

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

**GLOUCESTER**

*Football & Athletic Ground*

COMPANY, LIMITED.

92 NORTHGATE,

GLOUCESTER,

Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, 1903.

*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 9<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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**THE**

**TWELFTH 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 1903,**

**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

**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>, 1903.

The Books of the Company have been audited by Mr. B. J. H. Coombs, and the Balance Sheet duly signed by him.

The Revenue Account shows a net profit of £200 7s. 4d. 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 £20 7s. 4d. towards general depreciation, and carry forward a balance of £30.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, two of the Directors, Messrs. D. Reardon and A. W. Vears, retire, and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Mr. B. J. H. Coombs, Auditor, also retires and offers himself for re-election.

By order of the Board,

SIDNEY S. STARR,

*Secretary.*



((HEREIN THE MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS - HELD AT THE  
NEW INN HOTEL ON 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 1903))

Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

held at the New Inn Hotel, Gloucester, Friday October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1903.

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. C. E. Brown seconded. Mr. C. E. Brown and Mr. Grimes also spoke to [sic] the satisfactory Balance (£200 7s. 4d) and general management of the Company. Carried.

Election of Directors

Mr. P. Grant proposed and Mr. S. Davis seconded the re-election of Messrs. D. Reardon and A. W. Vears as Directors. Carried.

Auditor

Resolved on the proposition of Mr. Reardon seconded by Mr. C. H. Dancey that Mr. B. J. Hyatt-Coombs be appointed Auditor at the remuneration of One Guinea.

### £10 Honorarium to Secretary

Mr. C. H. Dancey said the Directors considered the Secretary had had extra work this year and it was mainly through his efforts that the Balance was so good, and he proposed that they should give him an honorarium of £5. Mr. Powell seconded. Mr. Davis, Mr. William Dancey and Mr. W. J. Robinson spoke in favour of a larger amount. Ultimately Mr. W. Dancey proposed an honorarium of £10. This was seconded by Mr. Robinson and on Mr. C. H. Dancey withdrawing his proposition of £5. The Chairman endorsed all that had been said in favour of the vote, and it was carried unanimously for £10.

A Vote of Thanks to the Chairman and Directors concluded the meeting.

[Signed) A. W. Vears

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GLOUCESTER FOOTBALL AND ATHLETIC GROUND CO., LTD.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general 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) presided, and there were present Messrs. C. H. Dancey, H. J. Berry, C. E. Brown, S. Davis, T. B. Powell, D. Reardon, H. G. Brown (Directors), Sidney S. Starr (secretary), H. W. Grimes (solicitor), and P. Grant, W. J. Robinson, W. Dancey, H. A. Dancey, and J. Jennings (shareholders).

In moving the adoption of the report and balance sheet (which has already been published), the Chairman said very little comment was needed. He should like, however, to refer to one item in the capital account, viz., the sum of £18 for mortgage interest due to August 31<sup>st</sup>, 1930. It had always been their proud privilege to come to that meeting with all bills paid, but that £18 was undoubtedly owing, and it occurred in this way: The financial year of the Company ran from August 31<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>, and they paid the mortgage interest from June 19<sup>th</sup> to June 19<sup>th</sup>. It would thus be seen that the liability of £18 represented the mortgage interest from June 19<sup>th</sup> last to August 31<sup>st</sup>. He thought this explanation should be given for the benefit of the shareholders, especially as he had been spoken to twice during the week on the matter. Mr. Vears referred with satisfaction to the increased revenue for the past year, which enabled the Directors to recommend the payment of a dividend of 5 per cent., besides placing £20 7s. 4d. towards general depreciation, and carrying forward a balance of £30. He thought credit should be given his colleagues on the Board for their economical management, and bore testimony to the excellent work performed by the Secretary, who put in all the time he could for the benefit of the Company.

Mr. H. G. Brown seconded the adoption of the report, and Messrs. C. E. Brown and H. W. Grimes congratulated the Directors and Secretary on the very satisfactory statement presented. Mr. Grimes said the admirable way in which the Company was managed was a lesson to some bigger Companies. He threw out a suggestion that in the next balance sheet a relative statement for the previous year be incorporated, and Mr. Starr promised to do this.

The report and balance-sheet were adopted unanimously.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, Messrs. Vears and Reardon retired from the directorate, but both being eligible offered themselves for re-election. Mr. Grant proposed, and Mr. Davis seconded, the re-election of Messrs. Vears and Reardon, and the proposition was declared by Mr. Grimes (who temporarily took the chair during these formal proceedings) to be carried unanimously. Mr. Vears, who resumed the chairmanship, briefly acknowledged the compliment. Mr. B. J. Hyatt Coombs, the retiring auditor, was re-elected.

Mr. C. H. Dancey, referring to the satisfactory manner in which Mr. Starr carried out the duties of Secretary to the Company, and the extra work which devolved on him owing to the visit of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, said the Directors felt they ought to make him some acknowledgement. He therefore proposed that an honorarium of £5, or an increased amount, be voted Mr. Starr. Mr. Powell seconded and the proposition was heartily supported by Mr. Davis, who expressed himself in favour of a larger sum being granted. Mr. W. Dancey said he knew a little of the amount of work put in by Mr. Starr on behalf of the Company, especially in regard to the hoarding advertisements, and should like to see the sum increased to £10. On a suggestion from another shareholder, Mr. Dancey put this in the form of an amendment, and Mr. Robinson seconded. Mr. Reardon remarked that when the idea was first mooted he suggested the honorarium should be £10, and he thought the Secretary deserved it. The amendment appearing to find general favour, Mr. C. H. Dancey said it would afford him great pleasure to withdraw his proposition, and Mr. Powell consenting, the amendment became the substantive motion, and in that form it was carried unanimously. Mr. Starr suitably returned thanks, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Gloucester Football and Athletic Ground Co., Ltd., was held at the New Inn Hotel, Gloucester, on Friday night, when there were present Messrs. A. W. Vears (chairman), C. H. Dancey, H. J. Berry, C. E. Brown, S. Davis, T. B. Powell, D. Reardon, H. G. Brown (directors), Sidney S. Starr (secretary), H. W. Grimes (solicitor), W. Dancey, W. J. Robinson, P. Grant, H. A. Dancey, and J. Jennings.

The annual report (which we have already published), recommending a dividend of 5 per cent., was moved for adoption by the Chairman, who explained that £18 mortgage interest due to August 31<sup>st</sup> in the capital account was owing to the fact that the company's financial year closed on June 31<sup>st</sup>. He spoke of the great increase in local rates and said the directors had gone very economically to work. Not a little credit for the excellent balance-sheet before the meeting was due to their energetic secretary, Mr. S. S. Starr. Mr. H. G. Brown seconded. In reply to a shareholder, the Secretary said the horse belonging to the company cost £4, which sum they had received from the Barnwood Golf Club for hire, while about £3 was still owing. Mr. C. H. Dancey, referring to the heavy rates, said the item figuring in the balance-sheet was only half the total paid, the Football Club paying the other half. Mr. Grimes and others testified to the excellent manner in which the accounts were kept and the simplicity of the balance-sheet, and added that it might prove a lesson to larger companies. The report was adopted. Messrs. A. Vears and D. Reardon were re-elected directors, and Mr. B. J. H. Coombs was re-appointed auditor, the Secretary, on behalf of the latter, acknowledging his re-election. Several of the directors and shareholders spoke of the excellent services rendered the company by the secretary, special reference being made to his energy in getting Buffalo Bill to "pitch his tent" at Kingsholm, and it was unanimously decided to give him an honorarium of £10. Mr. Sidney S. Starr acknowledged the kindness of the meeting in suitable terms, and the meeting closed with votes of thanks to the directors, on whose behalf the Chairman replied.