

*This wording is taken directly from the RDCA Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on August 13<sup>th</sup> 1948 for the 1947/48 season. The writing in the RDCA Minute Book is sometimes hard to read, hence this 'translation'.*

RDCA Annual General Meeting, Town Hall, Ringwood on 13<sup>th</sup> August 1948.

Delegates. All Delegates were in attendance except Bayswater and North Bayswater.

An apology was received from Bayswater saying they would not be attending the meeting as they were withdrawing from the Association.

The President, Mr. T. A. Hall in opening the meeting extended a welcome to all delegates. The past year he said had been a most successful one and this year should be even greater judging by the good attendance.

He congratulated the Premier in each grade on their success and presented the following trophies:

A Grade – the A Grade Shield had already been presented to Montrose at their Premiership Ball.

B Grade – The B Grade Shield having been won by Warrantdyte 3 times now remains with the club.

C Grade – the George Grant trophy which has been won by Kilsyth could not be presented owing to an over sight, but will be presented at the adjourned meeting.

D Grade – The President said the D Grade final was a very interesting match, and if his points system had been in full working order Soccer would not have been successful.

As there had been no Pennants purchased yet owing to a shortage of material all premiers would have to wait till about February for their pennant.

Batting and Bowling Trophies. The following Batting and Bowling Trophies were presented to the following players for season 1946-47 (? – think this should read 1947/48).

*Batting* A grade – M. McAlpin, B grade – G. Williams, C grade – M. Bailey. *Bowling* – A grade – G. Dehnert (?), B grade – G. Read, C grade – L. Leach.

Minutes. The Minutes of the last adjourned Annual Meeting were read and confirmed on the motion of P. Edie and L. Salvana.

Correspondence. *From* Victorian Cricket Association re selection of umpires. *From* – V.J.C.U. – re draw. *From* – Returned Sailors, Soldiers and Airman's League (Croydon branch) asking for the 4<sup>th</sup> December be declared a bye. *From* – the Fern Tree Gully Horticultural Society asking for 27<sup>th</sup> November to be declared a bye also. *From* – the Ringwood Traders asking for the Association to arrange some form of entertainment for the forthcoming Scout Jamboree (referred back to clubs). Also a phone call request from the Ringwood Football Club asking for the Ringwood Reserve on 8<sup>th</sup> January so as to run a sports meeting for the Jamboree also.

Reports. The Secretary submitted a report of the last year's activities.

Financial. The Treasurer submitted his Balance Sheet which showed a definite improvement on previous seasons. We have a credit balance of nine pounds, eight shillings and two pence, plus a twenty-pound War Bond. As the Balance Sheet had not been audited it was moved by P.Eadie, sec. A. Chandler that it be deferred to the adjourned meeting.

Entries. Boronia (3), Croydon (2), Croydon North (1, possibly 2), Heathmont (2), Kilsyth (2, possibly 3), Lilydale (2), Montrose (2), Mooroolbark (1), North Ringwood (2), Ringwood (2), East Ringwood (2), Methodists (1), Soccer (2), South Warrandyte (2), St. Johns (2), Warrandyte (1, possibly 2), Wonga Park (2), Y.C.W. (1). Wantirna had not finalised whether they would be affiliating with the RDCA this season.

Election of Office Bearers. *President* – Mr. T.A. Hall, *Patrons* – Mayor of Ringwood, Presidents of Shires of Lilydale and F.T. Gully. *Vice Presidents* – P. Eadie, L. Salvana, C.E. Sleeman, G. Chandler, L. Gibbs. *Executive* – Messrs. Eadie, Sleeman, Salvana, President, Secretary, Treasurer.

*Wet Weather Committee* – to be decided at adjourned meeting under Rule 4. *Delegate to V.J.C.U* – L Salvana. *Secretary* – J. Austin, *Treasurer and Minutes Secretary* – A.R.Bisset. *Auditor* – K. Pratt.

Rule Amendments. As Mr. Hall had drawn up a plan on the points system *Rule 8* was taken first, as this would alter other further rules. After a lengthy discussion this was again defeated on a motion by J. McCauly, sec. J. Maidment. Carried.

*Rule 4* – Wet Weather Committee – to be decided when Wantirna delegates give their final word on affiliating. *Rule 6* – Annual Meeting to be held in August. *Rule 7* – General Meetings to be held in early December and late February. (5/-, five shillings, fine to be imposed immediately on such club not attending).

*Rule 9* – trophies – Mr. Hall kindly donated a Shield for B Grade and Mr. Chandler for D Grade. *Rule 10* – premiership trophies – first portion to be deleted, now reads “trophies each to the value of one pound, one shilling shall be presented to the winners of the batting and bowling in each grade.

*Rule 11* – affiliation fees - First team 30/- (thirty shillings) and 15/- (fifteen shillings) for each additional team, plus a 10/- (ten shillings) guarantee for new teams. *Rule 18* – D grade to be added.

*Rule 20* – moved by P. Eadie, sec. by Mr. Sleeth (?) that starting time to be 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. thus being 3 and a half playing time and no grace. Fine to be enforced immediately after 2.30. Carried.

As the evening was late it was decided to adjourn till a fortnight from tonight at Croydon.

R.D.C.A. adjourned Annual Meeting, Croydon Hall, August 27<sup>th</sup> 1948.

All Delegates were in attendance except Warrandyte and Mooroolbark.

The President in opening the meeting presided over a good attendance of delegates and he said it looked like being a very successful season.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting were read and confirmed on a motion by V. Hunter, sec. L. Gibbs.

The Treasurer presented his Balance Sheet for 1947-48 which had been audited by Mr. K. Pratt. Moved by Mr. Sleeth(?), sec. by R. Swift that the Balance Sheet be adopted.

Correspondence. Correspondence was received from Croydon Memorial(?) Committee re a bye on December 4 and Ringwood Sports Club re a bye on January 8, was referred to the Executive when making the draw.

Rules. – *Rule 21* – it was resolved to use neutral grounds for semi and finals matches. *Rule 22* -reports on matches to be sent to Mail Office, Ringwood. An offer by Mr. Sleeman of five pounds be given to the club who sends their reports the earliest throughout the season was received with very keen interest. Umpires – a suggestion was read by Mr. Hall from East Ringwood and after a lengthy discussion it was decided as follows – that each club make available an umpire and a scorer for each match.

*Rule 27* – moved by Mr. Arundel (?) of Lilydale, sec. Mr. Cumming, that a new ball be provided by each team in A grade – carried. Clubs are asked to have matting in good condition for finals matches. *Rule 28* – *following on* – resolved that the follow-on rule of 80 runs only apply to home and home matches. Final rounds 120 will operate. Carried. *Rule 31* – moved by A. Chandler, sec. by Mr. Arundel(?) to term a no-ball, a ball hitting the leather in the middle of the wicket, concrete and all edges. *Rule 34* – *uniforms* – The President asked this rule to be carried out this season particularly in A grade otherwise fines were to be imposed.

Entries. The Wantirna Delegate Mr. Hard...(?) said that his team had decided to affiliate with the Fern Tree Gully Association. His club had been very happy with the Association but owing to transport difficulties they were going to the Gully to cut down travelling. It was decided to make the closing date of entries be September 18 and the executive to meet on the 20<sup>th</sup> to complete the draw.

Rule 4, part 4. Mr. Chandler was added to the Wet Weather Committee.

Rule Books. On a motion by Mr. Chandler, sec. by Mr. Sleeth(?), it was decided to have Rule Books printed and sold to club members at six pence per copy. Carried.

The Secretary reported that some clubs were behind in their registration fees from last season, and it was suggested that a letter be sent to these clubs re. payment. The Secretary also reported that he needed a fair amount of stationery such as letter heads, meeting ----s(?) etc. He was instructed to get same and also allowance will be made to him for Petty Cash. Carried.

Junior Competition. The matter of organising a junior competition was raised by Mr. F. Leach (Croydon North). He said the D grade could be made up of junior members up to 17 years of age with two senior members. The competition could be arranged to play on Saturday mornings. As it was too late this season it was decided to discuss it at next Annual Meeting.

Cricket lectures. Mr. Salvana suggested a move should be made to enable to get prominent players to lecture at Delegates meetings throughout the season. Mr. A. Liddi----(?) and Mr. J. Plant were mentioned and it was decided to leave it in the hands of the Secretary.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.