

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

GLOUCESTER

Football & Athletic Ground

COMPANY, LIMITED.

11, London Road,
Gloucester.
December 6TH, 1922.

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 15th, 1922, at 7 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 THIRTY-FIRST

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 15th, 1922,

At 7 P.M. PRECISELY.

DIRECTORS:

HARRY A. DANCEY, CHAIRMAN.

W. G. AYLIFFE.

A. C. WILLIAMS.

H. H. BERRY.

A. G. WINFIELD.

J. T. BROOKES.

A. F. FIELDING.

Representative of the Gloucester Football Club

W. T. WARNER.

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, 1922.

All the Books have been duly audited by Mr. J. E. Dutton, and the correctness vouched for by him.

The Revenue Account, including the balance from last year of £112 18s. 3d., shows a disposable balance of £231 17s. 8d. The Directors, therefore, recommend the payment of a Dividend of 5 per cent. free of tax, which will amount to £157 10s. on the 3,150 shares, and to carry forward the balance of £74 7s. 8d. to meet the cost of general reparations to the buildings and fences, the latter especially which have been in existence for nearly 32 years, and are in consequence in a very bad state and in need of constant attention.

The Company have during the year sustained a very severe loss by the death of Mr. Herbert J. Berry, one of the senior Directors. He was elected as long ago as April 19th, 1899, since which time he has proved himself not only a keen business man in all matters appertaining to the interests of the Company, but also a very estimable Director and friend, whose ardent love of sport generally endeared him to all - he was one of the few enthusiasts whose valuable advice and forethought helped to acquire the Kingsholm Ground which has proved such a boon to thousands of the football loving citizens of Gloucester.

The Directors have elected Mr. H. H. Berry to take his father's place on the Board.

A small angular piece of land at the north-east corner of the Ground has been sold, with the consent of the Mortgagees, to the Vicar of St. Aldate's who owns the house adjoining, and it is intended to pay nearly all the purchase money to the holders of the Mortgage in part redemption; the transactions in connection with this are not yet quite complete, but full particulars will appear in next year's Balance Sheet.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, one of the Directors, Mr. A. G. Winfield retires automatically, and being eligible offers himself 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, Rollers, Machines, Plant and Effects	6640	4	7		
Balance from Revenue Account to August 31 st , 1922	231	17	8	Cash at Bank	239	10	0		
				Cash in Secretary's hands	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>		
						241	13	1	
	<u>£</u>	<u>6881</u>	<u>17</u>			<u>£</u>	<u>6881</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>8</u>

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

	£	s	d		£	s	d	
Balance from 1921	112	18	3	Mortgage Interest to December 25 th , 1921, less Tax	38	1	10	
Interest on Deposit Account	5	1	4	" " " June 24 th , 1922	63	8	9	
Football Club Rent, 1921-1922 Season	250	0	0	" " " August 31 st , 1922	24	16	3	
Football Club payment towards arrears of repairs	200	0	0	Taxes	85	2	6	
Summer and other lettings	71	4	0	Rates	121	14	3	
Advertisements	80	4	1	Repairs	2	13	6	
Hire of Roller	1	0	0	Special Repairs	87	16	11	
Registration of Probates	0	5	0	Insurances	4	11	3	
Transfer Fees	0	4	0	Printing, Registrations, Postages, Telephone, Stationery, etc.	9	4	9	
				Groundsman as Caretaker	10	8	0	
				Auditor	1	1	0	
				Secretary	<u>40</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
					488	19	0	
				Disposable Balance on the year	231	17	8	
	<u>£</u>	<u>720</u>	<u>16</u>		<u>£</u>	<u>720</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>8</u>

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, 1922.

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.

4th December, 1922.

J. E. DUTTON, Auditor.

((HEREIN THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS HELD AT THE NEW INN HOTEL, GLOUCESTER, ON FRIDAY, 15th DECEMBER, 1922))

Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

held at the New Inn Hotel, Friday December 15th 1922.

Both the Chairman of the Company, Mr. Harry A. Dancey, and the Secretary, Sidney S. Starr were absent through indisposition.

Mr. W. G. Ayliffe presided and called upon Mr. J. E. Dutton (who kindly acted as Secretary) to read the

Notice of the Meeting

also the

Minutes of the last Annual Meeting

which were duly confirmed.

Report and Balance Sheet

Mr. C. Granville Clutterbuck moved the adoption of the Report and Balance Sheet, Mr. J. T. Brookes seconded. Mr. Dutton having read the Auditor's Certificate, both were passed.

Mr. H. H. Berry

The Meeting warmly welcomed the new Director, Mr. H. Berry, who had been elected in his father's place.

Re-election of Director

Mr. Clutterbuck proposed and Mr. Hudson seconded Mr. Albert G. Winfield's re-election as Director. Carried.

Auditor

Mr. Clutterbuck proposed and Mr. Hudson seconded Mr. Dutton as auditor.
Carried.

Thanks to the Chairman

Thanks were expressed to the Chairman of the Company, the Directors, and Secretary, on the proposition of Mr. Clutterbuck, seconded by Mr. Hudson.

Football Club's Shares

Mr. Brookes mentioned that the Football Club held now an increased number of shares in the Company, and stated the Committee of the Club had made an application to all Shareholders to allow them to acquire more and acknowledged the excellent services rendered in the matter by the Company Secretary.

[Signed] A. F. Fielding

Chairman 3/12/23.

((HEREIN ATTACHMENT - NEWSPAPER EXTRACT - PROBABLY GLOUCESTER 'CITIZEN'
(M/S ENTRY READS; ' "Citizen" Dec. 16/1922"))

Gloucester Football and Athletic Ground Company, Ltd.

ANNUAL MEETING.

THE FOOTBALL CLUB'S AMBITION.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Gloucester Football and Athletic Ground Company, Limited, was held at the New Inn Hotel on Friday evening, Mr. W. G. Ayliffe presiding in the absence of the chairman (Mr. H. A. Dancey). Mr. J. E. Dutton (auditor) acted as secretary for Mr. Sidney S. Starr, who was unwell and unable to be present. Those present in addition were Messrs. H. H. Berry, J. T. Brookes, A. C. Williams (Directors), C. Granville Clutterbuck, Arthur Hudson, H. J. Balchin, and W. H. Madge (Solicitor to the Club).

The Auditor having read his certificate of audit, the balance sheet and report of Directors which has already been published was laid before the meeting, and was adopted upon the proposition of Mr. Clutterbuck, seconded by Mr. Brookes.

Mr. Brookes said he thought the shareholders were to be congratulated upon the satisfactory state of the affairs of the Company. He wished to refer to the loss the Company had sustained by the death of one of their directors, the late Mr. H. J. Berry. They all deeply deplored Mr. Berry's death, and all recognised the splendid service he had rendered to the Ground Company and to the Gloucester Football Club. In his place they welcomed his son. Mr. H. H. Berry.

Mr. Berry returned thanks.

Mr. A. G. Winfield was re-elected a director, and Mr. Dutton was re-elected auditor, Mr. Clutterbuck paying a compliment to Mr. Dutton's sportsmanship and accountancy efficiency.

Mr. Clutterbuck, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Directors, referred to the splendid work which Mr. Starr had done for the promotion of Rugby football in Gloucester, and the share he had taken in the satisfactory conduct of the Company. He wished also to endorse the remarks made by Mr. Brookes in reference to the late Mr. Berry. He remembered the time when Mr. Berry played for Gloucester in the full-back position, and did not think they had ever had a better or more sporting player. He also was glad that Mr. H. H. Berry had become one of the Directors. He thought the Ground Company were to be congratulated upon having provided one of the best Rugby grounds in the country; but he hoped the time was not far distant when it would be possible for the ground to be made to accommodate 10,000 people even on a wet day.

Mr. Hudson seconded, and paid a tribute to the Directors and officials.

In returning thanks on behalf of the Directors, Mr. Brookes touched upon the question of the shares of the Company and the desire of the Football Club to take over the whole of them. The Committee of the Club had made an application to the shareholders to allow them to acquire the shares, and he felt there would be no difficulty placed in the way of their doing so. At the same time, the Club fully recognised the splendid work the Ground Company had done in the past and the valuable aid they had given to Rugby football in the city.

Mr. Williams, while expressing readiness to part with his shares as soon as necessary, thought it desirable that the shares of the directors should be the last to be surrendered.

Mr. Ayliffe thought that was the most satisfactory manner in which the Club should proceed.

Mr. Hudson assured the directors that the Club wanted to do everything possible to maintain the good feeling which existed between the Club and the Company, and pointed out that the acquisition of the shares by the Club was a natural conclusion, and one which had been looked forward to not only by the Club, but also by the shareholders of the Company.

Mr. Dutton thought that with tact there should be no difficulty in the Club taking over the whole of the shares.

Mr. Williams having asked for special accommodation to be provided by the Club for life members, the meeting terminated with thanks to the Chairman, and an expression of hope that the Secretary would soon be well again.

((HEREIN FURTHER ATTACHMENT - NEWSPAPER EXTRACT, WITH M/S ENTRY "ECHO";
DATE NOT GIVEN))

FOOTBALL AND ATHLETIC GROUND COMPANY.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Gloucester Football and Athletic Ground Co., Ltd., was held at the New Inn Hotel, Gloucester, on Friday evening. In the absence of the chairman (Mr. Harry A. Dancey) through indisposition Mr. W. G. Ayliffe was voted to the chair, and Mr. J. E. Dutton deputised for the secretary (Mr. Sidney S. Starr), who was also indisposed. There were also present Messrs. H. H. Berry, J. T. Brookes, and A. C. Williams (directors), C. Granville Clutterbuck, Arthur Hudson, J. E. Dutton (auditor), W. H. Madge (solicitor), and H. J. Balchin

The report and balance-sheet (a summary of which has appeared in the "Echo") was taken as read, and Mr. C. Granville Clutterbuck moved the adoption of the same. In seconding, Mr. J. T. Brookes said the financial statement would meet with the approbation of all the shareholders, who, he felt sure, would congratulate the company and the football club on a successful year. The shareholders and directors deeply deplored the death of Mr. H. J. Berry, a member of the Board, who had rendered great service to the company and the football club. Mr. H. H. Berry had been elected to fill the vacancy, and they gave him a hearty welcome. The resolution was adopted, and Mr. H. H. Berry thanked Mr. Brookes for his kindly reference to his father and himself.

Messrs. A. G. Winfield and J. E. Dutton were unanimously re-elected director and auditor respectively.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the directors and officials, Mr. Clutterbuck said he would like to associate himself with what Mr. Brookes had said of the late Mr. H. J. Berry, who was one of the best full backs the Gloucester Football Club ever had. Mr. Clutterbuck spoke of the lack of covered accommodation at Kingsholm, and expressed the hope that further improvements would be carried out which would mean that 10,000 spectators could be accommodated. Mr. Hudson seconded, and the resolution was cordially adopted.

In responding on behalf of the directors, Mr. Brookes said he would like to refer to the fact that the Football Club, who held the major part of shares in the company, were desirous, at the earliest possible date, of securing the remainder. A circular letter had been sent out by the Football Club to the holders of shares to this effect, and it was hoped the appeal being made would meet with success. The Football and Athletic Ground Company was formed with the idea that the Football Club would eventually become the owners of the ground. The most friendly relationship had always existed between the two organisations, which had worked together very amicably, and he would like to acknowledge the excellent services rendered by Mr. Sidney S. Starr.

Mr. A. C. Williams and the Chairman said there was not the slightest doubt that the shareholders and directors would be willing to part with their shares.

Mr. Williams, speaking on behalf of life members of the Football Club, complained that seats were not provided for them at the matches, and Mr. Brookes promised to give the matter attention.

Mr. Dutton was requested to convey to Messrs. Dancey and Starr the sympathy of the meeting in their illness, and a wish for their speedy recovery, and thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.