

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

**GLOUCESTER**

*Football & Athletic Ground*

COMPANY, LIMITED.

99, NORTHGATE,

GLOUCESTER,

December 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1919.

*Notice is hereby given*, - That the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the New Inn Hotel, Northgate Street, Gloucester, on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 1919, 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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**The Twenty-Eighth**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

TO BE PRESENTED TO THE

**GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**

TO BE HELD AT THE

**New Inn Hotel, Northgate Street, Gloucester,**

***On Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 1919,***

**At 7.30 P.M. PRECISELY.**

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DIRECTORS:

HARRY A. DANCEY, CHAIRMAN.

F. W. LOVESY, *DEPUTY CHAIRMAN.* H. G. NORMAN.

H. J. BERRY. FRANK TANDY.

S. W. BINGLE. A. C. WILLIAMS.

F. H. BRETHERTON. A. F. FIELDING.  
Representative of the Gloucester Football Club

H. W. Grimes, *Solicitor.*

Sidney S. Starr, *Secretary.*

*Directors' Report.*

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The Directors herewith submit to the Shareholders of the Company a Balance Sheet for the past year, ending August 31<sup>st</sup>, 1919.

The Books of the Company have been audited and all vouchers examined by Mr. J. E. Dutton, and the Balance Sheet duly signed by him.

As will be seen from the Revenue Account, it is impossible for the Directors to recommend the payment of any dividend this year, yet it is with gratification that they have been able, by exercising the strictest economy, to retain the Company's property through the War, and now look with some confidence to the future, having regard to the new terms made with the Football Club, who at present are showing most encouraging signs of a successful season both from a playing and financial point of view.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, two of the Directors, Messrs. F. W. Bingle and Frank Tandy 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.

**CAPITAL ACCOUNT.**

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Share Capital, 3150 Shares, at £1, fully paid	3150	0	0	Freehold Land, Football, Athletic Ground,			
September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 1918, Mortgage	3500	0	0	Turnstiles, Roller Machines, Tools,			
Mortgage Interest due June 24 <sup>th</sup> , 1919	70	0	0	Stands, Gymnasium, Footboards, Pavilion,			
Mortgage Interest due from June 24 <sup>th</sup> , to August 31 <sup>st</sup> , 1919	26	18	5	and all other Plant and Effects	6737	3	0
Balance from Revenue Account to August 31 <sup>st</sup> , 1919	0	9	5	Cash at Bank	9	9	6
				Cash in Secretary's hands	<u>0</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>4</u>
						10	4
							10
	<u>£</u>	6747	7		<u>£</u>	6747	7

**REVENUE ACCOUNT.**

	£	s	d		£	s	d	£	s	d
Sundry Rents, Volunteers, Grazing, Sports, Advertisements, etc.	273	13	9	One Year's Mortgage Interest, less Tax	99	15	0			
				Taxes	40	5	0			
				Rates	52	7	7			
				"	<u>45</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>			
								97	11	0
				General Repairs	3	2	10			
				Insurances	2	14	0			
				Printing, Registration, Postages, Stationery, etc.	3	3	6			
				Groundsman's Remuneration as Caretaker	10	12	0			
				Auditor	1	1	0			
				Secretary's Salary, reduced from £20 to	15	0	0			
				Disposal to Balance on the year	0	9	5			
	<u>£</u>	273	13		<u>£</u>	273	13			

Signed on behalf of the Board,

HARRY A. DANCEY, )  
 ) Directors.  
 FRED W. LOVESY, )  
 SIDNEY S. STARR, ) Secretary.

*In accordance with the Companies (Consolidation) Act, 1908, I beg to report to the Shareholders that I have examined the foregoing Accounts and Balance Sheet dated the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 1919.*

*All my requirements as Auditor have been complied with and I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required. I further report that in my opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs according to the best of my information and the explanation given to me and as shewn by the books of the Company.*

24<sup>th</sup> November 1919.

J. E. DUTTON, Auditor.

((HEREIN THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS HELD AT THE NEW INN HOTEL, GLOUCESTER, ON TUESDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 1919))

### Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

held at the New Inn Hotel, Gloucester, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 1919.

Mr. Harry A. Dancey, the Chairman of the Directors, presided.

### Notice of the Meeting

having been read, the

### Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting

were read and confirmed.

### The Report and Balance Sheet to August 31<sup>st</sup> 1919

As printed, was unanimously adopted on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Granville Clutterbuck, who remarked that he hoped the Directors would repay the Secretary the salary he had forgone during the War as soon as circumstances would permit them to do so.

### Election of Directors

Mr. Granville Clutterbuck proposed the re-election of Messrs. Bingle and Tandy as Directors. Carried.

### Auditor

On the proposition of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Bartlett, Mr. J. E. Dutton was re-elected Auditor.

Thanks to Directors

Mr. Bartlett proposed a Vote of Thanks to the Directors, this was seconded by Mr. Winfield and carried. The Chairman acknowledged the Vote, stating the Directors would continue to do their very best for the Shareholders.

[Signed] Harry A. Dance

December 17<sup>th</sup>, 1920.

((HEREIN ATTACHMENT - UNIDENTIFIED, UNDATED NEWSPAPER EXTRACT))

## **GOOD FUTURE PROSPECTS.**

### **The Gloucester Football and Athletic Ground Co., Ltd.**

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A meeting of the Gloucester Football and Athletic Ground Company, Limited, was held at the New Inn Hotel, Gloucester, on Monday evening, Mr. H. A. Dancey presiding, with Mr. F. W. Lovesy in the vice-chair.

The Chairman, in submitting the annual report and balance sheet, said he believed they would agree with him that the balance sheet was a satisfactory one. There was a disposable balance on the year of 9s. 5d., against £6 17s. 4d. the previous year. Such a good result was partly due to rent received through letting the ground to Mr. Glyn Watkins for the Factory Sports. He wished to express the gratification the Directors felt that in spite of the practical closing down of the ground through the period of the war and the consequent reduction in the income derived from the rent usually paid by the Football Club, they had been able all through to meet all liabilities and "keep the flag flying," but of course they had not been able to pay any dividend to the shareholders. They had every reason to believe, however, that the tide had turned, and that the prospect for the future was very bright.

After friendly consultation with some of the leaders of the Football Club, they had come to an arrangement whereby the Ground Company and the Club were working conjointly in the matter of rent. In previous years the Club paid the Company a rental of £375 annually; this was afterwards reduced to £325; but this year it had been agreed that £250 should be the recognised rental, and in addition to this the Club would pay to the Directors one-third of the profits made during the season, the Club to pay its share of the rates, and to share equally with the Company the income derived, between September 1<sup>st</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>, from any outside sources, such as circuses, fairs, etc. The Directors felt that in agreeing to these proposals they were acting in the true interests of sport, and at the same time carefully safeguarding the interests of the shareholders. The Chairman expressed the pleasure of the Directors in welcoming Mr. H. G. Norman, the City High Sheriff, upon the Board. They all felt that his experience would be of great value.

### **FOOTBALL A GREAT ASSETT.**

Mr. Granville Clutterbuck, in seconding the report and balance-sheet, said there were one or two matters he would like to refer to. During the war the secretary's salary was reduced from £20 to £15 per annum, on the understanding it should be repaid at the end of the war. He

(Mr. Clutterbuck) hoped the time was not far distant when the Company would be in a position to pay off the arrears and raise the salary to £20 again. The Gloucester Football Club were now able to go forward with their plans. The Club had managed to preserve their ground, while many other clubs had been compelled to give up. He thought that football was a great asset to the city. Many people from the surrounding districts came to see the play. It was also a very welcome relaxation to working men on Saturday afternoons. The report was adopted.

Messrs. S. W. Brindle and F. Tandy were re-elected to the Board of Directors, while Mr. J. E. Dutton was also re-elected auditor for the ensuing year. Mr. Dutton said it was due to cutting down expenses in every possible way that the balance-sheet was such a favourable one. He hoped it would be even more favourable next year.

A vote of thanks to the Directors and Chairman was proposed by Mr. Bartlett and seconded by Mr. A. G. Winfield. The Chairman, in acknowledging the vote of thanks said the Directors put in a good deal of time to help on the Club, and it was done, he thought, out of their real love for football. He was pleased to be able to inform them that since the balance-sheet had been drawn up the mortgage interest amounting to £70 had been cleared off, so that they could commence the New Year with a clean sheet.

At the close of the meeting, Mr. H. G. Norman was appointed as Directors' representative on the Finance Committee of the Football Club.