

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

GLOUCESTER

**Football & Athletic Ground
Company Limited.**

19, St. John's Lane,
Gloucester.
4TH November, 1943

Notice is hereby given, - That the **Annual General Meeting** of the Shareholders will be held at the Secretary's Office, 19, St. John's Lane, Gloucester, on Thursday, November 18th, 1943, at 11-30 a.m. to receive the 52nd Annual Report and for the purpose of considering the Accounts of the Company, election of two Directors, appointing an Auditor, and any other business that may be brought before a General Meeting.

By order of the Board,

SIDNEY S. STARR,

Secretary.

THE GLOUCESTER

Football & Athletic Ground

Company Limited.

The

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

TO BE PRESENTED TO THE

GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

TO BE HELD AT THE

Secretary's Office, 19, St. John's Lane, Gloucester

On THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18th, 1943

At 11-30 a.m. PRECISELY.

Directors:

ARTHUR F. FIELDING, *Chairman.*

DR. ARNOLD ALCOCK. H. H. BERRY.

A. HUDSON.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Since the last Annual Meeting we have to record the lamented death of Mr. Francis W. Ayliffe, who has rendered great service to the Gloucester City and County Football Clubs, and, like his late father, Mr. W. G. Ayliffe, was a valued Director of this Company for some years.

The Directors herewith submit to the Shareholders of the Company a Balance Sheet for the year ending August 31st, 1943.

In September, 1939 - as stated in the last Report - the Football Ground with all Buildings and Grand Stands then existing were commandeered by the Local Authority for Civil Defence purposes. Therefore the Football Club have paid no rent for the past four Seasons 1939-40, 1940-41, 1941-42, and 1942-43.

All the Books have been duly audited by Mr. R. N. Loveridge, and the correctness vouched for by him.

The Revenue Account, including the balance from last year of £49 11s. 3d., shows a disposable balance of £41 5s. 6d. The Directors however again this year recommend that no dividend be declared, but carry the amount forward to meet any contingencies which may arise in consequence of the War.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, one of the Directors, Mr. H. H. Berry, retires, and being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

Dr. Alcock will also nominate Mr. A. T. Voyce to fill the vacancy on the Board caused by the death of Mr. Francis W. Ayliffe. Mr. Arthur Hudson will second the nomination.

Mr. R. N. Loveridge, Auditor, 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	£	s	d
Share Capital, 3150 Shares, at £1, fully paid	3150	0	0	Football Land and Effects, /ess depreciation	6474	14	10			
Loan from Gloucester Rugby Football Club	3300	0	0	Cash at Lloyds Bank	19	18	6			
Unclaimed Dividend	4	11	4	Petty Cash with Secretary	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>			
Balance from Revenue Account to August 31 st , 1943	41	5	6					21	2	0
	<u>£ 6495</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>10</u>					<u>£ 6495</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>10</u>

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance from 1942	49	11	3	Interest to Football Club on Loan, nothing paid during accounting period	-	-	-
Advertisements, per Hitchings and Graham	3	16	0	Tax liability not ascertained, nothing paid	-	-	-
Registration Probate Fee (F. W. Ayliffe)	0	2	6	Insurance	2	10	0
Share Transfer Fee	0	2	6	Printing, Registration, Postages, etc.	3	7	9
Corporation right of 2 Ventilating Shafts	0	2	0	For right of Drains and Water Pipes under Mr. Pitt's land	0	10	0
				Auditor	1	1	0
				Secretary	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
				Disposable Balance	12	8	9
	<u>£ 53</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>41</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>

Signed on behalf of the Board,

ARNOLD ALCOCK)
) *Directors.*
 H. H. BERRY)
 SIDNEY S. STARR, *Secretary*

I have examined the foregoing Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet with the Books and Accounts of the Company and have obtained all the information and explanations I have required. 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 explanations given to me, and as shown by the Books of the Company.

21st October, 1943.

16th October, 1943.

R. N. LOVERIDGE, *Auditor.*

((HEREIN THE MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS HELD AT 19 ST, JOHN'S LANE, GLOUCESTER, ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18th, 1943))

Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

held at 19 St. John's Lane, Gloucester, on Thursday, November 18th, 1943, at 11-30 a.m.

Present

Dr. Alcock in the Chair.

A. T. Voyce, H. H. Berry, Arthur Hudson, Shareholders.
Sidney S. Starr, Secretary.

Apology received from Mr. Arthur F. Fielding who was confined to his home through illness.

Before dealing with the business of the Meeting, the Chairman feelingly alluded to [the] very sad time their Secretary had recently experienced through the death of his wife (Mrs. Starr) and his own indisposition. Mr. Starr thanked the Chairman for his kind remarks and gave notice that he wished to thereby tender his resignation, to take effect as soon as a new Secretary could be appointed.

Chairman's Reply

Dr. Alcock said he very much regretted to hear of Mr. Starr's decision to retire and he thanked him for the great services he had rendered to the Company for so many years. Mr. Hudson in associating himself to Dr. Alcock's remarks, said he realized the great wrench it must have been to Mr. Starr who was one of the promoters of the Company in 1891, and he (Mr. Hudson) personally knew the immense amount of work he had done over so many years.

Report and Balance Sheet to August 31st, 1943

The 52nd Annual Report and Balance Sheet to August 31st 1943 were duly adopted on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Arthur Hudson.

Reference to the late Mr. Frank W. Ayliffe

Dr. Alcock said, as they all know, a few days after the last Annual General Meeting (in 1942), this Company lost by the death of Mr. Francis W. Ayliffe, who had been a much valued member of the Gloucester City and County Rugby teams, as well as serving as a Director of this Company for some years. All stood in silence, as a mark of sincere regard for him and sympathy with his widow and other relatives.

Directors

Mr. H. H. Berry was re-elected a Director on the proposition of Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Voyce, and Mr. A. T. Voyce was also elected a Director, proposed by Dr. Alcock, seconded by Mr. Hudson.

Auditor

Mr. Berry proposed Mr. R. N. Loveridge as Auditor. Seconded by Mr. Voyce. Carried.

Some Rent from Football Club for four back Seasons

Mr. Hudson said the Football Club had agreed to pay the Company at £30 per annum for Seasons 1939-40, 1940-41, 1941-42, 1942-43; 4 @ £30 = £120 although the Club had played no matches in consequence of the second great War was still raging with Germany.

[Signed] Arnold Alcock

26th October 1945

((EXTRACT FROM 'THE CITIZEN' NEWSPAPER OF FEBRUARY 16TH, 1944))

GLOUCESTER DAY BY DAY

Views and Gossip for the Tea Table

One of the main reasons for the severance of the Gloucester R.F.C.'s connection with the Spa as its playing ground is recalled by the resignation of Mr. Sidney S. Starr from the secretaryship of the Gloucester Football and Athletic Ground Co. Ltd.

The club had a fixture with Swansea in 1891 and Gloucester were most keen to defeat the Welshmen.

About Christmas-time the ground was frost bound and it looked as if the match would not be played.

The enterprising footballers decided on the drastic method of using salt to thaw the ground, and about 80 tons were strewn over the Spa.

The match was played, but the ground was ruined for both football and cricket.

The description at the time was that instead of pasture land it looked like newly ploughed arable.

So the Football Club were given notice to quit the Spa, and the Cricket Club set about re-making their pitch by having 1,600 square yards dug up and re-planted.

The Football Club enthusiasts acted quickly and by the next season, 1891-92, had floated the company, bought Kingsholm, and started playing there on October 10, 1891.

((A FURTHER EXTRACT, POSSIBLY FROM THE SAME NEWSPAPER IS AFFIXED TO THAT ABOVE))

FOOTBALL GROUND COMPANY CHANGES

After 51 years in the position, Mr. Sidney S. Starr has resigned as secretary of the Gloucester Athletic Ground Co. Ltd.

He is succeeded by Mr. R. N. Loveridge.

Mr. A. F. Fielding has resigned the chairmanship, a position he held since 1923, and Dr. A. Alcock is the new chairman.

Mr. Starr, who was treasurer of the Gloucester Rugby Football Club in the days when they played on the Spa, became secretary of the Ground Company about a year after it was floated. The Company was formed to purchase the Castle Grim Estate which is now known as the Kingsholm Football Ground. This was done in order that the Club should be able to use a ground over which football enthusiasts had control.