

THE HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARDS BICYCLE CLUB.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

The half-yearly meeting of the members of the Hastings and St. Leonards Bicycle Club was held at the Seaside Hotel on Thursday evening, the chair being occupied by Mr. Lovett. There were also present Mr. E. Gilbert, Captain; Mr. Styles, Sub-Captain; Mr. F. Amon, Secretary; Mr. White, Treasurer; and Messrs. A. Lovett, jun., G. Hutchings, Palmer, McCormick, Beckton, E. Timewell, Sparks, Weller, Simms, Akers, Hinton, Veness, and Reed.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The report, which was as follows, was read and adopted:—

"The Committee present to the members their annual report and balance-sheet, from which it will be seen that the Club is prospering in a satisfactory manner, both financially and as regards an increased number of members. The Club runs for the past season, although enjoyable and successful, were not numerous. This was, no doubt, owing, in a measure, to the inclemency of the weather. During the past quarter nine members have been elected, and one only (in consequence of leaving Hastings) had left the Club. The Committee particularly desire that members will endeavour to 'turn out' in satisfactory numbers for the weekly runs during the approaching season, which will be posted on the notice-board in the usual way. The balance-sheet showed that after paying all expenses there would be £2 11s. 6d. in hand. The receipts amounted to £8 16s."

The next business was the election of officers.

Mr. E. GILBERT said he had been trying to persuade Mr. A. Lovett, sen., to act as president of the Club, but he had not succeeded in doing so. He therefore moved that Mr. Lovett and Mr. O. Travers should be elected Vice-Presidents, the higher office being left vacant.

Mr. AMON seconded, and the motion was carried.

Mr. LOVETT said he would always be happy to be of any assistance to them, and he had no doubt he might say the same for Mr. Travers.

The following officers were also elected:—Captain, Mr. E. Gilbert; Sub-Captain, Mr. Styles; Bugler, Mr. Palmer; Secretary, Mr. Fredk. Amon; Treasurer, Mr. White.

It was proposed that the sub-captaincy should be raced for, but the motion was lost.

The following gentlemen were elected as a committee, together with the officers of the Club:—Mr. G. Hutchings, Mr. Simms, and Mr. T. Beckton.

"Success to the Club Runs" was then enthusiastically drunk, after which some discussion ensued with reference to a list of road-rules, &c., which had been drawn up by the Captain and Sub-Captain. These were of a most useful character, and were eventually adopted.

The opening run of the Club was announced to take place on Wednesday next, at four o'clock, the journey being to Robert-bridge and back.

The organisation of a race meeting in connection with the Club was left in the hands of the Committee.

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.