

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

**GLOUCESTER**

*Football & Athletic Ground*

COMPANY, LIMITED.

92 NORTHGATE,

GLOUCESTER,

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 1904.

*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 7<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*

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**THIRTEENTH 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 1904,**

**At 7.30 P.M. PRECISELY**

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DIRECTORS:

A. W. VEARS, CHAIRMAN,

H. J. BERRY	C. H. DANCEY
C. E. BROWN	T. B. POWELL
G. CUMMINGS	D. REARDON
S. DAVIS	H. G. BROWN

Representative of the  
Gloucester Football Club

H. W. GRIMES, SOLICITOR

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>, 1904.

It is with deep regret the Directors have to record the death of Mr. B. J. H. Coombs, who has audited the Accounts since the formation of the Company, and always evinced the greatest interest in its welfare. The Directors therefore had to appoint a successor, and the Books of the Company have been audited by Mr. J. E. Dutton, and the Balance Sheet duly signed by him.

The Revenue Account shows a net profit of £178 5s. 11d. 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 £13 5s. 11d. towards general depreciation, and carry forward a balance of £15.

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. J. E. Dutton, Auditor, also retires and offers himself for re-election.

By order of the Board,

SIDNEY S. STARR,

*Secretary.*

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

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### CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

	£	s	d		£	s	d	£	s	d
Share Capital, 3000 Shares, at £1, fully paid	3000	0	0	Freehold Land, Football and Athletic						
Mortgage	3000	0	0	Ground, Pavilion, Fences, Horse, Turnstiles,						
Mortgage Interest due to August 31 <sup>st</sup> 1904	18	0	0	Rollers, Machines, Stands, Footboards,						
Balance from Revenue Account	178	5	11	together with all Plant and Effects	6100	9	7			
				Less Amount carried to Depreciation Account	<u>20</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>			
				To Cash at Bank				6080	2	3
				"    "    in Secretary's hands	115	6	1			
					<u>0</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>7</u>			
								116	3	8
								<u>£ 6196</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>

### REVENUE ACCOUNT.

	£	s	d	£	s	d		£	s	d
By Balance from 1903	200	7	4				To Mortgage Interest (less Tax) June 19 <sup>th</sup> , 1903,			
Less Dividends paid to							to June 19 <sup>th</sup> , 1904	85	15	8
August 31 <sup>st</sup> , 1903	£150	0	0				" Secretary's Salary	20	0	0
" Amount carried to							" Amount voted, at General Meeting, to Secretary			
Depreciation Account	<u>20</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>				for extra work in 1903	10	0	0
				170	7	4	" Auditor's Remuneration	1	1	0
							" Rates and Taxes	54	9	4
Sundry Rents - Football, Athletes Training, Circuses,				30	0	0	" General Repairs, Horse Keep, Barrow, Materials,			
Advertising Stations, Grazing, Drilling, Symonds'							Insurance, &c.	35	14	9
Fairs, Sale of Soil, &c.	402	17	5				" Printing, Advertising, Stationery, Telegrams, Postage &c.	4	17	3
Registration and Transfer Fees		0	10	6			" Company's portion of Groundsman's Wages and			
							Sundry Labour	<u>43</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>
								255	2	0
							Disposable Balance	178	5	11
				<u>£ 433</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>		<u>£ 433</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>

*I have examined the Vouchers and Books and found them correct.*

September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1904.

J. E. DUTTON.

((HEREIN THE MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS - HELD AT THE NEW INN HOTEL ON FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 1904))

Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

held at the New Inn Hotel, Friday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 1904 at 7.30 p.m.

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 moved the adoption of the Report and Balance Sheet and Mr. H. G. Brown seconded. Several shareholders expressed themselves as perfectly satisfied with the result of the years working-Balance £178 5s. 11d. The Chairman invited any questions. As however no one wished for any more particulars than those already published in the Report, the Chairman put the resolution which was carried unanimous.

Re-election of Directors

Mr. J. Jennings proposed the re-election of Messrs. G. Cummings, C. H. Dancey, and S. Davis. This was seconded by Mr. W. J. Robinson and carried. Mr. Dancey acknowledged the election.

Auditor

Resolved on the proposition of Mr. C. Granville Clutterbuck, seconded by Mr. C. H. Dancey that Mr. J. E. Dutton be appointed Auditor at the remuneration of One Guinea.

### Fifteen Guineas to the Chairman

Mr. Grimes after referring at length to the great service the Chairman had rendered during the past fourteen years to the Company particularly in the early stages - he moved that the sum of ten guineas be voted him as a small acknowledgement of his work. Mr. C. H. Dancey seconded endorsing all that the proposer had said. Mr. Grant proposed as an amendment that the sum should be fifteen guineas. Mr. W. J. Robinson seconded. Mr. Grimes at once withdrew his proposition in favour of the larger amount and on being put to the meeting, it was unanimously resolved to present the Chairman with Fifteen Guineas.

Mr. Vears acknowledged the gift and said he hoped to continue for many years to render as much assistance as in the past.

### Vote of Thanks to Directors

Mr. W. Dancey proposed and Mr. C. Granville Clutterbuck seconded and it was carried that the best thanks of the shareholders be tendered to the Directors for their services. All the Directors present acknowledged the vote.

[Signed] A. W. Vears

((IN HERE - ATTACHMENT - EXTRACT FROM THE CITIZEN NEWSPAPER DATED  
OCTOBER 8, 1904))

## **GLOUCESTER FOOTBALL AND ATHLETIC GROUND COMPANY, LIMITED.**

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

The 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) presiding. Among those present were Messrs. C. E. Brown, C. H. Dancey, H. G. Brown, T. B. Powell, H. W. Grimes (solicitor), S. S. Starr (secretary), J. E. Dutton (auditor), J. Jennings, W. Dancey, C. Granville Clutterbuck, P. Grant, W. H. Robinson, and A. G. Winfield.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, with the recommendation that a 5 per cent. dividend be paid. Speaking to [*sic*] the balance-sheet, Mr. Vears said there was little to say about the figures; they did not vary much year by year. Compared with the previous year, there was a decrease in the income of £50, which was accounted for by the loss of two items received in 1903, viz., £40 from Buffalo Bill's show and £10 from the Engineers. On the expenditure side there was a slight variation in one or two items. The Company had been in existence for 14 years, but it was not started as a money-making concern, but with the idea of finding a home for football and athletic sports. That view the Directors had always kept before them. The concern, however, was a sound one in every respect. Mr. H. G. Brown seconded the proposition, which was carried.

On the proposition of Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Robinson, the retiring directors - Messrs. G. Cummings, C. H. Robinson,<sup>1</sup> and S. Davis - were re-elected, and Mr. Dutton (who succeeded to the office of auditor on the death of the late Mr. B. J. H. Coombs) was also re-elected.

Mr. Grimes said there was one formality absent from their general meetings, and one that had been often commented on, and that was the omission of any reference to Directors' fees. They had gentlemen on the Board who had been always willing to give their energy and as much time as was required to further the interests of the Company, and the dividends received by the shareholders showed how well they had worked. He was not going to frighten them by suggesting the payment of Directors' fees, because the Company was not in a position to do that, but he proposed that in recognition of the services rendered by the Chairman that he be voted the sum of ten guineas.

<sup>1</sup> Presumably printed in error. The surname Robinson has been scored through and the name Dancey pencilled in at the margin.

Mr. Vears, in conjunction with the late Mr. Boughton, was largely responsible for the formation of the Company 14 years ago, and from that time onward they devoted a large amount of time and trouble in furthering the interests of the concern. The meetings held now were merely routine affairs, but on the institution of the Company, the work was enormous. He had looked up the books and found that since the Company was started Mr. Vears had attended 137 formal meetings, to say nothing of sub-committee meetings, and transacted other business in connection with the Company.

Mr. C. H. Dancey heartily seconded, and Mr. C. E. Brown supported. Mr. Grant proposed that the sum be increased to fifteen guineas, and Mr. Robinson seconded. Mr. Grimes immediately intimated his willingness to withdraw his proposition, and the amendment having become the substantive motion, it was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

The Chairman suitably acknowledged, and expressed appreciation of the remarks which had been made. During the fourteen years he had been connected with the Company he had endeavoured to do all he could for its welfare, and he should continue to do so. He had been supported loyally by his colleagues on the Board, and everyone connected with the concern, and he desired to acknowledge the assistance rendered.

On the motion of Mr. W. Dancey, seconded by Mr. Clutterbuck, the Directors were thanked for their services, Messrs. Dancey, Powell, H. G. Brown, and C. E. Brown briefly replying.



((HEREIN ATTACHMENT - EXTRACT FROM THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE ECHO - UNDATED,  
BUT CARRYING M/S INSERT ‘ “*Gloshire Echo*” Oct 8/1904 ‘))

**GLOUCESTER ATHLETIC GROUND CO., LTD.**

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ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

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CHAIRMAN'S SERVICES RECOGNISED.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester Football and Athletic Ground Company, Ltd., was held at the New Inn Hotel on Friday evening, Mr. A. W. Vears (chairman of directors) presiding. Amongst those present were Messrs. C. E. Brown, H. G. Brown, C. H. Dancey, and T. B. Powell (directors), Granville Clutterbuck, H. A. Dancey, W. Dancey, J. E. Dutton, J. Jennings, H. W. Grimes, W. J. Robinson, A. G. Winfield, and S. S. Starr (secretary).

The directors' report stated that the revenue account showed a net profit of £178. 5s. 11d. on the year, and they recommended the payment of a dividend of 5 per cent., which would amount to £150, and to write off £13 5s. 11d. towards general depreciation, and carry forward a balance of £15. In moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, coupled with the recommendation of the directors that a dividend of 5 per cent. be paid, the Chairman said their revenue was £50 less than in 1903, when they received £40 from the Buffalo Bill show and £10 from the Engineers. However, the company was started by a few sportsmen in the interest of sport, and not as a money-making concern, and they could rely upon its being a thoroughly sound undertaking. Mr. H. G. Brown seconded the proposition, which was unanimously carried. Replying to Mr. Clutterbuck, the Secretary said he had heard no complaint as to the nature of an entertainment really [*sic*] given on the ground.

On the proposition of Mr. John Jennings, seconded by Mr. W. J. Robinson, the retiring directors, Messrs. Geo. Cummings, S. Davis, and C. H. Dancey, were unanimously re-elected.

The Chairman made sympathetic reference to the death of Mr. B. J. H. Coombs (auditor), and also referred to the appointment as auditor of Mr. J. E. Dutton, who was re-elected.

Mr. H. W. Grimes said the company had always been happy in its directors, who had given their services freely, willingly, and whole-heartedly in the management of the affairs of the company. The reports presented each year showed how well they did their work (applause). He was not going to propose that they should institute the payment of fees to the directors, much as he should like to, because the company was not in a position to do so; but at the same time a debt of gratitude was due to the directors for their services, and he thought the time had arrived when they should recognise in some tangible form the great amount of work done by Mr. Vears. It was now 14 years since the formation of the company, and the work in connection with it had been enormous. The 137 formal meetings attended by Mr. Vears during that period was only a very small moiety of the great amount of time and work he had freely given to the affairs of the company. He therefore proposed that they should vote Mr. Vears £10 10s. as a small acknowledgment of the years of service he had rendered to the company. The sum was very inadequate, but Mr. Vears would appreciate the spirit in which the proposition was made.

Mr. C. H. Dancey, who heartily endorsed all that Mr. Grimes had said, seconded the proposition, which was supported by Mr. C. E. Brown. Mr. Grant said he did not consider the amount proposed sufficient, and as an amendment he moved that Mr. Vears should be asked to accept £15 15s. This was seconded by Mr. Robinson and unanimously agreed to, Mr. Grimes having withdrawn his motion. Mr. Vears, in acknowledgment, said that for 14 years he had done his best for the company, and if it was their pleasure he should be glad to continue to do so. He thoroughly appreciated their kindness. In conclusion, he acknowledged the assistance he had received from the meeting [*sic*] and the solicitor (Mr. Grimes).

On the proposition of Mr. W. Dancey, seconded by Mr. Clutterbuck, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the directors, and acknowledged by Messrs. C. H. Dancey, C. E. Brown, H. G. Brown, and T. B. Powell.