

*This wording is taken directly from the RDCA Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 3rd September 1947 for the 1946/47 season. The writing in the RDCA Minute Book is sometimes hard to read, hence this 'translation'.*

RDCA Annual General Meeting, Gibson's Café, Wednesday, 3rd September 1947.

Delegates. *Bayswater* – J. Best, N. Pritchard; *Boronia* – F. Ward, J. Ryan; *Croydon* – A. \_\_\_ness; *Colchester* – F. McPhee; *Cave Hill* – W. Bertrand, C.E. Sellars; *Croydon North* – R. Johnston, F. A. Leach; *Fern Tree Gully* – R. Lomax, J.R. Rowe; *Kilsyth* – H. Fiedler; *Montrose* – L. Gibbs, C. Frazer; *North Ringwood* – H. McAlpin; *Ringwood* – V. Morphett, J. Lindsay; *East Ringwood* – T. Hall, South Warrandyte – W. Reid, R. Reid; *Wantirna* – H. Dehment(?); *Wonga Park* – C. Kear, L. Read; *Lilydale* – H. Staggard, W. Arundell; *Heathmont* – J. Mash(?), W.P---p; *St. Johns* – F.R. Kenny, L. Blight; *North Bayswater* – L. Benoit, R.B. Garrett. *Absentees* were Warrandyte and Mooroolbark.

In the absence of the President, Mr. E. H. Pegler, who sent an apology, the Senior Vice President Mr. P Edie, presided and extended a welcome to the Delegates and Officials.

Entries were received from Bayswater (1), Boronia (3), Croydon (2), Cave Hill (1), Colchester (1), Kilsyth (2), Mooroolbark (1), Montrose, Ringwood, Ringwood East, North Ringwood, South Warrandyte (each 2), Wantirna (3), Wonga Park, Warrandyte, Lilydale (each 2), Heathmont (1), Croydon North (2), St. Johns (1), North Bayswater (1), Ringwood Methodists (1).

Entries were held over to the 12<sup>th</sup> September. Scoresby and Fern Tree Gully delegates announced that their clubs had joined the newly formed Fern tree Gully Association and expressed their appreciation of the treatment and services rendered they had received while in RDCA. Mr. (?) said they had happy associations over a number of years, and the only reason they were leaving was to save travelling. The Chairman, in expressing regret in losing the 2 clubs as they had been with the RDCA for many years. He appreciated the fact that they were joining a local Association and wished the Association and the 2 clubs every success.

The Chairman congratulated the premier teams. Lilydale, he said, had gained the A Grade premiership after a record match. Fern Tree Gully won the B Grade and Croydon the C. He presented the B Grade Shield to Fern Tree Gully and hoped that they would do as well in the new Association.

Correspondence. From E.H. Pegler – pointing out that living so far away from the Association could not give proper attention to the position he occupied, therefore he did offer himself for re-election but would act in any position that the meeting thinks fit.

Reports. The Secretary submitted a report of the past season's activities.

Financial. The Treasurer submitted only an estimated financial statement as he still had Bank trouble, but would be able to give a complete detailed statement at the adjourned meeting.

Election of Office Bearers. *President* – Mr. T. A. Hall, *Vice-Presidents* Messrs. E. H. Pegler, P.V. Edie, L. Salvana, C. E. Sleeman. *Wet Weather Committee* -W. Baldwin, J. Moore and H. Dehnert(?). *Delegate to VJCU* -Mr. E.H. Pegler, proxy Mr. L. Salvana. *Hon. Secretary* – R. Bisset, *Registration Secretary and Treasurer* – J. Austin, Auditor – K. Pratt. *Executive* – T.A.Hall, P.Eadie, C. Sleeman, L.Salvana, Secretary and Treasurer.

Application. It was again decided to affiliate with the V.J.C.U.

Rule Amendments. A proposal submitted by Croydon to divide the competition into 2 zones lead to Wantirna delegates moving 4 grades, sec. by Croydon, and this was accepted.

*Rule 7* -Reference to fines was left to the Executive and to also it at the adjourned meeting and all clubs to be notified by the Secretary immediately. *Rule 8* – Last season’s rule book stated – drawn games omitted, but this was an error as it should have read 1 point. It was decided to start competition matches on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

*Rule 9 -trophies*-Moved by Mr. Best (Bayswater) sec. J.Austin that a pennant be allotted for each grade. Carried. Mr. Sleeman generously donated a pennant for D Grade. Moved by A. C\_\_\_\_ness, sec. by V. Morphett that a registration fee of ??(I think sixpence) will be levied on each player. A block form in which all old players names should appear would do and they need not re-register.

*Rule 13* – D Grade to be added also in rule 18. *Rule 20* - after a lengthy discussion on late starts and how they could be overcome, it was finally decided to start all matches at 2.45 p.m. All time lost after 2.45 to be made up. Clubs not ready to start at 3 p.m. will be fined 5/- (five shillings).

*Rule 22* – immediately to be added. *Rule 27* – Moved by St. Johns, sec. by North Ringwood, that no studs or stops to be worn on malthoid, only leather strips. Captains to inform their players before starting. Carried.

Mr. Hall drew attention to some clubs not clearly marking their boundaries by furrows, and the Chairman asked these clubs to have this rectified.

*Rule 34* - The Chairman asked for this Rule to be carried out this season particularly in A Grade. A proposal by Wantirna to see if No Smoking on the field could be bought into this Rule but Mr. Salvana pointed out that this was standing rule and Captains should see that it is carried out and this also applies to umpires. *Rule 38* – October 4<sup>th</sup> 1947.

Umpires. It was decided to call for umpires for A and B grades if possible. Fee to be 11/- (eleven shillings) per half day. It was left in the hands of the Executive to see if a School for Umpires could be started and for the umpires to meet at least once a month and Mr. L. Salvana to instruct them.

The meeting was adjourned to Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at Ringwood.

Adjourned Annual Meeting, Ringwood Town Hall, 16<sup>th</sup> September 1947.

Delegates in attendance from Bayswater, Boronia, Croydon, Cave Hill, Mooroolbark, Montrose North Ringwood, Ringwood, East Ringwood, South Warrandyte, Wantirna, Warrandyte, Wonga Park, Lilydale, Heathmont, St. Johns, North Bayswater.

Apology from Croydon North. Absentees – Kilsyth, Ringwood Methodists.

The President, in opening the meeting, presided over a good attendance of club 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 Mr. Best sec. by H.Dehment(?). Carried.

The Treasurer presented his Balance Sheet for season 1946-47, and after a lengthy discussion, a motion by Mr. C\_\_\_\_ness, sec. Mr. Staggard, to accept it as ‘a receipt of payments and liabilities only’. Carried.

Delegate to the V.J.C.U. Mr. L. Salvana in attending the Annual Meeting of the V.J.C.U. reported on subjects that interest this association.

A motion by Mr. Hall, sec. by St. Johns that a General Meeting be held twice during the season – one in December, one in February. Carried.

Draw. The Draw as submitted by the Executive was adopted comprising 4 grades: A grade 10 teams, B grade 9 teams, C grade 8 teams and D grade 7 teams. It was decided to accept a further entry in B and D grade if it could be arranged to save a bye matches as Colchester were doubtful in B (?). The Secretary read the draw for the first round of matches and reported that the complete draw would be in the local papers as soon as possible.

A motion by Boronia, sec. by Wantirna, that another round be played in A and B grades and 2 rounds in C and D grades as nine matches would only take till the second week in February. It was then decided at the meeting in December we would discuss the number of rounds to be played.

Various discussions then took place as to how we could arrange inter association games and combined club games and possibly a M.C.C. game. It was finally agreed on playing a match on Cup Day between Ringwood and Ringwood District.

A motion by Boronia, sec. by Mr. L. Salvana that one guinea (one pound, one shilling) be sent to the premier teams in lieu of a trophy – carried.

Moved by Mr. G. Chandler, sec. L. Benoit, that if the Association was endeavouring to cut down expenses no Rule Book should be printed. Carried.

A motion by Boronia, sec. by Bayswater, to instruct the Treasurer to pay umpires a/cs for expenses but in future the Association would not be responsible for fares, but if clubs are at fault in late starts the club should pay the expenses. Carried.

A proposal from Wantirna that when only one paid umpire is in attendance, that the paid umpire operates from the bowling end. The proposal was lost.

The meeting was then closed and the President wished the clubs an enjoyable season.