

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

GLOUCESTER

Football & Athletic Ground

COMPANY, LIMITED.

99, NORTHGATE,

GLOUCESTER,

December 9TH, 1920.

Notice is hereby given, - That the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the New Inn Hotel, Northgate Street, Gloucester, on Friday, December 17th, 1920, 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

The Twenty-Ninth

ANNUAL REPORT

TO BE PRESENTED TO THE

GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

TO BE HELD AT THE

New Inn Hotel, Northgate Street, Gloucester,

On Friday, December 17th, 1920,

At 7.30 P.M. PRECISELY.

DIRECTORS:

HARRY A. DANCEY, CHAIRMAN.

H. J. BERRY

H. G. NORMAN

S. W. BINGLE

A. C. WILLIAMS.

F. H. BRETHERTON.

A. G. WINFIELD

J. T. BROOKES.

A. F. FIELDING.

Representative of the Gloucester Football Club

Grimes, Madge & Lloyd, *Solicitors.*

Sidney S. Starr, *Secretary.*

Directors' Report.

The Directors herewith submit to the Shareholders of the Company a Balance Sheet for the past year, ending August 31st, 1920.

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

The Revenue Account shows a net profit of £216 2s. 6d. on the year. The Directors, therefore, recommend the payment of a Dividend of 5 per cent. per annum, which will amount to £157 10s. 0d. on the 3,150 Shares, and to carry forward the balance of £58 12s. 6d.

The amount appearing against the heading "Special Repairs, &c." is very heavy this year, this is, of course, accounted for by the fact that during the war, when the Income was very small, it was impossible to carry out the necessary work. Much has been done during the past season, but a great deal more will have to be undertaken in the near future for the preservation of the property.

Mr. Albert George Winfield has been appointed a Director.

Since the last Annual General Meeting, we have lost, by death, our esteemed friend and colleague, Mr. Harry Grimes, Solicitor to the Company, one who was ever ready and willing to assist the Directors in any way, and gratuitously attended the Board Meetings to give advice on any matter of difficulty.

Messrs. Grimes, Madge & Lloyd have since been appointed the Solicitors to the Company.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, three of the Directors, Messrs. H. J. Berry, H. G. Norman and A G. Winfield retire automatically, 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 and Athletic Ground,			
Mortgage	3500	0	0	Fences, Turnstiles, Rollers, Machines, Tools,			
Mortgage Interest from June 24 th , to August 31 st , 1920	26	18	5	Stands, Gymnasium, Footboards, together			
Balance from Revenue Account to August 31 st , 1920	216	2	6	with Pavilion and all Plant and Effects	6737	3	0
				Less one half-year's arrears of Mortgage			
				Interest paid off		70	0 0
							6667 3 0
				Cash at Bank	225	16	4
				Cash in Secretary's hands		0	1 7
							225 17 11
	£	6893	0 11		£	6893	0 11

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance from 1919	0	9	5	Mortgage Interest to June 24 th , 1919, less Tax	49	0	0
Interest on Deposit Account	2	13	2	" " " Dec. 25 th , 1919, " "	49	0	0
Football Club Rent, 1919-1920 Season	250	0	0	" " " June 24 th , 1920, " "	49	0	0
Football Club payment towards war-time dilapidations and arrears of repairs	233	12	7	Taxes	85	10	0
Football Club portion of Adjusted Taxes refunded	25	2	8	Rates	104	4	3
Summer, Barton Fair (1919) and other special lettings	219	3	6	General Repairs	6	2	3
Hire of Roller	0	10	0	Special Repairs to Pavilion, Gymnasium and Fences	92	18	0
Registrations of Probates	0	5	0	Insurances	4	3	10
Transfer Fees	0	5	0	Corporation for New Driving Way in Worcester Street	20	12	10
				Printing, Registration, Stamping, Telephone, Telegrams, Stationery, etc.	8	14	8
				Groundsman as Caretaker	10	12	0
				Auditor	1	1	0
Amount received from Insurance Company				Secretary's Salary £20, and arrears £15 (during 3 years)	35	0	0
For damage done by fire	38	0	0	Builder and Labour for Repairs after Fire	38	0	0
					553	18	10
				Disposable Balance on the year	216	2	6
	£	770	1 4		£	770	1 4

Signed on behalf of the Board,

HARRY A. DANCEY,)
) Directors.
 A. F. FIELDING,)
 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 31st day of August, 1920.

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.

6th December, 1920.

J. E. DUTTON, Auditor.

((HEREIN THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS HELD AT THE NEW INN HOTEL, GLOUCESTER, ON FRIDAY, 17th DECEMBER, 1920))

Annual Meeting of Shareholders

held at the New Inn Hotel, Gloucester on 17 December 1920.

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

Notice of the Meeting

having been read, the

Minutes of the last Annual Meeting

were read and confirmed.

Report and Balance Sheet

The Chairman moved the adoption of the Report and Balance Sheet. This was seconded by Mr. William Dancey, and carried.

Election of Directors

Mr. H. G. Norman having expressed a wish (since the issuing of the Report) that his name should not be put to the meeting, Mr. H. J. Berry and Mr. A. G. Winfield were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. W. C. Watkins seconded by Mr. William Dancey.

Auditor

Mr. F. H. Bretherton proposed and Mr. A. G. Winfield seconded the re-election of Mr. Dutton as Auditor. Carried.

The late Mr. H. W. Grimes and Mr. W. J. Robinson

Reference was made to the great loss to the Company by the death of Mr. Harry Grimes. Also to the death of Mr. W. J. Robinson and the Secretary was directed to send a letter of condolence to the relatives of both.

Votes of Thanks

The Thanks of the Shareholders to the Directors was moved by Mr. W. C. Watkins seconded by Mr. William Dancey.

Thanks to the Chairman

The Chairman was also thanked for his services on the proposition of Mr. Brookes seconded by Mr. Fielding.

It was also resolved that the Shareholders best thanks should be conveyed to Messrs. Norman, Lovesy, and Tandy for their valuable service as Directors in the past.

[Signed] Harry A. Dancey

Dec. 13th, 1921.

((HEREIN ATTACHMENT - UNDATED NEWSPAPER EXTRACT - PROBABLY OF THE GLOUCESTER CITIZEN))

Gloucester Football and Athletic Ground Co., Ltd.

FIRST DIVIDEND FOR SIX YEARS.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Gloucester Football and Athletic Ground Co., Ltd., was held at the New Inn Hotel on Friday evening. Mr. H. A. Dancey (chairman) presiding,

In moving the adoption of the report and balance sheet (particulars of which have already appeared in the "Citizen"), the Chairman said how pleased he was that the directors were able to produce such a good balance sheet, which was, he thought, the best ever recorded in the history of the Company, and at the same time to declare a dividend of 5 per cent, free of income tax, which had, unfortunately, not been done for the last six years. This result had, he thought, been brought about by the fact that the Football Club were now doing so well. It would be remembered that when football was re-started after the war, the Committee did not feel that they could pay so high a rental as in former years, and consulted the Directors upon the point, and an arrangement was come to that they should "sink or swim" together, and that the fixed rent should be reduced from £325 to £250 a year, and that the Company should be paid a share of the profits of the Football Club in addition to the rent. This luckily worked out very well, as the balance sheet would testify, the Company's share amounting to between £200 and £300. One other item on the credit side of the balance sheet which helped materially was the amount received (£219 3s. 6d.) for summer lettings, etc., which included the sum of £85 paid by Mr. Jacob Studt in September 1919, for rent of part of the ground to be used for Barton Fair purposes. This year the ground was not required, so that the Company must look forward to a reduction in this source of income in next year's financial statement.

Dealing with the items of expenditure, the Chairman referred to the great increase in the rates, and said he could not help feeling that the "powers that be" might deal more leniently with the Company and the Football Club, who were providing such a great amount of pleasure and healthy recreation to thousands of citizens week after week, as well as contributing to the Government a very considerable amount by way of entertainment tax. The item for special repairs, etc. (£92 18s.) was heavy, but he regretted to say that it was likely to be increased in the near future, as the fences and property generally had, during the war period, been subject to the "ravages of time," and were at present in sad need of reparation.

Continuing, the Chairman said he would like to express the Directors' appreciation of the splendid arrangements and alterations which had been carried out by the Football Club Committee in order to ensure the comfort of the general public when witnessing the matches in providing an extra covered stand and improvements in fencing, etc. He thought it would be generally acknowledged that the Kingsholm Ground was now one of the best in the Kingdom.

It was most unfortunate that three of the Directors had resigned their positions on the Board, and he was bound to confess that the remaining Directors would greatly miss their wise counsel and advice in the management of the Company. Personally, he thanked them very much for all they had done, and he could not help feeling grateful to all the Directors who, during the long period of 29 years, had given freely and ungrudgingly of their best, with out any fee or reward, purely in the interest of sport, and in their endeavour to keep the ground free for the pleasure and amusement of the thousands who assembled there to witness what he ventured to think was the game of Rugby football played in a clean and finished way, such as was worthy of the high traditions of the Gloucester Club, but at the same time had safeguarded the interests of the shareholders, for whom they were trustees.

Mr. W. Dancey, in seconding the adoption of the report and balance sheet, expressed his pleasure that Mr. H. J. Berry had recovered from his indisposition, and found himself able to serve as a director; and referred to the death of Mr. W. J. Robinson, who for many years was a regular attendant at the annual meetings. He also referred in eulogistic terms to the services of the Secretary (Mr. Sidney S. Starr).

The report and balance sheet were adopted, and it was resolved that a letter of condolence should be sent to the widow and relatives of Mr. Robinson.

Messrs. H. J. Berry and A. G. Winfield, the retiring directors, were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. W. C. Watkins, seconded by Mr. W. Dancey. Mr. H. G. Norman, who was also eligible for re-election, had intimated his resignation of his seat on the Board.

Mr. F. H. Bretherton proposed and Mr. A. G. Winfield seconded the re-election of Mr. J. Dutton as auditor, and the last-named, in acknowledgement of his re-appointment, spoke in terms of high appreciation of the improvements carried out on the ground by the Football Club.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the directors on the proposition of Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. W. Dancey; and the Chairman, in replying, said he could assure them that every one of the directors took a very keen interest in the Company. They were always out for sport, and always met the Club mutually and worked harmoniously with them. He hoped that that spirit would prevail for many years to come.

Mr. J. T. Brookes, in voicing the thanks of the meeting to Mr. Dancey for presiding, paid a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Harry Grimes, who rendered such excellent service to the cause of sport in Gloucester.