

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

GLOUCESTER

Football & Athletic Ground

COMPANY, LIMITED.

92 NORTHGATE STREET,

GLOUCESTER,

Sept. 27th, 1901.

Notice is hereby given, - That the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the New Inn Hotel, Northgate Street, Gloucester, on October 11th, 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

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT

TO BE PRESENTED TO THE

GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

TO BE HELD AT THE

NEW INN HOTEL, NORTHGATE STREET,

GLOUCESTER

ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11th, 1901,

At 7.30 P.M. PRECISELY

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 31st, 1901.

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 £171 14s. 7d. 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, £21 14s. 7d., towards general depreciation.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, three of the Directors, Messrs. G. Cummings, C. H. Dancey and S. Davis 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
Share Capital, 3000 Shares, at £1 each, fully paid	3000	0	0	Freehold Land, Football and Athletic						
Mortgage	3000	0	0	Ground, Pavilion, Fences, Turnstiles,						
Mortgage Interest due to August 31 st 1901	18	0	0	Roller, Machines, together with all						
Balance from Revenue Account	171	14	7	Plant and Effects	6153	15	7			
				Less Amount carried to Depreciation Account	<u>30</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>2</u>			
								6122	17	5
				To Cash at Bank	66	3	1			
				“ “ in Secretary's hands	<u>0</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>1</u>			
								66	17	2
								<u>£ 6189</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>7</u>

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

	£	s	d	£	s	d		£	s	d
By Balance from 1900	180	18	2	To Mortgage Interest (less tax) from June 19 th , 1900,				85	2	6
Less Dividends paid to				to June 19 th , 1901				20	0	0
August 31 st , 1900	£150	0	0	“ Secretary's Salary				2	0	0
“ Amount carried to				“ Office Rent				1	1	0
Depreciation Account	<u>30</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>2</u>	“ Auditor's Remuneration				47	9	4
	180	18	2	“ Rates and Taxes						
Sundry Rents - Football, Athletic Training, Circus,				“ New Fencing, Flag Pole, Hose, Repairs, Materials,				38	14	6
Flower Show, Advertising Stations, Fair, Grazing,				Insurance, &c.				4	1	7
Drilling, Symonds' World's Fair, etc.	409	15	0	“ Printing, Stationery, Postage, and Secretary's Expenses				<u>39</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>6</u>
Transfer Fees	0	7	0	“ Groundsman's Wages and Sundry Labour				238	7	5
								<u>171</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>7</u>
				Disposable Balance						
								<u>£ 410</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>

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

September 20th, 1901.

B. J. HYATT COOMBS.

((HEREIN THE MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS - HELD ON
11TH OCTOBER 1901))

Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

held at the New Inn Hotel, October 11th, 1901.

Chairman Mr. A. W. Vears.

Notice of Meeting

having been read, the

Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting

were read and confirmed.

Report and Balance Sheet

The Chairman in moving the Adoption of the Report and Balance sheet said he had nothing new to say, everything in connection with the Company was working smoothly. Mr. C. E. Brown seconded. Carried.

Election of Directors

Mr. Jno, Jennings proposed and Mr. T. A. Washbourn seconded the re-election of Messrs. G. Cummings, C. H, Dancey, and Samuel Davis as Directors. It was supported by several present who all expressed the utmost satisfaction at the way the Directors performed their duties. Carried. Mr. Dancey and Mr. Davis returned thanks, both expressing the hope that one day the Ground would be the home - as was intended of all Gloster Athletics.

Auditor

Mr. Reardon proposed and Mr. Grant seconded the re-election of Mr. Coombs as Auditor. Carried. Remuneration to be as before 21/-.

Thanks to the Directors

Mr. Boughton moved and Mr. Jennings seconded that the best thanks of the Shareholders be accorded the Board of Directors for their services. Carried. Mr. Vears replied, again pointing out that the Directors hope was that one day the Field would be the sole property of the Football Club, and that it would be the Home for all Athletics.

Thanks to the Secretary

A vote of thanks was passed to the Secretary for the attention he had paid to the affairs of the Company. Mr. H. A. Dancey proposed and Mr. C. E. Brown seconded. Mr. Reardon and the Chairman supporting. The Secretary replied - agreeing to all the Directors had said with regard to the origin, and desire of those who had most to do with the formation of the Company.

Thanks to Mr. Berry

Mr. W. Dancey proposed and Mr. Robinson seconded a vote of thanks for the free use of the room for hold [sic] this Annual meeting and those of the Directors.

[Signed] A. W. Vears

((IN HERE - ATTACHMENT - UNDATED EXTRACT FROM THE GLOUCESTER CITIZEN))

GLOUCESTER FOOTBALL AND ATHLETIC GROUND COMPANY, LTD.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the shareholders in the above Company was held at the New Inn Hotel, Gloucester, on Friday evening. The Chairman of the directors (Mr. A. W. Vears) presided, and there were also present Messrs. C. E. Brown, S. Davis, C. H. Dancey, and D. Reardon (directors), and Messrs. H. J. Boughton, W. Dancey, H. A. Dancey, P. Grant, J. Jennings, W. Robinson, H. Woolley, C. H. Loveridge, and T. A. Washbourn (shareholders), with Mr. Sidney S. Starr (secretary).

In moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, particulars of which we have already published, the Chairman said there was very little comment needed. The affairs of the Company seemed to be going on very smoothly. The old ground was in the same place - (laughter) - and improved every year. He hoped the shareholders would be satisfied with the dividend. The item of £18 for mortgage interest was payable only on the 19th June and 19th December, and with the exception of that item they did not owe a cent to anybody on the 31st August, when their financial year ended. The item in the revenue account for fencing, &c., might have been charged to capital account, but it was the policy of the directors to pay their accounts as they proceeded.

Mr. Brown seconded, and remarked that they had saved this year some £23 in the payment of mortgage interest. He noticed that the items for labour and rates and taxes had gone up.

Mr. Reardon said the rates would be down 2d. in the £ next year.

On the item of £2 for office rent, Mr. Boughton asked why they were meeting at the New Inn Hotel, and the Chairman explained that last year they only had three or four meetings at the Oddfellows' Hall, as most of their meetings were held on the football ground, and the charge for £2 worked out at a cost of 13s. or 14s. a time. Mr. Berry had offered them the use of a room free of charge, and it was proposed to remove the registered office of the Company from the Oddfellows' Hall to the Secretary's premises at 92, Northgate-street.

This course was considered satisfactory, as it meant a saving of £2 a year, and the report and balance-sheet were adopted without further comment.

On the proposition of Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Washbourn, and supported by Messrs. Grant and Robinson, the retiring directors, Messrs. G. Cummings, C. H. Dancey, and S. Davis were unanimously re-elected, Mr. W. Dancey pointing out, also in support, that a satisfactory feature of the accounts was that by writing off a sum yearly to the Depreciation

Account, they were, on paper, depreciating the value of the land, whereas it was increasing year by year. Mr. C. H. Dancey, in returning thanks for his election, said that if they all worked to the end which was in view when the Company was formed, there was no reason why the Gloucester Football Club should not ultimately become the possessors of the ground, and there was also no reason why all the athletics of the city should not have a home on the ground. Mr. Davis also thanked the meeting for his re-election.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman and directors for their gratuitous services, was proposed in congratulatory terms by Mr. Boughton, and cordially carried, and the Chairman, in reply, referred to the amicable relations between the Company and the Football Club, their tenants and largest shareholders.

The meeting terminated with votes of thanks to the Secretary and to Mr. Berry for the use of the room, amusing references being made to the beating of Swansea and the salting of the Spa, which was the outcome of the formation of the Company.

((IN HERE - ATTACHMENT - UNDATED EXTRACT FROM UNIDENTIFIED PERIODICAL))

GLOUCESTER FOOTBALL AND ATHLETIC GROUND CO., LTD.

The tenth annual meeting of the shareholders of the above company was held at the New Inn Hotel on Friday evening. Mr. A. W. Vears (chairman of directors) presided, and there were present: Messrs. C. E. Brown, S. Davis, C. H. Dancey, D. Reardon, (directors), H. J. Boughton, W. Dancey, J. Jennings, H. A. Dancey, P. Grant, C. H. Loveridge, W. Robinson, H. Woolley, T. A. Washbourn (shareholders), and Sidney S. Starr (secretary).

The report (already published), recommending a dividend of 5 per cent, was adopted.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the balance-sheet, said things were going on so smoothly that there was very little for him to comment on. With regard to the item of £18 for mortgage interest in the capital account, he understood that was part and parcel of the running account, which was paid after the close of the company's financial year. In the revenue account there was an item of £38 14s. 6d. for the erection of fences, repairs, materials, and so on, which probably would not occur next year. Mr. C. E. Brown seconded, and in doing so said he was sorry to see the revenue account was £30 less than last year. Rates and taxes also showed an increase, but the interest on mortgage was less. Mr. Reardon: The rates will be lowered 2d. in the pound next year. Mr. Grant thought the shareholders should be well satisfied with 5 per cent., and expressed the opinion that the directors had done their duty. In reply to Mr. Boughton, the Chairman said the directors formerly held their meetings at the Oddfellows' Hall at an expense of about 13s. per meeting, but now they held them on the ground, and thus saved that money. The Chairman asked if any other shareholder wished to make any comments, to which Mr. Robinson replied that the shareholders were so much in touch with the directors, who managed the affairs of the company so well, that he did not think there were any suggestions to make. The balance-sheet was adopted.

Messrs. G. Cummings, S. Davis, and C. H. Dancey were re-elected directors, Mr. Robinson saying the old Board had worked so admirably that they did not deem it wise to introduce new blood. Mr. W. Dancey spoke of the excellent services rendered by the directors, who gave their time to the affairs of the company without receiving any remuneration. In acknowledging their re-election, Mr. C. H. Dancey, in acknowledging his re-election, said it was with pleasure the directors gave their services free. As they all knew, the company was started with the view of the Football Club becoming owners of the ground, and he saw no reason why this should not come about. With the assistance of the members the club would soon be in the same position as before the international match. Mr. Davis also acknowledged his re-election.

On the proposition of Mr. Reardon, seconded by Mr. Grant, Mr. B. J. H. Coombs was re-elected auditor.

Mr. Boughton proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman and directors for their services during the past year. He said the position of the capital account was very gratifying. Some eleven or twelve years ago, they gave £4,250 for the land, and recently it had been valued by Messrs. Bruton, Knowles and Co. at £6,000. He congratulated the directors on having managed the affairs of the company so well, and said he looked forward to the time when the Football Club would become owner of the ground. Mr. Jennings seconded, and the motion was carried. The Chairman, in acknowledging the vote, said the company was promoted not for making money, and had the directors been offered any salary they would have refused it. The company was started to promote sport in the city, and this was the reason they so willingly gave their services. The company and the Football Club worked most harmoniously together, and the latter had received £63 part proceeds of hire.

Mr. H. A. Dancey proposed a vote of thanks to the secretary, saying that Mr. Starr was really responsible for the success of the company. Mr. C. E. Brown seconded, and the motion, which was supported by the Chairman and Mr. Reardon, was carried. Mr. Starr, in acknowledging the same, said it had been his ambition from the formation of the company to see the Football Club become owners of the ground, and no one would be more pleased than he when that came about. He commented on the improvement in the ground, which every year looked better.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Berry for the use of the room terminated the proceedings.