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WYNDHAM CRICKET CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Some 25 votaries of cricket attended the annual meeting of Wyndham Cricket Club, held on Monday evening, in Currie's sample room. The retiring President (Mr Jabez Golding) occupied the chair, and the proceedings throughout were marked with enthusiasm.

The following report and balance-sheet were read and adopted:—

REPORT.

After a lapse of several years, owing to the war, the Club was again organised. The meeting called for that purpose was well attended—not only by cricketers who intended taking an active part in the Club's activities, but also by those who had been keen participants in the game during bygone years.

The ground had to be put in order; and this caused a considerable outlay—new material having to be procured, etc. The Club thus had to face a heavy strain; but, thanks to the interest manifested by the "old hands," with whom the enthusiasm for cricket still remains young, financial stress was lightened by liberal donations to the funds.

Thanks are also due to Mr William Stevenson, for kindly screening a picture entertainment in aid of the Club's exchequer.

The revival of cricket in our midst led to a most important result: the appointment of a caretaker for the whole of the Recreation Reserve. So far, the experiment has proved an undoubted success; and, for the short time that the caretaker has been engaged, a wonderful change has been effected. Our sports grounds are now an ornament to the town, and are pointed out to visitors with a feeling of pride.

The practices were well attended throughout the season. A number of good matches were played, in addition to the Mercantile Shield fixtures. Our Club succeeded in winning the Mercantile Shield (which carried with it the Southland cricket premiership for the season).

Although the members of our team had to do more than their fair share of travelling in order to fulfil engagements, they always managed to get away, even if it occasioned inconvenience in order to do so. The Club owes its warmest thanks to those enthusiastic friends of the game who so kindly placed their motor cars at the disposal of the team when proceeding to matches away from home.

In the Southland v. Otago inter-provincial home-and-home matches, the Wyndham men McBeath Bros. (Dan, Alick and Gordon) and Tom Bogue were successful in being included in the Southland representative XI for either one of these important fixtures. The Wyndham skipper, Dan McBeath, headed both batting and bowling averages for Southland.

The committee would ask members to consider the advisability or otherwise of raising the subscription. The price of material has more than doubled; and the committee believe that players will therefore consider this suggestion favourably, in order to keep the club free of debt.

BALANCE-SHEET.

Receipts.—A. W. Draper, discount 3s; collections (2), players, £2 5s and 15s; Stevenson's picture entertainment, £1 15s 4d; P.O. a/c, £3 11s 4d; proceeds of dance, £5 5s; subscriptions, £41 13s 6d; non-members' tickets, 15s; dr balance, £7 16s 11d.—£64 0s 1d.

Expenditure.—R. Winter, £1 7s; Chas. Hunt, £1 7s; J. A. Doig, £21 14s 4d; Wm. Wilson, £4 4s; Sports Depot, £11 10s; A. W. Draper, £5; affiliation fee, £1 1s; E. Lister £4 11s; A. and W. McCarthy, 10s; caretaker, £2 10s; Ferguson Bros., £1 17s 6d; printing and advertising, £1 12s; dance, £8 17s 11d; expense a/c, £1 18s 4d.—£64 0s 1d.

Assets.—Net, 3 bats in good order, 2 balls, 7 pads, 6 balls, 7 wickets, pair keeping gloves, 1 batting glove, 1 bag, score book.

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ELECTIONS.

The following officers were elected:—Patrons, Major Stanley Rice, Messrs Jas. McLauchlan, Henry Ives, Chas. E. Davey, and W. J. Currie; president, Mr D'Arcy N. Raymond; vice-presidents, Messrs G. H. Gifford, J. Golding, Henderson, Hunter, Chris. Finlayson (life member), and D. McBeath, sen.; captain, T. P. Bogue, vice-captain, Dan McBeath; secretary and treasurer, Andy Wilson (re-elected); general committee, Harold McBeath, Will Leitch, Jas. Brown, Fred. Lindsay, and Gerald Bogue; selectors, the captain, vice-captain, and Harold McBeath; auditor, Henderson Hunter; delegates to Southland Cricket Association, the President and Mr Chas. E. Davey.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the newly-elected President, Mr Golding remained in the chair.

GENERAL.

After a free discussion it was unanimously resolved that the annual subscription be increased from 10s to £1 for senior members, and from 5s to 7s 6d for those under 18 years of age.

The matter of club colours was introduced by the Chairman; and, during the free discussion which ensued, the opinion was voiced that the time was opportune for endeavouring to secure the co-operation of the whole of the local sports clubs in having uniform colours, so that the "Wyndham" caps, blazers, jerseys, and ribbons would be familiarly recognised either at home or abroad.—On the motion of Dr Baird, a resolution was affirmed to convene a meeting of delegates from the various clubs interested to endeavour to have this proposal put into effect.

On the motion of Messrs Jas. Hannan and W. Leitch, it was resolved that the Club give fullest encouragement to a second grade eleven; and, in the event of no Association competitions being arranged for junior teams, to seek engagements with the surrounding country clubs.—The Chairman said the idea appealed to him very much, in the interests of the younger players especially. "Evening" matches could be played, say, at Glenham, Mataura Island, or Seaward Downs, during the longer summer days.—The secretary was requested to communicate with neighbouring clubs.

Wednesday, October 6, was fixed upon as opening day.

NIBBLES.

It is in the midst of life that we are in debt.

"What is fame?"

"The nettle-encircled handle at which thou cluthest, which ends in a gold plate on thy coffin-lid, my friend."

Nature has endowed women with cunning to compensate them for their lack of physical strength; that is why women fear no rival but woman.—Seven Journeys. By Dorota Flatau.

There are cats one challenges peremptorily. Others for cause. Serena is the kind of cat one would naturally dislike at sight, unless committed to all cats.—The Great Desire. By Alexander Black.

"It seems to me," said Marthe, with the wisdom that the simple heart acquires with pain and travail, "that in this world a woman's only chance of happiness is if she loves. Being loved doesn't make her so. . . Love's a fire, so it must have fuel to keep it alight, but a woman's fire needs very little, and that is rather a good thing perhaps, for she seldom gets much."—The Journey Home. By Sybil Lethbridge.

In London, when a gentlewoman becomes distressed—which she seems to do on the slightest provocation—she collects about her two or three other distressed gentlewomen, forming a quorum, and starts a tea-shop in the West-end, which she calls Ye Oak Leaf, Ye Olde Willow-Pattern, Ye Linden-Tree, or Ye Snug Harbour, according to personal taste. There, dressed in Tyrolean, Japanese, Norwegian, or some other exotic costume, she and her associates administer refreshments of an afternoon with a proud languor calculated to knock the nonsense out of the cheeriest customer.—A Damsel in Distress. By P. G. Wodehouse.

There are only really two classes in the world—the bounders and the others.—The Odd Hint to the R.A.F. By "Wing Commander."

The male fleas are much smaller than their mates. The females are not only ruthless in attacking their hosts, but very pugnacious towards each other. They occasionally assemble in small colonies, as, for instance, in a cat's or dog's ear, but not for long. There is a dispute in the family, and dissolution follows.—Wonders of Insect Life. By J. H. Crabtree.

An average young man in the shade is better than a hundred fairy princes in the clouds.—Happy House. By Baroness von Hutten.

A woman in love is—just a woman in love. At heart, when you get right down to fundamentals, all women are the same.

He addresses all women under thirty as "My dear." This he does partly on principle and partly because he thinks, being women, that they like it. So they do, unfortunately—most of them.—Invisible Tides. By Beatrice Kean Seymour.

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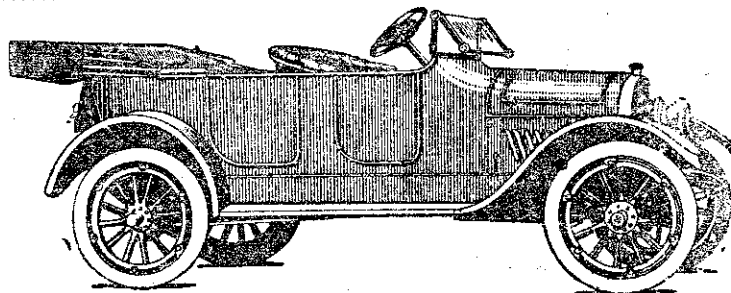
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