

This wording is taken directly from the RDCA Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on August 22nd 1952 for the 1951/52 season. The writing in the RDCA Minute Book is sometimes hard to read, hence this 'translation'. This season was particularly hard to read in some parts.

RDCA Annual General Meeting, Town Hall, Ringwood on 22 August 1952.

Present. See attendance book. Last year clubs not in attendance were Kilsyth, Lilydale, South Warrandyte, and (?) Social.

The President, Mr. L. Salvana in opening the meeting welcomed all Delegates, especially Delegates from new clubs Wantirna and Mooroolbark.

Minutes. In the absence of the Secretary the Minutes were read by F. Brown(?) and were received on the motion of J. Crane(?), sec. L. Gibbs.

Secretary's Report. The president read a letter of the 17th July from the Secretary mentioning his inability to carry on the job and tendering his resignation which was accepted by the Executive. Moved (?), seconded by Burke(?) that the Executives action be endorsed.

Treasurer's Report. The report shows a credit balance of seven pounds, four shillings and 11 pence but with liabilities of forty-three pounds(?), seven shillings and eight pence. Treasurer's report received subject to audit. Question by Mr. Leach asking how much was outstanding by clubs. Total outstanding was thirteen pounds, 13 shillings and eight pence.

Entries. Entries were received for 27 senior and 5 junior teams. Entries extended to close on September 5.

Office Bearers. *President* – Mr. Salvana was re-elected to the Chair on the motion of P. Eadie, sec. by F. Brown. *Vice Presidents* – elected after ballot were A. Neil, L. Gibbs, W. Baldwin, P. Eadie and A. Westcott.

Executive – C. E. Sleeman, P. Edie, L. Gibbs, President, Treasurer and Secretary. *Selection Committee* – Messrs. W. Baldwin, A. Neil and C. Beaumont. *Wet Weather Committee* – R. Bisset (WU6134), F. Brown (Croydon 432), A. Wallace (WU6941), K. B----(?) (Wonga Park57).

Treasurer – moved P. Eadie, sec. by A. Westcott, that R. Bisset be re-elected. *Secretary* – moved C. E. Sleeman, sec. A. Neil, that G. Holloway be appointed Secretary at a guaranteed Honorarium of 25 guineas (twenty-five pounds and twenty-five shillings = twenty-six pounds five shillings). Carried.

Auditor – moved by P. Eadie, sec. by C.E. Sleeman, that Mr. K. Pratt be re-elected. *Delegate to V.J.C.U* – moved by A. Westcott, sec. by A. Wallace that Mr. L. Salvana be re-elected.

Report from the V.J.C.U. Mr. Salvana gave a report of the meetings held and the main point of interest to delegates being the increase in fees asked for by the umpires.

Rules. That the Rules subject to the following alterations and amendments be taken as read was moved by J. Crowe(?), sec. by L. Sleeth(?).

Rule 14 – moved P. Eadie, sec. by A. Bell(?) that the affiliation fees be increased to first team two pounds ten shillings, second team two pounds, third team one pound ten shillings, and the junior team fifteen shillings. Also an extra one pound one shilling guarantee be lodged by each club. Carried.

Rule 44 – moved A. Westcott, sec. A. Wallace, that the rule now read “in the ---- association(?) a player who has played 6 matches with a higher grade shall be allowed to play with a lower grade during the remainder of the season without the sanction of the Permit Committee -----”. Carried.

Rule 16 – all matches – a new leather ball shall be provided by each team in A grade, home team supplies one ball in B, C and D grade. Competing clubs to supply balls for finals and semi-finals. *Rule 20* – moved C. Beaumont, sec. by A. Hendry, that tea be taken at 4 p.m. *Rule 13* – proposed alteration to points system was defeated -voting 10 yes, 12 no. Moved by P. Eadie, sec. T.A. Hall, that all outstanding accounts be paid by clubs concerned by no later than 5 September.

Meeting was adjourned at 10.15 p. m. until September 12 at the Croydon Hall.

Minutes of the Adjourned Annual Meeting held at the Croydon Hall on 12 September 1952.

Present. All clubs were represented, see attendance book.

The President welcomed all new delegate and representatives of the Premiership Clubs and declared the meeting open.

Minutes. The Minutes of the Annual Meeting were read for the interest of the delegates.

V.J.C.U. Report. L. Salvana reported on the activities of the VJCU.

Approved Balls. Thomsons, Kookaburra, Hansons(?), ---Wattle(?), Nutting and Young, Lyrebird, Thompson-swallow(?). *Doubtful makes* - -----Native(?), Brown-platypus.

Umpires. Classes are being held for umpires at the V.C.A and notification of the classes will be given to the Association.

Treasurer’s Report. this was the audited balance sheet from the Annual Meeting. Moved P. Eadie, sec. R. Swift, that the Treasurers Report be adopted.

Draw for season 1952/53. When the Secretary submitted the draw as completed by him and pointed out the season’s unavoidable bad points of it there was general discussion and many proposals to try and amend same but it eventuated that P. Eadie moved and J. Burgess(?) seconded that the draw be adopted. Carried.

Secretary’s Report. Points made were – Lists of Office Bearers to be submitted to Secretary during the week; Proposal of more meetings once a month preferably.

Rule Amendments. Moved J. Austin, sec. J. Burgess, that there be 5 meetings for the season, 1 Annual and 4 General.

Club Colours. Moved J. Swift, sec. by J. Brooks, that all clubs have registered colours. The motion was lost.

Trophies and Presentation Night. P. Eadie moved and A. (?) seconded that at the end of the season the RDCA hold a Ball and presentation of trophies and pennants be performed during the night. Moved an amendment by L. Gibbs and seconded J. Austin, that the trophies be presented at an end of the season social occasion. The amendment on being put was carried and became the motion which was then carried. Questions put included who was going to pay for the occasion. Moved H. Neeld(?), sec. by V. Hartley, that the matter be taken back to the clubs and reports be submitted to the next meeting. Carried.

(?) Business. Players who played with Union Social club last season will be able to play whoever they wish this season.

Clubs to notify the Secretary of any apparent mistakes in the Draw. Last season's averages must be submitted by all clubs. Secretary reminded all clubs that Affiliation Fees, registrations etc. must be paid before the first match.

Presentation of Pennants. The president then made the following presentations. Mr. (?) was presented with the A grade pennant for the Ringwood club. Mr. Clarke(?) was presented with the C grade pennant for the Ringwood club. Mr. (?) was presented with the D grade pennant and Cup for the Ringwood club.

Mr. Salvana congratulated Ringwood on a wonderful season with 3 premierships and the other club in B grade also making the finals. It was a unique honour and the first time in the history of the Association. Mr. (?) responded on behalf of the Ringwood club.

Mr. C. E. Sleeman, donor of the B grade Pennant presented the B pennant to Mr. Ray Ham on behalf of the Croydon club. Mr. Ham responded on behalf of the Croydon club.

At the close of the ceremonies Mr. Alf Neil of Boronia who donated a pennant last year offered to donate one again this season. This was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Salvana congratulated all clubs on the way the cricket was played in the district and hoped that our progress would eventually culminate in turf wickets.

Meeting closed at 9.55 p. m.