

THE
Amateur Athletic Union
of Australia

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS:

New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association
Victorian Amateur Athletic Association
Queensland Amateur Athletic Association
Tasmanian Amateur Athletic Association
South Australian Amateur Athletic Association
Western Australian Amateur Athletic Association

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
.. OF ..
THE BOARD OF CONTROL
At THE
16th BIENNIAL CONFERENCE
HELD AT
ORIENTAL HOTEL, ADELAIDE
on 26th JANUARY, 1934.

H. R. WEIR, Hon. Secretary.

**THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF
AUSTRALIA.**

MEETING OF THE FULL BOARD OF CONTROL.

HELD AT THE

ORIENTAL HOTEL, ADELAIDE,

26th JANUARY, 1934, at 10.15 a.m.

There were present:—

Messrs. R. P. Heathwood and A. J. Hodsdon, New South Wales.

Messrs. G. E. Langford and H. W. Mackinlay, Victoria.

Messrs. J. I. Brown and D. P. Merritt, Queensland.

Messrs. A. G. Fenner and W. E. Mackay, South Australia.

Messrs. R. J. Cockshutt and G. M. Taylor, Tasmania.

Mr. G. Appleton, Western Australia, and Mr. W. B. Alexander (Hon. Treasurer), and Mr. E. S. Marks (Hon. Secretary).

Mr. A. G. Fenner (South Australia) was elected Chairman, and welcomed on behalf of the Union the delegates from the different States.

Minutes of Last Board Meeting.

The minutes of the last full Board meeting held in Sydney on 15th January, 1932, were adopted, on the motion of Mr. J. I. Brown (Q.), seconded by Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.).

Minutes of Executive.

The minutes of the Executive for the two years ending 24th January, 1934, were received.

Correspondence.

From Mr. R. Coombes, apologising for absence from the meeting, and stating that, owing to physical infirmities, etc., he would not be a candidate for the office of President.

Received, and held over for further consideration.

From the International Board of the Amateur Athletic Association, London asking the Union to take part in the contests, British Empire v. America, on August 15, 1936, at London. Decided to approve of the fixture and take part therein, provided the date, etc., was approved of by the Australian Olympic Federation, or their representative at the Olympic Games at Berlin.

From Honorary Secretary of the Rules and Records Committee of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, forwarding list of World's Records, and stating that a new list will be published early in 1934, to include those applied for since August, 1932.

Received.

From the Honorary Secretary Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, stating that no American athlete could compete outside the United States under their rules without having special written permission to do so, and all invitations must come through the Amateur Athletic Union.

Received.

From the Honorary Secretary Amateur Athletic Association, England, asking for permission to alter the name, Amateur Athletic Union of Australia and New Zealand, to Amateur Athletic Union of Australia and the New Zealand Amateur Athletic Association in Law 18 of their handbook, which gives a list of governing bodies whose decisions as to suspensions, disqualifications and re-qualifications are

recognised by the Association, and are binding on all Associations recognised by the Rule.

Received.

Hon. Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure.

The Hon. Treasurer's statement of receipts and expenditure for the period 1932-4, duly audited, and showing a credit balance of £69/8/3, was read and adopted, on the motion of Mr. J. I. Brown (Q.), seconded by Mr. R. J. Cockshutt (Tas.).

Election of President.

Mr. A. G. Fenner (South Australia) was proposed by Mr. H. W. Mackinlay (Victoria), seconded by Mr. G. Appleton (West Australia).

Mr. E. S. Marks, proposed by Mr. J. I. Brown (Q.), seconded by Mr. D. P. Merritt (Q.).

A ballot was taken, and Mr. A. G. Fenner declared elected.

Election of Hon. Secretary.

Mr. H. R. Weir (Victoria) was elected, on the motion of Mr. R. J. Cockshutt (Tas.), seconded by Mr. W. E. Mackay (S.A.).

Election of Hon. Treasurer.

Mr. R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.) was nominated by Mr. H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.), seconded by Mr. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.).

Mr. W. B. Alexander (N.S.W.) was nominated by Mr. J. I. Brown (Q.), seconded by Mr. D. P. Merritt (Q.).

A ballot was taken, and Mr. Alexander declared elected.

Election of Hon. Auditor.

Mr. F. G. Underwood was elected Hon. Auditor.

Election of Two Members of the Executive.

The following nominations were received:—

Mr. R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.), proposed by Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.), seconded by Mr. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.).

Mr. D. S. Carter (Q.), proposed by Mr. J. I. Brown (Q.), seconded by Mr. D. P. Merritt (Q.).

Mr. G. E. Langford, proposed by Mr. H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.), seconded by Mr. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.).

Mr. D. P. Merritt (Q.), proposed by Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.), seconded by Mr. H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.).

A ballot was taken, and Messrs. R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.) and G. E. Langford (Vic.) declared elected.

Australian Olympic Federation.

Messrs. E. S. Marks and G. E. Langford were elected as delegates to the Australian Olympic Federation.

Australian British Empire Games Association.

Messrs. E. S. Marks and H. R. Weir were elected as delegates to the Australian British Empire Games Association (Australian Division).

Headquarters.

The Headquarters to be the address of the Hon. Secretary of the Union for the time he occupies the position.

Carried, on the motion of Mr. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.), seconded by Mr. R. J. Cockshutt (Tas.).

Report of Executive on Reinstatements Granted During the Years 1932-1934.

W. J. Chapman (Q.), L. A. Collins (Vic.), W. L. Shone (S.A.), C. H. Brown (W.A.), L. J. Jennings (Vic.), R. K. Blackley (Vic.), B. Hayden (Vic.), G. N. Brown (Vic.), N. Lewis (Vic.), W. H. Dow (Vic.), J. P. McCulloch (Vic.), L. Holman (Vic.), E. R. Letcher (Vic.), Bruce Reed (Vic.), H. C. Hoffman (Q.), C. J. Norman (W.A.), F. J. Campbell (W.A.).

Records.

The following records were adopted as Australian best on record, and certificates granted, on the motion of Mr. D. P. Merritt (Q.), seconded by Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.).

Pole Vault: 12 feet 10 inches.—F. I. Woodhouse (Vic.), Sydney Cricket Ground, 26th December, 1932.

Putting the 16lb. Shot: 49 feet 5 inches.—Harlow Rothert (U.S.A.), Manly Oval, 24th March, 1931.

1 Mile Medley Relay (one to run 880 yards, one 440 yards and two 220 yards): 3 minutes 28 $\frac{1}{10}$ seconds.—K. S. Jones, G. A. Golding, T. E. Hampson and J. Carlton (N.S.W.), Sydney Cricket Ground, 18th January, 1932.

100 Metres: 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ seconds.—N. Dempsey (Queensland), Brisbane, 7th October, 1933.

Running Hop, Step and Jump: 50 feet 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.—J. P. Metcalfe (N.S.W.), Sydney University Oval, May 31st, 1933.

Running High Jump: 6 feet 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches.—J. P. Metcalfe (N.S.W.), Sydney Cricket Ground, May 24th, 1933.

120 Yards Hurdles: 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ seconds.—D. F. McLardy (Vic.), Melbourne Cricket Ground, 30th January, 1932.

1 Mile (Running): 4 minutes 17 seconds.—E. W. Barwick (Tas.), Melbourne Cricket Ground, 30th January, 1932.

Throwing the Discus: 138 feet 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches.—J. P. Wallace, Sydney Cricket Ground, 18th January, 1932.

Pole Vault: 12 feet 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.—F. I. Woodhouse (Vic.), Melbourne Cricket Ground, 1st February, 1932.

880 Yards (Running): 1 minute 55 $\frac{2}{5}$ seconds.—T. N. Irwin (Vic.), Melbourne Cricket Ground, 1st February, 1932.

800 Metres (Running): 1 minute 55 $\frac{2}{5}$ seconds.—T. N. Irwin (Vic.), Melbourne Cricket Ground, 1st February, 1932.

Throwing the Discus: 135 feet 8½ inches.—J. P. Wallace, Amateur Sports Ground, Melbourne, February 14th, 1931.

440 Yards Hurdles: 54 3/10 seconds.—A. J. Watson, Melbourne Cricket Ground, 1st February, 1932.

Running High Jump: 6 feet 6½ inches.—J. P. Metcalfe (N.S.W.), Kensington Bowling Green, 7th December, 1932.

120 Yards Hurdles: 15 seconds.—D. F. McLardy (Vic.), Amateur Sports Ground, Melbourne, 6th February, 1932.

440 Yards Hurdles: 54 3/10 seconds.—A. J. Watson (Vic.), Amateur Sports Ground, Melbourne, 25th February, 1932.

Throwing the Discus: 139 feet 3¾ inches.—J. P. Wallace, Amateur Sports Ground, Melbourne, 18th February, 1932.

440 Yards Hurdles: 53 9/10 seconds.—G. A. Golding, Sydney Cricket Ground, 18th January, 1932.

3 Miles (Running): 14 minutes 23½ seconds.—A. J. Hillhouse (Vic.), Sydney Cricket Ground, 18th January, 1932.

Australian British Empire Games Association.

Several letters were read from Mr. J. Eve, Hon. Secretary-Treasurer Australian British Empire Games Association, giving particulars of meetings of the Executive, programme of events, method of selection, etc., and asking the Union to nominate a member of the selection committee; and, further, that nominations for position of Manager would close on 18th March. Those nominated must be members of the Association.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.), seconded by Mr. H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.) :—

“That the A.A.U. representatives to the British Empire Games Association be asked to take the necessary steps to have the Manager of the Australian team for the British Empire Games Association selected from the best man available from affiliated bodies, and not necessarily confined to members only of the British Empire Games Association.

Mr. H. R. Weir (Vic.) was appointed as a member of the selection committee.

It was decided to vote the sum of £10 towards the Representation Fund, and to ask all affiliated Associations to support the appeal to the best of their ability.

Retirement of Mr. R. Coombes as President.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. J. I. Brown (Q.), seconded by Mr. D. P. Merritt (Q.):

“That in recognition of the good and faithful services rendered to the Union by Mr. R. Coombes during the past 36 years, he be elected as Hon. Life President of the Union.”

On the motion of Mr. J. I. Brown (Q.), seconded by Mr. D. P. Merritt (Q.) it was decided that twenty guineas be voted to the Testimonial Fund.

Appeal Against Decision of Executive by the Western Suburbs A.A. Club, T. E. Hampson and New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.), seconded by Mr. J. I. Brown (Q.), that the decision of the Executive be upheld.

New Rules for Athletic Competitions as Passed by The International Amateur Athletic Federation.

On the motion of Mr. R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.), seconded by Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.), the following rules, adopted by the International Amateur Athletic Federation at Los Angeles Congress, July-August, 1932, were adopted by the Union:—

The alterations refer to the Athletic Rules as published in the 1931 Handbook.

RULE 10.—TIMEKEEPERS.

This rule shall read:

Three timekeepers shall time every event. In case two of their watches agree, and the third disagrees, the time marked by the two shall be official time. If all watches disagree, the time marked by the watch recording the middle time shall be the official time.

If for any reason only two watches record the time of an event, and they fail to agree, the longer time of the two shall be accepted as the official time.

Time shall be taken from the flash of the pistol.

For races up to and including 1,000 metres the tenth of one second timing shall be accepted. For longer races the timing shall be in one-fifth of a second.

An electrical timekeeping device in addition, approved by the National Association of the country where the competition is held, may be used by the timekeepers.

RULE 11.—THE STARTER.

Add at the end of the rule this new paragraph:

The use of starting blocks is forbidden.

RULE 31.—POLE VAULT.

Fourth paragraph shall read:

When a competitor jumping to the side or going beneath the bar passes the perpendicular plane, this shall be counted as a failure. It shall also be a failure if the pole touches the ground beyond this perpendicular plane.

RULE 41.—TRACK AND LANES.

Add at the end of the rule this new paragraph:

The maximum allowed inclination of the running track and of the field shall be one : one thousand.

RULE 42.—THE FINISH.

This rule shall read:

The finishing line shall be a line on the ground drawn across the track from finish post to finish post, and the competitors shall be placed in the order in which any part of their bodies (i.e. "torso," as distinguished from the head, arms, feet or hands) reaches such line. But a competitor falling at the finish is not considered to have completed the race unless his entire body shall have crossed the finishing line.

For the purpose of aiding the judges, but not as a finishing line, there shall be stretched across the track at the finish, 1.22 metres (4 feet) above the ground, worsted, which shall be fastened to the post at each side of the finishing line, at right angles to the course and parallel to the finishing line.

The finish posts shall be of rigid construction of about 1.37 metres (4 feet 6 inches) height, 7 centimetres (3 inches) width and 2 centimetres ($\frac{3}{4}$ inch) thickness.

(For apparatus, refer to Rule 69.)

RULE 46.—RELAY RACES.

Fifth paragraph shall read:

The composition of the team must not be changed after a trial heat has been run, but the members of the team may change their order of running.

RULE 48.—STEEPLECHASE.

First paragraph shall read:

The hurdles shall be 91.4 centimetres (3 feet) high, and a water-jump shall be included. It is recommended that the hurdles be at least 3.66 metres (12 feet) wide, and be heavy enough so that they cannot be easily overturned. Each competitor must go over or through the water, and any one who steps to one side or the other of the jump shall be disqualified.

RULE 52.—PENTATHLON.

Fourth paragraph shall read:

If false starts occur in the running competitions, the competitor will, after the second false start, be penalised by one hundredth of the distance of the race for each false start. After four false starts the competitor at fault shall be eliminated from the event in which the offence was committed.

RULE 53.—DECATHLON.

The fifth and sixth paragraphs shall read:

If false starts occur in the running competitions, the competitor will, after the second false start, be penalised by one hundredth of the distance of the race for each false start.

After four false starts the competitor at fault shall be eliminated from the event in which the offence was committed.

Test of Watches.

On the motion of Mr. H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.), seconded by Mr. R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.), it was decided to include in our Handbook the recommendation of the International Amateur Athletic Federation as to Test of Watches, etc.

CONDITIONS OF TEST OF WATCHES.

Watches may be entered for two Classes of test, "A" and "B," which occupy 45 and 31 days respectively.

CLASS "A."

This test is divided into eight periods, as follows:

1st Period.—Watch in vertical position, with pendant up, at about 67° F.

2nd Period.—Watch in vertical position, with pendant to the right, at the same temperature.

3rd Period.—Watch in vertical position, with pendant to the left, at the same temperature.

4th Period.—Watch in horizontal position, with dial up, at about 42° F.

5th Period.—Watch with dial up, at about 67° F.

6th Period.—Watch with dial up, at about 92° F.

7th Period.—Watch in horizontal position, with dial down, at about 67° F.

8th Period.—Watch in vertical position, with pendant up, at about 67° F.

Periods 1, 2, 3 and 8 consist of 5 days each, but the remaining periods, 4, 5, 6 and 7, each occupy 6 days, as owing to intervening changes in temperature the rate obtained on the first day of each of these four periods is not used for the purpose of the test.

Class "A" certificates are issued for watches whose performance was such that:

1. The numerical average of the daily departures from the mean daily rate, during any one of the eight periods of test, did not exceed 2 seconds.

2. The mean daily rate in the "pendant up" position differed from the mean daily rate in the "dial up" position by less than 5 seconds, and from that in any other position by less than 10 seconds.

3. The mean change of daily rate with change of temperature was less than 0.3 second per 1° F.

4. The mean daily rate did not exceed 10 seconds in any position (i.e., in any one of Periods 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8).

The certificate is endorsed with the words "Especially good" when a watch obtains a total of 80 marks or more out of a maximum of 100.

SUBSIDIARY CLASS "A" TEST.

A watch which has previously obtained a Class "A" certificate may be entered for a subsidiary retest occupying at least eight days. The watch is tested in the same

positions and temperatures as those prescribed for Class "A," and the original certificate is endorsed with the date of the retest if the watch is found to be performing within Class "A" limits.

CLASS "B."

This test occupies five periods as follows:

1st Period.—Watch in vertical position, with pendant up, at about 67° F. for 14 days.

2nd Period.—Watch in horizontal position, with dial up, at about 67° F. for 14 days.

3rd Period.—Watch in horizontal position, with dial up, at about 42° F. for 1 day.

4th Period.—Watch in horizontal position, with dial up, at about 67° F. for 1 day.

5th Period.—Watch in horizontal position, with dial up, at about 92° F. for 1 day.

Class "B" certificates are issued for watches whose performance was such that:

(1) The numerical average of the daily departures from the mean daily rate during the same Period of test did not exceed 2 seconds in either Period 1 or Period 2.

(2) The mean daily rate in Period 1 differed from that in Period 2 by less than 10 seconds.

(3) The mean daily rate did not exceed 15 seconds in either Period 1 or Period 2.

(4) The mean change of daily rate with change of temperature was less than 0.3 second per 1° F.

The certificate is endorsed with the words "Especially good" when the mean variation of daily rate did not exceed 0.75 second for the average of Period 1 and 2 taken separately, when the difference described in (2) was less than 5 seconds, and when the mean change of daily rate with change of temperature was less than 0.2 second per 1° Fahrenheit.

CHRONOGRAPH WATCHES.

Each chronograph watch entered for Class "A" or Class "B" is first tested for the action of its chronograph mechanism. The ordinary Class "A" or Class "B" test, which is made with the chronograph mechanism disengaged, is not commenced unless the watch has been found satisfactory as regards chronograph action.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF TESTS MADE ON THE CHRONOGRAPH ACTION.

These tests are made before the usual "Class B" tests, which are conducted with the chronograph disengaged, and comprise the following items:

(1) Tests are made over one or more periods of 24 hours each at about 67° F. in the "dial up" position,

(a) with the chronograph disengaged,

(b) with the chronograph in action,

and (c) in the case of a split-seconds' chronograph, with the hands split.

The daily rate found under (b) must not differ by more than 5 seconds from that found under (a) or (c).

(2) Short Tests.

(a) When the chronograph mechanism is in action and pressure is applied to the push-piece, the chronograph hand or hands must either stop dead at once, or else they must run on unaffected until stronger force is used.

(b) There must be complete absence of "lagging" and moving in "spasmodic" jumps when pressure is applied to the push-piece.

(c) The chronograph hand must start exactly from, and return to, the Zero mark. The inclusive errors of starting and stopping must not exceed $\frac{1}{8}$ second. In the case of a split-seconds chronograph, the hands must run together in exact accordance unless split.

(d) The indications of the minute-recorder must be exactly consistent with the position of the chronograph hand. In the case of "instantaneous" and "semi-instantaneous" minute-recorders, if the chronograph hand is stopped at $59\frac{1}{2}$ seconds, the minute recorder should not indicate the completion of one minute. Conversely, if the chronograph hand is stopped at $60\frac{1}{2}$ seconds, the recorder must not fail to indicate the completion of one minute.

BASIS OF COMPUTATION OF THE MARKS AWARDED ON THE RESULTS OF THE KEW "CLASS A" TEST ON WATCHES.

Each "Class A" certificate issued for a watch will contain a statement of the marks awarded on the results of the complete test.

Marks are assessed for:

- (1) Consistency of daily rate (maximum = 40 marks).
- (2) Position adjustment (maximum = 42 marks).
- (3) Temperature compensation (maximum = 20 marks).

The certificate is endorsed with the words "especially good" when a watch obtains a total of 80 marks or more out of a maximum of 100.

CONSISTENCY OF DAILY RATE.

The numerical average of the departures of the individual daily rates from the mean daily rate for a given period of test, is defined as the "mean variation of daily rate" for that period.

The final value, "a" in seconds, obtained for the "mean variation of daily rate" is the numerical average of the eight individual values of the "mean variation of daily rate," obtained separately for the eight different periods of the test.

Marks awarded for consistency of daily rate

$$= 40 \left(1 - \frac{a}{2} \right)$$

POSITION ADJUSTMENT.

The marks awarded for position adjustment are computed entirely on the results of the six periods. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8, in which the test is made with the watch in different positions, at the normal temperature of 67° Fahrenheit.

The mean variation of rate with change of position, "b" in seconds, is taken as the numerical average of the departures of the six mean values of the daily rate in Periods Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8, from the algebraic mean of the six mean values.

Marks awarded for position adjustment

$$= 40 \left(1 - \frac{b}{10} \right)$$

TEMPERATURE COMPENSATION.

The marks awarded for temperature compensation are computed on the results of Periods Nos. 4, 5 and 6. These portions of the test are made in the "dial up" position and relate to temperatures measured in Fahrenheit degrees.

The temperature coefficient, "c" in seconds per 1° F., that is, the mean change of daily rate for a change in temperature of 1° F., is defined by the following ratio:

The sum of the numerical departures of the three average daily rates in Periods 4, 5 and 6, from the algebraic mean of these three average daily rates.

$$c = \frac{\text{The sum of the numerical departures of the three mean temperatures in Periods 4, 5 and 6, from the average temperature for these three periods.}}{\text{The sum of the numerical departures of the three mean temperatures in Periods 4, 5 and 6, from the average temperature for these three periods.}}$$

Marks awarded for temperature compensation

$$= 20 \left(1 - \frac{10}{3} C \right)$$

The total marks awarded are therefore obtainable from the following formula:

$$\text{Total marks} = 40 \left(1 - \frac{a}{2} \right) + 40 \left(1 - \frac{b}{10} \right) + 20 \left(1 - \frac{10}{3} C \right).$$

Where "a" is the final value of the "mean variation of daily rate" (average for all eight periods of test), "b" is the mean variation of rate with change of position (Periods 1, 2, 3, 5 and 8), "c" is the mean change of daily rate per 1° F.

REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE RE-TESTING OF WATCHES WHICH HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN AWARDED A "KEW" CERTIFICATE.

(1) The Laboratory Certificate, issued on the results of the previous test, must accompany the watch when it is submitted for retest.

(2) When a watch is entered for complete retest under the full "Class A" or "Class B" conditions, the old certificate will be cancelled, and will be replaced by a new one if the watch passes the retest. In the event of a "Class A" retest, the marks obtained in the previous test or tests, together with the dates of the test, will be endorsed on the new certificate unless the Laboratory is otherwise instructed.

(3) Should a watch, entered for complete "Class A" or "Class B" retest, fail to pass the test, the old certificate will be cancelled.

(4) In the case of a watch entered for the "Class A" Subsidiary test, however, the previous "Class A" certificate will not be cancelled, but will be endorsed suitably on the watch passing the test.

If a watch fails to pass the "Class A" Subsidiary test, the Laboratory will ordinarily retain the old certificate pending the rectification of the watch and the final passing of a retest, when the usual endorsement will be made. If for any reason the sender requires the old certificate returned before a satisfactory retest is passed, the failure (or failures) will be recorded on it.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation forwarded a number of suggestions that had been received in reference to the rules governing Running High Jump, Standing High Jump, Pole Vault and Hurdling, and what constitutes a favourable wind. They were under consideration by the Rules and Record Committee, and will be finalised at the next Congress.

Letter received.

In connection with the question of shortening the competitions in high jumping and pole vaulting, it was decided that it be referred to the Executive to prepare a scheme for speeding up high jumping and pole vaulting, and submit same to the affiliated Associations for their consideration.

Order of Running Programme Australian Championship.

On the motion of Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.), seconded by Mr. J. I. Brown (Q.), it was decided that the Managers of the different teams should discuss with the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. E. Mackay, and the Referee the question of the time-table of events on Saturday and Monday.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

VICTORIAN AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

Ski-ing.

On the motion of Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.), seconded by Mr. J. I. Brown (Q.), it was decided to add ski-ing to the list of athletic exercises.

(Jurisdiction clause, Amateur Definition, etc., page 10 Handbook.)

Decathlon.

On the motion of Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.), seconded by Mr. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.), it was decided in connection with all applications for best on record in Decathlon events, certificates must be supplied for each separate event.

Scoring Points in Australian Cross-country Championship.

Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.) moved, and Mr. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.) seconded:—

"Teams representing the Individual States shall not exceed six (6), and no less than four (4), the placings of all of whom shall be recorded, but the first four only to be counted for points. The team scoring the lowest number of points to be the winner."

Motion lost, 5 votes to 3.

For.—A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.), G. E. Langford (Vic.), H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.).

Against.—R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.), R. J. Coekshutt (Tas.), G. M. Taylor (Tas.), J. I. Brown (Q.), D. P. Merritt (Q.).

Amendment to Rule 8, Section 2, Paragraph (d).

Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.) moved, and Mr. H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.) seconded, that Rule 8, Section 2, Paragraph (d), appearing on Page 10 of the Handbook, be deleted and the following substituted:—

Competitions open only to volunteers or regulars of the Naval, Military, Air Forces, or Police Forces, at Naval, Military, Air Force or Police Force Meetings (such events, being for trophies only) shall be exempt from any rule disqualifying persons for competing against professionals.

Lost, 8 votes to 2.

For.—(†. E. Langford (Vic.), H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.).

Against.—J. I. Brown (Q.), D. P. Merritt (Q.), A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.), R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.), R. J. Cockshutt (Tas.), (†. M. Taylor (Tas.), W. E. Mackay (S.A.), G. Appleton (W.A.).

Indoor Records.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. W. E. Mackay (S.A.), seconded by Mr. J. I. Brown (Q.), that no records be allowed for indoor events.

Rule 35,—Track and Lanes.

On the motion of Mr. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.), seconded by Mr. W. E. Mackay (S.A.), it was decided:—

“Provided that in the case of a track without raised border or a track with flags more than 5 yards apart, the track shall be measured 8 inches from the inner edge.”

QUEENSLAND AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

Track and Field Championships of Australia.

Moved by Mr. J. I. Brown (Q.), seconded by Mr. D. P. Merritt (Q.):—

“That walking be deleted from the list of Australian Championships.”

Lost, 8 votes to 2.

For.—J. I. Brown (Q.), D. P. Merritt (Q.).

Against.—R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.), A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.), G. E. Langford (Vic.), H. W.

Mackinlay (Vic.), A. G. Fenner (S.A.), R. J. Cockshutt (Tas.), G. M. Taylor (Tas.), G. Appleton (W.A.).

Writing for the Press.

Mr. J. I. Brown (Q.) moved, and Mr. D. P. Merritt (Q.) seconded:—

“That Amateur Competitors and Officials be debarred from writing articles for the newspapers for monetary reward except in their capacity as professional journalists.”

Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.) moved, and Mr. H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.) seconded, the following amendment:—

“That no member of this Union shall contribute any article for monetary reward on athletics under his own name or that of an assumed name, or allow his name to be used by any newspaper, other than professional journalists.”

Amendment carried by 6 votes to 4.

For.—H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.), G. E. Langford (Vic.), W. E. Mackay (S.A.), A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.), R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.), G. Appleton (W.A.).

Against.—J. I. Brown (Q.), D. P. Merritt (Q.), R. J. Cockshutt (Tas.), G. M. Taylor (Tas.).

On the motion of Mr. G. M. Taylor (Tas.), seconded by Mr. R. J. Cockshutt (Tas.), it was decided that this decision should not be brought into force until 5th February, 1934.

NEW SOUTH WALES AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

Appointment of Hon. Auditor by Full Board of Control Instead of Executive.

On the motion of Mr. R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.), seconded by Mr. H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.), it was decided that the Hon. Auditor should in future be appointed by the Full Board.

National Games.

Mr. R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.) moved, and Mr. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.) seconded:—

“That the Union consider the advisability of taking up with the Australian Olympic Federation the matter of standardisation of distances and awards for the National Games.”

Carried, 8 votes to 3.

For.—R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.), A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.), J. I. Brown (Q.), D. P. Merritt (Q.), R. J. Cockshutt (Tas.), G. M. Taylor (Tas.), W. E. Mackay (S.A.).

Against.—G. E. Langford (Vic.), H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.), G. Appleton (W.A.).

Mr. R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.) moved, and Mr. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.) seconded:—

“That the rules concerning Australian Records be amended to provide for the granting of Records for all events for which World's Records can be granted.”

Carried, 8 to 1.

For.—R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.), A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.), G. E. Langford (Vic.), H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.), R. J. Cockshutt (Tas.), G. M. Taylor (Tas.), G. Appleton (W.A.), D. P. Merritt (Q.).

Against.—J. I. Brown (Q.).

Addition to Australian Track and Field Championships.

Mr. R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.) moved, and Mr. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.) seconded:—

“That the Pentathlon and 220 Yards Low Hurdles events be added to the Australian Championship programme.”

Lost, 6 votes to 3.

For.—R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.), G. M. Taylor (Tas.), A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.).

Against.—H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.), G. E. Langford (Vic.), J. I. Brown (Q.), D. P. Merritt (Q.), W. E. Mackay (S.A.), R. J. Cockshutt (Tas.).

Issue of a News Sheet by Executive.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.), seconded by Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.) :—

“That, for the purpose of keeping affiliated associations in touch with current matters, the Conference suggest the Executive Officers to send a quarterly news sheet setting out all relevant information to the Secretary of each State body.”

New Constitution for Union.

Mr. R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.) moved, and Mr. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.), seconded :—

“(a) That the Constitution be revised and re-drafted (by a committee elected for that purpose), so as to bring it more into line with the Constitutions of similar bodies elsewhere, to more adequately provide for the government of athletics in Australia and to more clearly define the extent of the control of the Union and the State Associations.

“(b) That such committee (representing at least three States) shall submit its draft Constitution to the Honorary Secretary of the Union not later than 31st March, 1934, for submission by him to each State Association within one month for comment thereon.”

Lost, 6 votes to 2.

For.—R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.), A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.).

Against.—G. E. Langford (Vic.), H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.), J. I. Brown (Q.), D. P. Merritt (Q.), A. G. Fenner (S.A.), G. Appleton (W.A.).

Office-Bearers.

Mr. R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.) moved, and Mr. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.) seconded :—

“That the present Constitution be amended (or the proposed new Constitution provide for) so that the following officers shall be elected :—Patron, Vice-Patron, Hon. President, President, Senior Vice-President, four Vice-Presidents, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer. With their consent, the Patron shall be the Governor-General of Australia, and the Vice-Patron shall be the Governor of the State where the

next Track Championship Meeting will be held; the Senior Vice-President shall be a member of the State Association that will control the next Track Championship Meeting; the four Vice-Presidents shall each be a member of an Association from which the President and Senior Vice-President shall not have been elected. The Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer shall each be a member of an Association."

Lost, 5 votes to 2.

For.—R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.), A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.).

Against.—G. E. Langford (Vic.), H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.), J. I. Brown (Q.), D. P. Merritt (Q), G. Appleton (W.A.).

Competition Laws, Rules Relating to Records.

Mr. R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.) moved, and Mr. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.) seconded:—

"That the 'Competition Laws, Rules Bearing on Records,' etc., shall be revised by a committee elected for that purpose. Such committee shall submit its report containing the revised Laws to the Hon. Secretary of the Union not later than 30th April, 1934, for submission to the State Associations within one month thereof, and that such revised Laws shall operate on and after 1st September, 1934, unless a majority of the Associations shall have notified the Hon. Secretary of the Union of disapproval thereof."

It was decided to submit the resolution to the Executive for its consideration.

Interpretation of Rule re Dropping of Baton in Relay Races.

It was decided that dropping the baton at any stage of the race will ensure disqualification.

Order of Running in Medley Relay Races.

On the motion of Mr. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.), seconded by Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.), it was decided to refer the matter to the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

Proposed Tour to New Zealand by Messrs. Hampson and Metcalfe.

All papers in connection with the invitation by the New Zealand Amateur Athletic Association for an Australian team of athletes to visit New Zealand in February-March, 1934, were laid on the table.

Mr. R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.) moved, and Mr. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.) seconded:—

"That invitations extended to individual athletes for oversea tours must be communicated through State Associations of which they are members."

Carried, 5 votes to 1.

For.—R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.), A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.), H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.), G. E. Langford (Vic.), J. I. Brown (Q.).

Against.—D. P. Merritt (Q.).

Ties in Team Races.

"That the present rule whereby ties in teams' races are decided in favour of the team whose individual member finished nearest to the first place is not in accord with the accepted theory of team work (which is to finish the requisite number of men within the shortest possible time space) and contends that the higher placing in any such case should go to the team which first finished the requisite number of athletes, rather than to the team whose individual member finished first."

Decided to forward resolution as submitted by the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association for consideration (if thought fit) for adoption by the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

Javelin Throwing.

Measurements.—Page 65 Handbook, Schedule to Rules.

The weight shall not be less than 800 grammes (1.6 pounds) complete as throw.

This should read 800 grammes = (1 lb. 12¼ oz.).

It was decided to make correction in Handbook and draw the attention of the I.A.A.F. to the mistake.

Time Trials Against Professionals.

Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.) stated that he had received a telegram from Mr. H. R. Weir, Hon. Secretary, Victorian Amateur Athletic Association, stating that two members of the Tasmanian team had taken part in a time trial against a professional, and much publicity had been given to the race in the local press.

It was decided that the Executive should make an enquiry into the charge at the conclusion of the championships.

It was further decided, on the motion of Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.), seconded by Mr. H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.):—

“That no member of any affiliated Association can take part in any time trial against a professional.”

Vote of Thanks.

On the motion of Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.), seconded by Mr. J. I. Brown (Q.), a vote of thanks was passed to the President, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer for services rendered during the past two years.

The Chairman declared the Conference closed



THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE TO JANUARY 15th, 1934.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
Balance Brought Forward £81 14 3	Printing, Stationery, Certificates, etc. £20 15 6
Subscriptions, 1932:—	Cables, Telegrams and Lettergrams 5 18 9
New South Wales £4 4 0	Postages 2 3 9
Queensland 4 4 0	Typing 6 1 0
South Australia 4 4 0	Subscriptions:—
Tasmania 4 4 0	International A.A. Federation, 1932 £2 10 5
Victoria 4 4 0	International A.A. Federation, 1933 2 10 5
Western Australia 4 4 0	Empire Games Committee 2 2 0
	Australian Olympic Federation 2 2 0
25 4 0	9 4 10
Subscriptions, 1933:—	International Publications, 1932 1 5 9
New South Wales £4 4 0	International Publications, 1933 1 7 1
Queensland 4 4 0	
South Australia 4 4 0	2 12 10
Tasmania 4 4 0	Cables Sent A/c Victorian A.A.A. 7 7 3
Victoria 4 4 0	Refreshments at Sydney Conference 2 12 0
Western Australia 4 4 0	Executive Officers' Portion of Ex-
	penses to Australian Conference 30 0 0
25 4 0	Cheque Book, Bank Charge and Ex-
Tasmania, 1930 and 1931 8 8 0	change 1 12 8
N.S.W.A.A.A.—10 per cent. profit from	£88 8 7
Australian Championships Meeting,	
held in Sydney, 16th and 18th	
January, 1932 9 19 4	
Victorian A.A.A., Refund Cost of	
Cables Sent by Union 7 7 3	Credit Balance 69 8 3
£157 16 10	£157 16 10

BALANCE SHEET.

LIABILITIES.	ASSETS.
Nil.	
1934—Jan. 15.	
Balance Surplus Assets over Liabilities £69 8 3	Cash at Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney
	Ltd., Exchange Branch, Sydney £69 8 3

W. B ALEXANDER, Hon. Treasurer.
 SYDNEY, 17th January, 1934.

Audited and found Correct,
 FRANK G. UNDERWOOD, Hon. Auditor.