

((HEREIN ATTACHMENT - NOTICE CALLING THE EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE GLOUCESTER FOOTBALL & ATHLETIC GROUND COMPANY LIMITED))

**GLOUCESTER**

*Football & Athletic Ground*

COMPANY, LIMITED.

81 Barton Street,  
Gloucester,  
Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1899.

*Notice is hereby given*, - That the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders will be held at the Registered Offices, the Oddfellows' Hall, Barton Street, on October 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7.30 p.m., for the purpose of considering the Accounts of the Company, Electing Directors and appointing Auditor.

By Order of the Board,

SIDNEY S. STARR,

*Secretary.*

**THE GLOUCESTER**

*Football & Athletic Ground*

*Company Limited*

**EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT**

TO BE PRESENTED TO THE  
**GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**

TO BE HELD AT THE  
COMPANY'S OFFICES,  
**ODD FELLOWS' HALL, BARTON STREET**

ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup>, 1899,

**At 7.30 P.M. PRECISELY**

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**DIRECTORS:**

A. W. VEARS, CHAIRMAN,

H. J. BERRY	T. GURNEY
C. E. BROWN	C. H. DANCEY
G. CUMMINGS	D. REARDON
S. DAVIS	H. W. GRIMES (Representative of the Gloucester Football Club)

SIDNEY S. STARR, SECRETARY.

*Directors' Report.*

The Directors herewith beg to submit to the Shareholders of the Company a Balance Sheet for the past year ending August 31<sup>st</sup>, 1899.

The books of the Company have been audited by Mr. B. J. H. Coombs, and the Balance Sheet duly signed by him.

The Revenue Account shows a net profit of £189 0s. 1d. on the year. The Directors, therefore, beg to recommend the payment of a Dividend of 5 per cent., which will amount to £150, and to write off the balance, £39 0s. 1d. towards General Depreciation.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, three of the Directors, Messrs. H. J. Berry, C. E. Brown and T. Gurney retire, and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Mr. B. J. H. Coombs, Auditor, also retires and offers himself for re-election.

By order of the Board,

SIDNEY S. STARR,

*Secretary.*

*The Gloucester Football & Athletic Ground Co., Limited*

**CAPITAL ACCOUNT.**

	£	s	d	£	s	d		£	s	d	£	s	d	
Share Capital, 3000 Shares at £1 each, fully paid				3000	0	0	Freehold Land, Football and Athletic Ground, Pavilion, Fences, Turnstiles, Roller, Machines, together with all Plant and Effects	6183	0	8				
Mortgage				3000	0	0	Less Amount carried to Depreciation Account	<u>34</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9</u>				
Mortgage Interest due to August 31 <sup>st</sup> , 1899					34	4					6148	19	11	
Balance from Revenue Account				189	0	1	To New Stands and Improvement on Pavilion Side					60	0	0
							" Cash at Bank	13	16	5				
							" Petty Cash in Secretary's hands	0	8	0				
											<u>14</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	
											<b>£</b>	6223	4	4

**REVENUE ACCOUNT.**

	£	s	d	£	s	d		£	s	d	
By Balance from 1898				109	0	9	To One Years Interest on Mortgage, less tax	108	15	0	
Less Dividends paid to August 31 <sup>st</sup> , 1898	£75	0	0				" Secretary's Salary	20	0	0	
" Amount carried to Depreciation Account	<u>34</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9</u>				" Office Rent	2	0	0	
				109	0	9	" Auditor's Remuneration	1	1	0	
Sundry Rents - Football, Athletic Training, Circus, Flower Show, Advertising Stations, Grazing, Fair, Auction Sale, Drilling, Fête, Athletic Sports, &c.				475	10	8	" Rates and Taxes	70	10	1	
Transfer Fees					0	11	" Donation to Foresters' High Court Committee	5	0	0	
							" Repairs, Materials, Insurance, &c.	34	4	1	
							" Advertising, Printing, Stationery, Stamps & Postage	6	0	11	
							" Wages and Sundry Labour	<u>39</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	
								287	1	7	
							Disposable Balance	<u>189</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	
								<b>£</b>	476	1	8

*I have examined the Vouchers and found them and the Accounts correct,*

September 18<sup>th</sup>, 1899.

BENJAMIN J. H. COOMBS.

((HEREIN THE MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS - HELD ON  
6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 1899))

Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

held at the Registered Offices of the Company, Friday October 6<sup>th</sup>, 1899, at  
7.30 p.m.

Chairman Mr. A. W. Vears.

Notice of the Meeting

having been read, the

Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting

were read and confirmed.

Report and Balance Sheet

The Chairman moved the adoption of the Report and Balance Sheet. Mr. Reardon seconded, both alluded to the fact that the Directors considered they were justified in charging the £60 to Capital Account as the improvements that amount was paid for, would last for some years, and it would not be right to debit the whole amount to one years' working. Mr. Boughton asked for an explanation of the donation of £5 to the Foresters' High Court Committee. It was explained that the Foresters held a Fête on the ground on Whit Monday whereby they sustained a loss and appealed to the Directors for a reduction in the rent viz. £5. The Board however considered this would be forming a bad precedent, so they resolved not to make any reduction in the rent, but afterward voted £5 towards the cost of getting the Foresters High Court to Gloucester.

The Report and Balance Sheet was unanimously adopted.

Directors

Mr. William Dancey proposed and Mr. Hubert Boughton seconded the re-election of Messrs. H. J. Berry and T. Gurney as Directors. Carried unanimously.

Auditor

Mr. Reardon proposed and Mr. W. C. Bailey seconded the re-election of Mr. B. J. H. Coombs as Auditor at the enumeration of 21/-. Carried.

Vote of Thanks to the Chairman, Directors, and Secretary

Mr. J. Jennings in proposing a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Directors, and Secretary, mentioned the great amount of time it entailed to conduct the Company's affairs and it was noteworthy that not one penny had ever been charged for management. Mr. W. J. Robinson in seconding mentioned the very small number of Shareholders attending the meeting was a correct indication that the whole of them were satisfied at the way the Company was conducted. Mr. Vears responded for himself and the Directors, and the Secretary acknowledging the compliment paid to him, urging the greater thanks were due to the Chairman.

[Signed] A. W. Vears

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## **FOOTBALL AND ATHLETIC GROUND COMPANY, LTD**

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### **ANNUAL MEETING**

The eighth annual meeting of the shareholders in the above concern was held at the Oddfellows' Hall on Friday evening, Mr. A. W. Vears (chairman of directors) presided, and there were present - Messrs. H. J. Berry, C. E. Brown, S. Davis, T. Gurney, C. H. Dancey, D. Reardon (directors), W. C. Bailey, H. Norman, H. C. Dancey, J. Jennings, G. Robinson, and Sidney S. Starr (secretary).

### **REPORT AND BALANCE-SHEET.**

In moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet (which we have already published), the Chairman said the directors recommended a dividend of 5 per cent., although the £150 necessary to pay the same had not actually been earned during the year by £21. To do this, £60 spent in improvements had not been charged to the revenue account, but had been put to the capital account, and this enabled them to pay 5 per cent., which he thought the shareholders were entitled to. The great bugbear of the company was the amount they had to pay for rates, which reached £70 10s. 1d. - Mr. Reardon seconded. He said the shareholders had sacrificed their money for the sake of the football club and sport generally, and they were very pleased to know that the club was going on satisfactorily. As they all knew, the company was floated with the express intention of the club eventually becoming possessors of the ground, and he hoped that intention would soon be achieved. - Asked to explain the sum of £5 figuring in the balance-sheet as "donation to Foresters' High Court Committee," Mr. T. Gurney said that committee held a fete on the ground which was a financial failure, and rather than establish the precedent of lowering the rent for the ground, the directors gave the committee a donation of £5. - The report and balance-sheet was adopted.

### **RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITOR.**

Mr. H. C. Dancey proposed the re-election of the retiring directors - Messrs. H. J. Berry, C. E. Brown, and T. Gurney - and referred to the good services rendered by that body. He thought the thanks of the citizens generally were due to the Ground Company for finding a home for the football club, to see whose matches large numbers of visitors came to the town. Mr. H. J. Boughton seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously, the three gentlemen

named acknowledging their re-election. Mr. C. E. Brown said the football club thoroughly appreciated what had been done for them by the Ground Company, who were always ready and willing to meet them. A good feeling existed between the club and the company, and he hoped that would continue. On the proposition of Mr. D. Reardon, seconded by Mr. Bailey, Mr. B. J. H. Coombs was re-elected auditor.

#### VOTE OF THANKS.

Mr. Jennings proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, who, he said, had not missed a single meeting since the company started. Mr. Vears was an excellent sportsman, and ever ready to support any legitimate sport. Mr Robinson seconded, attributing the small attendance of shareholders to the satisfactory manner in which the business of the company was conducted. The vote having been carried with acclamation, the Chairman acknowledged the vote, and suggested that the Secretary should have been included. Mr. Starr was a most invaluable servant, and saved the board of directors a good many hours' work by the business-like manner in which he fulfilled his duties. Mr. Dancey said he should be only too pleased to incorporate the Secretary's name in the motion. This having been done, Mr. Starr replied. He said that since Mr. Vears had been chairman, 119 meetings had been held, and not once had the gentleman been absent, while the directors, who had never received a copper for their services, had also been regular in attendance. He hoped to see the time when the Ground Company would be absorbed in the football club.



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## **GLOUCESTER FOOTBALL AND ATHLETIC GROUND.**

### **GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS.**

The annual meeting of shareholders in the Gloucester Football and Athletic Ground Co., Ltd., was held at the Oddfellows' Hall, Barton-street, on Friday night, Mr. A. W. Vears (chairman of directors) presiding.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, details of which have already appeared in our columns, and remarked that to produce a dividend of 5 per cent, £150 was required. They had not made that amount during the past year, in consequence of some heavy items of expenditure; but the directors had decided to declare a dividend of 5 per cent. because they thought that that expenditure should not all be charged to one year. (Hear, hear). Mr. Dennis Reardon seconded. Mr. H. J. Boughton said that the shareholders would probably desire an explanation in respect of the amount shown as a donation to Foresters' High Court Committee. Mr. T. Gurney said that on Whit-Monday the High Court Committee held a fête on the Athletic Ground, which proved a financial failure. They asked for a remission of a part of the hire of the ground, but as it was undesirable to create a precedent in this respect, they resolved to make a donation to the funds of the Committee instead. (Hear, hear). The resolution was then put, and carried unanimously.

The Chairman said that the retiring directors - Messrs. H. J. Berry, C. E. Brown, and T. Gurney - were eligible for re-election. Mr. H. A. Dancey proposed that they be re-elected, remarking that in carrying on the ground and encouraging football in the city they were doing a two-fold service - assisting the cause of innocent sport, and benefitting local trade by inducing great numbers of strangers to visit the city. Mr. Boughton seconded. Mr. C. E. Brown said that the Committee of the Football Club were very grateful to the Company for having provided a football ground. He had no doubt that they would long continue their amicable relations. (Hear, hear.). The resolution was put and carried.

Mr. Reardon proposed the re-election of the auditor, Mr. B. J. Coombs. Mr. W. C. Bailey seconded, and it was carried.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman and the Secretary (Mr. S. S. Starr). The Chairman suitably acknowledged the compliment, and Mr. Starr, in returning thanks, said that they had held 119 meetings - beside innumerable committee meetings - and the Chairman had never missed one. Notwithstanding the heavy duties which fell upon the directors, the shareholders might be interested to know that not one penny had been spent in management outside the secretarial salary. (Hear, hear).