

This wording is taken directly from the RDCA Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 3rd September 1946 for the 1945/46 season. The writing in the RDCA Minute Book is sometimes hard to read, hence this 'translation'.

RDCA Annual General Meeting, Town Hall Ringwood, 3rd September 1946.

Annual Meeting Ringwood Town Hall
Tuesday September 3, 1946

Delegates

Craydon. A. Capeness - Boronia. A. Chandler
J. Ryan. Bayswater - H. B. Bowen. G. W. Best -
Calchester. J. Borrie. M. Godfrey - Craydon North.
R. Johnston. F. A. Beach. F. Y. Gully. C. Clarke - Rhoma
Mooroolbark. F. Reid - Monrose. F. Fraser. P. V. Ed
North Ringwood. J. Austin. J. Maidment
Ringwood. R. Bisset. East Ringwood. T. A. Hall
S. A. Brown - South Warrandyte. S. Stewart.
Scoresby. S. Viner - A. Agari - Warrandyte
J. M. Auley - A. Chapman. Wantirna - L. Baker
J. Andrews - Wonga Park. C. Keas - W. A. Bell

The President, Mr. E. Pegler, extended a welcome to the delegates, particularly to the new delegates. The past year he said had been a most successful one and this year promised to be the best in the history of the RDCA. There were only two factors that would limit the number of teams this year - materials and lack of grounds. He congratulated the Premiers in each grade on their success and presented the following trophies:

A Grade - The Alfred Elliott Chandler Shield won by Boronia.

B Grade. - The Chandler Shield won by East Ringwood, The Godfrey Shield won by East Ringwood.

C Grade - The George Grant Memorial Cup won by Bayswater.

Apologies. Were received from Kilsyth and Cave Hill.

Correspondence. From umpire Starr(?) re final at Boronia. Letter received and Mr. Starr to be thanked. From the V.J.C.U. re supplies of matting. The President announced that orders had been placed last season for supplies of matting through the V.J.C.U. At present there was a quantity of green matting available to affiliated clubs at Southern Sports Stores, 550 City Road, South

Melbourne at fourteen pounds cash. *From L. Salvana* intimating that as they were now back to previous conditions and that he was no longer a delegate he would not be eligible for any position of office. Resolved to thank Mr. Salvana for his valued services to the association. Further action was deferred till the Election of Office Bearers.

Reports.

The Secretary submitted a report of the past years activities and tendered his resignation as Secretary owing to pressure of business.

Financial. The Treasurer submitted an estimated financial statement which would be prepared for audit at a later meeting.

The reports were received on the motion of Messrs. Edie and Brown.

Entries. Bayswater (2), Boronia (3), Croydon (2), Colchester (1), Cave Hill (1), Croydon North (1), F.T. Gully (2), Kilsyth (2), Mooroolbark (1), Montrose (2), North Ringwood (2), Ringwood (2), East Ringwood (2), South Warrandyte (1, perhaps 2), Scoresby (1), Warrandyte (1), Wantirna (2 perhaps 3), Wonga Park (2).

Election of Office Bearers. *President-* Mr. E. Pegler; *Vice Presidents* – P.V. Edie, L. Salvana, S. Brown, A. Chandler, W. Baldwin. *Life Member* – L. Salvana.

Patrons – addition of C.E. Sleeman and alteration of names of Mayor of Ringwood, Presidents of Shires of Lilydale and F.T.Gully. *Executive* – P.V. Edie, C.E. Sleeman, S. Brown. *Wet Weather Committee* -J. Moore, W. Baldwin, A. Dinsdale. *Delegate to V.J.C.U.* – E.H. Pegler with L. Salvana proxy.

Hon. Secretary – R. Bissit. *Treasurer* – J. Austin. *Auditor* – K. Pratt.

In nominating Mr. L. Salvana as a Life Member the President paid a high tribute to his services to the association over a number of years and said that as a Life Member would be eligible to hold office.

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

Entries. The closing date of entries was fixed at September 28th. The Executive to meet on the 29th and allot the grades and draw to the adjourned Annual Meeting to be on October 1 at Croydon.

Rule Amendments. *Rule 8* – win outright 5 points, win on first innings 3 points, tie 2 points, drawn game 1 point each. No points to be deducted for an outright loss. *Under-age section* – this matter was discussed without any finality. *Rule 10* – all round averages to be included for trophies. *Rule 8* – the number of matches to be played was left in the hands of the Executive. *Rule 34* – deleted., *Rule 8* – matches commence on October 12th 1946. *Rule 38* – October 1, 1946.

Umpires. Resolved to call for applications for umpires. Fee 11/- (eleven shillings) per half day.

Finals. Mr. T. Hall (East Ringwood) recommended and moved that the matter of dispensing with finals and arranging the competition on a points system to be referred to the clubs for consideration. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion which was carried.

In further discussions the finals – a motion was carried, moved by E. Exner and A. Ajani (?) that three half days be allotted for the semi finals or until such time as a decision on the first innings is recorded and that finals be played to a finish.

The meeting was adjourned till October 1st at Croydon.

Adjourned Annual Meeting, October 1st 1946 at Gibson's Café, Croydon

Delegates. Clubs represented were Bayswater, Boronia, Croydon, Croydon North, Colchester, Cave Hill, Fern tree Gully, Heathmont, Lilydale, Montrose, Ringwood, Ringwood East, Ringwood North, Wantirna, Wonga Park, South Warrandyte, Scoresby. Kilsyth, Warrandyte and Mooroolbark were notable absentees.

The President in opening the meeting, presided over a record attendance of club delegates. The president extended a welcome to the clubs which had re-joined the Association.

Under-Age Competition. Discussing an under age competition to be sponsored by the Association on Saturday mornings, delegates reported that the proposal had been discussed by the clubs, but while the clubs favoured the proposal they could not organise the teams. It was resolved to make an effort next season to cater for an under-age Saturday morning competition.

Rules. The proposal by T.A. Hall (East Ringwood) to eliminate semi and final matches and to award the premiership on a points system to the leading team was defeated.

Delegates reported that in several instances owing to scarcity of matting they were arranging to have Malthoid wickets laid. In view of this several necessary amendments to the rules were agreed to.

Rule Amendments. *Rule 27* – Moved by E. Pegler, sec. P.Eadie that after 'six feet wide' to be added 'any other material approved by the Executive.' *Rule 31* - moved by Mr. P. Eadie, sec. by R. Sharp, - no ball – a ball pitched off the wicket – carried. *Rule 40* – moved by J. Austin, sec. A.Ajani (?) to be deleted-carried. *Rule 12* – moved by C., Clarke, sec. by S. Brown – all new players only need register – carried.

A proposal by Wantirna on *rule 20* to have matches commence at 2.45 p.m. instead of 3 p.m. was lost. A proposal by Bayswater on *rule 27* to have a new ball provided for each team in A Grade was lost. *Rule 9* – moved by G. Best sec. by W. Bowen that the association to insure trophies and clubs to pay premiums. *Rule 34* – Trophies – Cups could not be obtained – left in the hands of the Executive.

Draw. The President, in tabling a draw of 9 matches as drawn up by the Executive, said the grading of teams proved a difficulty, but the Executive had done their best. 35 teams had been graded in 3 grades with a bye in C grade.

Following discussion the draw was adopted.

Trophy Winners. The Secretary announced the trophy winners for last season.

A Grade – batting average, S. Connell (North Ringwood) 57.4; bowling, G. Dehnert 5.7.

B Grade – batting, F. Hodgkins (East Ringwood) 59.5; bowling W. South (Bayswater) 7.2.

C Grade – batting L. Baker (Bayswater) 23; bowling B. Considine (Croydon) 4.7.

A Record. J. Austin (North Ringwood) said that S. Connell had put up a record which was unequalled in Cricket. He didn't know of it ever having been accomplished before – a player scoring a century and getting a hat trick in the same match. The President said the achievement was worthy of recognition and it was decided to present the player with a certificate.

Umpires for A Grade. The Secretary reported that 8 applications had been received from umpires for A Grade but they required 12 to 14 for the season. Left in the hands of the Executive.

In closing the meeting and wishing the clubs an enjoyable season, the President commented on the fine sporting spirit displayed through(not legible).