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THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The eighteenth annual meeting of this association was held at Messrs. Young and Jackson's Hotel last evening, when the chair was occupied by Mr. T. Ellison.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the report and balance sheet for the year 1893-94, which showed the association to possess a credit balance of £2 13s. Id., and in doing so referred to the features of the past season. Allusion was made to the win of the Yarra Yarra club in the Four-oared Championship of Victoria on 28th October, 1893, that being the fourth time in succession they annexed this race; and also to the fact that a loss of £75 2s. was incurred in connection with the annual Melbourne regatta on 10th February. The Wendouree club, of Ballarat, annexed the champion eight-oared event of Victoria, and the Victorian eight had been successful in winning the intercolonial eight-oared contest against New South Wales and Queensland.

A tribute was paid in the report to the manner in which Mr. J. M. Semmens carried out his duties as hon. sec. until his resignation, when Mr. J. A. Brotherton was elected in his stead. Excellent work was also done by Mr. W. H. Davis as hon. Assistant secretary, in which position he was succeeded by Mr. W. A. Jones. On Saturday, 6th October, the season 1894-95 would be opened on the Upper Yarra by races for scratch eights; and on 17th and 24th November the Champion Sculls and Fours would be contested.

Mr. G. E. Upward seconded the motion, and considered it satisfactory that the Melbourne regatta, and the contests held elsewhere, had been successful, though it would have been better had their financial position involved the presentation of a larger credit balance. The motion was then carried. At the instance of Mr. Upward it was subsequently decided that it was desirable active steps be taken to raise funds to meet the increased expenditure in connection with the intercolonial eight oar contest next season.

On the motion of Mr. A. J. Shepherd it was decided —

That all rules of this association shall be made at the annual general meetings or at special general meetings duly called for the purpose. The committee shall have power to make any by-laws, provided they are consistent with the rules, such by laws to be subject to confirmation at the next general meeting, and if so confirmed to become rules of the association.

Mr. W. B. House was presented by the chairman, on behalf of the association, with a handsome gold stop watch, in recognition of his valuable services as hon. secretary and as hon. treasurer of the association.

Votes of thanks were accorded Mr. Ellison, and Messrs; Young and Jackson for the use of their room.

The following office bearers were elected:

President, Mr. H. G. Turner; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. Ellison, T. F. Morkham, E. L. Zox, M.L.A., F. Stuart, G. E. Upward, H. J. Jordan, C. Miller and A. M'Cracken; committee, Messrs. A. J. Shepherd, J. W. Begg, W. H. T. Davis, W. Horsburgh were elected for three years, and Mr. W. A. Jones for one year.