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MEETING OF THE FULL BOARD OF CONTROL,
Held at the Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Brisbane,
16th August, 1926, at 10 a.m.

There were present:—Messrs. R. Coombes and J. C. Allison, New South Wales; Messrs. E. Guy and J. W. Shirley, New Zealand; Messrs. H. A. Abbott and H. R. Weir, Victoria; Messrs. D. S. Carter and H. W. Massey, Queensland; Messrs. R. E. Graham and A. J. Rumsby, South Australia; Messrs. W. Barwick and W. Denholm, Tasmania; and Messrs. E. S. Marks, Hon. Secretary, and W. B. Alexander, Hon. Treasurer.

Mr. R. Coombes (President) took the chair at 10 a.m., and cordially welcomed the delegates from the different States and Dominion of New Zealand.

Mr. D. S. Carter, President of the Queensland Amateur Athletic Association, thanked the different States and the Dominion of New Zealand for the way they had assisted the meeting, and stated that anything the local Association could do to make the visit a pleasant one would be done.

The Minutes of last full Board meeting, held in Hobart, in 1924, were adopted on the motion of Mr. R. E. Graham (S.A.), seconded by Mr. J. C. Allison (N.S.W.).

**HON. TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS
AND EXPENDITURE.**

The Hon. Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the period, 1924-26, duly audited, showing a credit balance of £22/19/5, and outstanding subscriptions of £16/16/-, was read and adopted.

Mr. R. E. Graham (S.A.) moved, and Mr. D. S. Carter (Q.) seconded:—"That at all future meetings of the Full Board Control the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure should be issued to all Associations with the Agenda Paper."

Carried.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

Mr. E. Guy (N.Z.) proposed, and Mr. D. S. Carter (Q.) seconded, that Mr. R. Coombes be re-elected President.

Mr. R. E. Graham (S.A.) stated he was opposed to the election of the President from the same State each year, and after the next championship in New Zealand was of opinion that the office should go round to each of the affiliated bodies. The Association holding the championship should have the right to nominate the President for the next term. Mr. H. A. Abbott (Vic.) supported the remarks of Mr. Graham.

Motion carried.

ELECTION OF HON. SECRETARY AND HON. TREASURER.

Messrs. E. S. Marks and W. B. Alexander were re-elected to the positions of Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer respectively.

HEADQUARTERS.

Moved by Mr. D. Carter (Q.), seconded by Mr. E. Guy (N.Z.), "That the Headquarters of the Union be Sydney (N.S.W.)."

Carried.

AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC FEDERATION.

On the motion of Mr. H. A. Abbott (Vic.), seconded by Mr. J. C. Allison (N.S.W.), Messrs. E. S. Marks and W. B. Alexander were elected as delegates to the Australian Olympic Federation.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Sydney "Referee" offered to present to the winners of the Australasian Championships medals of handsome design and suitably inscribed.

On the motion of Mr. H. A. Abbott (Vic.), seconded by Mr. A. J. Rumsby (S.A.), it was decided not to accept the offer.

The President of the International Amateur Athletic Federation forwarded full particulars of the several Congresses held last year; also copy of latest code of rules and records, Agenda Paper for 1926 Congress, and the different ruling given by the Federation. The I.A.A.F. have decided to take under its jurisdiction Women's Athletic Sports, and will draw up a code of International Rules and Regulations for the management and control thereof. They asked that each member of the Federation, in its own country, should take charge of women's athletics. In connection with the Eighth Congress of the Federation to be held at Hague, Holland, August 5-8, 1926, the Executive reported that Alderman W. P. McElhone (N.S.W.) would represent the Union.

The English Amateur Athletic Association forwarded copy of Alliance with Union, duly signed and endorsed by the Association.

The New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association and the Victorian Amateur Athletic Association wrote, protesting against the playing of a football match during one of the days of the Australasian Championships.

Mr. D. S. Carter (Q.) explained that it was impossible to obtain a ground on the fourth day of the meeting, and the local Association was obliged to hold several of the events prior to the football match. This they regretted, but no other arrangement could be made.

On the motion of Mr. H. R. Weir (Vic.), seconded by Mr. J. C. Allison (N.S.W.), it was decided not to press the matter under the circumstances, as stated by the President of the Q.A.A.A.

RECORDS.

The following records, as considered and recommended by the Executive, were adopted, on the motion of Mr. D. S. Carter (Q.), seconded by Mr. J. C. Allison (N.S.W.).

10,000 Metres Walking.—George R. Parker, 47 minutes 0½ seconds; Sydney Cricket Ground, New South Wales, 8th November, 1924.

3 Miles Running (flat).—R. A. Rose, 14 minutes 45½ seconds; Wanganui, New Zealand, 28th February, 1925.

Throwing the Javelin.—S. A. Lay, 178 feet 11¼ inches; Hawera, New Zealand, 20th January, 1926.

Throwing the Javelin.—S. A. Lay, 187 feet 7½ inches; Cook's Gardens, Wanganui, N.Z., 6th March, 1926.

1 Mile Running (flat).—R. A. Rose, 4 minutes 13½ seconds; Masterton Park, Masterton, N.Z., 4th March, 1926.

220 Yards Running (straight course).—J. V. Scholz (U.S.A.), 21½ seconds; Domain, Auckland, New Zealand, 13th March, 1926.

100 Yards Running.—J. V. Scholz (U.S.A.), 9½ seconds (equals record); English Park, Christchurch, New Zealand, 1st March, 1926.

880 Yards Running (flat).—Lloyd Hahn (U.S.A.), 1 minute 56½ seconds; Hawera, New Zealand, 3rd February, 1926.

Mile Relay Medley Race—Victorian A.A.A.:—Messrs. W. Whyte, P. J. Carroll, B. J. Lineham, and A. E. Anderson—3 minutes 35½ seconds; at Hobart, Tasmania, 6th February, 1926.

COSTUME RULE.

The Costume Rule was so altered and amended as to read:—

Competitors in track and field events shall be required to wear loose trunks or breeches, reaching within four inches of the knee when the wearer is standing. Vents at the sides of the trunks or breeches are not permitted, and sleeveless jerseys (to be worn inside the trunks or breeches, not less than 2 inches across the shoulder, and not more than 4 inches below the armpit. The jersey shall not be cut more than four inches below the throat. It is compulsory for all competitors to wear screens or suspensory bands.

On the motion of Mr. H. A. Abbott (Vic.), seconded by Mr. J. W. Shirley (N.Z.), the Executive were instructed to have a drawing of the costume made and forwarded to all affiliated Clubs.

STANDARD CERTIFICATES.

On the motion of Mr. R. E. Graham (S.A.), seconded by Mr. H. R. Weir (Vic.), it was decided not to issue standards in connection with future Australasian Championships.

RECORD CERTIFICATES.

Mr. H. A. Abbott (Vic.) moved, and Mr. H. R. Weir (Vic.) seconded:—"That a new Record Certificate be ordered by the Executive, and issued to the several winners."

Carried.

REINSTATEMENT RULES.

Mr. E. Guy (N.Z.) brought up the question of so altering and amending the present code of Rules so as to permit of the Union dealing with special cases, more especially in connection with the formation of new clubs in districts where there are no amateur organisations in existence.

Correspondence on the question was read from the New Zealand A.A.A., Queensland A.A.A., and the International Amateur Athletic Federation. After a long debate, the following rule was adopted, on the motion of Mr. D. S. Carter (Q.), seconded by Mr. J. C. Allison (N.S.W.):—

"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 reinstatement. Any applicant, apart from the above, which has by a three-fourths' vote of the delegates present at a duly constituted meeting, been declared special by any unusual or exceptional circumstances affecting the same, may be referred 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."

Carried by 8 votes to 4.

For—Messrs. Guy (N.Z.), Shirley (N.Z.), Coombes (N.S.W.), Allison (N.S.W.), Barwick (Tas.), Denholm (Tas.), Carter (Q.), Massey (Q.).

Against—Messrs. Abbott (Vic.), Weir (Vic.), Graham (S.A.), Rumsby (S.A.).

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. H. A. Abbott (Vic.), seconded by Mr. R. E. Graham (S.A.):—"That a list of all applications for reinstatement, with full details, be laid on the table at all Conferences."

OLYMPIC GAMES, 1928.

In view of the Olympic Games taking place at Amsterdam, Holland, in 1928, it was decided,

on the motion of Mr. H. W. Massey (Q.), seconded by Mr. W. Barwick (Tas.), to ask the New Zealand A.A.A. to hold the next Australian and New Zealand track and field games' championship during December-January if possible, so as to assist in the selection of the team to represent Australia at the Games.

VISIT OF INTERNATIONAL ATHLETES.

Mr. H. R. Weir (Vic.) moved, and Mr. J. C. Allison (N.S.W.) seconded:—"That in order to develop amateur athletics the Union endeavour to secure a visit of International athletes during the forthcoming season. With a view of bringing same to a successful issue, they prepare a scheme to submit to the different affiliated Associations, showing the cost to each for a team of three men, for preference, sprinter, distance runner and field games, and giving full details of the tour. If the affiliated Associations are favourable to the visit, an invitation be issued by the Union."

Carried.

RUNNING HOP, STEP AND JUMP.

Mr. J. C. Allison (N.S.W.) moved, and Mr. A. J. Rumsby (S.A.) seconded:—"That the running hop, step, and jump be added to the events to be contested at the Australian and New Zealand track and field championships."

For—Messrs. R. Coombes (N.S.W.), J. C. Allison (N.S.W.), E. Guy (N.Z.), J. W. Shirley (N.Z.), H. W. Massey (Q.), R. E. Graham (S.A.), A. J. Rumsby (S.A.), W. Barwick (Tas.), W. Denholm (Tas.).

Against—H. R. Weir (Vic.), H. A. Abbott (Vic.).

Carried—9 to 2.

AUSTRALASIAN RECORDS.

Mr. J. C. Allison (N.S.W.) moved, and Mr. E. Guy (N.Z.) seconded:—"That the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia and New Zealand recognise, as records, all events for which world's records are allowed by the International Amateur Athletic Federation."

For—Messrs. J. C. Allison (N.S.W.), J. W. Shirley (N.Z.), E. Guy (N.Z.).

Against—Messrs. D. S. Carter (Q.), H. W. Massey (Q.), R. E. Graham (S.A.), W. Barwick (Tas.).

W. Denholm (Tas.), H. R. Weir (Vic.), H. A. Abbott (Vic.).

Lost—7 to 3.

Mr. E. Guy (N.Z.) moved, and Mr. J. W. Shirley (N.Z.) seconded:—"That this meeting, while recognising the sole right of the International Amateur Athletic Federation to legislate with respect to International Athletics, asserts the right of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia and New Zealand to legislate as it thinks fit on any matter affecting amateur athletics within its jurisdiction."

For—E. Guy (N.Z.), J. A. Shirley (N.Z.).

Against.—D. S. Carter (Q.), H. W. Massey (Q.), R. Coombes (N.S.W.), J. C. Allison (N.S.W.), H. A. Abbott (Vic.), H. R. Weir (Vic.), A. J. Rumsby (S.A.), R. E. Graham (S.A.).

Lost—8 to 2.

Mr. E. Guy (N.Z.) moved, and Mr. J. W. Shirley (N.Z.) seconded:—"That the I.A.A.F. be asked to place Mile Medley Relay Race (880 yds., 440 yds., and two 220 yds.) on list of events for which world's records will be recognised."

Carried.

BRITISH EMPIRE RECORDS.

Mr. E. Guy (N.Z.) moved, and Mr. H. A. Abbott (Vic.) seconded:—"That the Board of Control ask the English Amateur Athletic Association to consider the advisability of setting up British Empire Records."

Carried.

INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL.

Mr. E. Guy (N.Z.) moved, and Mr. J. W. Shirley (N.Z.) seconded:—"That the Board of Control ask the International Amateur Athletic Federation to consider the advisability of publishing an Annual containing its own report, result of championships, and other notable performances in all the affiliated countries, and publish in English, French, or any other language considered necessary, the cost of publication and translation into the various languages to be borne by such nations."

Carried.

THROWING 16lb. HAMMER, AUSTRALASIAN RECORD.

Mr. E. Guy (N.Z.) moved, and Mr. D. S. Carter (Q.) seconded:—"That the performance of Mr. J. W. Merchant (U.S.A.), throwing 16lb. hammer 169

feet 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches, at Wellington, New Zealand, February 24th, 1923, be passed as Australasian Best on Record."

For.—R. Coombes (N.S.W.), E. Guy (N.Z.), J. W. Shirley (N.Z.), H. W. Massey (Q.), D. S. Carter (Q.), W. Barwick (Tas.).

Against.—H. R. Weir (Vic.), H. A. Abbott (Vic.), A. J. Rumsby (S.A.), J. C. Allison (N.S.W.).

Carried—6 to 4.

7-MILES' WALKING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Mr. H. R. Weir (Vic.) moved, and Mr. H. A. Abbott (Vic.) seconded:—"That the 7-Miles' Walking Championship, conducted by the Walking Clubs of Australia, be accorded an Australasian title."

For.—H. A. Abbott (Vic.).

Against.—J. C. Allison (N.S.W.), E. Guy (N.Z.), J. W. Shirley (N.Z.), D. S. Carter (Q.), H. W. Massey (Q.), R. E. Graham (S.A.), A. J. Rumsby (S.A.), W. Barwick (Tas.), W. Denholm (Tas.).

Lost—9 to 1.

AMATEUR DEFINITION—JURISDICTION.

Mr. E. Guy (N.Z.) moved, and Mr. J. C. Allison (N.S.W.) seconded:—"That Basket Ball and Motor Cycling be included in the list of Athletic Exercises."

Carried.

RUNNING HIGH JUMP AND POLE VAULT.

Mr. E. Guy (N.Z.) moved, and Mr. D. S. Carter (Q.) seconded:—"The competition may start at any height fixed by the Chief Field Judge instead of a compulsory start at High Jump 160 Centimetres (5ft. 3.02ins.), and Pole Vault 3 metres (9ft. 10.1ins.)."

Carried.

CONSTITUTION AND RACING LAWS OF UNION.

The following alterations, additions, and amendments to Rules were carried:—

Track and Field Championships.

Away from athletic events no other items, except Amateur Cycling, shall be included on the programme.

Representation.

In eighth line the words "Local Committee of Management" to read "Union."

Cross Country Championship.

In place of Honour Caps bronze medals shall be given the winning team.

The Officials.

Add new Rule:—"No track team or club team manager shall act as an official at any championship meeting."

Six judges at finish to read "four."

Handicapper.

A new Rule to be drafted by Executive defining duties of handicapper.

Costume Steward.

A Costume Steward, who shall have power to prevent any person from starting in any competition or event if, in his opinion, such person's costume is not in accordance with the Rules. He shall have general supervision over all costumes at any meeting.

Dressing Room Steward.

The Dressing Room Steward shall have charge over all matters appertaining to the dressing room. Any person exhibiting unbecoming conduct shall be reported by him to the Referee. He shall control his assistants and assign to them their duties.

Starter.

In tenth line after the word "pistol" add, "Except that in time handicap races the word 'go' shall be used."

Protests.

In third line, "Five Shillings" to read "Ten Shillings."

Rules Bearing on Records.

Flat Races.

Add to No. 7, after the word "chronometer," in the last line, "At least for the time taking over the particular race."

No. 8 Certificate from Secretary, that the performance took place in competition at a properly constituted meeting which had been duly advertised.

Weight, Hammer, Javelin, and Discus.

No. 14a.—Certificate from the Referee, stating whether the wind was favourable or otherwise, and whether it assisted the man claiming the record to any appreciable extent.

14b.—Certificate from the Surveyor giving particulars of the levels of the ground.

14c.—Certificate the same as No. 8, Flat Races.

NEW HANDBOOK.

The Constitution and Racing Laws of the Union, and the New Handbook as altered and amended, were

adopted, and it was decided, on the motion of Mr. R. E. Graham (S.A.), seconded by Mr. J. C. Allison (N.S.W.):—"That the new Rules should come into force on 1st September, 1926."

The Hon. Secretary was instructed to have the Handbook printed as soon as possible, and supply each affiliated Association with 200 copies, the cost to be borne equally by the six Associations, as decided upon at last Conference.

Mr. H. A. Abbott (Vic.) asked, on behalf of the Victorian Amateur Athletic Association, that a Mail Vote be taken by the Executive on the following question:—

That Rule 4, page 14, be altered as follows:—

A meeting at least once in every year. Meetings to be held alternatively in Melbourne and Sydney, providing that a meeting of delegates be held at the time and place of the Biennial Australasian Championship Sports.

That Rule 5, page 14, be altered as follows:—"The officers President, an Hon. Secretary, Treasurer, together with one representative chosen by the Union resident in the State which for the time being is the home State of the President, each of whom"

Same Rule, page 5, add, after "own number,"

Same Rule, page 5, add, after "own member," "but the representative elected as above must be a delegate to the Union."

On the motion of Mr. D. S. Carter (Q.), seconded by Mr. H. A. Abbott (Vic.), a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. R. Coombes, the Chairman of the meeting, for his conduct of the business, and also to President (Mr. R. Coombes), the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. W. B. Alexander), 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 a room for the purpose of holding the meeting, and the Queensland Amateur Athletic Association for many acts of courtesy.

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