appearances in the 1<sup>st</sup> XV – suggested that absences for County, Trials or Internationals to count
- Royal Infirmary suggested a seven-a-side tournament to raise funds – Club to confirm that they would arrange a match as usual for the benefit of the Infirmary – Club considering a seven-a-side tournament but would decide later on allocation of proceeds
- Complimentary ticket for Tom Collins, former player suffering with very bad legs as result of rugby injuries
- Record Board to contain names of 16 players who had played most games plus R N Loveridge, the Vice-Captain who had missed many games injured

#### Minutes 25 Sep 1928

- Widden Old Boys reps regretted differences of last season and prepared to resume support for Gloucester
- St Thomas Hospital offered guarantee of £20 to play at Kingsholm on a Thursday
- Torquay anxious that Gloucester should visit in 1928/29 – Gloucester would be playing at Bath on 28 Sep, so offered to play at Torquay on the Monday, providing they would guarantee to pay all expenses
- Record to be kept of attendance of players at training
- A few of the players had complained about the cold meat teas

#### Meeting 9 Oct 1928

- Motor Cycle Club request for a motor cycle football match at Kingsholm declined
- Further tender required for steel fencing at the back of St Marks St and Deans Walk
- New set of jerseys to be given to Ex Scholars
- Permission required from County Union for Lindsay Vears medals
- No fixtures had been arranged with Cinderford for next season and they had requested assistance – Oxford Greyhounds wanted a fixture but no Saturdays available – Lesters to be given a fixture with the A team

#### Meeting 23 Oct 1928

- Torquay had submitted quotations for hotel accommodation – guarantee of £65 to be requested to cover expenses
- Lydney Club thanked for kindness shown to G Gough when he was injured

#### Meeting 6 Nov 1928

- Mr Voyce had entered a nursing home with a serious affliction of the eyes
- Contract given to Messrs Davies Bros, Wolverhampton for the standards and stays on the St Marks side

#### Meeting 20 Nov 1928

- Torquay confirmed guarantee of £65 for fixture on 30 Sep 1929
- Letter received – “The Officers and Committee of the Cheltenham Football Club are extremely grieved at the unfortunate incidents which occurred at Last Saturday’s game with Gloucester and without entering into any discussions as to the rights and wrongs of any of the offenders, desire to assure the Gloucester Club that they (the Officers and Committee) entertain the same friendly feelings towards the Gloucester Club as have existed for so many years. Such incidents are most regrettable and must tend to lower the game in the eyes of the public, but we trust that the matter may be speedily forgotten and that the players of both Clubs will soon meet and display the usual sportsmanlike sport when opposed to each other”. Reply to be sent to the effect that Gloucester receive the letter in the spirit in which it was written and to request an acknowledgement of same.
- Cardiff had decided not to revert to the running of a reserve side, and wished to be released from the fixtures arranged between A sides – Gloucester to reply saying fixtures should be kept
- Ex Scholars to be allowed to play at Kingsholm on Thurs 24 Dec, with members admitted free
- Permission granted for Gloucester Boys v Bristol Boys at Kingsholm on 26 Jan
- President of County congratulated Gloucester on fine performance at Newport (a 19-19 draw) – congratulations to be passed on to players

#### Meeting 4 Dec 1928

- Cardiff regretted that they would be unable to fulfil the reserve team fixtures in 1929/30, but if Gloucester insisted they would send a scratch side
- Next season Bristol A would become Bristol United
- Ground Company to be asked to reduce rent for this year from £275 to £250 in view of the cost of repairing and renewing fencing
- The mortgage on the ground of £3300 was currently held by the Conservative Benefit Society at 5% - the Club would propose to the Ground Company that the Club take up £1500 of the mortgage at 5% as soon as possible
- Frank Evans was unlikely to play again because of an injury to his ear

#### Meeting 18 Dec 1928

- Cheltenham objected to a referee from Bristol – it was agreed to accept one from Birmingham or Somerset
- Referees for Leicester games agreed
- Ground Company agreed to reduce the rent to £250 and to accept a mortgage on the ground from the Club of £1500 @ 5% from 24 Dec
- Grant of £10 made to the Mayor's Xmas Fund for the unemployed
- Agreed to purchase two turnstiles @ £8 each, and a barrier @ £2, from Duncan White Engineers Rotherham
- Secretary reported that the Club was not insured against Third Party accidents on the ground – agreed to take out a comprehensive policy with Car & General Insurance for £7/10/- per annum

#### Meeting 1 Jan 1929

- Turnstiles had been sold before Club offer received
- Because of difficulties in raising a representative second team, it was agreed not to arrange a fixture on Boxing Day morning in future
- R R Pottinger had resigned as a playing member
- George Boots of Newport had died – letter of sympathy and wreath to be sent, and representation at funeral if possible

#### Meeting 15 Jan 1929

- Ross Grammar School had taken up rugby – parties of their boys to be given access to grandstand wings @ 6d each
- Kodak had made a film "Rugger" – enquiries to be made about showing it
- Accepted offer from RU to play second England trial next season at Kingsholm on 21 Dec 1929
- RU did not favour Lindsay Vears suggested medals
- Newport Supporters Club were running their annual outing for the Gloucester match, and the two supporters clubs intended to take tea together followed by a social evening. The Newport players and officials were going to join them – agreed that Gloucester should do likewise

#### Meeting 29 Jan 1929

- G Clutterbuck had gone into a nursing home
- Match with St Thomas Hospital on 17 Jan, which was to benefit the Royal Infirmary, had to be cancelled owing to frost – hoped to rearrange a match on 24 Apr with two thirds of the proceeds going to the Royal Infirmary and one third to the Childrens Hospital
- Grant of £10 to the Mayor's Fund for Distressed Miners

- Newport Supporters Club had cancelled their outing to Gloucester because it clashed with the Wales v France match

#### Meeting 12 Feb 1929

- Letter and sympathy and wreath to F Ayliffe on the death of his father
- The “Rugger” film had been obtained for 3 days, 23-25 Feb – Schools Union and ex-Scholars to be invited on first day, the Club, Crypt, Thos Rich’s and King’s on second, and local clubs on third
- Berry Hill had withdrawn from match at Kingsholm next Saturday – use of ground granted to Gloster Juniors v Cheltenham College

#### Meeting 26 Feb 1929

- The match at Northampton had been cancelled owing to frost, which saved to expense of making the journey, so agreed to pay Northampton £20, the approximate cost of their visit to Gloucester

#### Meeting 12 Mar 1929

- St Thomas Hospital and Swindon unable to fulfil fixtures, and Neath Wanderers had disbanded
- Bristol and Newport had renamed their A teams as United – no decision on Gloucester doing likewise
- Fox to photograph the 1<sup>st</sup> XV and HE Jones the A team
- W J Pearce of Bristol to again be proposed as the G’shire rep on the RU
- Crypt House Press refused sole rights to issue the fixture lists for next season, despite offer of 2gns

Inserted in book is a notice of the AGM on 20 June 1930, listing nominations as officers and a voting list for committee members, and on the back a record of the votes cast

#### Meeting 26 Mar 1929

- No London team was available to play on 27 Apr, so Cheltenham to be invited to play for the benefit of the hospitals on 25 Apr
- Eastern United willing to play the A team in place of Neath Wanderers on 13 Apr
- A 7-a-side tournament not to be run this season, but to
- A 7-a-side tournament not to be run this season, but to support the Stroud Club
- Mr Hartell suggesting a match between Gloster Old Players and Bristol Old Players
- G’shire Welsh Society wanted a Welsh Club to be played on St David’s Day, 1 Mar 1930, around which a Welsh weekend and a banquet might be organised – it so happened that Swansea would be playing at Kingsholm that day
- Objection to Mr Dodderidge refereeing matches on the Devon tour

- Request for Gloucester players to turn out for the British Legion in a match to raise funds for the Cinderford Club, but it clashed with the Devon tour

#### Meeting 9 Apr 1929

- Cheltenham pleased to play a hospitals charity match on 25 Apr
- Too late in season to arrange Club dinner
- Dr Alcock and Messrs A F Fielding and J T Brookes to be invited to become Trustees of the Club

#### Meeting 31 May 1929

- Gloucester A to be renamed as Gloucester United
- Balance sheet approved
- Donations to charities – Royal Infirmary £75, Childrens Hospital £20, Local Blind 8gns, St Lucy's Home 10gns, District Nursing Soc 5 gns, Cripples Fund 5gns, Gloucester Special Fund 5gns, St John Ambulance 3gns.
- Payments to local clubs – Gordon League £11/2/-, West End £6/15/-, Widden Old Boys £6/10/-, Gloucester Old Boys £5, Wagon Works £5
- Secretary's salary - £150
- AGM to be at Corn Exchange on 28 Jun, players meeting at office on 21 Jun
- Dr Alcock to be nominated as President, J T Brookes and A F Fielding as Vice Presidents, and A Hudson as Secretary
- Messrs J T Brookes, T Voyce and W A Thomas to be nominated for Gloucester District on County Executive
- Annual report left in the hands of Rev Hensman

#### Players Meeting 21 Jun 1929

- L E Saxby elected Captain 1<sup>st</sup> XV,
- L E Saxby elected Captain 1<sup>st</sup> XV, G R James as Vice Captain, A Rea Captain A Team, and S J Stephens as Players Rep

#### Meeting 21 Jun 1929

- Nominations for Club officers confirmed
- Nominated for committee (voting to be 5-7:30pm) – F A Abbey, F W Ayliffe, H J Balchin, G J Clutterbuck, N L Hayes, Rev Hensman, H G Kingscott, J J Scoon, S Smart, A T Voyce, A Brown, G J Collingbourne, E T James, E Keys, E E Miller

Pasted into the book are the Citizen season summary and report on the AGM

#### Meeting 6 Sep 1929

- J T Brookes elected Chairman
- Cricket Club granted use of Kingsholm for a match to raise club funds on 19 Sep
- Donation of £5 granted to the Gloster Athletic Club Prize Fund
- Accepted offer from Wagon Works Band to play at home matches for a collection
- Agreed Supporters Club offer to produce programmes, and erection of board to advertise Supporters Club
- A G Cridlan, Captain Oxford University, to be invited to play at Bath and Torquay
- Guarantee of £40 to be given to RAF for match in 1930/31
- Insurance policy with SW Group to continue - £2 per week for accidents and £400 fatality
- Mrs Morris to provide tea against Lydney, and Messrs Brookes and Voyce to report back
- Sub-committees appointed for Selection, Finance, Ground, Emergency, and N Glos Combination Rep
- Local clubs agreement to continue

#### Meeting 17 Sep 1929

- High teas to be provided when weather suitable – Mrs Morris to be invited to provide
- N Glos Combination granted permission to hold meetings at Kingsholm
- Dogs to be kept on a lead
- Samples to be submitted for change in the colours of Club stockings

#### Meeting 1 Oct 1929

- Bristol team to be invited to take tea after next Saturday's match
- A sub-committee of the Captain, Vice Captain, E T James, T Voyce and T Millington appointed to organise voluntary training
- Charges of admission for International Trial proposed – New Grandstand Centre 4/-, Wings 3/-, Old Stand & Seats inside rails 3/-, Worcester St 2/-, Deans Walk 1/- - subject to RU approval

#### Meeting 15 Oct 1929

- RU wanted to raise price of seats in Centre Stans to 5/-, and enquiring about teas
- Cold meat teas to be provide for A team matches
- Jack Stephens resigned as playing member and players rep
- Oxford University Greyhounds to be played on 14 Nov for the benefit of the Royal Infirmary
- In view of difficulties in passing, original form of seating in Old Stand to be reinstituted
- Quotations to be obtained for new 800 seat stand at the Deans Walk end of the New Grandstand
- Fixtures agreed with Bath

- Black legs of stockings to be retained, turn down to be 1in black, red, white, red, black
- Problem with behaviour of crowd to the referee in Leicester match – note in match programme

#### Meeting 28 Oct 1929

- Quote of £145 accepted from W Jones for new stand
- Quote to be obtained for 60-100 tip up seats for patrons

#### Meeting 12 Nov 1929

- West End to be asked why they had failed to fulfil a fixture
- Mayor to kick off the benefit match for the Royal Infirmary
- Complimentary tickets to be given for next season's matches to the Royal Infirmary Shilling Fund
- Supporters Club to produce programme for the International Trial match
- Supporters Club taking over control of the Ex Scholars – Club supported
- Two Saturdays to be set aside for Schools Union matches

#### Meeting 26 Nov 1929

- West End blamed the Gloster A captain for cancelling match
- Torquay said A Carpenter was working in Torquay and would be playing for them – to be told that he was still a playing member of Gloucester
- Permission granted for Cheltenham to Gloucester road race to finish at Kingsholm and for baths to be used
- No decision on whether to go ahead with 154 tip up seats @ £84/1/6

#### Meeting 17 Dec 1929

- Referee at West End match had given his opinion
- Donations made to Mayors Xmas Unemployed Fund 10gns, Citizen Flood Relief Fund 10gns, Gloucester City Association FC 2gns to rebuild pavilion damaged by gale
- Permission granted for the Royal Infirmary Entertainments Committee to use Kingsholm for a military tattoo in 1930
- Arrangements approved for the International Trial match at Kingsholm on 21 Dec 1929 – jobs allocated to committee members, 100 tea tickets to be provided
- Rear half of the old stand to be repainted by w Groves

#### Meeting 31 Dec 1929



- Receipts for the International Trial were £708/10 less tax and expenses – RU had rated it a success
- Grant up to 5gns to be paid to the fund set up for the widow and children of W Coleman, former Secretary of the N Glos Combination
- Officials and players invited to evening service at St Catherines on 19 Jan
- Congratulations to Harold Boughton on selection for Final Trial at Twickenham

#### Meeting 14 Jan 1930

- Letter and wreath sent following death of Arthur Stephens, former player
- St Barts to be invited to take tea with the Gloucester players, Swindon having previously taken tea with the A team

#### Meeting 4 Feb 1930

- Rev Hensman thanked for success of service on 19 Jan
- Cheque for £100/13/4 received from Rugby Union for use of the ground for the Trial match
- North Glos Combination granted use of Kingsholm for two matches and use of spare jerseys
- County thanked Gloucester for releasing their players
- Agreed to play Oxford University on 27 Nov

#### Meeting 25 Feb 1930

- Deputation from Cheltenham asked for assistance after loss of a good gate over Xmas – agreed to give them one third of next takings above £100
- Old football given to Widden Old Boys Juniors
- Widden Old Boys or West End to be offered fixture on 31 Jan

#### Meeting 11 Mar 1930

- Trouble getting payment from Messrs Jays for advertising fee
- Radio van from Bristol Evening Times to attend the Old Blues match to give selections on Saturday next
- Insurance Fund to be pressed to pay out on Injury to N Powell against Newport United

#### Meeting 25 Mar 1930

- Rejected Cheltenham counter-proposal on proportion of gate money to be paid to them
- Messrs Abbey and Clutterbuck and the Secretary to accompany the Devon tour

- Club to support nomination as County rep on RU, and Tom Voyce if another nomination were required
- Motor park to be let for circuses etc
- Possibility of Club dinner to be investigated by Secretary

#### Meeting 10 Apr 1930

- Club to apply through the County to the Rugby Union for permission to give a dinner from Club funds
- Guarantee from Camborne reduced from £60 to £50 so that the match could kick off at 3pm not 6pm to allow Gloucester to catch a train home that evening
- Agreed to loan chairs and seating to the Royal Infirmary Carnival, and for children to train at Kingsholm
- Club to pay cost of damage to saloon after the Leicester game
- Match at Blackheath on 5 Dec 1931 approved
- Cardiff "Next" XV would in future be known as Cardiff Athletic
- Date of the Gloucester v Bristol match would need to be changed because it would clash with the G'shire & Somerset match with the South Africans on 3 Oct 1930

#### Meeting 29 Apr 1930

- Idea of dinner to be dropped
- Impossible to find a Saturday for Gloucester v Bristol, so Thursday 24 Sep proposed
- Request for further visit of Cheltenham deputation declined – previous offer stands. Agreed to try to avoid County dates for fixtures with Cheltenham
- Gloucester Athletic Club granted use of Kingsholm on 5 Aug for Annual Sports, and to make no charge as profits being given to the Royal Infirmary (£20,000 fund). Training approved on previous terms.
- Free use of ground granted to the Boy Scouts Association for a rally on Empire Day, 24 May
- Proposal to change a bye law at the RU AGM to have close season in 1932/33 21 Apr – 15 Sep – amendment to be put forward to end close season on 7 Sep
- Grants to charities – Childrens Hospital £20, Local Blind 8gns, St Lucy's Home 10gns, District Nursing Assoc 5gns, Cripples Fund 5gns, Special Fund 5gns, St John Ambulance 3gns
- £2 granted towards a present for Harold Boughton on his marriage
- 20 June proposed for AGM

Inserted into book are two copies of the Annual Report and Accounts for 1929-30

#### Meeting 27 May 1930

- Grants to local clubs – Gordon League £15, West End £7-10-0, Widden Old Boys £7-10-0, Wagon Works £5, Spartans £5-19-0, Old Boys £5, Barnwood 2gns, All Blues 2gns
- Secretary anticipated that account balance for the year would be c£500 – regarded as highly favourable – Russell Eggleton to audit
- Application to be made to the Ground Co to take up a further £500 of mortgage on the ground
- Fund being raised on behalf of Joe Cromwell, who was unable to work and in straightened circumstances – grant of £25 approved
- Agreed to support a proposal from Newport to play a third match each season
- Declined to raise guarantee to London Welsh from £40 to £45
- Wakefield to be offered £35 for match at Gloucester on Easter Saturday 1931/2?
- Agreed to play Bradford on Easter Tuesday 1932
- Rev Hensman to write up annual report
- Re-election proposed for Dr Alcock – President, AF Fielding & JT Brookes – Vice-presidents, A Hudson – General Secretary
- Players meeting to be on 13 June and AGM on 20 Jun
- Special Captains Cap to be awarded to A Rea, who had captained A team since 1924/25

Pasted into the book are Citizen cuttings containing a review of the 1929/30 season, a report on the 1930 AGM, and a photograph of the team.

Inserted loose are photos of A Alcock, A Hudson and J T Brookes, a handwritten note of International Trials, recording that H Boughton played for Whites V Colours and Rest v England, and J Davies played for Colours v Whites and Possibles v Probables at Kingsholm

Pasted inside the back cover are the rules and regulations of the agreement between the Gloucester Football Club and Local Clubs