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**MEETING OF FULL BOARD OF
CONTROL.**

(Held at Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Adelaide, 29th
December, at 2 p.m.)

First Sitting.

There were present:—

Mr. R. Coombes (New South Wales).

Messrs. S. Cox and E. S. Marks (New Zealand).

Messrs. B. J. Parkinson and H. A. Abbott (Victoria).

Messrs. W. C. Thompson and J. Moylan (Queensland).

Messrs. R. A. Wise and J. A. Stillwell (Tasmania).

Messrs. G. C. Campbell and R. F. Middleton (South Australia).

Mr. R. Coombes (President) took the chair at 2 p.m., and cordially welcomed the Delegates from the different States and the Dominion of New Zealand. He also apologised

for the unavoidable absence of the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Stanley Rowley.

Minutes of Last Board Meeting.

The Queensland A.A.A. wrote in reference to the minutes of the last Conference, stating that they were not correct, in so far as they applied to the appeal of the East Brisbane Harriers. After a long discussion, on the motion of Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.) seconded by Mr. S. Cox (N.Z.), the minutes of the last full Board Meeting, held in Sydney, 1920, were adopted.

Correspondence.

The Hon. Secretary of the Union (Mr. E. S. Marks) read letters from the Amateur Athletic Associations of New South Wales, New Zealand, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and Tasmania, announcing the appointment of the above gentlemen as Delegates to the Conference from their respective Associations. The Tasmanian A.A.A. wrote stating that it would be impossible for that State to be represented at the Sports.

Mr. H. A. Abbott (Vic.), moved and Mr. W. C. Thompson (Q'land) seconded, that under the circumstances, as stated in the letter, no fine be inflicted on Tasmania for not being represented—carried.

The Chairman read several letters in connection with the position of amateur athletics in West Australia, and after debate it was

unanimously decided, on the motion of Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.), seconded by Mr. W. C. Thompson (Q'land), that as the West Australian A.A.A. was in arrears to the Union since 1912, they be declared no longer an associated body.

The Secretary 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. He also asked that the subscription, £15, due by the Union for the years 1914-1921 be forwarded at once.

It was decided to forward the amount asked, and the Executive were instructed to see if some reduction could not be made in future for Australasia, seeing the small amount of revenue received by the Union, and the distance from Europe and, further, that we should be free from extra call in the way of conference expenses.

From the Records Committee of the Federation, acknowledging the receipt of the application for the recognition of the performance of W. Murray, of Victoria, for one mile walking as a world's record.

From the Bureau Permanent des Federations Internationales Sportives, Paris, stating that the Olympic Games of 1924 would be held in three intervals. First part in January-February, 1920, at Chamonix (International Winter Sport Competitions). Second part, April-May, 1924. (trials in Rugby and Asso-

tion Football). Third part (Field and Track Events) 3rd to 17th July, 1924.

From the Council of the New Zealand A.A.A., extending season's greetings and best wishes for a successful Conference.

Election of President, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.

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

Mr. Coombes returned thanks.

Headquarters.

Moved by Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.), seconded by Mr. S. Cox (N.Z.), "That the headquarters of the Union for the years 1922-23 be Sydney, New South Wales.—Carried unanimously.

Records.

The following record was unanimously adopted:—

Putting the 16lb. Shot, 7ft. Circle.—P. Munro, 45ft. 1in., Basin Reserve, Wellington, New Zealand, 12th March, 1921.

Hon. Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure.

The Hon. Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1920-1921, duly audited, showing a credit balance of £15/7/- and outstanding subscriptions of £37/16/-, was read.

Moved by Mr. H. A. Abbott (Vic.), seconded by Mr. J. Moylan (Q'land), "That the statement of receipts and expenditure, as read, be adopted."—Carried unanimously.

Reinstatements.

It was agreed on the motion of Mr. W. C. Thompson (Q'land) seconded by Mr. H. A. Abbott (Vic.), that any member who had forfeited his status before February 6, 1920, could apply for re-qualification up to and including February 6, 1923; this with a view to covering cases of men unable to apply when the rule came into operation, by reason of the fact that their period of "standing down" had not expired. The rule as amended to read: "(j) 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, subsequent to 6th February, 1920, shall be eligible for reinstatement, provided that any case of a youth under 18 years at the time of competing and of an athlete residing over 50 miles from any affiliated amateur athletic club which has by a three-fourths vote, as prescribed in clause A, been declared "special" by any Association by reason of any unusual or exceptional circumstances affecting the same, may be referred by such Association to the Executive of the Union, who shall have power to either reinstate, postpone or reject his application on such terms (if any) as they shall think fit."

In view of the adoption of the new rules several applications which had been sent to the Conference for discussion were referred back to the Executive for enquiry.

An Appeal Case.

An appeal of the Queensland A.A.A. against the decision of the Executive in the matter of the East Brisbane Harriers' case (Queensland Cross Country Championship placing, and Hamilton's disqualification) was then taken.

Mr. R. Coombes (N.S.W.) vacated the chair, and Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.) was elected temporary chairman.

Mr. W. C. Thompson (Q'land) moved, and Mr. J. Moylan (Q'land) seconded, "That the decision of the Executive be dissented from."

For: Messrs. W. C. Thompson, J. Moylan.
Against: Messrs. R. F. Middleton, G. C. Campbell, B. J. Parkinson, H. A. Abbott, J. A. Stillwood, R. A. Wise, S. Cox.

Lost by 7 votes to 2.

Amateur Definition.

On the motion of Mr. R. F. Middleton (S.A.), seconded by Mr. J. A. Stillwell (Tas), clause C, section 2, exceptions, was so altered and amended as to read: "Competitions at arms between volunteers and regulars, fire brigade competitions, police drill and competitions (in other than track and field track events), pure and simple, the pastimes of shooting and sailing and all other pastimes not

coming within the definition of athletic exercises (for list of athletic exercises see jurisdiction clause) shall not be considered as coming within the scope of these rules."

Sub-Committee.

A special sub-committee consisting of Messrs. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.), R. Coombes (N.S.W.), and S. Cox (N.Z.), was appointed to report to the next meeting of the Board on the following matters:

- (1) Notice of motion N.S.W.A.A.A., re Costume Rule.
- (2) Notice of motion N.Z.A.A.A., "That the present conditions governing the Australasian Championships, in so far as they relate to New Zealand, be deleted, and that in lieu thereof a biennial contest be inaugurated as between Australia and New Zealand."
- (3) Notice of motion Q.A.A.A., "That a limit be set to the amount of any honorarium for services rendered by members to their own and other sporting bodies."
- (4) From V.A.A.A., "That a relay race, 880 yards, 440 yards, and two 220 yards be added to the Australasian programme."

Standards.

On the motion of Mr. E. S. Marks (N.Z.), seconded by Mr. S. Cox (N.Z.), the following standards were fixed in connection with Australasian Championships:

Running Broad Jump, 21ft. 6in.

Putting 16lb. Shot, 38ft.
 Pole Vault, 10ft. 6in.
 120yds Hurdles, 16sec.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ -Mile Flat, 2min.
 Running High Jump, 5ft. 8in.
 1-Mile Walk, 7min.
 3-Miles Walk, 23min. 15sec.
 Throwing 16lb. Hammer, 110ft.

The meeting then adjourned till Friday, 30th December,.

Second Sitting.

(Held at Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Adelaide, on Friday, 30th December, at 7 p.m.)

The Hon. Secretary called the roll, there being present Messrs. R. Coombes, T. H. Ferguson, B. J. Parkinson, H. A. Abbott, J. A. Stillwell, R. A. Wise, W. C. Thompson, J. Moylan, G. C. Campbell, R. F. Middleton, S. Cox, and E. S. Marks.

The sub-committee reported as follows:—

1. (From Queensland) That a limit be set to the amount of any honorarium for services rendered by members to their own or other sporting bodies.

This matter is covered by section 2 sub-section (e) of the amateur definition. The intention is that any honorarium or payment should be moderate in amount and should have regard not merely to the extent of service rendered, but to the financial position of the body. Unless, and until it is shown that these principles are being seriously departed from your sub-committee does not recommend any fur-

ther limitation upon the discretion allowed by the rule to the governing Athletic Association.—Recommendation adopted.

2. (From N.S.W.) That the Costume Rule be altered to permit the wearing of knickers reaching only to within 8 inches above the knee, and sleeveless jerseys having an arm-hole 9 inches in diameter.

The present rule has not been shown to have any detrimental effect upon the athlete's freedom of action, and is in accord with the English practice and with decency of appearance. The existing rule was carried by mail vote, and your sub-committee does not recommend any alteration by the present Conference.

Moved by Mr. H. A. Abbott (Vic.), seconded by Mr. W. C. Thompson (Q'land), that the Costume Rule be 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, and jerseys (to be worn inside the trunks or breeches) with sleeves reaching midway between the shoulder and elbow."—Carried unanimously.

3. (From N.Z.) That New Zealand be exempt from further participation in the prescribed series of Australasian championships, with a view to the substitution of biennial Australian championships, and biennial home and home contests between N.Z. and combined Australia.

New Zealand urged that the cost of sending teams and the excessive period of leave required both militated against their adequate representation, and thereby prevented the meetings from being a genuine test of relative athletic ability of the Dominion and the States. It was pointed out that their proposal would merely transfer the same disabilities to the Australian States and that matches Australia v. New Zealand would on the present programme necessitate a large increase in the number of men sent from N.Z. every fourth year, thus cancelling any assumed saving in the cost of teams.

Your committee recommends that the penalty of £5 (p 22) be only imposed for failure to notify the holding Association in event of any State or the Dominion deciding not to be represented; that the present series of Australasian championships be continued, and that any contests between Australia and New Zealand be left for separate consideration and arrangement. Your committee does not disapprove of such contests, but considers that a reduced programme of about nine events and special financial arrangements would be called for, and suggests that New Zealand consider the matter further and, if so desired, submit a proposal.—Sub-committee's recommendation carried unanimously.

4. (From Victoria) That a relay race (880 yards, 440 yards, and two furlongs) be added to the Australasian programme.

In view of the fact that this would be unlikely to mean any addition to visiting teams same is approved. The race to count one point only in Shield Competition.—Sub-committee recommendation carried by 6 votes to 4. For: Messrs. B. J. Parkinson, H. A. Abbott, G. C. Campbell, R. F. Middleton, S. Cox, E. S. Marks. Against: Messrs. T. H. Ferguson, R. A. Wise, W. C. Thompson, J. Moylan.

Australasian Olympic Games.

On the motion of Mr. H. A. Abbott (Vic.), seconded by Mr. J. A. Stillwell (Tas.), it was decided that the Executive should approach the different Australasian Amateur Sporting bodies to see what could be done to inaugurate competitions in different branches of sport at one centre and at the one time.

Walking Rules and Penalties.

The following addition was added to the Scale of Penalties, pages 45-46 Handbook:—

For wins (first prizes in open handicaps during four days following such win, Sundays not included).—Winners of walking races to be re-handicapped.

Hop, Step and Jump Championship.

Mr. T. H. Ferguson (N.S.W.) moved and Mr. J. Moylan (Q'land) seconded, "That a Hop, Step and Jump Championship be added to the list of events at the Australasian Championship Meeting."—Lost, 6 votes to 5. For: Messrs. T. H. Ferguson (N.S.W.), R.

Coombes (N.S.W.), W. C. Thompson (Q.), J. Moylan (Q.), R. A. Wise (Tas.). Against: Messrs. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.), H. A. Abbott (Vic.), G. C. Campbell (S.A.), R. F. Middleton (S.A.), S. Cox (N.Z.), J. A. Stillwell (Tas.).

Mr. W. C. Thompson (Q'land) brought up the matter of the 1926 championships, and asked that as they were to be held at Brisbane the month be fixed for August, as this was the only time it was possible for Queensland to have her men in training. It was decided to allow the matter to stand over for the present.

Votes of Thanks.

On the motion of Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.), seconded by Mr. S. Cox (N.Z.), a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. R. Coombes, the Chairman of the meeting, for his conduct of the business, and also to the President (Mr. R. Coombes), the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. S. Rowley), and the Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. S. Marks), for their conduct of the Executive work of the Union.

The Chairman proposed, and it was unanimously carried, that a vote of thanks be accorded the Y.M.C.A. for the use of the Board Room for the purpose of holding the meetings, and the South Australian A.A.A. for many acts of courtesy.

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

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS and DISBURSEMENTS for YEAR ENDING 30th DECEMBER, 1921.

RECEIPTS.			£	s.	d.	DISBURSEMENTS.			£	s.	d.						
Balance from last statement	29	0	6	1920 Conference	2	11	6	Printing	40	4	3			
Subscriptions	37	17	0	Expenses 1920-1921	8	14	9	Balance in hand	15	7	0			
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LIABILITIES.			£	s.	d.	ASSETS.			£	s.	d.						
1921—			1921—			1921—			10	0	0						
Dec. 20	Subscription	International	..	15	0	0	Dec. 20	Shield	2	10	0					
		Athletic Federation	..					Cabinet	37	16	0					
	Balance Surplus Assets over	Liabilities	50	13	0		Subscriptions outstanding	15	7	0					
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S. R. ROWLEY,
Hon. Treasurer.

20/12/1921.

Audited and found correct.
W. B. ALEXANDER,

Hon. Auditor,

Outstanding Subscriptions—

	£	s.	d
West Australia	12	12	0
Tasmania, 1921	4	4	0
N.S.W., 1921	4	4	0
Victoria, 1921	4	4	0
Queensland, 1921	4	4	0
South Australia, 1921	4	4	0
New Zealand, 1921	4	4	0
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	£37	16	0