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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

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ON
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THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA

Minutes of the 1982 Extra-Ordinary Congress, held at the Gateway Inn, Brisbane, Queensland on Monday, 15th March, 1982 commencing at 1.30p.m., concluding at 5.05p.m.

There were present:

Officers: President - A.W. McDonald, Q.C.; Vice Presidents - Mrs. M. Robinson, MBE, Mrs. E. Wrighter, BEM, M.R. Aitken; National Executive Director - R.W. Pannell; National Coaching Director - Dr. J. Roberts.

Delegates: New South Wales - Mrs. F. Wrighter, BEM, Mrs. D. Magee AM, MBE, C.D. Lee, R.M. Durie

Queensland - Mrs. M. McMinn, AM, JP, Mrs. J. Bonwick, T.C. Blue, J. Bailey

Victoria - Mrs. M. Mahony, Mrs. M. McQuiston, BEM, Dr. F. Larkins, W. Hooker

Tasmania - G.T. Briggs, N. Ruddock

South Australia - Mrs. W. Ey, BEM, Mrs. N. Sheppard, M.R. Aitken, M. Finn

Western Australia - Mrs. G. Chester

Australian Capital Territory - Mrs. J. Cross, D. Wilson

Australian Association of Veterans Athletic Clubs - J. Cook

Life Members: F.T. Treacy, OBE

Observers: Victoria - J. Miller New South Wales - A. Rice

Apologies: Honorary Treasurer - E.J. Sumner; Miss L. Neville, L. Curnow, OBE, L. Vlahov (WA), Mesdames M. Ebzery & E. McLeod (Tasmania), J. Jarver (Australian Track & Field Coaches Association).

1. READING OF NOTICE CONVENING THE CONGRESS

1.1 The Executive Director read the Notice convening the Congress.

1.2 The President declared open the Extra-Ordinary Congress of the Union and extended a welcome to all members present, especially welcoming Mr. J. Cook.

2. CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES UPON MOTION

2.1 Law 1.2.1 (Agenda item 1) Submitted by the Secretary on behalf of the Constitution Committee that the Law be amended by deleting the words "AAA of NSW, NSW Women's AAA, Victorian Women's AAA and Victorian AAA" and inserting after AAA of Tasmania the words "AA of Victoria and NSWAAA." The Law would read:

1.1.2.1 The Union membership shall consist of the following Associations until a date to be determined: AAA of South Australia, AA of Western Australia, Australian Capital Territory AAA, AAA of Tasmania, AA of Victoria, New South Wales AAA, Queensland AAA, Queensland Women's AAA. Thereafter, AAA of South Australia, AA of Western Australia, Australian Capital Territory AAA, AAA of Tasmania, AA of Victoria and NSWAAA and one Association from Queensland.

2.1.1 It was resolved that L1.2.1 should not be amended but that the following paragraph should be added to the existing Law:

"In the event of two Associations within the one State becoming amalgamated or of the Union recognising only one Association within a State then such single body shall, on the Board approving its application for affiliation, become the sole member for that State and be recognised as such."

2.2 Law 1.9.2 (Agenda item 2) Submitted by the Victorian Amateur Athletic Association that the Law be amended by deleting from the seventh line the words "on the first day of April" and replacing them with "one third on the first day of April, October and December". The Law would read:

L1.9.2 All officials and competing athletes, irrespective of age, must be registered members of their respective Associations and each Association shall pay annually to the Union, registration dues for all registered members of such Association except those under twelve years of age. The sum to be paid shall be determined from time to time by Congress on the recommendation of the Treasurer. The dues shall be payable, one third on the first day of April, one third on the first day of October and one third on the first day of December in each year in respect of the year ending the thirty-first day of December following and such registration due shall be payable of individuals granted registration during the year ended the 31st day of March preceding. The payment shall be accompanied by a statement of the number of athletes and officials in respect of whom registration dues are paid.

2.2.1 An amendment was put to alter the motion as put by deleting the words "one third on the first day of April, one third on the first day of October and one third on the first day of December" and inserting the words "one half by the first day of April and one half by the first day of November."

The amendment was lost.

The motion as put was carried.

2.3 A consequential motion was put to amend L1.9.6 by deleting the words "all or part of its affiliation fee or registration dues by the thirtieth day of June following the date on which they become due and payable" and inserting the words "its affiliation fee or registration dues within thirty days of the date they become payable". The Law would read:

L1.9.6 Failure by an Association to pay its affiliation fee or registration dues within thirty days of the date they become payable or failure to pay all or part of any Special Levy within three months of the Union imposing same, shall entail the automatic suspension of the Association in default. Thereafter the Union may, on payment of the money in arrears and of such fine or fines as may be deemed appropriate by the Union, set aside such suspension and restore the defaulting Association to membership.

The motion was carried.

2.4 Law 2 (Agenda item 3) Submitted by the Secretary on behalf of the Board of Management that the existing Law 2 be deleted.

2.4.1 It was resolved that the new Law 2 as submitted (Appendix 1) be amended and the following new Law 2 was adopted:

L2 Eligibility Rules

L2.1 Eligibility

L2.1.1 A person who abides by the laws of the Union as defined in this constitution shall be eligible to participate in competition over which the Union claims absolute jurisdiction. For the purpose of these laws such a person shall be referred to as an amateur.

L2.1.2 The Board of the Union may from time to time determine matters regarding the eligibility and the reinstatement of athletes. An appeal against the decision of the Board may be made in accordance with L5.2. Notwithstanding L5.2.10 the recommendation of the Appeals Committee shall not be effective until confirmed by the Union in Congress.

L2.2 Ineligibility for Competition

An athlete who has attained the age of twelve years shall cease to be eligible for competition under the rules of the Union by:

L2.2.1 Being declared ineligible by the IAAF to take part in competition under IAAF Rules.

L2.2.2 Taking part in any athletic meeting which is not sanctioned, recognised or certified by the national governing body for athletics or a member Association in the country in which the event is held.

L2.2.3 Receiving directly or indirectly any compensation for using or recommending the use of any merchandise whatsoever without the prior approval of the Board. An exception is made when he/she displays such merchandise in his/her employment as a bona-fide professional model. (Merchandise shall include anything sold or any service sold to the public).

L2.2.4 Allowing his/her name, picture or athletic performance to be used for advertising except when this is connected with a contract for sponsorship or equipment entered into by the Union.

L2.2.5 Displaying, without prior approval of the Board or Member Association, as appropriate, on his or her person while competing advertising material other than the accepted name of his club or Association, or taking on to the arena or course any form of advertising material. This shall apply to a competitors' numbers, clothing or travelling bags, but not to articles not clearly visible.

L2.2.6 Entering for or competing in any athletic event under a name other than his/her own or one assumed permanently by him/her for the purpose of competition and registered by him/her with the Association to which he/she belongs.

L2.2.7 Accepting any remuneration directly or indirectly including a money prize without the prior approval of the Board from any person for any competition in which he/she is an entrant, competitor or player.

L2.2.8 Asking for or accepting or in any manner receiving any money or pecuniary benefit without the approval of the Board in going to, attending or returning from any athletic competition other than his/her actual outlay for transportation authorised by the Union or by an Association, and a sum not exceeding the amount per day determined from time to time by the IAAF to cover meals and lodging.

L2.2.9 Offering any inducement to an eligible athlete to commit any breach of this law.

L2.2.10 Using drugs in a manner and of a type or nature as from time to time defined by the IAAF as a prohibitive doping substance except with the prior approval of the Board on medical grounds.

L2.2.11 Competing with his/her knowledge against an ineligible athlete in any athletic competition other than in an event which is restricted solely to the veteran age group.

L2.3 Dispensations

An athlete does not cease to be eligible under the Laws of the Union by:

L2.3.1 Competing with or against ineligible athletes in events confined to and promoted by units of the Defence Services or by the Fire Brigade, Police Force or other body approved by the Board for which money prizes are not offered.

L2.4 Exemption

A schoolboy or schoolgirl who has become ineligible to compete under these Rules may compete at school sports without affecting the eligibility of other schoolboys or schoolgirls. A schoolboy or schoolgirl is a bona fide full time student at a primary or secondary educational institution (students at Universities, Tertiary Institutions and Colleges of Advanced Education shall not be considered schoolboys or schoolgirls).

L2.5 Reinstatements

All applications for reinstatement shall be dealt with by the Board of the Union.

L2.5.1 An applicant for reinstatement must complete the form prescribed by the Union, and must make a Statutory Declaration of the truthfulness of the statements contained therein. The applications must be forwarded through the Association in the State in which the applicant is resident.

L2.5.2 No application for reinstatement shall be considered unless accompanied by the fee determined from time to time by the Board. Should the applicant be recommended to apply again at a future date he may do so without payment of any additional fee, provided that he shall not have competed in the meantime.

L2.5.3 Guidelines for the reinstatement of athletes shall be determined by the Union in Congress, from time to time, on the recommendations of the Board.

L2.5.4 When a person is reinstated, the member Association in his State of residence shall be informed in writing.

L2.6 Material Assistance

The Union or a member Association, with the permission of the Union, may establish Trust Funds for the benefit of individual athletes. Such Funds shall be administered by the Union or the member Association and may be used to assist the athlete to advance his/her athletic career or for educational purposes (within the guidelines established by IAAF rules 15 and 16).

L2.7 Competitors' Numbers

Lettering identifying commercial sponsors may be included on competitors' numbers at Meetings unless the Union specifically directs otherwise. The same style of numbers shall be worn by all competitors taking part in the meeting.

L2.8 Athlete Advertising

The Union shall not enter into a contract for sponsorship or equipment as referred to in L2.2.4 without the approval of the Association in the State in which the athlete is resident.

2.5 It was resolved that the Guidelines for Reinstatement as submitted (Appendix 2) be amended and that the following be adopted:

Guidelines for Reinstatements

1. For a period of two years, from March, 1982, all applications for reinstatement be approved for the purpose of participating in domestic competition provided
 - a) The application complies with L2.5.1
 - b) A reinstatement fee of \$250 or the athlete's prize money from professional athletics, whichever is the lesser, is paid to the Union.
2. If the athlete wishes to be reinstated for international competition under the Rules of the IAAF, all prize money received must be paid to the Union, in accordance with the decision of the IAAF Council.
3. Veteran athletes who are at present ineligible to compete under the Rules of the IAAF may be reinstated as competing athletes on payment of a fee of \$25.00 to the Union.
4. Notwithstanding the above if an athlete should be declared ineligible by the Board for infringement of the new Law L2, he or she shall not be eligible to apply for reinstatement for a period of at least twelve months from the last date of infringement.

2.6 Law 2 Amateur Status The Notices Upon Motion submitted by the Amateur Athletic Association of South Australia deferred from the 1981 Half-Yearly Congress (Minute 17.4) lapsed.

2.7 Law 3.5.7 (Agenda item 5) Submitted by the Victorian Amateur Athletic Association that the Law be amended by adding after the first sentence the words "This committee shall deal with all matters relating to selection with the exception of those items covered in Law 3.5.9." The Law would read:

L3.5.7 A Selection Committee which shall consist of three members. This Committee shall deal with all matters relating to selection with the exception of those items covered in Law 3.5.9. They shall hold office until the thirtieth day of April following the ensuing Congress.

2.7.1 An amendment was put to alter the motion as put by deleting the second sentence and adding the words "responsible for the selection of teams and individuals to represent Australia for events other than Road Running and Cross Country after the word "committee" and before the word "which" in the first sentence. The Law would read:

L3.5.7 A Selection Committee responsible for the selection of teams and individuals to represent Australia for events other than Road Running and Cross Country which shall consist of three members. They shall hold office until the thirtieth day of April following the ensuing Congress.

The motion as amended was carried.

2.7 Law 3.5.8 (Agenda item 6) Submitted by the Secretary on behalf of the Board of Management that a new Law be adopted: The Law would read:

L3.5.8 A Schools' Committee which shall consist of 4 members, 3 of whom shall be elected by Congress and one of whom shall be appointed by the Australian Secondary Schools' Sports Federation. Its duties shall be to act as a liaison between the Union and Australian Schools Sports Association and generally foster athletics in schools throughout the country.

The motion was carried.

2.8 Law 3.5.9 (Agenda item 7) Submitted by the Victorian Amateur Athletic Association that the following new Law be adopted:

L3.5.8 A Road Running and Cross Country Selection Committee which shall consist of two members plus the National Distance Event Coach. The committee shall be responsible for the selection of teams and individuals to represent Australia. The National Distance Event Coach will act as convener. The other two members shall hold office until the thirtieth day of April following the ensuing Congress.

2.8.1 An amendment was put to alter the motion to the following: The Law would read:

L3.5.9 A Road Running and Cross-Country Selection Committee shall consist of three members. The committee shall be responsible for the selection of teams and individuals to represent Australia in Road Running and Cross Country events. The committee shall hold office until the thirtieth day of April following the ensuing Congress.

2.8.2 A fore-shadowed amendment was put to add the sentence "The National events coach and National Coaching Director should be non-voting ex officio members of that Committee.

The fore-shadowed amendment was lost.

The motion as amended was carried.

2.9 Law 4.6.1 (Agenda item 8) Submitted by the Secretary on behalf of the Constitution Committee that the Law be amended by deleting "AAA of NSW, NSWAAAA, Victorian WAAA and Victorian AAA" and inserting after AAA of Tasmania "AA of Victoria and NSWAAA". The Law would read:

L4.6.1 At a Congress of the Union associations shall be entitled to be represented by delegates in accordance with the schedule below:

Four delegates: AAA of SA, AA of WA, ACTAAA, TAAA, VAA & NSWAAA.
Two delegates: QAAA & QWAAA.

2.9.1 It was resolved that this motion be deferred until the 1982 Half-Yearly Congress.

2.10 Law 6.1 (Agenda item 9) Submitted by the Secretary on behalf of the Board of Management that the Law be deleted and replaced with the following:

L6.1 Track and Field

- L6.1.1 Open, men and women
- L6.1.2 Under 20, men and women
- L6.1.3 Under 18, men and women
- L6.1.4 Schoolboys and schoolgirls

The motion was carried.

2.11 (Agenda item 10) Amendments to Age Groupings and Distance Events as set out in the attached paper.

2.11.1 It was resolved that this submission (Appendix 3) as amended be adopted and that insofar as this concerns winter championships, these should take effect from 1st April, 1983 and all other championships take effect from 1st October, 1982.

2.11.2 A motion was put to submit a motion to the IAAF Women's Committee to have the distances in women's cross country events increased.

The motion was carried.

2.11.2 A motion was put to delete from the Championships calendar the 25,000 road running championship for men and the 10,000 road running championship for women.

The motion was lost.

2.11.3 Age Groups

Open	Australian Championships
Under 20	Australian Championships
Under 18	Australian Championships
Under 16	Inter-State Match
Under 19, 17, 15	Australian Schools Championships
Under 14	State Competition
Under 13	State Competition

2.11.3.1 It was resolved that the above age groups be adopted.

2.11.3.2 A motion was put that the Constitution Committee be authorised to make the necessary consequential amendments including the minor amendments to records.

The motion was carried.

2.11.3.3 A motion was put that insofar as consequential amendments to records, they be first established on the best performance recorded at the end of the 1982/83 season.

The motion was carried.

2.11.4 A motion was put that the matters of hurdle heights, distances and implements be referred to the Coaching Director and that the Coaching Director should submit recommendations to the 1982 Half-Yearly Congress.

The motion was carried.

2.12 Rule 1.1.7 (Agenda item 11) Submitted by the Australian Capital Territory Amateur Athletic Association that the Rule be amended by replacing "University" with "tertiary institution" and adding a new sentence "A member of the Australian Institute of Sport shall not be regarded as attending a tertiary institution for the purposes of this rule". The Rule would read:

R1.1.7 A student attending a tertiary institution or a Naval, Military or Air Force College is eligible to represent either the Association controlling the territory within which such establishment is conducted, or that where he/she normally resides. A national service trainee is not regarded as a student attending a Naval, Military or Air Force College. A member of the Australian Institute of Sport shall not be regarded as attending a tertiary institution for the purposes of this rule.

The motion was carried.

2.13 Rule 9.1.2 (Agenda item 12) Submitted by the Australian Capital Territory Amateur Athletic Association that the following new rule be adopted:

R9.1.2 Where the association with which an athlete was registered fails or refuses without sufficient reason to grant a clearance within 20 days of receipt by it of an application from the athlete in writing for a clearance, the Union may grant clearance and the athlete may then register with the association within whose jurisdiction he or she resides.

2.13.1 An amendment was put to alter the motion by deleting "20" and inserting "30" between the words "within" and "days". The Rule would read:

R9.1.2 Where the association with which an athlete was registered fails or refuses without sufficient reason to grant a clearance with 30 days of receipt by it of an application from the athlete in writing for a clearance, the Union may grant clearance and the athlete may then register with the association within whose jurisdiction he or she resides.

The amendment was carried.

The motion as amended was carried.

The Congress closed at 5.05p.m.

NOTICE OF MOTION

(Appendix 1)

Law 2 Submitted by the Secretary on behalf of the Board of Management that the existing Law 2 be deleted and the following be substituted:

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L2.2.9 Offering any inducement to an eligible athlete to commit any breach of this law.

L2.2.10 Employing the use of drugs consistent with IAAF Rule 144 on doping with the intention of increasing athletic efficiency by their stimulating action upon muscles or nerves or by paralysing the sense of fatigue.

L2.3 Dispensations

An athlete does not cease to be eligible under the Laws of the Union by:

L2.3.1 Competing with or against ineligible athletes in events confined to and promoted by units of the Navy, Army or Air Force for which money prizes are not offered.

L2.3.2 Unknowingly competing against an ineligible athlete in any athletic competition which is designated an eligible event.

L2.3.3 Competing against non-registered athletes in any athletic event which is restricted to the veteran age group (40 years and over for men and 35 years and over for women).

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A schoolboy or schoolgirl who has infringed his or her eligibility may compete at school sports without affecting the eligibility of other schoolboys or schoolgirls. A schoolboy or schoolgirl is a bona fide full time student at a primary or secondary educational institution (students at Universities, Tertiary Institutions and Colleges of Advanced Education shall not be considered schoolboys or schoolgirls).

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AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA
RECOMMENDED AGE GROUPS AND DISTANCE EVENTS

(Appendix 3)

PROPOSAL TO COMMENCE 1ST OCTOBER, 1982.

	NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS		NATIONAL UNDER 20 CHAMPIONSHIPS		NATIONAL SCHOOLS UNDER 19 CHAMPIONSHIPS		NATIONAL UNDER 18 CHAMPIONSHIPS		NATIONAL SCHOOLS UNDER 17 CHAMPIONSHIPS		INTERSTATE UNDER 16 MATCH		NATIONAL SCHOOLS UNDER 15 CHAMPIONSHIPS		STATE UNDER 14 CHAMPIONSHIPS	
	MEN	WOMEN	MEN	WOMEN	MEN	WOMEN	MEN	WOMEN	MEN	WOMEN	MEN	WOMEN	MEN	WOMEN	MEN	WOMEN
TRACK RUNS	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
- 12 -	5,000	3,000	5,000	3,000	5,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000		
	10,000	10,000														
STEEPLECHASE	3,000		2,000		2,000		2,000		2,000		2,000					
WALKS	5,000	5,000	5,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
CROSS COUNTRY	12,000	8,000	8,000	6,000	8,000	6,000	6,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	3,000	4,000	3,000	3,000	2,000
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ROAD RUNS	25,000	10,000									**					
WALKS	Marathon 50,000 20,000 *	Marathon 20,000 10,000	20,000 10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	8,000	8,000	6,000	6,000	4,000	4,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000

* Comm. Games year 50,000 and 30,000 w.
N.B. Road relays are eliminated as from April 1st, 1982.

** Not for I/A match. Recommended distances