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**MEETING OF FULL BOARD OF
CONTROL**

Held at Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Hobart, 4th February, 1924,
at 2.30 p.m.

FIRST SITTING.

There were present:—

Messrs. R. Coombes and E. S. Marks, New South
Wales.

Messrs. H. E. Wilson and J. W. McHolm, New Zealand.

Messrs. G. E. Langford and H. A. Abbott, Victoria.

Messrs. W. Kuder and J. Durston, Queensland.

Messrs. E. N. Howard and D. H. Hardy, South Aus-
tralia.

Messrs. C. J. Eady, J. J. Breen and J. Edwards, Tas-
mania.

Mr. R. Coombes (President) took the chair at 2.30 p.m., and cordially welcomed the delegates from the different States and the Dominion of New Zealand.

Mr. C. J. Eady, on behalf of Tasmania, also welcomed the delegates, and hoped that they would all enjoy the visit, and was certain that if there was anything the Association could do to further their happiness it would be done.

Minutes of Last Board Meeting.

The minutes of the last full Board meeting held in Adelaide in 1921 were adopted, on the motion of Mr. J. W. McHolm (N.Z.), seconded by Mr. D. H. Hardy (S.A.).

The Decathlon.

On the motion of Mr. H. A. Abbott (Vic.), seconded by Mr. H. E. Wilson (N.Z.), it was decided that the Decathlon be scored on the basis as laid down in the International Athletic Federation's handbook, and should count one point for the Australasian Championship Shield.

Election of President.

Mr. W. Kuder (Q.) proposed and Mr. C. J. Eady (Tas.) seconded that Mr. R. Coombes be re-elected President.

Mr. H. A. Abbott (Vic.) said he was opposed to the motion, but not on personal grounds. He thought it a mistake for one individual to hold office for a number of years. The position should go round from State to State. Queensland, for instance, where the next championships were to be held, should have the right of nominating the President for the next term.

Motion carried.

Election of Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.

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

Headquarters.

Moved by Mr. W. Kuder (Q.), seconded by Mr. J. W. McHolm (N.Z.), that the headquarters of the Union for the year 1924-1925 be Sydney (N.S.W.).

Carried.

Records.

The following records as considered and recommended by the Executive were adopted:—

Putting 16lb. Shot.—P. Munro, 46ft. $\frac{3}{4}$ in., at Christchurch, 10th December, 1921.

120 yds. Hurdles (10 flights 3ft. 6in.).—H. E. Wilson, 15 1-5 secs., at Wanganui, 11th February, 1922.

220 yds. Flat.—J. K. Ayres-Oosterlaak (South Africa), 21 4-5 secs., at Wellington, 25th February, 1922.

220 yds. Flat.—E. W. Carr, 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs. (straight course) at Adelaide, 2nd January, 1922.

Running Broad Jump.—R. J. Honner, 23ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., at Adelaide, 31st December, 1921.

Throwing the Javelin.—A. W. G. Reid, 173ft. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., at Adelaide, 31st December, 1921.

220 yds. Flat.—Morris M. Kirksey (U.S.A.), 21 4-5 secs., at Wellington, 24th February, 1923.

220 yds. Flat.—N. J. Grehan, 21 3-5 secs., at Brisbane, 18th August, 1923.

100 yds. Flat.—E. W. Carr, 9 4-5 secs., at Sydney Cricket Ground, 27th January, 1923.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. H. A. Abbott (Vic.), seconded by Mr. C. J. Eady (Tas.), that the record of Mr. J. W. Merchant (U.S.A.) for throwing the 16lb. hammer 169ft. 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ in., made at Wellington (N.Z.), on February 24th, 1923, be not granted, as the prescribed conditions as laid down in the Union's Handbook had not been complied with.

W. Murray's Walking Record.

Correspondence was received from the International Amateur Athletic Federation stating that the Record Committee were considering the application of the Union for the recognition of the performance of W. Murray as the world's record for one mile walk. It was not advisable for the Federation to consider

same by mail vote, but the matter would be thoroughly discussed at the next full meeting of the Records Committee.

On the motion of Mr. H. A. Abbott (Vic.), seconded by Mr. G. Langford (Vic.), it was decided to protest against the delay of the Federation in granting the record, and asking that body to deal with the matter at once.

Reinstatements.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation at their last Conference decided "that a professional cannot be re-qualified as an amateur." In connection with this matter, the Hon. Secretary of the Union wrote to Mr. J. S. Edstrom, President of the Federation, asking if this ruling applied in all cases, and would no exceptions be made in case of nominal infringements.

On November 22nd, 1923, he received the following reply:—

"A person who is a recognised professional cannot be re-qualified as an amateur, but an athlete who has trespassed against the Amateur Status out of mistake may if the Federation so finds it suitable remain an amateur. I consequently rule that an athlete who has out of mistake done any small offence against the Amateur Status may be reinstated as an amateur, but a person who has competed as a recognised professional athlete may not be reinstated."

The reinstatements rules were amended as follows:—Clause B, page 18, struck out; Clause C, page 19, amended to read as follows:—

(c) The Council shall have power to reinstate any person who has nominally (i.e., "not knowingly, wilfully, or negligently") infringed his amateur status, provided, however, that no applicant shall be reinstated under this sub-clause, except by a unanimous

vote of the Council at the meeting following the one at which the application is dealt with, and that it be proved to the Council's satisfaction that the applicant has never competed at or in a recognised professional competition, nor infringed his amateur status on more than one occasion.

Clause J, page 20, amended to read as follows:—

No person who has knowingly and wilfully forfeited his amateur status shall be eligible for reinstatement except in the case of a youth under the age of 18 years at the time of competing, 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, postpone, or reject his application on such terms (if any) as they shall think fit.

Clause K, page 20, struck out.

Sub-clause L, page 20, struck out.

The new rules not to come into force till April 30th, 1924.

Olympic Councils.

Moved by Mr. E. S. Marks (N.S.W.), seconded by Mr. H. Abbott (Vic.):—

"That the representative of Australia on the International Olympic Committee (Mr. R. Coombes) be asked to take such steps as he considers advisable so that the constitution at present governing the Olympic Games in Australia be so altered and amended as—

(1) State Olympic Councils be separate bodies and consist only of representatives of those sports that form the syllabus of any Olympic programme.

(2) That the Australian Olympic Council shall be composed of two delegates from each of such Olympic State Associations and one representative from each body controlling an Australian branch of sport."

Carried.

British Empire and U.S.A.

The following letter was received from the English Amateur Athletic Association, under date December 19th, 1923:—

"It has been suggested that a relay meeting should be held in London on 19th July next, between the British Empire and the United States of America, and such meeting has been agreed to by the U.S.A. I shall be glad to hear whether any of your Olympic competitors, if selected to represent the British Empire, could be relied upon to give their assistance in the representation of our Empire."

Decided that permission be given to any member of the Union who may be included in the Australian and New Zealand Olympic teams to take part if selected.

Delegates to International Amateur Athletic Federation Conference, Paris, 1924.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. G. Langford (Vic.), seconded by Mr. J. Durston (Q.), that the appointment of delegates to represent Australia at the Conference be left in the hands of the Executive.

7 Miles Walking Championship.

Moved by Mr. H. Abbott (Vic.), seconded by Mr. J. Durston (Q.):—

That in the opinion of this Conference it is not desirable to continue the 7 miles walking championship of Australasia.

Carried, the Chairman dissenting.

Australasian Cross-Country Championship.

Moved by Mr. H. Abbott (Vic.), seconded by Mr. W. Kuder (Q.):—

That clause 1, page 23 handbook, be so altered and amended as to allow of the words "five miles or ten miles" being altered to 10,000 metres, and that clause 9 read: The course must be approved of

by a representative of each Association competing prior to the race, and, in the event of a difference of opinion, the majority shall decide. At least half of such race shall be over open country.

Carried.

Amusement Tax on Amateur Sport.

On the motion of Mr. J. A. Edwards (Tas.), seconded by Mr. J. Durston (Q.), the Executive were instructed to interview the Acting-Prime Minister to see if provision could be made to exempt from taxation amateur sporting gatherings.

Australasian Championship 1926.

Moved by Mr. W. Kuder (Q.), seconded by Mr. J. Durston (Q.):—

That notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the existing rules as to the months wherein the Australasian meeting shall be held, permission be given the Queensland Amateur Athletic Association to hold the 1926 Championships at Brisbane during the month of August.

Carried, 8 votes to 2.

Australia v. New Zealand Championships.

Mr. H. E. Wilson (N.Z.) moved and Mr. J. W. McHolm (N.Z.) seconded:—

That the time has now arrived when a change should be made in the conditions governing the Australasian Championships. It is proposed that instead of New Zealand competing against the various States of Australia as at present obtains, that it shall compete against combined Australia, and that such contests shall take place every second year alternately in Australia and New Zealand.

It is further suggested that the Championships be limited to, say, nine or ten events as may be mutually agreed upon, and that the cost of transport be borne by the visiting teams.

For.—H. E. Wilson (N.Z.), J. W. McHolm (N.Z.), J. J. Breen (Tas.), C. J. Eady (Tas.) and G. Langford (Vic.).

Against.—R. Coombes (N.S.W.), E. S. Marks (N.S.W.), W. Kuder (Q.), J. Durston (Q.) and H. A. Abbott (Vic.).

The Chairman would not give a casting vote, but declared the motion "not carried."

Running Hop, Step and Jump.

Mr. E. S. Marks (N.S.W.) moved and Mr. R. Coombes (N.S.W.) seconded:—

That the running hop, step and jump be added to the events to be contested at the Australasian Championships.

For.—E. S. Marks (N.S.W.), R. Coombes (N.S.W.), J. J. Breen (Tas.).

Against.—G. E. Langford (Vic.), H. A. Abbott (Vic.), H. E. Wilson (N.Z.), J. W. McHolm (N.Z.), W. Kuder (Q.), J. Durston (Q.), E. N. Howard (S.A.), D. H. Hardy (S.A.), C. J. Eady (Tas.).

Lost, 9 to 3.

Throwing the Discus.

Rule 14 (Racing Laws), page 39 handbook, was altered so as to bring it into conformity with the International Amateur Athletic Federation Rule.

Records.

Mr. E. S. Marks (N.S.W.) moved and Mr. C. J. Eady (Tas.) seconded:—

That records over all distances and events that appear in the Olympic Games programme be also recognised by the A.A.U. of Australia and New Zealand.

Carried.

Sleeveless Jerseys.

Mr. E. S. Marks (N.S.W.), on behalf of the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association, moved and Mr. H. A. Abbott (Vic.) seconded:—

That sleeveless jerseys be allowed in all contests under the rules of the Union.

Carried, 7 votes to 4.

For.—H. A. Abbott (Vic.), E. S. Marks (N.S.W.), G. Langford (Vic.), D. Hardy (S.A.), R. Howard (S.A.), J. W. McHolm (N.Z.), H. E. Wilson (N.Z.).
 Against.—C. J. Eady (Tas.), W. Kuder (Q.), J. J. Breen (Tas.), J. Durston (Q.), R. Coombes (N.S.W.).

Medley Relay Races.

On the motion of Mr. G. Langford (Vic.), seconded by Mr. J. Durston (Q.), the following order was decided upon in connection with the running of mile medley relay races:—880 yards, 440 yards, 220 yards, 220 yards.

Racing Laws of the Union.

On the motion of Mr. E. S. Marks (N.S.W.), seconded by Mr. J. W. McHolm (N.Z.), it was decided that the Racing Laws of the Union be brought into line as far as possible with the Racing Laws of the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

Carried.

Mail Votes.

Moved by Mr. G. Langford (Vic.), seconded by Mr. H. E. Wilson (N.Z.):—

That no mail vote be taken unless in the opinion of the Executive the matter is one of urgency and cannot be held over until next full meeting of the Board of Control.

Carried.

Championship Programme.

Mr. H. A. Abbott (Vic.) moved and Mr. G. Langford (Vic.) seconded:—

That in all future publications giving results of past Australasian Championships under the heading "One Mile Walk," 1922, the following should be inserted: T. Radick, finishing first, was disqualified. Parker, finishing third, was awarded the race. No time recorded.

Lost, 8 votes to 2.

Name of Union.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. J. W. McHolm (N.Z.), seconded by Mr. H. E. Wilson (N.Z.):—

That where practicable the use of the word "Australasia" be discontinued in favour of the words Australia and New Zealand.

Record Certificates.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. H. E. Wilson (N.Z.), seconded by Mr. J. W. McHolm (N.Z.):—

(1) That the words "and Secretary" be deleted from para. (4) page 49 of handbook of Union.

(2) That the following certificate be also required when claims for records are made:—

"Certificate from Secretary that the performance took place in competition at a properly constituted meeting, which had been duly advertised."

The meeting then adjourned till February 7th.

SECOND SITTING.

Held at 31 Murray Street, Hobart, on Thursday, February 7th, at 2.30 p.m.

The Hon. Secretary called the roll, there being present:—Messrs. R. Coombes, E. S. Marks, J. W. McHolm, H. A. Abbott, G. Langford, J. A. Edwards, C. J. Eady, W. Kuder and J. Durston.

Hon. Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure.

The Hon. Treasurer's statement of receipts and expenditure for the period 1922-1924, duly audited, showed a credit balance of £5/15/- and outstanding subscriptions of £12/12/-.—Read and adopted.

South African Tour to Australia and New Zealand.

The Hon. Treasurer also submitted a balance-sheet in connection with the visit of the South African athletes and cyclists to Australia and New Zealand, showing receipts for the tour of £667/8/7.

New Handbook.

On the motion of Mr. H. A. Abbott (Vic.), seconded by Mr. W. Kuder (Q.), the Executive were instructed to print a new handbook of the Union, the different affiliated associations to pay the cost of same by an equal levy.

Standard Certificates.

It was decided to issue a new Standard Certificate on the occasion of the 1926 Championships, all States and the Dominion of New Zealand to be asked to submit designs.

Reinstatements.

The following reinstatements were considered:—

Gerald Nolan (Queensland), living at Stanthorpe, 200 miles from Brisbane, competed three times when 18 years of age in local club sports for small money prizes, and won 10/- and 5/-.

—Granted from 7th February, 1924.

C. E. O'Brien (Victoria), competed once at Dandenong for money prize of 10/-. Age 19.

—Granted from 3rd November, 1924.

C. W. Portch (Victoria), age 18, competed twice at Chiltern.

—Granted from 10th October, 1924.

R. C. Morgan (New Zealand), living at Invercargill, 18 years of age and pupil of Southland High School, competed in numerous professional races and won a number of cash prizes.

—Application refused.

Ronald Lewis (Victoria), living at Footscray, competed in professional races at Kalgoorlie (Western Australia) and in Victoria.

—Application refused.

Championship Programme.

Mr. H. A. Abbott (Vic.) submitted a draft programme of the championships and moved that it be the order of all future meetings. This provided that on the first day the following events were to be held:—100 yards, 440 yards, 1 mile, 3 miles walk, 120 yards hurdles, hammer throw, pole vault, discus, javelin. Second day:—220 yards, 880 yards, 3 miles, 1 mile walk, running high jump, shot, running broad jump, 440 yards hurdles, relay. Decathlon:—First day—100 metres, broad jump, shot, high jump, 400 metres. Second day—Hurdles, discus, pole, javelin, 1500 metres. Mr. Abbott added that it would be provided that States holding the events should have the right to run heats.

Mr. Eady (Tas.) moved that before deciding upon it, the order of the events on the programme should be submitted for the consideration of the various associations throughout Australia and New Zealand. The motion was seconded by Mr. McHolm (N.Z.) and carried. It was decided that replies to the mail vote be returned within a month.

Appointment of Referee and Action of Victorian Association.

Mr. C. J. Eady (Tas.) referred to the recent action of the Victorian Association in refusing to allow any of its members to act as officials at the Australasian Championships at Hobart on account of Tasmania's appointment of

a certain referee. Tasmania, he said, had every right to appoint anyone they desired, provided they were satisfied of his honesty and capabilities, and in the present case there was no doubt about that. The attitude was a reflection upon Tasmania and did not do the Victorian Association any good, and he moved: "That this conference regrets the resolution by the Victorian Amateur Athletic Association in refusing to allow any of its members to act as officials at the Carnival in Hobart, owing to the appointment by Tasmania of Mr. Richard Coombes as referee, and considers that the action is derogatory and against the interests of amateur athletics." He added that Tasmania had been much hurt by the Victorian Association's action.

Mr. J. A. Edwards (Tas.), in seconding the motion, said that the relationship between Tasmania and Victoria had always been most friendly and Tasmania had been a little put out over the recent disagreement. The present championships were the first to be held in Tasmania for many years and they had looked forward to assistance and co-operation from every association in Australia and the Dominion, but they felt that Victoria had treated them very discourteously.

Mr. H. A. Abbott (Vic.) said he desired to impress upon the meeting the fact that the **action of his Association had not been taken to hurt Tasmania in any shape or form.** Victoria and Tasmania had always worked harmoniously together, but Victoria recently had had a lot to complain of and had not been getting a fair deal in many directions. In order to bring matters to a climax his Asso-

ciation had decided to take a stand and protest against the appointment by Tasmania of the referee. It was an objection they would have expressed just as strongly had the man been chosen by any other State. They objected to the referee, and would continue to do so. That was all he could say.

The motion was carried, the Victorian delegates not voting.

Mr. Eady further moved that the action of the Tasmanian Association in appointing the referee for the carnival be confirmed.

Mr. Kuder (Q.) seconded and the motion was carried.

Votes of Thanks.

On the motion of Mr. W. Kuder, seconded by Mr. J. W. McHolm (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 Y.M.C.A. for the use of the Board Room for the purpose of holding the meetings, and the Tasmanian A.A.A. for many acts of courtesy.

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