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MEETING OF FULL BOARD OF CONTROL,
Held at the Albion Hotel, Elizabeth Street, Hobart,
FIRST SITTING,
On Thursday Evening, February 27th, 1908.

There were present :—

Messrs. R. Coombes and E. S. Marks (N.S.W.)
,, J. E. Green and H. Henderson (New Zealand)
,, W. Ferguson and R. H. Croll (Victoria)
,, G. Crawford and D. J. O'Connell (Q'nsland.)
,, A. B. Howell and E. A. Brooke (Tasmania)
Mr. R. Coombes (President) took the chair at
8 p.m., and welcomed the delegates.

Mr. A. B. Howell (Chairman of the Tasmanian
A.A.A.) also welcomed the delegates to Tasmania and,
felt sure that much benefit would ensue to Amateur
Athletics in the State by the presence of so many
notable athletes.

The Chairman (Mr. R. Coombes), on behalf of the
delegates, thanked Mr. Howell for the kind welcome.

Minutes of Last Board Meeting.

The Minutes of last Full Board Meeting, held in
Sydney, November, 1905, were read and confirmed.

Minutes of Executive.

The Minutes of the Executive for the past two
years were read and endorsed.

The South Australian Amateur Athletic Association.

A telegram was read, from Mr. G. Elston Mayo, Hon. Secretary of the South Australian Amateur Athletic Association, regretting that his Association would not be represented at the Conference.

Mr. P. Byrne's Entry for Australasian Championships.

A letter was read from Mr. P. Byrne of Kalgoorlie, W.A., asking if his entry for the Australasian Championships would be accepted. He also informed the Union that the Western Australian A.A.A. was now defunct.

Moved by Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.), seconded by Mr. J. E. Green (N.Z.)—"That Mr. Byrne be allowed to compete, provided he joins one of the affiliated Associations." Carried by seven votes to two—*For*: Messrs. J. E. Green, R. H. Croll, W. Ferguson, H. Henderson, A. B. Howell, E. A. Brooke, E. S. Marks. *Against*: Messrs. G. Crawford and D. J. O'Connell.

Moved by Mr. J. E. Green (N.Z.), seconded by Mr. G. Crawford (Q.)—"That any points which may be gained by Mr. Byrne at the forthcoming Championship Meeting, shall be treated as a negligent quantity. Lost by six votes to three—*For*: Messrs. J. E. Green G. Crawford, D. J. O'Connell. *Against*: Messrs. H. Henderson, R. H. Croll, W. Ferguson, A. B. Howell, E. A. Brooke, E. S. Marks.

The Hon. Treasurer's Balance Sheet.

The Hon. Treasurer's Balance Sheet for the past two years, showing a credit balance of £6 6s. 2d., was read and unanimously adopted subject to the usual audit.

Hon. Auditors.

On the motion of Mr. W. Ferguson (Vic.), seconded by Mr. D. J. O'Connell (Queensland), Messrs. E. A. Brooke and G. Crawford were appointed as Hon. Auditors.

THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALASIA.

Honorary Treasurer's Financial Statement, 1908.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
To Balance from last year	26	12	3	By Australasian Medal (Die)	6	0	0
„ Subscriptions—				„ Prize Design, "Record Certificate" ...	2	2	0
N.S.W.A.A.A.	4	4	0	„ Printing Handbook	£10	10	0
Vic.A.A.A.	4	4	0	„ „ Minutes Conference	2	17	6
Queen.A.A.A.	4	4	0	„ „ Agenda Papers, &c.	2	14	0
Tas.A.A.A.	4	4	0	„ „ Record Certificates	10	0	0
N.Z.A.A.A.	4	4	0	„ „ Standard Certificates	3	10	0-29 11 6
S.A.A.A.A.	4	4	0	„ Subscription, Revue Olympique ...	1	0	0
				„ Postages, Wires, Cartage, etc. ...	2	0	3
				„ Stationery, Books, etc.	1	5	6
				„ Typewriting, Writing Certificates, etc.	3	10	10
					45	10	1
				By Balance in Hand	6	6	2
	£51	16	3		£51	16	3

Audited and found correct—

E. S. MARKS, Hon Treasurer.
29th February, 1908.

E. A. BROOKE..... } Hon.
G. CRAWFORD..... } Auditors.

Alliance with the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States of America.

The Correspondence that had passed between Mr. J. E. Sullivan, President of the American Union, and the Executive Officers, was read, and after a discussion lasting some two hours, it was finally decided on the motion by Mr. J. E. Green (N.Z.), seconded by Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.)—"That this Conference is in favour of an alliance with the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States of America, on the lines suggested by Mr. J. E. Sullivan, and that the Executive Officers of the Union be requested to draft a basis of agreement, to be submitted to each Affiliated Association for their consideration and report."

International Alliances.

Mr. G. Crawford (Q.), moved and Mr. A. B. Howell (Tas.) seconded—"That negotiations be opened up by the Executive, with the English, French, Canadian, and South African Amateur Athletic Associations, for similar alliances with the Amateur Athletic Union of Australasia." Carried unanimously.

The meeting then adjourned.

SECOND SITTING.

Held at the Albion Hotel, Elizabeth Street, Hobart, Friday, 28th February, 1908.

The Hon. Secretary called the roll, and there were present: Messrs. R. Coombes (N.S.W.), in the chair, E. S. Marks (N.S.W.), J. E. Green (N.Z.), R. H. Croll (Vic.), W. Ferguson (Vic.), G. Crawford (Q.), D. J. O'Connell (Q.), E. A. Brooke (Tas.), and A. B. Howell (Tas.).

An apology for the absence of Mr. H. Henderson (N.Z.), was received.

Olympian Games, London.

The Executive made a report re the Olympian Games, fixed to be held in London this year, in connection with Franco-British Exhibition, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr. E. S. Marks (N.S.W.), seconded by Mr. J. E. Green (N.Z.)—"That the Amateur Athletic Union of Australasia hereby pledges its heartiest support to the Olympian Games to be held in London, in 1908."

Mr. G. Crawford (Q.) moved and Mr. A. B. Howell (Tas.) seconded that—"That in the matter of representation at the Olympian Games to be held London this year, in connection with the Exhibition, the Union cannot see its way to finance a team to England, but is willing to accredit certain well-known amateurs suggested by the Affiliated Associations, who propose, at their own expense or at the expense of their Association, visiting London to take part in the Games." Carried unanimously.

Australasian Records.

440 Yards Flat Running—N. C. Barker (N. S. Wales), 48½ seconds, Sydney Cricket Ground, N.S.W., November 11th, 1905.

Unanimously adopted.

440 Yards Hurdles—10 flights 3 ft. 6 in. hurdles—J. L. Davis (Victoria), 58 1-5 seconds, Melbourne Cricket Ground, November 12th, 1906.

Unanimously adopted, subject to the Executive finding all Certificates as required by rules being in order.

One Mile Walking—H. Kerr (New Zealand), 6 min. 26 sec. Basin Reserve, Wellington, New Zealand, January 1st, 1907.

After a lengthy debate, further consideration of the records was held over until next sitting, Mr. Kerr being invited to be present.

Re a Visit of an Australasian Team to South Africa.

The Executive stated that correspondence had passed between the President and certain Members of a South African Association, suggesting a visit of an Australasian Team to South Africa.

It was decided to defer further consideration of the matter, until next meeting of the Full Board at Brisbane in 1909, the time now not being ripe for such a visit, as a team from South Africa was visiting London this year, to take part in the Olympian Games.

Re-instatement Rules.

The Executive stated that the Re-instatement Rules, especially such as bore on the re-instatement of individuals who were affiliated amateurs during a portion of their athletic careers, were not clear to them, and asked the Conference for an interpretation showing them clearly where they stood, and what their powers were.

Mr. Crawford (Q.) moved and Mr. D. J. O'Connell (Q.) seconded—"That the rules stand as now in force."

On this an amendment was moved by Mr. J. E. Green (N.Z.) and seconded by Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.)—"That Clause J be so altered, and amended to read:—

"No person, who has at any time been a member of any Athletic Club (school clubs not included) and has competed in any amateur event, and has knowingly and wilfully forfeited his amateur status after such event, shall be eligible for re-instatement for a period of three years from the date of his last professional performance, and no such re-instatement shall come into force until confirmed by the Union. All such cases, together with full particulars, must be referred to the Executive of the Union, who shall have power, to either confirm, postpone, or reject such applications on such terms (if any) as they shall think fit."

The amendment was carried by seven votes to two.

Re-instatements Referred to Full Board.

On the motion of Mr. G. Crawford (Q.), seconded by Mr. A. B. Howell (Tas.), it was decided:—"That all applications for re-instatement under Clause J, referred by the Executive to the Full Board, be dealt with by the new Executive."

Re-instatement Forms.

On the motion of Mr. J. E. Green (N.Z.), seconded by Mr. G. Crawford (Q.), it was decided—"That all papers in connection with applications for re-instatement received by the Executive shall be returned to the Association forwarding same when finally dealt with."

Mail Votes.

Messrs. J. E. Green (N.Z.), and G. Crawford (Q.), were appointed as a Committee, to consider and report on the advisability or otherwise of amending Rule 6, "Mail Votes."

Standard Certificates.

The Executive reported that in connection with the 1905 Australasian Championships Standard Certificates were ordered to be given, but the N.S.W. A.A.A., who had control of the meeting, report that they are unable to supply the necessary information.

The decision to give certificates for standards was decided upon at the conclusion of the meeting therefore no standard judges or timekeepers were appointed.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. E. S. Marks (N.S.W.), seconded by Mr. A. Ferguson (Vic)—"That the Union cannot see its way clear to grant Standard Certificates in connection with the Australasian Championship of 1905, owing to no standard officers having been appointed."

Walking Rules.

A Sub-Committee consisting of Messrs. J. E. Green (N.Z.), R. H. Croll (Vic.), and R. Coombes (N.S.W.), were appointed to report to the next meeting of the Conference, on the advisability or otherwise of so amending the Rules of Walking, so as to make same clearer.

The meeting then adjourned.

THIRD SITTING.

Held at the Albion Hall, Elizabeth Street, Hobart, on Saturday evening, 29th February, 1908.

The Hon. Secretary called the roll, and there were present: Messrs. R. Coombes (N.S.W.) in the chair, E. S. Marks (N.S.W.), J. E. Green (N.Z.), H. Henderson (N.Z.), R. H. Croll (Vic.), W. Ferguson (Vic.), A. B. Howell (Tas.), E. A. Brooke (Tas.)

On the motion of Mr. G. Crawford (Q.), seconded by Mr. A. B. Howell (Tas.), the Rules of Walking, as suggested by the Sub-Committee, were adopted.

The Rules as amended read :—

Walking.

DEFINITION.—Walking is a succession of steps, and in contradistinction to running (wherein both feet may be off the ground at the same time), in walking there must always be contact with the ground with some portion of one of the feet.

RULES.—In track races, the following code of rules governing walking must be adhered to, or else disqualification will ensue :—

(a) **Leg Action.**—As the foremost foot is taking a step

disqualify a competitor, and his decision shall be without appeal. He or they shall determine what caution, if any, shall be given the competitors, but shall immediately disqualify any competitor when walking unfairly during the last 440 yards of a race. He or they shall control his or their assistants, and assign to them such duties as may be deemed proper.

A disqualified competitor must at once leave the track.

Alterations to Racing Laws.

The following alterations were made to the Racing Laws of the Union :—

Rule 10, section (b) Broad or Long Jump—In clause *re* a foul jump, after the word "body" in the fifth line, add the following—"or takes off on either side of the joist."

Rule 12—Throwing the 56lbs. Weight.—Substitute "7 feet circle" for "9 feet circle."

Rule 13—Throwing the Discus.—Substitute "7 feet circle" for "9 feet circle."

Rule 13—Throwing the Discus.—*Re* fair throw, amend rule to read :—"A fair throw shall be where no part of the person of the competitor touches the guard board, the circle, or the ground outside the circle. A throw declared 'foul,' or letting go the discus in an attempt, shall be counted as a trial throw without result."

Throwing the Hammer—Rule 11, page 29—Delete words "Crossing the scratch line shall count as a try," and substitute "

Throwing the Discus.

The Executive were empowered to amend the rules governing Throwing the Discus, so as to provide for the adoption of the "Greek" as well as the present "Free" style, and submit the amendment to the different affiliated Associations for their consideration.

Australasian Records.

Further consideration was given to the application of the New Zealand A.A.A., for the performance of

H. E. Kerr, of 6min. 26secs. for One Mile Walking, to stand as an Australasian Record, and after Mr. Kerr had been questioned by the Chairman, it was finally decided on the motion of Mr. A. B. Howell (Tas.), seconded by Mr. E. A. Brooke (Tas.)—"That after full and careful consideration of all the facts in the case of the application for a Record Mile Walk by Mr. H. E. Kerr, submitted by the N.Z.A.A.A., this Board is of opinion that they cannot accept the same as an Australasian Best on Record."—*For*: Messrs. R. Coombes (N.S.W.), E. S. Marks (N.S.W.), R. H. Croll (Vic.), W. Ferguson (Vic.), G. Crawford (Q.), D. J. O'Connell (Q.), E. A. Brooke (Tas.), A. B. Howell (Tas.) *Against*: None. The New Zealand delegates, Messrs. J. E. Green and H. Henderson did not vote.

Position of Western Australian A.A.A.

The Executive advised the Board that to the best of their knowledge the Western Australian A.A.A. had ceased to exist.

It was decided on the motion of M. J. E. Green (N.Z.), seconded by Mr. G. Crawford (Q.)—"That the Western Australian A.A.A. be declared defunct."

Alteration of Rule 5.

Mr. G. Crawford (Q.) acting on behalf of his Association, moved, and Mr. D. J. O'Connell (Q.), seconded—(a) "That Rule 5 of the Constitution of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australasia be amended so as to provide for the election of President and Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer; (b) That the President and Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer (or such other officer or officers as the Council of the State Association shall nominate) of the State Association under whose control the next Australasian Championships are to be held, be President and Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer of the A.A.U. of A. respectively, for the two years prior to the holding of such Championships." *For*: Messrs. G. Crawford (Q.), D. J. O'Connell (Q.) *Against*: R. Coombes (N.S.W.), E. S. Marks (N.S.W.),

J. E. Green (N.Z.), H. Henderson (N.Z.), R. H. Croll (Vic.) W. Ferguson (Vic.), E. A. Brooke (Tas.), A. B. Howell (Tas.)—Lost by eight to two.

Election of President.

Moved by Mr. E. A. Brooke (Tas.), seconded by Mr. G. Crawford (Q.), "That Mr. R. Coombes (N.S.W.) be President for the ensuing two years." Carried unanimously.

Amendment of Constitution Rule re Officers.

Mr. J. E. Green (N.Z.) moved and Mr. E. A. Brooke (Tas.) seconded that Rule 5 be so altered and amended as to read—

OFFICERS.

5. The officers of the Union shall be a President, an Hon. Secretary and an Hon. Treasurer, each of whom shall hold office until the next biennial meeting, or until his successor is elected. The President need not be elected from among the delegates, but in such case he shall have a casting vote only. The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by the delegates, not necessarily from among their own number.

Neither the Hon. Secretary or the Hon. Treasurer shall have a vote at the Biennial Meeting of the Full Board unless he is a delegate.

Carried unanimously.

Election of Hon. Secretary.

Mr. G. Crawford (Q.) moved, and Mr. J. E. Green (N.Z.) seconded, "That Mr. E. S. Marks be Hon. Secretary for the ensuing two years." Carried unanimously.

Election of Hon. Treasurer.

Mr. W. Ferguson (Vic.) moved, and Mr. G. Crawford (Q.) seconded, "That Mr. Stanley Rowley be Hon. Treasurer for the ensuing two years."

Carried unanimously.

Headquarters.

Moved by Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.), seconded by Mr. D. J. O'Connell (Q.), "That the Headquarters of the Union be Sydney." Carried unanimously.

New Walking Records.

Moved by Mr. J. E. Green (N.Z.), seconded by Mr. H. Henderson (N.Z.), "That a new set of walking records be established under the designation 'new style,' the existing records being retained as 'old style.' Carried.

It was also decided that all records made up to December 17th, 1900, should be known as "old style," and all granted by the Union after that date be known as "new style."

FOURTH SITTING.

Held on the S.S. "Mongana."

Mr. R. Coombes (N.S.W.), in the chair, there being also present Messrs. E. S. Marks (N.S.W.), J. E. Green (N.Z.), R. H. Croll (Vic.), W. Ferguson (Vic.), G. Crawford (Q.), D. J. O'Connell (Q.), E. A. Brooke (Tas.), A. B. Howell (Tas.), The Hon. Sir Elliot Lewis, K.C.M.G., President of the Tasmanian A.A.A. and Mr. W. Gibson, Vice-President, were also present.

A Uniform Amateur Definition.

Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.) moved, and Mr. W. Ferguson (Vic.) seconded,—“That it is desirable that the Union shall endeavour to secure the adoption throughout Australasia of the amateur definition of the A.A.U. of Australasia by Lacrosse, Hockey, Tennis, Rowing, and all similar bodies.” The motion was carried.

Secretary of a Professional Body's Position.

Mr. J. E. Green (N.Z.) asked for an expression of opinion as to whether a Secretary of a professional body should act as Secretary to an amateur Centre. If so, whether he should have a voice in the administration of Amateur Athletics. It was decided on the motion of Mr. Crawford (Q.), seconded by Mr. Ferguson (Vic.),—“That, whilst upholding the principle embodied in the New Zealand A.A.A. rules, we do not think it advisable to have a hard and fast rule on

the matter submitted, and would suggest the alteration of clause S, rule 2 (centres), of the New Zealand code, so as to meet the case."

Alteration of Words "Colony" and "Member."

Moved by Mr. J. E. Green (N.Z.), seconded by Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.),—"That the word "Colony" in Rule Book, read "Dominion," and the word "Member" read "Affiliated Association." Carried unanimously.

Records.

M. J. E. Green (N.Z.) moved, and Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.) seconded, "That no claims for Australasian or world's records (as per Rule 1 Australasian Records) shall be recognised by any individual association unless passed by the Amateur Athletic Union of Australasia." Carried unanimously.

Mr. J. E. Green (N.Z.) moved, and Mr. G. Crawford (Q.) seconded, "That a new rule be added to 'walking and weight-putting record conditions,' as follows:

Certificate from the judge or judges that the style of walking or putting the weight was strictly in conformity with the definition and rules governing these events." And that Clause (b)—Application—be so amended as to read:

(b) The Association shall, if satisfied that all the laws and conditions governing records have been complied with, and the officials were competent, recognise the performance as a record for its State or the Dominion of New Zealand, and shall record same in its books. If, in addition, the performance has eclipsed the previous Australasian record the provincial Association shall report same to the A.A.U. of A. as hereunder provided for.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. J. E. Green (N.Z.) moved and Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.) seconded, "That Rule 10, *re* jumping, be amended as follows:—

—Pôle Vault—Climbing the pole shall be considered as a foul jump.

Broad Jump—In Section (b) the rule *re* a foul jump shall read: A foul jump shall be one where the competitor in jumping off the scratch line makes a mark on the ground immediately in front of it, or if after jumping he fall back,

or step back, or make any mark behind the first break in the ground with any portion of the body, or take off on either side of the joist, and shall be counted as a trial jump without result.

Add a new Clause—

Competitors shall jump in order as placed in the programme."

Carried unanimously.

New Standards.

The standards for future Australasian championships were altered in two events, viz., half-mile flat from 2min 2sec. to 2min. 1sec., and throwing the 16lb. hammer from 110 feet to 120 feet.

All-round Championships.

On the motion of Mr. J. E. Green (N.Z.), seconded by Mr. Howell (Tas.), it was decided, "That, in the opinion of this conference, it is desirable that an all-round championship of Australasia be instituted."

It was further decided, on the motion of Mr. Crawford (Q.), seconded by Mr. Brooke (Tas.), "That the New Zealand A.A.A. be asked to draft a scheme, for submission to the executive, for the carrying out of the above resolution, and that a mail vote be taken on the question."

Qualifications for Championship.

A long discussion took place on the residential qualification for Australasian championships, and it was decided, on the motion of Mr. Croll (Vic.), seconded by Mr. O'Donnell (Q.), "That the executive draft an amendment to the clause dealing with residential qualification, and submit same to the different associations for their consideration and report."

Mail Votes.

On the motion of Mr. J. E. Green (N.Z.), seconded by Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.), it was decided "That in all future mail votes the date of closing of the same should be given in each case"

Amateur Boxing.

A case submitted by the N. S. Wales Amateur Athletic Association in reference to amateur boxing in the State of N. S. Wales was considered, and after discussion, it was decided that the letter be referred back, the Union deciding that the matter was one entirely to be decided by the local Association.

New Handbook.

The Executive were instructed to bring the Handbook up to date, and have 1500 copies printed, and forward 200 to each Affiliated Association.

Medal.

The N.Z.A.A.A. forwarded a letter received by them from Mr. W. A. Low, asking if the Union could replace a medal won by him in the 440yards Australasian Championship in 1896, and since lost. He offered to defray the cost.

Decided that the Executive have a medal struck and issue same to Mr. Low at his expense.

Votes of Thanks.

A special vote of thanks was accorded to the Executive Officers, on the motion of Mr. Howell, for their work since the period of the previous meeting of the Board. Messrs. R. Coombes (President) and E. S. Marks (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer) suitably responded.

On the motion of Mr. Geo. Crawford, a hearty vote of thanks to the Press of Hobart was accorded.

The Chairman proposed a special vote of thanks to the Tasmanian A.A.A. for the courtesy and lavish hospitality bestowed upon both the Board Delegates and the athletic visitors. Particular mention was made of Sir Elliott Lewis (President), Mr. Gibson (Vice-President), Mr. Howell (Chairman of Council), and Mr. Brooke (Hon. Secretary). The vote was passed by acclamation.

After replies had been made by the gentlemen named, the Chairman thanked the delegates for their attendance and earnest attention to the business on the agenda paper.

FIFTH SITTING.

Held at Hadley's Hotel, Hobart, Monday Evening, 2nd March, 1908.

Mr. R. Coombes (N.S.W.) in the chair; also present Messrs. E. S. Marks (N.S.W.), J. E. Green (N.Z.), R. H. Croll (Vic.), W. Ferguson (Vic.), G. Crawford (Q.), D. J. O'Connell (Q.), E. A. Brooke (Tas.), A. B. Howell (Tas.)

Australasian Records.

The Tasmanian Amateur Athletic Association applied for the performance of L. M. McKay, of 11ft. 1½ inches for the pole vault, made at the Hobart Upper Cricket Ground, on March 2nd, to be passed as best on record.

On the motion of Mr. J. E. Green (N.Z.), seconded by Mr. R. H. Croll (Q.), it was decided to pass the performance, provided that the Executive of the Union found all certificates in order

The Conference then closed.

