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RINGWOOD AND DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION.

Mr. C. A. Hochkins, president of the Ringwood and District Cricket Association, presided over the annual meeting, which was held in the presence of delegates from all last year's clubs with the exception of Wantirna and Fern Tree Gully. It was gratifying to notice that one new club, that of Ringwood East, which was represented for the first time, Mr. Neilsen and Mr. A. Blood, junr.

Those in attendance were:—Messrs. C. A. Hochkins, P. Webber, Neilsen, Blood, C. Hunt, Edyvane, J. Wilkins, E. C. Sleeman, Pollard, R. Stowell, E. Brighton, H. Tomkins, G. Swindon, V. C. Swift, Chapman, Anderson, L. Rae, S. Rae, F. Rogers, H. Sherlock, J. Goodall and Chandler.

The president, in opening the meeting, said that the large and representative gathering of representatives reflected the greatest credit on the Association, and it went to show that interest in the game was not lacking. There were encouraging promises of players coming forward this year. The greater the energy and enthusiasm the better it will be for the already successful association. The president congratulated Croydon on their victory, and as they had two victories to their credit no doubt they would strive very hard to permanently retain the shield.

A letter was received from a secretary of the newly formed Ringwood East club, asking to be admitted into the association. The president said that the inclusion of Ringwood East would help to maintain that good fellowship and develop the best sporting spirit of young men.

From the hon. secretary Reporter Association, asking to be supplied with the names of the office-bearers for the ensuing year.—To be supplied.

From Ringwood East, seeking admission into the association.

Mr. V. C. Swift moved, and Mr. Chapman seconded, that the application be granted, and the president extended a cordial welcome to the newly admitted club. Mr. Neilsen and Mr. Blood thanked the president for his cordiality; the former said that the club was looking forward

for his cordiality; the former said that the club was looking forward to a good year's cricket, and quite facetiously said that one thing was troubling them, and that was how to celebrate the winning of this year's premiership.

For the office of president, Mr. Lynn Rae proposed, and Mr. E. Brighton seconded, the nomination of Mr. C. A. Hochkins, last year's president. Mr. Webber said that Mr. Hochkins during last year had proved himself an excellent resident. The motion was carried unanimously.

After Mr. Webber had declined nomination, Mr. Swift proposed, and Mr. Pollard seconded, the nomination of Mr. E. C. Sleeman, which was carried. Mr. Sleeman thanked them for the doubtful honor. He possessed boundless enthusiasm, and was full of energy. He was a stranger to most of them, but hoped to know them better as time went on. (Applause.) Mr. Roger Webber was elected assistant secretary.

Messrs. Kent and B. G. Wilkins were added to the list of patrons.

Mr. Webber said he was unable to collect arrears of ticket money and fines so as to present a complete balance-sheet, but he could say that in all probability there would be a credit balance of £7 10/., as against a debit of 7/8 at the commencement of the season.

It was reported that it was doubtful if Mt. Dandenong and Fern Tree Gully clubs were coming into the association that year. It was resolved to write to those clubs not represented that evening.

Mr. R. Webber was elected to the position of delegate to the Country Cricket Week Association.

The rules were considered section by section, and amendments were made. It was resolved to open the competition on Saturday, 2nd October. A motion that professional entries be secured for the semi-final and final matches was defeated.



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"LILLYDAI" Sunday.—The annual meeting of the Ringwood District Cricket Association was held in the Croydon mechanics' hall, the president (Cr. C. A. Hochkins) presiding. Delegates were present from Croydon, Croydon North, Mooroolbark, Kilalyth, Wonga Park, Mount Dandenong, Ringwood Imperials, Ringwood Rovers, Ringwood Churches and Boronia. Wantirna and Fern Tree Gully were not represented. Election of officers resulted:—President, Cr. C. A. Hochkins; vice-presidents, presidents of various clubs; secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. E. Sleeman; assistant secretary, Mr. R. Webber; auditor, Mr. J. W. Barrett; delegate for country week, Mr. R. Webber. A new club in East Ringwood was admitted to the association. The Fern Tree Gully, Montrose and Wantirna clubs are to be circularised to ascertain whether they intend re-forming.