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**MEETING OF FULL BOARD OF
CONTROL.**

(Held at Rooms of New South Wales Sports
Club, Sydney, 2nd February, 1920, at 3 p.m.)

First Sitting.

There were present:—

Messrs. R. Coombes and E. S. Marks (New
South Wales).

Mr. A. T. Davies and Capt. Sievwright (New
Zealand).

Messrs. B. J. Parkinson and G. E. Langford
(Victoria).

Messrs. J. I. Brown and H. W. Powell
(Queensland).

Messrs. J. M. Taylor and W. B. Alexander
(Tasmania).

Messrs. A. J. Rumsby and P. J. McNamara
(South Australia).

Mr. R. Coombes (President) took the chair
at 3 p.m., and cordially welcomed the Dele-
gates from the different States and the
Dominion of New Zealand.

Messrs. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.) and A. T. Davies (N.Z.) returned thanks on behalf of the Delegates.

The Hon. Secretary of the Union (Mr. E. S. Marks) read letters from the Amateur Athletic Associations of New South Wales, New Zealand, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania and West Australia, announcing the appointment of the above gentlemen as Delegates to the Conference from their respective Associations. The West Australian A.A.A. wrote stating that it would be impossible for that State to be represented at the Sports, but hoped to have a strong team in Adelaide in 1922. Over 95 per cent. of the members of the Association enlisted in the Great War, and nearly all of them (the Championship holders especially) were either killed or wounded. Clubs are now reforming with junior members, and everything points to a flourishing condition in the near future.

Mr. Langford (Vic.) moved, and Mr. W. B. Alexander (Tas.) seconded, that under the circumstances, as stated in the letter, no fine be inflicted on West Australia for not being represented—carried.

The Chairman also stated that the position in Tasmania was on all fours with that of West Australia, in fact, the Association had hardly yet been reformed, and had ceased operations since 1914. It was decided, on the motion of Mr. A. Davies (N.Z.), seconded by Mr. J. I. Brown (Queensland), that no fine be imposed, and that fees due by Tasmania for 1914 and 1919 be remitted.

Minutes of Last Board Meeting.

The minutes of last Full Board Meeting, held in Melbourne, 1914, were unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr. P. J. McNamara (S.A.), seconded by Mr. W. B. Alexander (Tas.).

Minutes of Executive.

The minutes of the Executive were confirmed on the motion of Mr. A. J. Rumsby (S.A.), seconded by Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.).

Election of President, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer

Messrs. R. Coombes, E. S. Marks and Stanley Rowley were re-elected to the positions of President, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer respectively.

Mr. Coombes returned thanks.

Headquarters.

Moved by Mr. A. Davies (N.Z.), seconded by Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.), "That the headquarters of the Union for the years 1920-22 be Sydney, New South Wales.—Carried unanimously.

Records.

The following records were unanimously adopted:—

Throwing 16lb. Hammer, 7ft. Circle.—J. W. McHolm, 147ft. 5½in., Auckland, N.Z.

Pole Vault.—R. R. Templeton (U.S.A.), 11ft. 2½in., Masterton, N.Z., January 1st, 1914.

Putting 16lb. Shot, 7ft. Circle.—E. R. Caughey (U.S.A.), 44ft. 3in., Wellington, N.Z., December 6th, 1913.

Pole Vault.—R. R. Templeton (U.S.A.), 11ft. 6½in., Sydney, N.S.W., February 21st, 1914.

1 Mile Running.—J. A. Power (U.S.A.), 4min. 18 2-5sec., Masterton, N.Z., March 5th, 1914.

Putting 16lb. Shot, 7ft Circle.—E. R. Caughey, 44ft. 9½in., Masterton, N.Z., March 5th, 1914.

The application of the Q.A.A.A. for 120yds. hurdles, 10 flights 3ft. 6in., R. A. Gray, Brisbane, July 24th, 1915, 15.3-10sec. (a tie with existing figures) was granted, subject to a certificate being received that the watches had been tested and found correct in accordance with clause (a) record rules, page 42, handbook.

Olympic Games, 1920.

The Chairman gave a lengthy address on the progress made, and the suggested programme for the Games at Antwerp this year, and asked that the Conference should make some move in the direction of seeing that Australia was represented. After a long discussion the following motion, moved by Mr. J. M. Taylor (Tas.), seconded by Mr. P. J. McNamara (S.A.) was carried, viz., "That this Board of Control, representing the various States, re-

commends to the Australian Olympic Council the advisability of Australia being represented at the Seventh Olympic Games, to be held at Antwerp during 1920."

Suggested Manager for Team.

Mr. J. M. Taylor (Tas.) moved, and Mr. J. I. Brown (Qld.) seconded, "That it is the opinion of this Board of Control that the name of Mr. R. Coombes should be submitted to the Australian Olympic Council in connection with the management of the suggested Australian team."—Carried unanimously.

Adjournment.

On the motion of Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.), seconded by Captain Sievwright (N.Z.), the meeting adjourned at 5 p.m. until 8 o'clock.

Second Sitting.

(Held at New South Wales Sports Club, on February 2nd, 1920, at 8 p.m.)

The Hon. Secretary called the roll, there being present: Messrs. R. Coombes, in the chair, E. S. Marks (N.S.W.), A. T. Davies (N.Z.), Capt. Sievwright (N.Z.), B. J. Parkinson (Vic.), G. E. Langford (Vic.), J. I. Brown (Q.), H. W. Powell (Q.), J. M. Taylor (Tas.), W. B. Alexander (Tas.), A. J. Rumsby (S.A.), F. J. McNamara (S.A.), and Stanley Rowley (W.A.).

Hon. Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure.

The Hon. Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the six years, ending December, 1919, duly audited, showing a credit balance of £29 os. 6d., and outstanding subscription of £21, was read.

Moved by Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.), seconded by Mr. W. B. Alexander (Tas.), "That the statement of receipts and expenditure, as read, be adopted."—Carried unanimously.

In connection with the item, outstanding subscriptions, it was decided to forego the £8 8s. od. owing by the Tasmanian A.A.A., in accordance with resolution carried at the first sitting.

Revision of Rules to Conform With International Athletic Federation Code.

On the motion of Mr. S. Rowley (W.A.), seconded by Mr. P. J. McNamara (S.A.), it was decided to appoint a sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. R. Coombes (N.S.W.), A. T. Davies (N.Z.), J. I. Brown (Q.), and B. J. Parkinson (Vic.), to consider and report to the next meeting of the Board on the suggested competition rules of the International Athletic Federation.

Australasian Championship Programme.

On the motion of Mr. W. B. Alexander (Tas.), seconded by Mr. H. W. Powell (Qld.), a sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. B. J.

Parkinson (Vic.), J. I. Brown (Qld.), and A. Davies (N.Z.), were appointed to report to the next meeting of the Board on the advisability or otherwise of altering or adding to the present Australasian track programme with the object of bringing it more into line with the Olympic programme.

Appeal of East Brisbane Harriers Against Decision of Queensland Amateur Athletic Association in the Case of W. Hamilton.

The appeal of the East Brisbane Harriers against the decision of the Queensland Amateur Athletic Association re amateur status of W. Hamilton, was upheld, on the motion of Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.), seconded by Mr. A. T. Davies (N.Z.),—carried unanimously—the Queensland Delegates not voting. The Board decided that on the evidence submitted, W. Hamilton has forfeited his status as an amateur.

Dates for Championship Meetings.

The following dates were fixed for future Australasian track and field championships:—

1922—South Australia.

1924—Tasmania.

1926—Queensland.

1928—New Zealand.

1930—Victoria

1932—New South Wales.

but that this decision is without prejudice to a claim by West Australia for a meeting in that State to be interpolated.

The dates of the Australasian Cross Country Championships, as fixed prior to the war, were adhered to, viz., 1921 Victoria, 1923 New South Wales, 1925 New Zealand, 1927 South Australia.

The New Zealand Delegates stated that their Association would most likely forego their claim for 1925, and same would be allotted to West Australia in such case.

The meeting then adjourned till 8 p.m., Wednesday, February 4th.

Third Sitting.

(Held at the New South Wales Sports Club on Wednesday Evening, February 4th, at 8 p.m.)

The Hon. Secretary called the roll, there being present: Mr. R. Coombes (N.S.W.), in the chair, and Messrs. S. Rowley (W.A.), J. I. Brown, H. W. Powell (Q.), P. J. McNamara, A. J. Rumsby (S.A.), J. M. Taylor, W. B. Alexander (Tas.), E. S. Marks (N.S.W.), B. J. Parkinson, G. E. Langford (Vic.), A. T. Davies (N.Z.).

Australasian Track and Field Championship Programme.

The sub-committee recommended the following programme, viz., 100yds flat, 220 yds flat, 440 yds flat, 880yds flat, 1 mile flat, 3 miles flat, 120yds hurdles, 10 flights 3ft. 6in., 440yds hurdles (3ft.), 2 miles walk, pole vault, running high jump, running broad jump, putting 16lb shot, throwing the javelin, throwing the discus, and suggested that a mail vote

be taken on the adoption or otherwise of the programme as submitted.

It was decided to take a vote on each event submitted, with the following result: 100yds, 220yds, 440yds, 880yds, 1 mile, 3 miles, 120yds hurdles, 440yds hurdles (3 feet), pole vault, running high jump, running broad jump, putting 16lb shot, throwing javelin, throwing discus.—Carried unanimously.

2 Miles Walk—carried by 9 votes to 2.

For—Messrs. J. I. Brown, S. Rowley, P. J. McNamara, A. J. Rumsby, W. B. Alexander, B. J. Parkinson, E. S. Marks, G. E. Langford, A. T. Davies.

Against—R. Coombes, H. W. Powell.

The question of the inclusion of Throwing the 16lb. Hammer, was debated at length, and on the motion of Mr. J. I. Brown (Q.), seconded by Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.), it was decided not to include same.

Voting—For motion: Messrs. Parkinson, Langford, Brown, Marks, Davies, Alexander, Rumsby. Against: Messrs. Rowley, Powell, McNamara.—Carried 7 to 3.

The following resolution was moved by Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.), seconded by Mr. J. I. Brown (Q.): "That the Board of Control recommends to the affiliated Associations the adoption of the Australasian Field and Track Championships Programme as submitted."—Carried unanimously.

The sub-committee recommended that the present system of scoring of points in connection with the Championship Shield should be adhered to.—Recommendation unanimously adopted.

The Handbook.

Mr. A. T. Davies (N.Z.) moved and Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.) seconded that the Executive be instructed to issue a new Handbook.—Carried unanimously.

New Rules.

The sub-committee reported that the following additions should be made to the Racing Rules of the Union, so as to conform with the new code of the International Athletic Federation:—

Tug-of-War.—No adhesive substance whatever or gloves shall be used on the hands or rope.

Hurdles.—In making a record it shall be necessary for the competitor to jump over every hurdle in its proper position, and no record shall be allowed unless all the hurdles remain standing after the competitor clears them. A competitor knocking down three or more hurdles, or any portion of three or more hurdles, in a race shall be disqualified. A competitor who trails his leg or foot alongside any hurdle shall be disqualified. The hurdles in the 440 yards shall be 3 feet in height.

Relay Races.—The competitors shall pass the baton within the distance of 20 metres within either side of the starting line marked out for each team. The baton must be passed—not thrown. The composition of the team may not be changed after a trial heat has been run.

Records.—No records claimed for the hammer, discus, shot, javelin or heavy-weight shall be allowed unless it has been made with an implement officially approved of by the International Amateur Athletic Federation. In all record attempts the official implements adopted by the International Amateur Athletic Federation must be used. Records claimed for events made with implements other than the official implements will not be allowed. Each Association must stamp the implements approved of with an agreed stamp, which shall be registered.

The Finish.—No competitor shall be considered to have finished unless his entire body shall have crossed the finish line.

Field Events.—The officials shall have the power to change the place of the competition in any field event, if in their opinion the conditions warrant the same.

Running High Jump.—A competitor may commence at any height above the minimum height. He must, however, jump at every following height until he has forfeited his right to compete further. Neither diving or somersaulting over the bar shall be permitted.

Throwing the Hammer.—All throws to be valid throws must fall within a 90deg. sector marked on the ground.

Throwing the Discus.—The discus shall be thrown from a circle 7 feet in diameter. All throws, to be valid, must fall within a 90deg. sector marked on the ground. It shall be a

foul throw if the competitor, after he has stepped into the circle and started to make his throw, touches with any part of his body or clothing, the ground outside the circle before the discus strikes the ground. It shall also be a foul if the competitor steps on the circle. The measurements of each throw shall be made from the nearest mark made by the fall of the discus to the inside circumference of the circle, on a line from such mark made by the discus to the centre of the circle. Each competitor shall have three trial throws, and the best four shall have three more. Each competitor shall be credited with the best of all his throws.

Hon. Secretary.

Mr. P. J. Parkinson (Vic.) moved, and Mr. A. T. Davies (N.Z.) seconded, that the Executive be instructed to present to the Hon. Secretary on behalf of the Union a gift to be approved by the recipient—either an address or other token—in recognition of his work for the past twenty-one years as Hon. Secretary to the Union.—Carried unanimously.

Reinstatement of U. A. Paten.

Mr. J. I. Brown (Q.) asked the Board to deal with the case of W. A. Paten, which he submitted on behalf of the Q.A.A.A.

It was decided to requalify the applicant as from February 4, 1920.

Olympic Sports Meetings.

A letter was read from the South Australian Amateur Athletic Association, suggesting that at the biennial Union Championship meetings a wider range of athletic contests should be adopted on the lines of the Olympic programme.

Mr. McNamara (S.A.) moved, and Mr. Rumsby (S.A.) seconded, that each affiliated Association hold a championship meeting annually on the lines of that held in Adelaide on Saturday, September 27, 1919.

The Chairman ruled the motion out of order, but suggested that South Australia should approach each Association individually, giving them full particulars of what was suggested or desired.

Mr. G. Langford (Vic.) moved, and Mr. P. J. McNamara (S.A.) seconded, that kindred Associations be approached to see if arrangements can be made to hold all Amateur Championships in different branches of sports at the same time, on a pan-Australasian scheme. The events to be held over a fixed period.—Carried unanimously.

The meeting then adjourned till Friday, 6th February.

Fourth Sitting.

(Held at New South Wales Sports Club on
6th February, at 12.30 p.m.)

The Hon. Secretary called the roll, there being present: Mr. R. Coombes (N.S.W.), in the chair; and Messrs. S. Rowley (W.A.), J. I. Brown, H. W. Powell (Q.), P. J. McNamara,

A. J. Rumsby (S.A.), J. M. Taylor, W. B. Alexander (Tas.), E. S. Marks (N.S.W.), B. J. Parkinson, G. E. Langford (Vic.), A. Davies (N.Z.), and Capt. Sievwright (N.Z.).

Reinstatement Rules.

Mr. J. I. Brown (Q.) moved, and Mr. P. J. McNamara (S.A.) seconded, that subsection b, page 17, Handbook, be altered by the words "two years" in seventh line reading "three years"

For—Messrs. R. Coombes, S. R. Rowley, A. Davies, P. J. McNamara, J. I. Brown, A. J. Rumsby, W. B. Alexander, E. S. Marks.

Against—Messrs. B. J. Parkinson, H. W. Powell, and Capt. Sievwright.

Carried, 8 to 3.

Moved by Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.), seconded by Capt. Sievwright (N.Z.), that clauses J and K be amended as suggested by the Executive, viz.:

"No person who has at any time been a member of any amateur 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. Provided that any case of a youth under 18 years at the time of competing, or of an athlete residing over 50 miles from any affiliated amateur athletic club which has by a three-fourths vote, as prescribed in Clause A, been declared "Special" by any Association by reason of any unusual or exceptional circumstances affecting the same, may be referred by

such Association to the Executive of the Union, who shall have power to either reinstate the applicant, or postpone or reject his application on such terms (if any) as they shall think fit."—Carried unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Powell (Q.), seconded by Mr. A. Davies (N.Z.), "That every applicant for reinstatement shall attend personally the Council meeting at which his application is considered, or be personally examined by an authorised representative of the Association."—Carried unanimously.

Mr. Parkinson (Vic.) moved, and Mr. S. Rowley (W.A.) seconded, "The application of the above rules, A to J inclusive, shall be without prejudice to the consideration of any application for reinstatement made by any person who has been engaged in His Majesty's service, or has offered and been rejected for Active Service in the Great War, and who has not competed professionally since June 28, 1919, and whose case has been approved by any Association by a three-fourths vote as aforesaid and confirmed by the Union's Executive."—Carried unanimously.

Allowances to Football Players.

Mr. J. I. Brown (Q.) asked for advice in connection with the question of allowances and payments to members of the Rugby Football League who are affiliated to the Association, and asked if the Board of Control could make some regulations to govern same.

Mr. Parkinson (Vic.) expressed the opinion that the case was covered by the amateur defi-

nition. If the player obtained pecuniary gain from football, which is defined as an "Athletic Exercise," as well as a "Game," he forfeited his status. If he received a nominal allowance to cover incidental travelling or hotel expenses this might be allowed under Section 1, Clause F. Victoria adopted this practice in regard to League football, and has had no difficulty. In one case a fee of 5/- paid for umpiring was held to disqualify.

Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.) added that in another case, where a player resided in Geelong and frequently had to visit Melbourne, the V.A.A.A. authorised him to receive not more than 10/- per visit when playing with his team.

Mr. W. B. Alexander (N.S.W.) said that members of the New South Wales Rugby Football League who desired to join the Association must sign a declaration that they are amateurs according to the Union's definition. They found no difficulty in respect to footballers. In one case a first-grade footballer who admitted taking allowances for playing had been prevented from taking part in a footrace for which he had entered.

No motion was moved in reference to the matter, and the discussion closed.

Votes of Thanks.

On the motion of Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.), seconded by Mr. A. Davies (N.Z.), a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. R. Coombes, the Chairman of the meeting, for his conduct of the business, and also to the

President (Mr. R. Coombes), the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. S. Rowley), and the Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. S. Marks), for their conduct of the Executive work of the Union.

The Chairman proposed, and it was unanimously carried, that a vote of thanks be accorded the New South Wales Sports Club for the use of the Board Room for the purpose of holding the meetings, and other acts of courtesy.

After Messrs. Coombes, Rowley and Marks had responded, the Chairman declared the Conference closed.