

RINGWOOD DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the above association was held in the Parish Hall, Ringwood, on Monday night. There was a good attendance of delegates, the following clubs being represented:—Boronia, Ringwood, Mooroolbark, Ringwood Churches, Wantirna, Ringwood Rovers, Croydon, Croydon North, Wonga Park, Mount Dandenong. Owing to unavoidable circumstances Bayswater, Fern Tree Gully and Kilsyth were unable to send delegates. In the absence of the president (Mr. A. Ingwersen) through illness, the chair was occupied by Mr. O. J. Pratt, vice-president.

NEW CLUB ADMITTED.

The Croydon North Cricket Club, having made application to be admitted into the association, and as the club was represented by two delegates who wished to take part in the meeting, the club was admitted on the motion of Messrs. V. C. Swift and Hood.

FINANCE.

Mr. R. G. Wilkins, hon. treasurer, outlined the position of the association. They started with a credit balance of £4/17/2, which was augmented by club entrance fees, £12, donations and social proceeds, £11 11/2; advertisements in rule books, £2/10/-; luncheon tickets, £2/8/-; fines, £1; collections, £5/9/-. Expenditure was:—Rent of hall, £2 2/6; artists for social, £5/12/-; catering, £8/15/-; medals, £4/2/6; refreshments, £3/5/-; printing and advertising, £12/13/6; cricket balls, £6/5/3; extra catering, £5/4/6. He stated that there were a few outstanding accounts still to come in, but regretted that there had been a loss of £9 on their first social, and 10/- on the second. He stated that owing to being unable to get in touch with the assistant secretary, who was out of town, he was unable at that stage to furnish a balance sheet in the ordinary way.

It was decided to let the balance sheet remain over till next meeting,

and when it was completed copies would be sent to all the clubs in the association.

OFFICE-BEARERS.

Mr. Wilkins informed the meeting that Mr. A. Ingwersen, the late president, could not see his way clear to take on the position again. Mr. C. A. Hochkins was then unanimously elected president, on the motion of Messrs. V. C. Swift and F. Allen. On taking the chair Mr. Hochkins said that although he was not conversant with their business he would do his best for the association.

Vice-president.—As was the case last year, all presidents of clubs were appointed vice-presidents, also the patrons, with power to add. Mr. Ostrom was added to the list of patrons.

Auditor—Mr. J. W. Barrett (re-elected).

Secretary—Mr. Roy Wilkins was urged to act as secretary again, but he stated that it was impossible for him to continue in that office, as his private affairs took up all his time. He was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for the services he had rendered the association since its inception. Mr. Roger Webber was then unanimously elected secretary.

CONSIDERING THE RULES.

The rest of the evening was devoted to the revision of the rules. The following amendments were made:—Seven days' notice to be given for ordinary meetings, an exception being made for special meetings. The Borough of Ringwood was included in the area under the auspices of the association. The annual subscription for each club to be affiliated with the association was raised from £1 to £1/10/-.

New members will have to be registered this year, but all of last year's registrations will stand.

The opening matches will be played on Saturday, October 10.

The next meeting of delegates was arranged for Monday, September 21, at Croydon.