

THE HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARDS BICYCLE CLUB.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

The half-yearly meeting of the Hastings and St. Leonards Bicycle Club was held, at the club-room, Swan Hotel, on Thursday evening, when the chair was occupied by the Vice-President, Mr. A. J. Lovett; and amongst those present were Mr. T. Gilbert (Captain), Mr. A. J. White (Treasurer), Mr. W. Carwell (Secretary), Mr. Smith, Mr. Reed, Mr. A. Sims, Mr. A. Lovett, jun., and Mr. T. Stace.

The CHAIRMAN called upon the Secretary to give them a short statement as to how they stood.

The Secretary said that at the last half-yearly meeting they had a balance in hand of £3 8s. 6d. The members' subscriptions since that time had amounted to £3 10s., making a total of £6 18s. 6d. After all expenses had been paid, there would be a balance in hand of £4 8s. There were eighteen subscribing members and eight honorary members at present. Four new members were then proposed, and the two representatives of the local press present (the *Observer* and *Chronicle*) were made free members.

The election of officials was then proceeded with, as follows:—Vice-President, Mr. A. J. Lovett; Captain, Mr. E. C. Gilbert; Sub-Captain, Mr. S. Philcox; Treasurer, Mr. A. J. White; Secretary, Mr. W. Carwell; Committee (in addition to officers of the club), Mr. C. Wellerd, Mr. A. Sims, and Mr. W. Cutting.

The rules of the club were then gone through, and several alterations made.

It was also decided to have regulations for riding, the first and most important being that each member should have a bell affixed to his machine when riding in the evening after dusk, or when he was travelling through crowded thoroughfares. The others were principally instructions as to the orders of the Captain and Sub-Captain.

The removal of the head-quarters to a more central position of the borough was next taken into consideration.

Mr. E. C. GILBERT said he had seen Mr. Donald, of the Seaside Hotel, who had stated that he should be happy to place a room at the disposal of the club. The position would be a more central one, and more convenient to the members. He moved that the head-quarters be removed to the Seaside Hotel.

In answer to one of the members, Mr. GILBERT said the terms would be the same as they had the present room on.

Mr. SIMS seconded the motion, which was carried.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

There will be a meet of the club on Good Friday, when the members will ride to Hawkhurst, where they will be met by the Maidstone Club.