

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION

FORTY-THIRD
ANNUAL REPORT
AND
BALANCE SHEET

SEASON

1918-19

S. F. CHUBB,
Hon. Treasurer.

E. KENNY,
Hon. Secretary.

VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION



The Forty-Third Annual General Meeting of the above Association will be held at the Amateur Sports Club, 101 Swanston Street, Melbourne, on Monday, 6th October, 1919, at 8 p.m.

BUSINESS:

To receive Annual Report and Balance Sheet.

To elect Office-bearers, viz.: Patrons, President, eight Vice-Presidents, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary and two Hon. Auditors.

Amendment Amateur Definition and Rules as per details in Annual Report.

Presentation of Junior Premiership Certificate.

E. KENNY,

Hon. Secretary.

3rd September, 1919.

Victorian Rowing Association.

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LIST OF OFFICE-BEARERS.

Patrons.

HIS EXCELLENCY SIR RONALD MUNRO-FERGUSON, P.C., G.C.M.G.
HIS EXCELLENCY SIR ARTHUR LYULPH STANLEY, K.C.M.G.
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Hon. Secretary.

E. KENNY.

Hon. Auditors.

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Committee.

ELECTED MEMBERS (10).

ELECTED.				RETIRES					
S. SHALLARD	...	1918	...	1920	A. L. DOBBIE	...	1919	...	1921
E. A. SWINDELLS	...	1918	...	1920	H. T. JAMES	...	1919	...	1921
W. JOSEPH	...	1918	...	1920	P. C. DOWLING	...	1919	...	1921
T. JENKIN	...	1918	...	1920	M. G. SCOTT	...	1919	...	1821
B. NOLAN	...	1918	...	1920	E. W. CONSTANTINE	...	1919	...	1921

Representative Members of Affiliated Clubs.

Albert Park ..	..	..	I. D. Tibbitts	Hawthorn ..	..	..	H. B. Kirsch
			S. C. Stewart	Mercantile ..	..	..	J. Harding
Ballarat ..	..	..	G. R. Anderson				A. Clarke
			J. Twaits	Nagambie ..	..	..	J. E. Derum
Ballarat City	..	..	C. M. Bennett	Richmond ..	..	..	R. Jenkin
Bairnsdale ..	..	..	D. Laird	Sale ..	..	..	H. T. Roberts
Banks ..	..	..	J. A. Thomson	South Melbourne	..	..	W. McCabe
Barwon ..	..	..	P. C. Dowling	University ..	..	..	C. S. Wood
Civil Service ..	..	..	W. J. Cahill				John Lang
			T. S. Flint	Warnambool ..	..	..	F. Granter
Colac ..	..	..	J. Hancock	Wendouree ..	..	..	W. Clift
Corio Bay ..	..	..	T. Neylan	Yarra Yarra ..	..	..	S. S. Hayles
Essendon ..	..	..	F. G. Wishart	Rutherglen-Lake			
Footscray City	..	..	T. Gipton	Corowa ..	..	..	R. S. Bray
				Wahgunyah ..			

FORTY-THIRD
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
VICTORIAN ROWING ASSOCIATION.

To the Members.

Gentlemen.—

It is with feelings of pleasure that your Committee presents its Annual Report and Balance Sheet. When the last Annual Meeting was held the military forces of the Allies were at the height of the great drive, which, seven days later—11th November, 1918, resulted in the signing of the Armistice, followed by a victorious peace after more than four weary and terrible years of war. The part which members of your Association have played in this great struggle is one which fills all oarsmen with pride, and your Committee wishes to place on record its admiration of the noble sacrifices made and appreciation of the great results achieved. Whilst recording its thanks and appreciation of the services rendered by these gentlemen on behalf of the Empire, your Committee desires to express to the relatives of the gallant dead its deepest sympathy in their great sorrow, which, it is felt, must be softened by the knowledge that the cause has triumphed for which so many oarsmen have nobly made the supreme sacrifice.

OPENING OF THE SEASON.

On the 5th October, 1918, the season was opened with Combination Eight-oared Races for trophies presented by Messrs. Mark Shea and J. R. Corteen, the entrance fees being paid to the "Oarsmen's Memorial Fund." The splendid entry of 21 crews was received, the winning crew being—W. Bates (Banks), bow, P. Crivelli (South Melbourne), R. Fotheringham (South Melbourne), A. C. Meckiff (Banks), B. Morrow (Footscray), E. C. Sievwright (Civil Service), R. Gregg (Mercantile), E. Kenny (Mercantile) stroke. Masters J. Hunter and G. Welch divided the coxswain's trophy with three wins each. Your Committee desires to thank Messrs. Shea and Corteen for presenting the trophies for this event, which resulted in an addition of £21 5s. 1d. to the Memorial Fund.

RACING.

At the last Annual Meeting it was decided to resume regatta racing, and the first regatta was held on 23rd November, 1918, when Maiden Sculls, Pairs and Fours were decided. A Maiden Eight-oared Race was held on 21st December, 1918. On the 22nd February, 1919, a regatta was held, for which a full programme was prepared. Owing to the outbreak of influenza, the Ballarat and Barwon regattas, which were to have been revived, had to be cancelled. Your Committee thereupon decided to hold another regatta on 12th April, 1919. All these events were very successful, and many splendid races were witnessed. Successful regattas were also held at Nagambie (26th December, 1918), Colac (1st January, 1919), and Rutherglen (1st January, 1919). The Sale and Bairnsdale regattas were not held owing to the influenza epidemic.

In addition to the above events, the following races were held during the season:—Head of the River (23rd and 24th May, 1919), won by Scotch College (J. H. Cowling bow, J. M. Buchanan, H. C. Maling, J. G. Paton, B. H. Cole, R. H. K. Cohen, G. M. Dallimore, C. N. McKay stroke, D. D. Best cox); Inter-Collegiate Race (9th and 10th May, 1919) for the Mervyn Bourne Higgins Memorial Trophy, won by Ormond College (J. E. Shilliday bow, T. G. Millar, C. J. V. McKeown, W. E. P. McMillan, G. Simpson, N. A. Longden, A. E. Kelso, E. E. McKay stroke, K. Morrison cox). The Amateur Sculling Association also held several handicap sculling events during the season.

The following are the winners of the races arranged by your Committee during the past season:—

23rd November, 1918:—Maiden Sculls (trophy presented by Amateur Sculling Association), South Melbourne (W. McCabe); Maiden Pairs, Civil Service (E. C. Sievwright bow, A. E. Parker stroke, J. Flint cox); Maiden Fours, Albert Park (G. Anderson bow, D. London, M. Bilsborrow, R. Weir stroke, B. Frank cox).

21st December, 1919:—Maiden Eights, Mercantile (A. G. Treharne bow, M. G. McQualter, J. T. Clarke, H. Smyth, M. S. Williams, K. Wootton, W. G. Bannerman, C. N. McKay stroke, J. Cosgriff cox).

22nd February, 1919:—Maiden Sculls, Barwon (F. Wheeler); Maiden Fours, Civil Service (F. J. Ryan bow, A. E. Parker, E. C. Sievwright, A. V. McLaughlan stroke, J. Hunter cox); Maiden Pairs, Ballarat (A. Dawson bow, G. Simpson stroke, A. J. King cox); Junior Sculls, Barwon (C. Collyer); Light-weight Maiden Four, Corio Bay (S. Casey bow, L. Lyons, J. Cassidy, T. Lauder stroke, R. McDonald cox); Maiden Eights for Buchan Cup, Banks (M. J. Maher, bow, R. L. Thwaites, E. Loft, W. Bates, A. C. Meckiff, W. Pincott, T. Keogh, D. O'Callaghan stroke, E. Young cox); Junior Pairs, Hawthorn (W. Day bow, C. Boxall stroke, F. Mann cox); Senior Fours, Footscray (T. Gipton bow, P. Newman, G. Smith, M. Moran stroke, J. Manning cox); Senior Sculls, Richmond (J. Barton).

12th April, 1919:—Maiden Fours, Barwon (W. Wheatland bow, E. A. Barnard, R. Degenhardt, R. D. Emms stroke, K. Taylor cox); Maiden Sculls, Ballarat City (P. Cram); Maiden Pairs, Banks M. J. Maher bow, R. L. Thwaites stroke, L. Kenny cox); Lightweight Maiden Fours, Barwon (R. Spicer bow, T. Coleman, T. Ralfton, B. Jones stroke, K. Taylor cox); Maiden Eights for Buchan Cup, Corio Bay (J. Cassidy bow, L. Lyons, L. Coulsen, H. Borlace, P. Adzen, T. Lauder, T. Pilley, C. Palmer stroke, W. Brownbill cox); Senior Fours, Hawthorn (D. W. Barrie bow, C. Boxall, H. J. Green, H. B. Kirsch stroke, F. Mann cox); Junior Pairs, Civil Service (T. S. Flint bow, A. E. Parker stroke, J. Flint cox); Junior Sculls, Ballarat City (P. Cram); Senior Pairs, Hawthorn (D. W. Barrie bow, C. Boxall stroke, F. Mann cox).

INTERSTATE RACES.

The Queensland Rowing Association, which has the management of the next Interstate races, approached the various Associations with a view to renewing the contests in May last or November next; but all the Associations, except Tasmania, were opposed to the races being resumed before next year. These important events—which had been abandoned during the war—will therefore be renewed in May, 1920. With the view of securing the best possible representation from Victoria, your Committee will appoint the Selection Committee at its next meeting, so that they may carefully note the form of oarsmen at the various regattas throughout the season.

INTER-UNIVERSITY RACE.

After a lapse of five years, the Inter-University Eight-oared Race was resumed on the Parramatta River on 30th August, 1919, when crews from Sydney and Melbourne competed. Brisbane and Adelaide also intended competing, but were prevented through illness and other causes. The race was won by the Melbourne crew by three lengths, the time being 19 min. 34½ secs., and the course 3 miles 167 yards. The crew comprised H. K. Hadley (bow), F. T. Gamble, F. R. Gale, B. S. Thomas, K. F. Abernethy, C. S. Wood, F. C. H. Ross, A. Spowers (stroke), T. Harris (cox), Mr. C. Donald (coach). The winners are heartily congratulated on their success.

HENLEY ON THAMES REGATTA.

Your Committee records with pleasure the splendid victory of the A.I.F. crew in the Eight-oared race for the King's Cup at Henley Regatta on 4th July, 1919, the event being open to crews from the Allied military forces. The racing resulted as follows:—Australia No. 1 defeated Australia No. 2; America defeated France; Oxford defeated Canada; Cambridge defeated New Zealand; Australia No. 1 defeated Cambridge; Oxford defeated America; Australia No. 1 defeated Oxford

in the final by a length in 7 mins. 7 secs. with a following breeze. The Australian crew comprised Sergt. A. R. Robb (Tas.) bow, Lieut. F. A. House (Tas.) 2, Lieut. T. McGill (N.S.W.) 3, Gunner A. V. Scott (S.A.) 4, Lieut. H. Hauenstein, M.M. (N.S.W.) 5, Major S. A. Middleton, D.S.O. (N.S.W.) 6, Gunner G. W. Mettam (W.A.) 7, Capt. H. C. Disher (V.) stroke, Sergt. A. E. Smedley (N.S.W.) cox. The No. 2 comprised—Lieut. J. Howieson (V.) bow, Sgt. G. M. Penny (S.A.) 2, Sergt. E. J. Harrison (N.S.W.) 3, Lieut. H. A. White, (V.) 4, Major W. A. Audsley (N.S.W.) 5, Corporal J. K. Cogle, M.M. (N.S.W.) 6, Gunner J. A. Begg (S.A.) 7, Lieut. H. R. Newall (V.) stroke. The No. 2 crew rowed at the Walton regatta on 28th June, 1919, and won the Senior Eight-oared race, defeating crews from the Thames and Kingston Rowing Clubs.

A pleasing feature of the composition of the No. 1 crew is the fact that five States of the Commonwealth were represented. In the early stages of the training the crew was coached by Mr. S. Fairbairn, an old and well-known Cambridge and Victorian oarsman; whilst Lieut. Harry Ross Soden, of Melbourne University and Banks Rowing Clubs, coached the crew during the final stages of the preparation. On behalf of the oarsmen of Victoria, your Committee desires to extend to both crews and the coaches hearty congratulations on their success. The manner in which they have upheld the reputation of Australian rowing against representatives of the Allied armies is in harmony with their deeds on behalf of the Empire throughout the war, and merits the appreciation and thanks of all supporters of rowing.

After the Henley Royal Regatta the crew went to Paris for the regatta on the 18th July. Major Middleton and Lieut. Hauenstein did not make the trip, Lieut. McGill taking No. 5 and Lieut. House No. 6 seat, Lieut. H. R. Newall rowing at No. 2, and Lieut. L. S. Davis at No. 3. On this occasion Cambridge won by half a length, Australia being second and New Zealand third.

At the Marlowe Regatta on 21st June, 1919, several Australian crews competed. In the race for Army crews, New Zealand defeated the following Australian crew:—G. W. Mettam (bow), G. M. Penny, E. J. Harrison, A. V. Scott, W. A. Audsley, J. K. Cogle, T. McGill, H. R. Newall (stroke), A. E. Smedley (cox). In the Senior Fours the A.I.F. crew, comprising A. R. Robb, S. A. Middleton, H. Hauenstein, and F. A. House (stroke) fouled New Zealand in the heat and won the row-off, but they again steered badly in the heat against Thames Rowing Club, and did not finish; Thames won the final. The same A.I.F. crew was disqualified for fouling New Zealand in the Senior Fours at Henley, so apparently they did not master the art of steering a coxswainless boat. In the Clinker Fours the A.I.F. Wattle Club crew—comprising J. Howieson, H. A. White, H. K. Goyen, R. J. Clark (stroke), A. E. Smedley (cox)—won from another A.I.F. Wattle Club crew—T. Roderick, S. T. Bennett, W. E. H. Jarvis, G. E. Rogers (stroke), S.-Sergt. Grimshaw (cox), and New Zealand.

PREMIERSHIP.

After having been suspended for three years, your Committee decided to again award the Junior Premiership for the past season. The Senior Premiership was not awarded, as the large majority of senior oarsmen had not returned from active service. Competition was very keen, the result being in doubt right up to the last race of the season. The Civil Service Club is to be congratulated on winning the honour. The points scored were as follow:—Civil Service, 20; Mercantile, 12; Banks, 10; Corio Bay, 10; Barwon, 10; Ballarat City, 7; Richmond, 6; Nagambie, 6; Hawthorn, 6; Albert Park, 4; Ballarat, 2; South Melbourne, 1.

RECORD OF PREMIERSHIPS.

1898-1899	.. Ballarat	1909-1910	.. Banks (Jun.)
1899-1900	.. Albert Park	1910-1911	.. Albert Park (Sen.)
1900-1901	.. Mercantile	1910-1911†	.. Civil Service
1901-1902	.. Albert Park		Banks
1902-1903	.. Albert Park	1911-1912	.. Albert Park (Sen.)
1903-1904	.. Ballarat	1911-1912†	.. Civil Service
1904-1905	.. Albert Park		Banks
1905-1906	.. Albert Park		Essendon
1906-1907*	.. Albert Park (Sen.)	1912-1913	.. Albert Park (Sen.)
1906-1907	.. Albert Park (Jun.)	1912-1913	.. Civil Service (Jun.)
1907-1908	.. Mercantile (Sen.)	1913-1914	.. Albert Park (Sen.)
1907-1908	.. Footscray City (Jr.)	1913-1914	.. Hawthorn (Jun.)
1908-1909	.. Albert Park (Sen.)	1914-1915	.. Albert Park (Sen.)
1908-1909	.. South Melb. (Jun.)	1914-1915	.. Footscray (Jun.)
1909-1910	.. Albert Park (Sen.)	1918-1919**	.. Civil Service (Jun.)

* Prior to 1906-7 only one Premiership awarded to club securing most points in all events. ** Senior Premiership not awarded for 1918-19 season. † These Clubs scored equal points.

AFFILIATED CLUBS.

During the past season the Wahgunyah, Ballarat City, and Nagambie Clubs again affiliated with the Association. New clubs have been formed at Merbein and Barwon Heads, and steps are being taken to re-establish the Shepparton and Sandhurst Clubs. It is to be hoped that these three Clubs will join the Association during the coming season. The West Wimmera Rowing Association, comprising the Dimboola, Antwerp and Jeparit Clubs, approached your Committee with a view to affiliation. At the request of these Clubs, your Hon. Secretary attended a conference at Dimboola on 29th March last, and negotiations are now proceeding, which will probably result in the three Clubs affiliating at an early date. The sport is very popular in the West Wimmera, and as a result of the last Dimboola Rowing Club Regatta, the Committee was able to hand a cheque for £412 to the local Repatriation Committee and a similar amount to the local branch of the Returned Soldiers' Association.

AMATEUR SPORTING FEDERATION.

Your Committee decided in July last to join the Amateur Sporting Federation. As a result of this step, it will be necessary to amend the amateur definition to accord with the Amateur Sporting Federation's definition as recommended later on in this report.

FINANCE.

At the commencement of the past season, your Committee decided that the affiliation fees under Rule XIII. should be assessed on the financial returns received from the Clubs for the previous season. This permits of accounts for affiliation fees being sent to the Clubs early in the season, instead of having to wait until the Clubs closed their books, which in most cases was about the same time as the books of the Association closed. The fact that there are no amounts outstanding by Clubs in the current Balance Sheet for the first time for six years is proof of the wisdom of the alteration.

Seeing that the Association will have to resume its normal activities in the ensuing season, and bearing in mind the fact that for the six years prior to the war the financial position was unsatisfactory, there being an average *annual* loss of £31 for that period, your Committee has decided to place the finances on a new basis. The recommendation adopted by your Committee was the cancellation of seat fees charged under Rule XV. to Clubs represented in the Interstate contests, and the adoption of a registration fee of 3s. 6d. per member for metropolitan Clubs, except University; 2s. per member for country Clubs, and 1s. per member for the University Club. These charges will allow of a small margin of receipts over expenses based on the pre-war membership and not allowing for increased cost in connection with sending crews to the Interstate contests. It is not anticipated that the Association will reach its pre-war strength during the coming season, but such a position might reasonably be hoped for during the 1920-21 season. As a result of careful administration and the staunch support of the Clubs, together with the elimination of the heavy annual expense of the Interstate race for the past four years, your Committee has established a credit balance which will suffice to meet any anticipated excess of expenditure over receipts next season. Thereafter the proposed new scale of charges should suffice to cover the annual expenditure. Your approval of the amended charges will be sought at the Annual Meeting.

RECORDS OF ROWING.

It is with pleasure that your Committee reports the completion of the records of Victorian rowing, which have been compiled by that enthusiastic supporter of the sport, Mr. John Lang. Mr. Lang has devoted the best part of his time to this arduous work for the past eight years, with the exception of the period during which he was

serving with the A.I.F. Mr. Lang has published the records in his book, *The Victorian Oarsman and Rowing Register*, and has most generously donated the gross proceeds of the sale of the first 500 copies and the net proceeds of the sale of the second 500 copies to the Oarsmen's Memorial Fund. Victoria is the only State of the Commonwealth which possesses such a valuable record of the sport, and your Committee desires to acknowledge its indebtedness to Mr. Lang for his valuable work, and at the same time to sincerely thank him for his many services in the interest of the sport of rowing. Furthermore, your Committee wishes to place on record its deep appreciation of Mr. Lang's generosity in donating the proceeds of the sale to the Oarsmen's Memorial Fund. Mr. Lang is defraying the whole of the expenses of publishing the book.

RULES.

As a result of the decision to affiliate with the Amateur Sporting Federation, your Committee decided at a meeting held on the 1st September, 1919, to recommend that the present Amateur definition be cancelled and the following substituted therefor:—

"Amateur" shall mean one who has never competed for money, whether in the form of a prize, staked bet, or declared wager, or knowingly competed with or against a professional, or taught, pursued or assisted in the practice of any athletic exercise as a means of livelihood or for pecuniary gain, or who has never been employed in or about boats for money or wages.

An amateur forfeits his status and becomes a professional by:—

- (a) Any infringement of the above definition.
- (b) Knowingly competing with or pace-making for a professional or person under sentence of suspension in public or for a prize.
- (c) Pawning, selling, realising, bartering, or otherwise turning into cash any prize won by him.
- (d) Accepting any remuneration directly or indirectly from any person in any competition in which he is an entrant or competitor.
- (e) Wagering or being in any way interested in a money stake, bet, or wager, made in connection with any competition in which he is an entrant or competitor.

- (f) Entering for any athletic exercise for which a money prize is offered, or for which a money prize or trophy are offered as alternative, or any event open to professionals, or issuing or allowing to be issued on his behalf any challenge to compete against any professional or for money.
- (g) Accepting any travelling or hotel expenses from any association, club, or sports promoter, except at the special sanction of the body governing the particular athletic exercise in connection with which the same is accepted. Provided always that the body governing any athletic exercise may grant persons taking part therein as the accredited representatives of that body outside Victoria such allowance as that body may from time to time determine.
- (h) Accepting directly or indirectly any money payment whatsoever, whether as compensation for loss of time, salary or otherwise, except as provided in sub-clause (g).
- (i) Entering for or competing in any athletic exercise under a fictitious name without first obtaining the sanction of the body controlling the particular branch of athletic exercise concerned.
- (j) Accepting employment in or about boats for money or wages.

EXCEPTIONS.

The following exceptions shall be made:—

- (a) Any persons who have been reinstated by each of the governing bodies by whom they have been declared professionals or whose regulations they have infringed, and who have not infringed their amateur status since the date of such reinstatement, shall be considered amateurs.
- (b) Amateurs shall not lose their status by competing with or against professionals in any game (for list of games see interpretation clause) subject to the following condition:—That no money prizes shall be offered for the amateur.
- (c) No professional in any form of athletic exercise shall be a member of the executive body controlling any game. Subject as aforesaid, professionals

may be employed or take part in any game on such terms and conditions as the body controlling it shall from time to time determine.

- (d) Competitions at arms between volunteers or regulars, fire brigade competitions—pure and simple—the pastimes of shooting and sailing, and all other pastimes not coming within the definition of athletic exercises, shall not be considered as coming within the scope of this definition.
- (e) Competitions open only to volunteers or regulars at Naval or Military Athletic Meetings, such events being for trophies only, shall be exempt from any rule disqualifying persons for competing against professionals.
- (f) Receiving any remuneration for any office connected with athletic sport if sanctioned by the body governing the branch of sport in question.
- (g) Teaching athletic exercises at a school will not constitute a person a professional provided his engagement bona fide includes scholastic duties at the same institution.
- (h) Amateurs shall not lose their status by appearing with professionals for public exhibition only, if sanctioned by the body controlling such exercise.

“Athletic exercises” shall mean and include baseball, rowing and sculling, bowling, boxing, croquet, cycling, cricket, cross-country running, fencing, football, golf, gymnastics, handball and fives, hockey, hurdle racing, hurling, jumping of any kind, lacrosse, lawn and court tennis, pole vaulting, putting the shot, quoits (field), rackets, running all distances, skating, swimming and all natorial exercises, throwing the hammer, throwing the cricket ball, throwing weights, throwing the discus, tug-of-war, walking all distances, wrestling, and such other exercises as the Amateur Sporting Federation may hereafter resolve to include.

“Games” shall mean and include lacrosse, baseball, cricket, football, golf, and hurling, and such other games as the Federation may hereafter resolve to include.

Provided always that any Amateur Club or Amateur Association outside Victoria may nominate any of its members, and be represented in any race or races held under the control or with the approval of the Association.

Provided further that the Committee of the Association shall have power to reinstate as an Amateur any person who shall make application to it, and shall deposit with such application a sum of 10s., which shall be returned to the applicant only in the event of the application being refused. No such application shall be entertained if the applicant has contravened these regulations within a period of one year preceding the date of application. All such applications shall be reported on by a reinstatement committee.

At the Committee meeting held on the 4th August, 1919, your Committee decided to recommend the following amendments to the Constitution and Rules consequent on the proposed new basis of affiliation fees:—

Article VI. of Constitution.—Substitute £9 for £6 5s. *re* Clubs within a radius of 20 miles of the G.P.O., Melbourne, and substitute “more than £5” for £3 2s. and £5 for £2 2s. *re* Clubs without a radius of 20 miles of the G.P.O., Melbourne.

Rule XIII. to be rescinded and the following substituted therefor:—

“No Club within a radius of 20 miles of the General Post Office, Melbourne, shall appoint a representative member to the Committee unless there shall have been paid to the Treasurer of the Association on behalf of the said Club the sum of Three Shillings and Sixpence in respect of every member of such Club; except in the case of the Melbourne University Boat Club, in which case the sum of One Shilling shall have been paid in respect of every member of such Club.”

“No Club without a radius of 20 miles of the General Post Office, Melbourne, shall appoint a representative member of the Committee unless there shall have been paid to the Treasurer of the Association on behalf of the said Club the sum of Two Shillings in respect of every member of such Club.”

Rule XV. to be cancelled.

Rule XVIII—Delete XIII. in first line.

Rule XXXIII.—Substitute the word “three” for “two” in fifth line.

Regatta Regulation, No. 1.—At a Committee meeting held on 1st September, 1919, it was decided to rescind the amendment made on 14th April, 1915, to Regatta Regulation No. 1 providing for acceptance of late entries.

At a Committee meeting held on 2nd December, 1918, the following new Regatta Regulation was approved:—

" 19 (10a).—Novice Sculling Races shall be open to all amateurs who have never won a Sculling Race sanctioned by the V.R.A. or who have never entered for such a race except during the season in which they first compete as a novice."

The following proviso was also added to Regatta Regulation 19 (11) after the words "scratch mark":—"Provided that anyone who has won a Novice Sculling Race may be deemed eligible to compete for a Maiden Sculling Race."

OBITUARY.

It is with feelings of deep regret that your Committee records the deaths of Messrs. Simon Fraser, Jun., Ray R. Hill, A. Wight, and John Colvin as a result of the influenza epidemic. Mr. Fraser will be remembered as rowing in the No. 2 seat with the Australian crew which competed at Henley-on-Thames and Stockholm in 1912. Mr. Ray Hill was formerly a member of the Committee of the Association, and was also Hon. Secretary of the South Melbourne Rowing Club and joint Hon. Secretary of the Upper Yarra Regatta Association. Mr. Wight was a Committeeman of the Essendon Rowing Club and a very enthusiastic worker. Mr. Colvin was one of the ablest and most popular rowing officials in Tasmania, and was for many years Hon. Secretary of the Hobart Regatta. To the relatives of the deceased gentlemen your Committee extends its deep sympathy.

MEMORIAL TO FALLEN OARSMEN.

The subscriptions towards the above Memorial now amount to £577 16s. 1d., and your Committee hopes at an early date to proceed with the erection of the Memorial.

MORELL CUP.

Your Vice-President, Councillor S. J. Morell, has generously offered a Cup for competition at the V.R.A. Regatta. Councillor Morell is very keen on the encouragement of senior rowing, and at his request your Committee has decided to again place the Senior Eights on the V.R.A. Regatta programme, and to attach the Morell Cup to this event. The last Senior Eight race at the V.R.A. Regatta was in February, 1901, and your Committee desires to sincerely thank Councillor Morell for his generous gift and to express appreciation of his assistance and interest in the sport.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

During the past season 11 Committee meetings were held, the average attendance being 23. The attendances were as follow:— P. C. Dowling, 11; H. T. James, 11; T. Jenkin, 11; E. Kenny, 11; J. Twaits, 11; S. F. Chubb, 10; A. R. Clarke, 10; A. L. Dobbie, 10; T. Neylan, 10; T. Gipton, 9; W. Joseph, 9; H. B. Kirsch, 9; W. McCabe, 9; J. Harding, 8; S. S. Hayles, 8; I. D. Tibbitts, 8; W. Clift, 7; W. J. Cahill, 7; R. Jenkin, 7; J. M. MacFarlane, 7; M. G. Scott, 7; *C. M. Bennett, 6; *H. E. Butler, 6; B. Nolan, 6; J. A. Thomson, 6; F. G. Wishart, 6; E. A. Swindells, 5; S. C. Stewart, 5; *E. W. Constantine, 4; F. P. Granter, 4; S. Shallard, 4; *T. S. Flint, 3; G. R. Anderson, 2; *J. E. Derum, 2; W. B. House, 2; D. Laird, 2; *John Lang, 2; *C. S. Wood, 2; *H. J. Whiting, 2; H. T. Roberts, 1; A. J. Shepherd, 1; *C. Winter, 1.

* Elected or resigned during the season.

THANKS.

Your Committee tenders its thanks to those gentlemen who acted as officials for the V.R.A. Regattas; to those who have assisted by donations; to the Press for the full notes published concerning the sport; also to the contributors to the Oarsmen's Memorial Fund.

CONCLUSION.

In common with other amateur sports, rowing is about to enter on a new era, and your Committee trusts that those responsible for the future management of the sport, both in the Clubs and the Association, will endeavour to maintain its best traditions. It is desired that the new generation of oarsmen will be worthy successors of those fine men who proved their worth in Gallipoli, France, Belgium, and Palestine during the past four years. There is every prospect of the numerical strength of the Clubs increasing considerably before the end of the ensuing season. A continuance of the good management which enabled the Association and the Clubs to hold together and improve their financial position during the war should therefore ensure a prosperous future.

On behalf of the Committee,

HENRY GYLES TURNER, *President*

E. KENNY, *Hon. Secretary.*

Amateur Sports Club,
Melbourne, 3rd September, 1919.

OARSMEN'S MEMORIAL FUND.

Contributions received up to 31st August, 1919:—

Amount received up to 30th September, 1918, and acknowledged in the V.R.A. Report for the season 1917-1918, £214/16/6.

Melbourne Amateur Regatta Association, £105; Victorian Rowing Association, £25. Entry money—Combination Eights, 5th October, 1918, £21/5/1; Banks Rowing Club, Cr. S. J. Morell, Mrs. O. M. Williams, £10/10/-; each; Albert Park Rowing Club, Barwon Rowing Club, Civil Service Rowing Club, Footscray Rowing Club, Ballarat Rowing Club, Nagambie Rowing Club, Lieut.-Colonel G. I. Stevenson, C.M.G., D.S.O., A. F. Moore, E. H. Flack, £5/5/- each; Essendon Rowing Club, South Melbourne Rowing Club, Wendouree Rowing Club, Messrs. J. Edwards and Sons, W. B. House, A. Woods, A. H. Foster (second instalment), £3/3/- each; members of Nagambie Rowing Club, £2/17/6; Messrs. W. W. Senior, J. H. Connell, A. B. Gregory, C. C. Loft, G. M. Lupton, H. J. Taylor, J. A. Peers, J. C. Potter, Hawthorn Rowing Club, £2/2/- each; Messrs. H. M. Strachan, Jno. Donald, J. I. Buchan, £2 each; Bairnsdale Rowing Club, Warrnambool Rowing Club, Captain T. C. Seabrook, Lieut. M. Cahill, M.C., Messrs. T. W. Gaggin, J. F. Strachan, E. A. Swindells, C. A. James, E. S. May, C. McDonell, P. J. Steele, J. Moloney, J. Twaits, W. H. Jerram and Son, H. T. James, E. T. Bradshaw, R. J. Crosthwaite, S. Shallard, J. B. Shallard, G. T. Gardiner, J. H. Byrne, J. G. Stogdale, G. Grant, J. G. Grant, G. Officer, R. T. Rush, J. J. Mills, J. G. Black, R. Gregg, R. R. Hill, A. R. Clarke, M. Owen, C. P. Shugg, Lieut. E. W. Constantine, Captain A. M. Treacy, O.B.E., £1/1/- each; Messrs. J. O'Reilly, W. C. Harvey, C. Vanderkelen, M. C. Brown, J. M. Gaunt, £1 each; Messrs. J. Harding, M. G. Scott, T. R. Reid, A. S. McGregor, C. E. Higgins, E. W. Burne, D. O'Callaghan, E. Young, J. T. Clarke, A. Wood, R. T. Leslie, S. C. Stewart, D. Jenkin, R. Jenkin, T. Jenkin, G. Hutton, S. M. Guthrie, J. C. Shallard, L. Lazarus, D. London, J. C. Macmillan, H. J. Green, H. B. Kirsch, A. C. Duncan, A. C. Meckiff, F. R. Browne, M. J. Maher, D. Dwyer, Lieut. C. H. Mahy, M.C., Rutherglen Lake Rowing Club, 10/6 each; Messrs. G. C. Burke, J. L. Nolan, A. G. Wilkinson, W. P. Allen, H. E. Butler, E. J. McDonald, J. Mahy, F. Sanguinetti, W. A. Jones, N. S. Muir, A. P. Watson, C. Hearn, U. R. Smith, D. Ross, K. J. Corridon, T. S. Flint, J. H. Anderson, F. P. Lohan, A. E. Anderson, L. Hambleton, J. H. Counihan, A. V. McLaughlan, H. Clarke, W. Evans, M. Anderson, 10/- each; contributions less than 10/- totalling £13/3/-. Total, £577/16/1.

RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT,

RECEIPTS.					
To Balance at 30/9/18—					
	Commonwealth Savings Bank	...	...	£13 14 7	
	State Savings Bank	...	...	143 8 1	
	E. S. & A. Bank	...	...	23 3 11	
	Cash in hand	...	...	5 18 0	
					186 4 7
.. Club Contributions—					
	On account Season 1916-17	...	...	0 5 0	
	" " " 1917-18	...	...	4 8 0	
	" " " 1918-19	...	...	69 12 11	
	" " " 1919-20	...	...	0 16 0	
					75 1 11
.. Coxswains' Registration Fees—					
	On account Season 1917-18	...	...	0 5 0	
	" " " 1918-19	...	...	10 10 0	
					10 15 0
.. Regatta Registration Fees—					
	Ballarat, Colac, Henley, Murray and Nagambie, 5 at £2 2 0	...	...		10 10 0
.. Donations—					
	Henry Gyles Turner, Esq.	...	...	5 5 0	
	W. D. Dawson, Esq.	...	...	2 2 0	
					7 7 0
.. Association Regattas—					
	23/11/18 21/12/18 22/2/19 12/4/19				
	Entry Fees	£11 10 0	£12 0 0	£40 10 0	£ 42 5 0
					106 5 0
	Sale of Programs and Advertisements,		£18 7 11,	£20 14 0.	39 1 11
					145 6 11
.. "Oarsmen's Memorial" Combination Eights, 5/10/18—					
	Entry Fees,	...	...	£21 5 0	
	Less amount paid direct to Fund	...	...	2 0 0	
					19 5 0
	Contributions toward Expenses	...	...	2 15 4	
					22 0 4
.. "Oarsmen's Memorial Fund"—					
	Donations paid into General Account and transferred, (see contra.)	...	...	...	3 13 6
	Reinstatement Fees	...	...	...	1 5 0
	Outstanding Subscription on account Wendouree Club	...	...	...	0 15 0
	Boat Staging at Princes Bridge—Club Contributions	...	...	...	22 1 0
	Interest on Boathouse Reserve Trust Account	...	...	...	0 2 7
	Interest and Exchange	...	...	...	11 19 11
	Regatta Trophy Money	...	...	...	83 2 6

£580 5 3

Audited and found correct
5th September, 1919.

W. W. SENIOR, }
W. C. HARVEY, A.I.C.A. } Hon.
 } Auditors

SEASON, 1918-19.

EXPENDITURE.

By Miscellaneous Expenditure—							
Bank Charge and Sundries	...	...	...	£3	17	6	
General Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	13	5	11	
Honorarium, Hon. Secretary, 1917-18	...	...	...	12	12	0	
" " Treasurer, 1917-18	...	...	...	7	7	0	
Insurance	...	...	...	0	9	0	
Postages, Exchange, etc.,	...	...	...	12	10	9	
Printing, etc., "Oarsmen's Memorial Fund"	...	...	...	5	15	7	
							55 17 9
Affiliation Fee—							
Amateur Sports Club...	...	...	...		2	2	0
Refunds—							
Reinstatement Fees	...	...	...	1	0	0	
Regatta Registration Fee	...	...	...	2	2	0	
							3 2 0
Outstanding Subscription paid to Wendouree Club	...	...	...				0 15 0
Donation to "Oarsmen's Memorial Fund"—							
Amount of Boathouse Reserve Trust Account	...	...	...	13	14	7	
Interest thereon	...	...	...	0	2	7	
Ex General Account	...	...	...	11	2	10	
							25 0 0
Purchase of War Savings Certificate donated to "Oarsmen's Memorial Fund"							
	...	...	...				1 0 0
"Oarsmen's Memorial Fund"—							
Donations paid into General Account and transferred (See contra)	...	...	...				3 13 6
Association Regattas—							
	23/11/18	21/12/18	22/2/19	12/4/19			
Trophies	£11 10 0	£12 0 0	£39 19 0	£43 0 0	£106 9 0		
Less Trophies Unpaid	8 0 0	12 0 0	21 1 0	19 5 0	60 6 0		
Balance	3 10 0	—	18 18 0	23 15 0	46 3 0		
Programs	1 18 6	0 5 6	14 0 0	11 17 6	28 1 6		
Moored Boats, etc.	—	—	3 10 0	3 10 0	7 0 0		
Sundry Exes.	—	—	1 19 6	1 12 0	3 11 6		
Refund Entry Fees	—	—	1 10 0	—	1 10 0		
	5 8 6	0 5 6	39 17 6	40 14 6	86 6 0		86 6 0
"Oarsmen's Memorial" Combination Eights, 5/10/18—							
Trophies	...	...	...	£8	18	6	
Less Trophies unpaid...	...	...	...	4	9	3	
							4 9 3
Expenses	...	...	...				3 14 6
Entry Fees	...	...	...	21	5	0	
Less Amount paid direct to Fund	...	...	...	2	0	0	
							19 5 0
							27 8 9
Boat Staging at Princes Bridge	...	...	...				22 1 0
Regatta Trophy Money	...	...	...				78 13 3
Bank Balances—31/8/19							
State Savings Bank...	...	...	...	250	4	6	
E. S. & A. Bank	...	...	...	24	1	6	
							274 6 0
							£580 5 3

S. F. CHUBB, Hon. Treasurer, 3/9/1919.

OARSMEN'S MEMORIAL FUND

To Balance 30/9/18	..	.. £214 16 6	By Balance 31/8/1	..	.. £597 13 11
„ Donations—as per List	..	.. 362 19 7			
„ Sale of “Victorian Oarsman and Rowing Register” 9 12 6			
„ Interest 10 5 4			
		£597 13 11			£597 13 11

Audited and found correct.

W. W. SENIOR,
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Hon. Auditors.

S. F. CHUBB, Hon. Treasurer.

5th September, 1919.

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