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MEETING OF THE FULL BOARD OF
CONTROL.

Held at Wellington, New Zealand, 23rd December,
1927.

FIRST SITTING.

There were present:—

Mr. R. Coombes (President).

Messrs. F. Delaney and S. A. Mola (N.S.W.).

Messrs. R. W. McVilly and L. A. Tracy (N.Z.).

Messrs. H. R. Weir and G. E. Langford (Vic.).

Messrs. H. R. Weir and G. E. Langford (Vic.), proxies
for Queensland.

Messrs. E. S. Marks and E. W. Barwick (Tas.).

Messrs. Victor Hugo and J. W. Savidan (S.A.).

Mr. R. Coombes (President) cordially welcomed the delegates from the different States and the Dominion of New Zealand,

Mr. L. A. Tracy, on behalf of the New Zealand Amateur Athletic Association, also welcomed the delegates, and stated that his Association was delighted that the Australian States were at full strength, and appreciated their action in making the journey to New Zealand, knowing that their Olympic trials would be held within a few days of their return to the Commonwealth. He wished them the best of luck, and hoped the best team would win.

Mr. R. Coombes then vacated the chair, and, at his request, Mr. E. S. Marks was unanimously elected as Chairman of the Conference.

Minutes of Last Board Meeting.

The minutes of the last Full Board Meeting, held in Brisbane, 1926, were adopted, on the motion of Mr. L. A. Tracy, seconded by Mr. Victor Hugo.

Hon. Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure.

The Acting Hon. Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the period, 1926-28, duly audited, showing a credit balance of £1 2s., was read and adopted, on the motion of Mr. F. Delaney (N.S.W.), seconded by Mr. H. R. Weir (Vic.).

Fixing of Headquarters.

On the motion of Mr. L. A. Tracy (N.Z.) seconded by Mr. F. Delaney (N.S.W.), Sydney, New South Wales, was fixed as the Headquarters of the Union.

Election of President.

Mr. L. A. Tracy (N.Z.) proposed, and Mr. F. Delaney (N.S.W.) seconded, that Mr. R. Coombes be re-elected President.

Mr. H. R. Weir (Vic.), on behalf of the Queensland Amateur Athletic Association, nominated Mr. D. S. Carter, seconded by Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.).

Mr. R. Coombes was re-elected.

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.

Australian Olympic Federation.

Messrs. E. S. Marks (N.S.W.) and G. E. Langford (Victoria) were elected as delegates to the Australian Olympic Federation.

Illness of Hon. Treasurer.

On the motion of Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.), seconded by Mr. F. Delaney (N.S.W.), a vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. W. B. Alexander in his illness, and the wish was expressed for his speedy recovery.

Correspondence.

Letters were read and received from:—

Ontario Walkers' Association.

English Amateur Athletic Association.

The Amateur Athletic Union of Canada.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation.

Correspondence received.

Records.

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

100 Yards Running, 9 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs.:—M. Leadbeater, 12th Feb., 1927, Auckland, N.Z.; L. C. Parker, 14th Aug., 1926, at Brisbane, Queensland.

220 Yards Running, 21 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.:—N. J. Grehan, Brisbane, Queensland, 18th Aug., 1923; N. J. Grehan, Brisbane, Queensland, 21st Aug., 1926.

3 Miles Running, 14 mins. 29 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.:—R. A. Rose, Wellington, N.Z., 26th March, 1927.

120 Yards Hurdles (10 flights, 3ft. 6in.), 15 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.:—R. W. Lander, Auckland, N.Z., 12th Feb., 1927 (grass).

440 Yards Hurdles (10 flights, 3ft.), 54 $\frac{9}{10}$ secs.:—A. J. Watson, Melbourne, Vic., 26th Feb., 1927.

Throwing the Javelin, 198ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.:—S. A. Lay, Brisbane, Queensland, 14th Aug., 1926.

Throwing the Javelin, 205ft. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.:—S. A. Lay, Hawera, N.Z., 23rd March, 1927.

Throwing the Discus (132ft.):—P. Munro, Hobart, Tas., 6th Feb., 1924. 137ft.—P. Munro, Wellington, N.Z., 22nd March, 1924.

Application for Records by Queensland A.A.A.

The application of the Queensland A.A.A. for the $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, three miles, and relay race performances, made at the Australian and New Zealand Championship Meeting, at Brisbane, August, 1926, to stand as records, was considered, and it was decided, owing to the doubt that existed as to the actual distance covered in these events, the records could not be granted.

Olympic Games, 1928.

Mr. H. R. Weir (Vic.), brought up the matter of the athletic representation and selection in connection with 1928 Olympic Games, and said:—"Just before coming to New Zealand I received an intimation from the Federation that, by virtue of a resolution passed at one of their meetings, only those who com-

peted in the Australian Games would be eligible for selection in the Australian Olympic team. As a member of the Victorian Amateur Athletic Association, I take strong exception, and also as a member of the Australian Olympic Federation, because I think that the thing is beyond their jurisdiction altogether. I feel that they had no right to make such a statement or such a reservation. I take it that nominations will come forward from this Board of Control, nominating certain men whom we consider approaching Olympic standard." He concluded by moving that the Union protest against the resolution passed by the Committee controlling the Olympic Sports making it obligatory for competitors to compete at the Australian Games, and that the nominations of this Union must be considered whether they compete in Sydney or not.

Seconded by Mr. F. Delaney (N.S.W.).

Carried unanimously.

After further discussion, Mr. Langford (Vic.) moved, "That the delegates meet at 6.0 o'clock on Tuesday, the 27th December, at the Gresham Hotel, to make recommendations to the Olympic Federation.

Seconded by Mr. H. R. Weir (Vic.), and carried.

Loss of Time Rule.

The Hon. Secretary stated that the International Amateur Athletic Federation had issued a warning to all affiliated bodies, stating that anybody receiving payment for broken time in any sport would be barred from par-

participation in events under the jurisdiction of the Federation.

Position of Amateur Athletics at Canberra.

The Chairman, Mr. E. S. Marks, explained that a peculiar position arose with reference to many well-known athletes who were at present stationed in the Federal Capital. As certain territory there belonged to no State, their position was awkward when it came to competing in any inter-Colonial or inter-Dominion sport.

Mr. H. R. Weir (Vic.) moved:—

“That we defer any definite ruling as to whether they should be a definite State or not until next Conference. In the meantime, athletes in Canberra will be eligible to compete for the State whence they came, provided that they had had bona fide residence in that State for at least six months.”

Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.) seconded.

Carried unanimously.

Re Visit of Overseas Athletes.

Advice was received from the International Amateur Athletic Federation that the rule restricting the sojourn of an amateur athlete in any country to 21 days per year had been modified as far as Australia and New Zealand were concerned.

The time permitted was insufficient for these countries, and consequently the time, as far as Australia and New Zealand were concerned, could be prolonged after application to the Council of the International Federation had been made.

Women's Athletics.

Mr. F. Delaney (N.S.W.) moved:—

"That the time is opportune to include upon the Australian and New Zealand Track and Field Championship programme events for women similar to Olympic conditions, such events to be submitted by mail vote by the Executive."

Mr. L. A. Tracy (N.Z.) seconded the resolution. He explained the manner in which this class of events was controlled in New Zealand. The public had at first been against them, but now they were very much in favour.

Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.) said that he was not against women running, but was against men laying down the actual conditions for women's races. He moved as an amendment:—

"That the Union take steps to have women's athletic associations formed in the various States for affiliation with the Union."

Mr. H. R. Weir (Vic.) seconded the amendment.

Mr. R. W. McVilly (N.Z.), speaking to the motion, said their Association had had considerable experience with the running of women's events. "Women's contests," he said, "are the most popular. These contests are conducted at the Olympic Games, and we find all the other nations doing everything to encourage them. As to the amendment, all I can say is that at the present juncture we find that women have not had much experience in this kind of thing, and they are only too glad to have the advice, direction, and control of the male side of the human race, which has

been engaged for so long in athletic sports. When starting out on a new venture, experience counts for much, and it would not be wise to leave the women themselves to move all the machinery for control, the making of rules, etc."

Amendment put and lost.

Moved by Mr. H. R. Weir (Vic.), and seconded by Mr. R. W. McVilly (N.Z.):—

"That the points for women's events shall not count on any programme for Australasian championships."

Carried unanimously.

Australian Marathon Championship.

Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.) moved, and Mr. R. W. McVilly (N.Z.) seconded:—

"That no Australian and New Zealand championship title be awarded for this or any other event (except those already sanctioned) without the permission of the Full Board of Control."

Carried unanimously.

Re Timing of Foot-races.

The Hon. Secretary read correspondence from the International Amateur Athletic Federation on the question of allowing timing to a tenth of a second.

It was pointed out that none of the makers of watches in Switzerland, America, England, or France could supply a watch that would time to a tenth of a second, and be certified to by any national observatories. The Federation suggested that until further notice only timing to a fifth of a second be adopted.

Mr. L. A. Tracy (N.Z.) moved, and Mr. F. Delaney (N.S.W.) seconded:—

“That the times for records in future shall only be established in one-fifths, and no records for tenths be allowed.”

For:—Messrs. Savidan, Hugo, McVilly, Marks, Delaney, Mola, and Tracy.

Against:—Messrs. Weir and Langford.

Carried—7 to 2.

7-Miles' Walking Championship.

Mr. Victor Hugo (S.A.) moved:—

“That the 7-Miles' Inter-State Walking Championship should be styled and recognised as the 7-Miles' Walking Championship of Australia and New Zealand.”

Mr. J. W. Savidan (S.A.) seconded.

Mr. H. R. Weir (Vic.) spoke in strong opposition. The matter had, he said, been brought up on three occasions. The main objection was that the States are already committed to more than they can fulfil in representations to the various championships in Australia and New Zealand.

Motion lost.

Withdrawal of New Zealand from the Union.

Mr. R. W. McVilly (N.Z.) moved, and Mr. L. A. Tracy (N.Z.) seconded:—

“That the N.Z.A.A.A. shall be permitted to withdraw from the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia and New Zealand, and obtain separate affiliation to the International Amateur Athletic Federation.”

In moving the resolution, Mr. R. W. McVilly (N.Z.) stated: “We are bringing this forward

not because we have any feeling or any complaints to make in regard to the treatment we have received from the Australian and New Zealand Union, as at present constituted, but we think the time has arrived when New Zealand, as a Dominion, in so far as athletic sports are concerned, should control her own destinies. We feel that we ought to be in a position where we can compete not against the individual Australian States, but against the whole of Australia, that we should be able to pit the best of our men against their best."

In seconding the resolution, Mr. L. A. Tracy (N.Z.) stated: "We wish to thank the members of the various States and the Executive Officers of the Union for the many courtesies extended to us in the past. We have no grudge against anybody, but we consider that as we have separate representation at the Olympic Games—and I think I am correct in saying separate representation in every other branch of sport all over the world, with the exceptions of athletics—that it is time that we should be recognised as a separate body by the International Federation. When the Union was formed many years ago, athletics in this country were but in their infancy; now I think we can safely say we have attained our majority, so to speak, and want to break from our father to control our own destinies. We do not, by the resolution, wish to break up the many friendships formed in the past, and we are sure that our relations in the future will be as cordial and as pleasant as they have been in the past."

Motion carried unanimously.

Votes of Thanks.

On the motion of Mr. L. A. Tracy (N.Z.), seconded by Mr. H. R. Weir (Vic.), a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. E. S. Marks, the Chairman of the meeting, for his conduct of the business, and also to the 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.

Messrs. E. S. Marks and R. Coombes responded.

Mr. R. Coombes proposed, and Mr. H. R. Weir seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the New Zealand Amateur Athletic Association for many acts of courtesy and kind attention bestowed on the visitors.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. R. W. McVilly, the President of the N.Z. Association, acknowledged same.

The Chairman then declared the Conference closed.



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Statement of Receipts and Disbursements to 16th December, 1927.

RECEIPTS.				DISBURSEMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.				
Balance brought forward	22	19	5	Printing—			
Subscriptions, 1925-26—				Handbooks	48	10	6
Tasmanian A.A.A.	8	8	0	Minutes	7	15	0
S.A. A.A.A.	8	8	0	Record Certificates..	7	10	0
Subscriptions, 1927—				Letter Heads and En-			
New South Wales A.A.A.	4	4	0	velopes	3	16	6
Queensland A.A.A.	4	4	0	Extra Copies Rules..	7	0	0
South Australian A.A.A.	4	4	0	Reinstatement Certifis.	1	12	0
Victorian A.A.A.	4	4	0				76 4 0
New Zealand A.A.A.	4	4	0	Postages, Telegrams, Cables, Sta-			
Tasmanian A.A.A.	4	4	0	tionery, Typing, etc.			3 6 2
Handbooks—				Affiliation Fee A.A. Federation (2			
New South Wales A.A.A.	9	7	9	years)			4 2 0
Queensland A.A.A.	10	0	9	Affiliation Fee Olympic Fedrn.			2 2 0
South Australian A.A.A.	8	1	9	Executive Expenses (N.Z.)			18 0 0
Victorian A.A.A.	8	1	9	Bank Cheques and Exchanges			0 17 0
New Zealand A.A.A. (balance)	5	1	9				£104 11 2
				Credit Balance			1 2 0
							£105 13 2
	£105	13	2				

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.	Dec. 16, 1927.			
Writing Certificates	1	0	0	Shield	10	0	0
Printing Agenda Papers	1	0	0	Stationery Cabinet	2	0	0
Typewriting & Secretarial Expenses 1927, Dec. 16.	2	0	0	Tas. A.A.A., Cost of Handbooks..	8	1	9
Balance, Surplus Assets over Liabilities	17	3	9	Cash with Commercial Banking Co., of Sydney Ltd., Exchange Bch...	1	2	0
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	£21	3	9		£21	3	9

Audited and found correct.

FRANK G. UNDERWOOD,

Hon. Auditor.

E. S. MARKS, Acting Hon. Treasurer.

8th December, 1927.

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F. W. White, Printer, 344 Kent Street.
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