

This wording is taken directly from the RDCA Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 1st September 1931 for the 1930/31 season. The writing in the RDCA Minute Book is sometimes hard to read, hence this 'translation'.

RDCA Annual General Meeting, at M.V. Hall, Ringwood, 1st September 1931

Delegates – Bayswater – W. Hearn, M. Pegler; Boronia – J.P. Aitken, A. Farrell; Croydon – S. Westcott, W. Strahan; Croydon North – H. Cameron, N. Benson; Centrals – J. Gluth; Heathmont – S. Wright, E. Pump; Kilsyth – C. Evans, S. Chandler; Ringwood – J. Goodall; Ringwood East – A. Blood, R. Stoney; Montrose – J. Murray, R. Longley; Wonga Park – G. Edgrave, L. Read; Upper Croydon – W. Lawrence, C. Kear; Belgrave – H. Harper, J. Page; South Warrandyte – W. Wooley, E. Humphries.

Vice-Presidents – G. Chapman and F. Clota.

The President, Mr. S. Lennard, occupied the Chair with the Secretary in attendance.

Minutes. The Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence – from D. & W. Murray donating a silver cup for competition. Resolved that the offer be accepted and the Cup to be awarded to the best All-Rounder in A grade.

V.C. Umpires Council - from V.C. Umpires Council re application of umpires – received.

Reporter Association. From Reporter Competition intimating that the annual A.N.A. day's matches would be discontinued this season. Secretary was instructed to convey to the Reporter Association the regret of the RDCA at the discontinuance of the annual matches and to express the wish that the matches be resumed on the following season.

From the South Warrandyte club applying for affiliation. To be dealt with under Entries.

From the Secretary of the Lilydale Junior Cricket Club intimating that the club would not be forming this season. Secretary was instructed to reply expressing regret at their withdrawal.

From Swallow and Ariel Cricket Club applying for matches on Saturday afternoons during the season- application to be considered when the draw for the season is made.

Secretary's Report. The Secretary's Annual Report attached hereto was received.

Balance Sheet -The Balance Sheet as submitted by the Treasurer attached hereto was adopted. Credit sixteen pounds, fifteen shillings and ten pence.

Election of Office Bearers. *President* – Mr. S. Lennard; *Vice Presidents* – Messrs. G. Chapman, F. Clota, Crs. A. Blood, C.A. Hochkins, H. Read, *Patrons* – Cr. A. T. Miles, Hon. A.E. Chandler MLC, Messrs. F. Clota, H. Harper, C.E. Mulhall.

Auditor – Mr. J. W. Barrett, *Secretary and Treasurer* – Mr. C. E. Sleeman, *Assistant Secretary* – Mr. J. Goodall.

Life Member – Mr. J. W. Barrett

Executive – Messrs, G. Chapman, A. Blood, J. Goodall, F. Clota, D. Strahan, with President and Secretary ex officio.

Tribunal – Dr. Colquhoun, Mr. A. Dwight, Cr. W.J. Watson.

Entries. Bayswater 2 teams, Kilsyth 2 teams, Ringwood 2 teams, Boronia 2 teams, Heathmont 2 teams, Ringwood East 2 teams, Belgrave 2 teams, Centrals 2 teams, Wonga Park 2 teams, Croydon 2 teams, Croydon North 1 team, Montrose 1 team, South Warrandyte 1 team. 23 teams.

Resolved that the above entries be accepted and that entries close on Thursday September 17th when the Executive will meet and make the draw for the season.

Rule Amendments. Rule 4, clause 2 – ‘they shall deal with all protests, disputes and charges against clubs and players and officials and may make such awards and inflict such penalties as it may deem fit. The alteration to the rule was agreed to.

Rule 6 – Annual Meeting to be held on the last Tuesday in August. Fine for absence reduced from five shillings to two shillings and six pence.

Rule 7 – season to commence on October 3rd 1931.

Rule 9 – premiership pennants to be abolished and trophies valued at One pound one shilling (a Guinea) be awarded to each grade.

Rule 10 – entry fees to be one pound ten shillings for the first team and one pound for subsequent teams.

Rule 12 – to read ‘Warrandyte Riding of the Doncaster Shire.’

Rule 14 – transfer permits after 31st December to be limited to six to each club.

Rule 16 – clubs not ready to start within 15 minutes of the appointed time shall be fined two shillings and six pence. If not ready to start within 20 minutes shall be fined five shillings and the opposing side may lodge a protest.

Rule 19 – semi finals to be allotted 3 half days play. Clause relating to professional umpires to be deleted.

Rule 20 – the club protested against shall be given 48 hours in which to lodge a counter protest.

Rule 26 – to include ‘may incur such other penalty as the Tribunal think fit’

Rule relating to Statutory Declarations to be inserted.

The Rules for the season with the foregoing amendments were adopted.

General Business- On the motion of Messrs. Page and Blood it was resolved to place on the books, a Minute of appreciation of the generosity of the Hon. A.E. Chandler MLC for his donation of another Shield for competition in A grade and that the Secretary convey to Mr. Chandler the best thanks of the delegates assembled.

Meeting adjourned to September 22nd at Croydon.

Minutes of the adjourned meeting held at Croydon Hall, Tuesday 22nd September 1931.

Delegates. Bayswater – W. Hearn, E. Kleinert; Boronia – A. Farrel, J.P. Aitken; Belgrave – J. Page, M. Harper; Croydon – S. Westcott, D. Strahan; Croydon North – J. M. Swift; Centrals – J. Gluth, C. Bamford; Heathmont – E. Pump; Kilsyth – C. Evans; Ringwood – J. Goodall, D. Hargrave; Ringwood East – A. Blood R. Stoney; Montrose – S. Murray; Wonga Park – G. Edgrave, L. Read; Upper Croydon – E. J. Knee, E. W. Mitchell; South Warrandyte – W. J. Wooley, E. A. Humphries; Upwey – C. Hammond, J. Brodie; Wantirna F. W. Clark.

The President, Mr. S. Lennard, occupied the Chair with the Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Vice presidents G. Chapman and F. Clota in attendance.

Minutes. Minutes of the previous general meeting were confirmed and the minutes of the Annual Meeting were read for the information of delegates.

A correction of Rule 16 in the Annual Meeting Minutes was noted and the Secretary was instructed to make the necessary alteration.

Correspondence. From V.J.C.U. re Annual Meeting and affiliation- moved by Messrs. Chapman and Goodall that the RDCA affiliate with the VJCU – carried. The Secretary was appointed as Delegate to the VJCU.

From Wantirna, Upwey and Warrandyte clubs applying for affiliation. Decided to consider the entries when the draw was being discussed.

Accounts for payment. One Pound petty cash to the secretary; One pound one shilling affiliation fee to VJCU, were passed for payment.

Reports. Secretary reported that Mr. B. Godfrey had donated a bat to the association to be awarded as the association thought fit. Also that the Presentation Cup from Mr. D.W. Murray & Co. had been received.

Resolved to award the Godfrey bat to the winners of the batting average in the association, irrespective of grade. And that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Godfrey.

The Draw. – The Secretary reported that the Executive had met and arranged the draw for the season. The entries of Wantirna, with 2 teams, and Upwey with one team were accepted by the Executive and the A and B grades were allotted ten teams each. In order to avoid a bye in A grade Wonga Park were promoted to this grade. Eight teams were allotted to C grade but the draw was difficult owing to the clashing of grounds. Since the Executive had made the draw Warrandyte had made an entry for C grade and if the entry was accepted it would simplify the draw and the arrangements of the grounds. Resolved that the action of the executive in accepting entries from Wantirna and Upwey be endorsed.

Resolved that the entry of Warrandyte be left in the hands of the Executive, with power to re-arrange the B and C grade draws if necessary.

Umpires. The reports re the semi-final match Kilsyth vs. Boronia were tabled. The Chairman ruled that the Reports must be accepted and that the fines incurred by Boronia and Kilsyth must stand.

Registrations. – as tabled were approved.

Permits – were granted to W. J. Wooley to South Warrandyte, R. Miller, J. Veness, J. Brodie to Upwey, C. Hunt to Wonga Park, R. Webster and J. Eastwood to Bayswater.

Regulation clothes. The matter of players representing the association in inter association and finals matches wearing regulation clothes was discussed, but no action was taken.

Meeting duly closed.