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**Meeting of Board of Control,**

Held at the Courier Buildings, Queen Street, Brisbane.

**FIRST SITTING.**

ON TUESDAY EVENING, 17TH AUGUST, 1909.

There were present :—

- Messrs. R. Coombes and E. S. Marks (New South Wales).  
„ J. H. Pollock and C. E. Bridge (New Zealand).  
„ R. H. Croll (Victoria).  
„ G. Crawford and D. S. Carter (Queensland).  
„ E. A. Brooke and C. H. Elliott (Tasmania).

Mr. R. Coombes (President) took the chair and on behalf of the Union, welcomed the delegates.

Mr. D. S. Carter (President of the Queensland A. A. A.) also extended a welcome on behalf of his Association.

**MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING.**

The minutes of last Board Meeting, held in Hobart, Tasmania, 1908, were read and confirmed.

**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE.**

The Minutes of the Executive for the past two years on the motion of Mr. J. H. Pollock (N.Z.), seconded by Mr. D. S. Carter (Q.), were taken as read and endorsed.

## ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

Moved by Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.), seconded by Mr. J. H. Pollock (N.Z.):—"That Mr. R. Coombes (N.S.W.) be President for the ensuing two years."

Mr. G. Crawford (Q.), speaking to the motion, stated that he was still of the same opinion as was held by him at the last meeting of the Board, viz.:—"That the Headquarters of the Union should be changed each meeting, and Executive Officers be members of the Association of the State or the Dominion in which the next Championships were to be held."

The motion was carried unanimously.

## ELECTION OF HON. SECRETARY.

Mr. E. A. Brooke (Tas.) moved and Mr. D. S. Carter (Q.), seconded:—"That Mr. E. S. Marks be Hon. Secretary for the ensuing two years."

Carried unanimously.

## ELECTION OF HON. TREASURER.

Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.) moved and Mr. C. H. Elliott (Tas.) seconded:—"That Mr. Stanley Rowley be the Hon. Treasurer for the ensuing two years."

Carried unanimously.

## VOTE OF THANKS.

Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.) moved and Mr. J. H. Pollock (N.Z.) seconded:—"That a vote of thanks be accorded to Mr. Stanley Rowley for services rendered to the Union during the absence of the Hon. Secretary in Europe."

Carried unanimously.

## HEADQUARTERS.

Moved by Mr. C. E. Bridge (N.Z.) seconded by Mr. D. S. Carter (Q.):—"That the Headquarters of the Union be Sydney."

Carried unanimously.

## BRITISH OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION.

A letter was read from the British Olympic Association in reference to the publication of the Official Report of the Olympic Games of London, 1908, under the name of "The Fourth Olympiad."

Received and the Hon. Secretary to forward copy of the letter to all affiliated Associations.

#### THE PORTOLA FESTIVAL, 1909.

The Executive Committee of the Portola Festival, 1909, to be held from October 19th to 20th at San Francisco U.S.A., wrote inviting the Union to be represented at the Games.

The President's action in acknowledging the invitation was approved.

#### RE-INSTATEMENTS APPROVED BY EXECUTIVE.

Mr. G. Crawford (Q.) asked for a list to be laid on the table of all re-instateMENTS endorsed by the Executive during the past two years.

#### OLYMPIC COUNCILS.

The Chairman addressed the meeting at length on the question of the appointment of Olympic Councils and it was finally decided on the motion of Mr. J. H. Pollock (N.Z.), seconded by Mr. E. A. Brooke (Tas.):—"That the various delegates representing the States and the Dominion here assembled pledge themselves to bring before their respective Councils the proposed formation of Olympic Councils in each State and the Dominion, and also to use their best endeavours to carry the scheme into effect; and (2) to report the result of their labours to the Australasian representative of the International Olympic Committee."

#### OLYMPIC GAMES, STOCKHOLM, 1912.

Mr. C. E. Bridge (N.Z.) moved and Mr. E. A. Brooke (Tas.) seconded:—"That it is desirable that Australia and New Zealand be represented in the Olympic Games to be held at Stockholm, 1912.

Carried unanimously.

#### VISIT OF SOUTH AFRICAN ATHLETES.

Correspondence in reference to an invitation being extended to Messrs. R. E. Walker and either V. Duncker or C. Hefferon to visit Australia and New Zealand were read and it was decided on the motion of Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.) seconded by Mr. J. H. Pollock (N.Z.):—"That a sub-com-

mittee consisting of Messrs. Bridge, Coombes and Croll be appointed to draft a scheme for submission to the Board as to ways and means of carrying out the suggestion.

#### INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCES.

The following letters were read in reference to International Alliances.

##### *Canadian Amateur Athletic Union.*

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th of July in reference to an alliance between this Union and your own.

Your proposal was discussed at the last meeting of the Board of Governors, and a resolution was adopted approving the proposed alliance along the lines suggested in your letter. I have therefore had prepared in duplicate Articles of Alliance, and enclose them herewith signed by the President and the Secretary of the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union. When these have been completed at your end, will you be kind enough to return to me one copy.

Trusting that these agreements may be a step toward the ultimate formation of a World's Union with uniform regulations, etc., I remain,

Yours very truly,

J. H. Crow, Secretary.

The Agreement reads as follows :—

1. The Canadian Amateur Athletic Union and the Amateur Athletic Union of Australasia mutually recognise each other as the sole Associations governing amateur athletic sports in Canada and Australasia and as the sole bodies competent to regulate international relation.
2. Any Club or any person suspended or expelled by one of the Unions is *de jure* suspended or expelled by the other.
3. No international athletic match shall take place between clubs belonging each to one of the two Unions without the authorization of the latter.
4. In all cases of dispute arising out of international matches arranged under the auspices of the two Unions, the rules of that Union in whose country the match or competition shall have taken place shall alone have force.
5. The Amateur Athletic Union of Australasia undertakes not to admit to membership any club belonging to the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union and *vice versa*.
6. These articles of alliance may be terminated by either party upon three months' notice to each other.

7. This alliance shall take effect when ratified by the representative governing bodies of the organizations party thereto and duly signed by the Presidents and Secretaries thereof.

*From the English A.A.A.*

The application of the A.A.U. of Australasia for a working agreement was brought before my General Committee at their meeting at Birmingham on Saturday last, the 3rd inst., and I was directed to inform you that they regret they cannot enter into such an agreement, as it is contrary to the Constitutional Laws of the A.A.A. to enter into an agreement with any body outside the United Kingdom.

Yours faithfully,

PERCY L. FISHER, Hon. Sec.

*From the South African A.A.A.*

My Executive direct me to reply to letter received from you dated July 25th, 1908, with copy of suggested agreement, the terms of which we, as an Association, are quite in accord with, and think it would be highly beneficial to amateur athleticism if some such working agreement could be arranged, more especially if the whole of the World's Amateur Athletic Unions or Associations could be brought to adopt a uniform set of Rules. My Executive desire me to state that the South African Amateur Athletic and Cycling Association is affiliated to the Amateur Athletic Association and National Cyclists Union of England, and adopts almost entirely their competition rules (the constitutional rules of course differ in order to meet local requirements). We understand some difficulty has arisen with regard to certain of the Australasian Rules, which do not altogether agree with those of the A.A.A. of England, but it would seem a pity if these differences cannot be removed.

Being affiliated to the A.A.A. and N.C.U. of England, my Executive would not be prepared to change our present friendly relations with those bodies, unless they are prepared to adopt the same agreement. At the same time my Executive fully approves of a General Agreement for the Athletic World, failing which they think every endeavour should be made to adopt a uniform set of rules throughout the English Empire, and they consider that there should be no difficulty in bringing this about.

*From the A.A. Union of the United States of America.*

Your very kind communication, setting forth the resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Board of Control of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australasia in relation to an Alliance with the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, has been duly received, and I thank you for the kind expressions contained therein.

The matter of an Alliance between the Amateur Athletic Union of Australasia and the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States will be brought up at the next annual meeting of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States next November.

Respectfully,

JOHN J. DIXON, Secretary.

On the motion of Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.), seconded by Mr. C. E. Bridge (N.Z.), it was decided:—"That the Board having heard and noted all matters in reference to alliances, the whole question be referred back to the Executive Officers to be dealt with and a report made on the matter to all affiliated associations.

## SECOND SITTING.

Held at Courier Building, Queen Street, Brisbane, on 18TH AUGUST, 1909.

The Hon. Secretary called the roll and there were present: Messrs. R. Coombes (N.S.W.) in the chair, and E. S. Marks

- „ J. H. Pollock and C. E. Bridge (N.Z.)
- „ R. H. Croll and B. J. Parkinson (Vic.)
- „ G. Crawford and D. S. Carter (Q.)
- „ E. A. Brooke and C. H. Elliott (Tas.)

### RE-INSTATEMENTS.

The Hon. Secretary laid on the table the list of re-instate-ments endorsed by the Executive during the past two years.

Mr. J. H. Pollock (N.Z.) moved and Mr. C. H. Elliott (Tas.) seconded:—"That once every two years each affiliated Association shall supply the Executive with a list of all re-instate-ments made between the meetings of the Board of Control. Such lists to be submitted to the Full Board."

The motion was carried by 7 votes to 2.

*For*—Messrs. E. S. Marks, J. H. Pollock, C. E. Bridge, B. J. Parkinson, R. H. Croll, E. A. Brooke, C. H. Elliott.

*Against*—Messrs. G. Crawford, D. S. Carter.

### AMATEUR DEFINITION.

On the motion of Mr. E. S. Marks (N.S.W.) seconded by Mr. D. S. Carter (Q), Rule 8, Amateur Definition, was so altered and amended as to allow of Clauses *c* and *e* reading :



Clause c—Pawning, selling, realising, bartering, or otherwise turning into cash any prize won by him, or accepting any remuneration directly or indirectly from any person from any competition in which he is an entrant or competitor.

Clause e—Entering for any athletic event for which a money prize is offered, or for which a money prize or trophy are offered as alternatives, or any event open to professionals, or issuing or allowing to be issued on his behalf any challenge to compete against any professional, or for money.

Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.) moved and Mr. D. S. Carter (Q.) seconded:—“That Wood Sawing and Wood Chopping be inserted in the list of Athletic Exercises.”

Carried unanimously.

Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.) moved and Mr. G. Crawford (Q.) seconded:—“That this addition to the rules be not retrospective in its operations.

Carried by 7 votes to 1.

*For*—Messrs. J. H. Pollock, C. E. Bridge, B. J. Parkinson, R. H. Croll, D. S. Carter, G. Crawford, E. A. Brooke.

*Against*—Mr. O. H. Elliott.

#### ALL ROUND AUSTRALASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP.

Mr. E. A. Brooke (Tas.) moved and Mr. G. Crawford (Q.) seconded:—“That the matter of holding an all round Australasian Championship in conjunction with the Biennial Championship Meeting be not proceeded with and allowed to lapse.”

Carried unanimously.

#### AUSTRALASIAN CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.

Mr. G. Crawford (Q.) moved and Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.) seconded:—“That this Board is of opinion that it is desirable that an Australasian Cross Country Championship be held every two years and that rules be at once drawn up for the carrying out of the same.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. W. B. Alexander, Hon. Secretary of the N.S. Wales A.A.A. attended the meeting and spoke on behalf of his Association, supporting the Australasian Cross Country Championship scheme.

The Rules to govern the contests were then drawn up as follows:—

1. That an Australasian Cross Country Championship be held once every two years over a 5 miles course. (It is understood however that the distance of the race be open for re-consideration after the year 1912.)

2. That the race shall be held each year between the 1st August and the 30th September.

3. That the Prizes shall be:—1st Gold Medal; 2nd Silver Medal; 3rd Bronze Medal; and six Honor Caps to the winning team. The medals shall be struck off the Australasian Championship Medal Die and be of the same weight, and the caps be of a value of 12/6 each.

4. That the race be held as follows:—1910, Tasmania; 1912, Queensland; 1914, Victoria; 1916, New South Wales; 1918, New Zealand; 1920, South Australia.

5. That it is optional for any affiliated association to compete, and the race be not held unless three Associations give an undertaking to compete one month prior to the date of closing of entries.

6. The local Association of the State or Dominion of New Zealand wherein such race is held shall, subject to the Rules of the Union, have complete control over the same in financial matters, bearing any loss and receiving any profits.

7. All arrangements for the race (Course, Officials, etc.) shall be made by the State or Dominion in which the Championship is contested.

8. Teams representing the individual States are not to exceed nine (9) in number, the first six (6) to count for places. Individual representatives to be allowed to start but not to count for points.

9. The course to 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 to decide.

10. That any State or the Dominion of New Zealand may assist any other Association in financing their teams if they so desire, provided the sanction of the Union be given.

On the motion of Mr. D. S. Carter (Q.) seconded by Mr. E. A. Brooke (Tas.), the following addition to the Racing Laws of the Union was carried:—

#### THROWING THE JAVELIN.

(a) The Javelin shall be 2 6 metres long (8.1 feet) and 800 grammes in weight (1.6 lbs.) It shall be of wood with a sharp iron point, and shall have about the centre of gravity a grip formed by a binding of whipcord without knots; it shall not be provided with a thong, and the shaft shall not be notched.

Every competitor must throw with a javelin provided by the Committee.

(b) The throwing shall take place from behind a scratch line. The thrower may place his foot or feet upon the line, but if either foot passes the line entirely before the javelin first strikes the ground the throw is invalid.

(c) No throw shall be counted in which the point of the javelin does not strike the ground before any part of the shaft.

(d) It is open to the competitors to throw with either hand and with or without a run.

(e) The throw is measured from the point at which the point of the javelin first strikes the ground perpendicularly to the scratch line, or the scratch line produced.

The javelin must be held by the grip, and no other method of holding is admissible.

#### POLE VAULT.

It was decided to submit the following addition to Rules governing pole vaulting to the affiliated Associations for their approval or otherwise.

Any Competitor shall be allowed to dig a hole not more than one foot in diameter at the take off in which to plant his pole.

#### WALKING.

Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.) moved and Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.) seconded:—"In all walking races the Judge or Judges of walking shall have full and absolute control of and over any competitor whom he or they shall in his or their opinion adjudge to be responsible for interference with any other competitor whether wilfully or through carelessness, or who shall have infringed any of the Rules relating to walking, and he or they may disqualify for the race and order to leave the track any competitor so offending.

The motion was lost 8 to 2 votes.

*For*—Messrs. B. J. Parkinson, R. H. Croll.

*Against*—Messrs. R. Coombes, E. S. Marks, J. H. Pollock, C. E. Bridge, G. Crawford, D. S. Carter, E. A. Brooke, C. H. Elliott.

Mr. E. A. Brooke (Tas.) moved and Mr. J. H. Pollock (N.Z.) seconded:—"That Rule 10, page 20 handbook, be so altered as to allow of the words 'or during such other months as may be mutually agreed upon' being struck out.

Carried 5 votes to 4.

*For*—Messrs. E. A. Brooke, J. H. Pollock, C. E. Bridge, E. S. Marks, C. H. Elliott.

*Against*—Messrs. G. Crawford, D. S. Carter, B. J. Parkinson, R. H. Croll.

The meeting then adjourned.

**THIRD SITTING.**

Held at Courier Buildings, Queen Street, Brisbane, on  
19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 1909.

The Hon. Secretary called the roll and there were present:  
Messrs. R. Coombes (N.S.W.) in the chair and E. S. Marks  
" J. H. Pollock and C. E. Bridge (N.Z.)  
" R. H. Croll and B. J. Parkinson (Vic.)  
" G. Crawford and B. Burton (Q.)  
" E. A. Brooke and C. H. Elliott (Tas.)

**BALANCE SHEET.**

On the motion of Mr. G. Crawford (Q.), seconded by Mr. C. E. Bridge (N.Z.), the Balance Sheet was adopted subject to audit in Sydney by Messrs. B. J. Parkinson and J. H. Pollock.

**SUBSCRIPTION TO UNION.**

Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.) moved and Mr. J. H. Pollock (N.Z.) seconded:—"That Rule 7, page 12, Handbook, be so altered and amended as to allow of the subscription to the Union being increased from £2 2s. per year to £4 4s. per year, of which £2 2s. per year be made available for the expenses of the Officers of the Union in attending Board of Control Meetings."

Mr. G. Crawford (Q.) moved and Mr. B. Burton (Q.) seconded:—"That the words £4 4s read £3 3s."

The amendment was lost 6 votes to 4.

*For*—Messrs. G. Crawford, B. Burton, E. S. Marks, R. Coombes.

*Against*—Messrs. B. J. Parkinson, R. H. Croll, J. H. Pollock, C. E. Bridge, E. A. Brooke, C. H. Elliott.

The motion as moved by Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.) was then put and carried.

**AUSTRALASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP SHIELD.**

Mr. E. S. Marks (N.S.W.) moved and Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.) seconded:—"That the winning State or Dominion be presented with a Shield in connection with the Australasian Championships, to be held until defeated, and that the Executive be instructed to purchase same on behalf of the Union.

Carried unanimously.

## POSITION OF THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN A.A.A.

Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.) moved and Mr. G. Crawford (Q.) seconded:—"That the Executive Officers be instructed to communicate with the S.A.A.A. in reference to matters athletic in that State, and that the assistance of the Victorian A.A.A. be invoked in this respect, and in the meantime the matter of their indebtedness to the Union be held over.

Carried unanimously.

## RE-INSTATEMENT CASE SUBMITTED BY TASMANIAN A.A.A.

The Tasmanian A.A.A. forwarded the case of R. F. Gourlay of Hobart who applied to their Association for re-instatement.

Mr. E. A. Brooke (Tas.) moved and Mr. C. H. Elliott (Tas.) seconded:—"That the application be treated as a special case, and the re-instatement granted forthwith under Clause k"

On this Mr. C. E. Bridge (N.Z.) moved and Mr. J. H. Pollock (N.Z.) seconded:—"That the re-instatement be considered by the Executive 12 months from the date of his last performance."

The amendment was carried by 4 votes to 3.

*For*—Messrs. C. E. Bridge, J. H. Pollock, R. H. Croll, B. J. Parkinson.

*Against*—Messrs. G. Crawford, B. Burton, E. S. Marks.

## VISIT OF SOUTH AFRICAN ATHLETES.

Mr. R. Coombes (N.S.W.), on behalf of the special Subcommittee, appointed to draft a report on the proposal to bring R. E. Walker and C. Hefferon to tour Australasia submitted the following proposal:—"That the South African athletes leave Durban (Natal) early in December and open their campaign at Melbourne, the tour lasting about two months with the following appearances: Melbourne, two; Launceston, one; Hobart, one, and New Zealand four. This is subject to extension if N.S.W. and Queensland enter into the scheme. It is estimated that the initial cost in fares (from Durban to Melbourne and back) for two athletes and

a trainer will come to £100. On arrival, each State and the Dominion, would be expected to maintain and transport the visitors whilst within their confines, whilst in the case of New Zealand, the Dominion would be expected to pay passage money to and from Australia, being allotted 4 appearances as compensation for the outlay. The following guarantees were made by the Delegates:—

New Zealand up to £100

Victoria „ £50

Tasmania „ £50

Neither the Queensland or N.S.W. Delegates could make any guarantee on behalf of their Associations.

Mr. J. H. Pollock (N.Z.) moved and Mr. E. A. Brooke (Tas.) seconded:—“That this Board affirms the principle that it is in the best interests of the sport that Messrs. R. E. Walker and C. Hefferon be invited with the sanction of the South African A.A.A. to compete in the Australian States and the Dominion of New Zealand and that the Executive of the Union be authorised to open up negotiations with the various Associations regarding guarantees and other details of finance and generally to take the steps necessary to bring about the visit.

Carried unanimously.

#### RUNNING BROAD JUMP CHAMPIONSHIP.

Mr. R. Coombes, Referee of the Sports now in progress, reported that owing to darkness, etc., he had had to postpone, after the first trials, the Australasian Broad Jump Championship.

On the motion of Mr. E. S. Marks (N.S.W.) seconded by Mr. E. A. Brooke (Tas.) it was decided in fairness to all competitors to hold the Broad Jump Championship on Friday morning if suitable arrangements could be made and the consent of the men jumping off be obtained.

Carried unanimously.

#### MARATHON RACE.

The Chairman and Hon. Secretary gave particulars of the application of the Queensland A.A.A. to increase the prize money in connection with the Marathon Race on August 21st above the value allowed by the Rules of the Union.

Mr. G. Crawford (Q.) moved and Mr. B. Burton (Q.) seconded :—" That special sanction be given the Q. A.A.A. to give trophies to the value of £20 first, £7 second and £3 third, in connection with the Marathon Race to be held in Brisbane, on August 21st.

Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.) having taken the point, the chairman ruled that the motion was out of order being in direct opposition to Rule 22.

Mr. Crawford (Q.) then moved and Mr. B. Burton (Q.) seconded :—" That this Board is of opinion that Rule 22 be so altered and amended as to allow of the trophies in connection with the Marathon Race on Saturday, August 21st, being increased in value to £20 first prize, £7 second and £3 third.

The motion was lost by 7 to 2 votes.

*For*—Messrs. G. Crawford and B. Burton.

*Against*—Messrs. J. H. Pollock, C. E. Bridge, E. A. Brooke, C. H. Elliott, B. J. Parkinson, R. H. Croll, E. S. Marks.

It was decided to take a mail vote of all affiliated Associations on the question submitted by Mr. G. Crawford on behalf of the Queensland A.A.A., viz :—" That the Amateur Athletic Associations of the various States and Dominion have discretionary power to grant permission to affiliated runners to compete in Ex-Students Races, Trade Races, and at House Sports in which professionals may be competing, provided that the prizes offered are presented through the Association concerned."

#### RE-INSTATEMENT RULES.

Mr. E. S. Marks (N.S.W.) moved and Mr. D. S. Carter (Q.) seconded *pro forma* :—" That Clause *j* of Rule 9, Re-instatements, page 15-16, Handbook, be so altered and amended as to allow of the words 'three years' in fifth line to read 'five years'".

The motion was defeated by 7 votes to 1.

*For*—Mr. E. S. Marks.

*Against*—Messrs. J. H. Pollock, C. E. Bridge, R. H. Croll, G. Crawford, B. Burton (for D. S. Carter), E. H. Brooke, C. H. Elliott.

The meeting then adjourned.

#### VOTES OF THANKS.

A special vote of thanks was accorded the Executive Officers on the motion of Mr. J. H. Pollock (N.Z.) for their work since the period of the previous meeting of the Board.

Messrs. R. Coombes (President) and E. S. Marks (Hon. Secretary) suitably responded.

On the motion of Mr. G. Crawford (N.Z.), a hearty vote of thanks to the Press of Brisbane was accorded.

The Chairman proposed a special vote of thanks to the Queensland A. A. A. for the courtesy and hospitality bestowed upon both the Board Delegates and the athletic visitors. The vote was passed by acclamation.

The conference then closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

