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Minutes of the 1983 Extra-Ordinary Congress, held at the Parkroyal Motel, Royal Parade, Parkville, Victoria on Friday, 18th March, 1983 commencing at 7.30p.m. and concluding at 9.35p.m.

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There were present:

Officers: President - A.W. McDonald, QC (Chairman); Vice Presidents - Mrs. M. Robinson, MBE, M.R. Aitken, G.T. Briggs; National Executive Director - R.W. Pannell; National Coaching Director - Dr. J. Roberts; Special Projects Officer - B.S. Roe.

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

Queensland - Mrs. K. Jauncey, T.C. Blue, J. Bailey

Victoria - Mrs. M. Mahony, Mrs. M. McQuiston, BEM, Prof. Dr. F. Larkins, G. Cozens

Tasmania - Mrs. M. Ebzery, OAM, G.T. Briggs

South Australia - Mrs. W. Ey, BEM, M.R. Aitken, M. Finn, B. Chapman

Western Australia - Mrs. G. Chester, P. Druitt

Australian Capital Territory - D. Wilson, J. Muir

Australian Universities Sports Association - A.B. Laser

Life Members - Miss L. Neville, A. Gardiner

Observers - Australian Capital Territory - P. Hamilton

Apologies - Mrs. S. McMinn, L. Curnow, Ms. M. Mathews, J. Miller, Mrs. J. Bonwick

1. The President declared open the Extra-Ordinary Congress of the Union and extended a welcome to all members present, especially welcoming Mrs. K. Jauncey, G. Cozens and B. Roe to their first Congress.

2. A motion was put that voting on all motions be by secret ballot.

2.1 The motion was carried

2.2 A motion was put that the Notices Upon Motion be considered in the following sequence: 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 15, 16, 17 (Number of Vice Presidents); 5, 6, 10, 11, 12 (Composition of Board); 7, 13, 14 (Chairmanship of Board).

2.2.1 The motion was carried.

3. CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES UPON MOTION

3.1 L3.1.1 (Agenda item 1) Submitted by the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association that the existing Law be replaced with the following:

"L3.1.1 The honorary officers of the Union shall be a President and a Vice President, one of whom shall be a man and one of whom shall be a woman, and a Treasurer.

The Vice President shall deputise for the President if he or she is unable to act for any period during the year".

The motion was lost.

3.2 L3.1.2 (Agenda item 2) Submitted by the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association that the existing Law be replaced with the following:

"L3.1.2 The President and Vice President shall not be members of the same State Association."

The motion was lost.

3.3 L3.1.5 (Agenda item 3) Submitted by the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association that the existing Law be replaced with the following:

"L3.1.5 The Vice President shall not have ex-officio powers within the Union. However, he or she shall not be excluded from election to the Board or to any other committee of the Union, or as a delegate of the Union to other organisations by virtue of his or her position as an honorary officer of the Union."

The motion was lost.

3.4 L3.3.4 (Agenda item 4) Submitted by the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association that the Law be amended by deleting the words "the Vice Presidents and the Secretary" and replacing with the words "the Vice President and two Board members appointed by the Board".

The Law would read:

"L3.3.4 The nominations shall be forthwith referred to a Special Committee comprising the President, the Vice President and two Board Members appointed by the Board, who shall examine the nominations and decide whether or not to recommend the nominee for Life Membership ...."

The motion was lost.

3.5 L3.9.2 (Agenda item 5) Submitted by the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association that the existing Law be replaced with the following:

"L3.9.2 The Board shall comprise of a Chairman and sufficient other members to satisfy the provisions of Law 3.9.2.1 and 3.9.2.2.

L3.9.2.1 Except for the position of Chairman of the Board each State Association shall nominate one of its members for appointment to the Board and on receipt of such nomination, which shall comply with the provision of L3.10, except where specifically excluded, such persons shall be appointed to the Board to hold office in accordance with L3.9.7.

L3.9.2.2 Should nominations from State Associations received in accordance with L3.9.2.1 not provide at least two men and at least two women there shall be elected from those persons nominated in accordance with L3.9.2.3 a maximum of two additional persons so that the Board, including the Chairman, shall comprise at least two men and at least two women. If two members are elected under the terms of this sub-clause, they shall not both be members of the same State Association.

L3.9.2.3 Each State Association, in addition to nominating one person for appointment to the Board in accordance with L3.9.2.1 shall nominate up to two additional members, one of whom shall be a man and one of whom shall be a woman, so that additional members of the Board, if required, be elected in accordance with L3.9.2.2."

3.5.1 An amendment was put to alter the motion by inserting the following words after "Chairman" in the first line of 3.9.2 "who shall be the President of the Union, the three Vice Presidents and"; in proposed L3.9.2.1 delete the words "position of Chairman of the Board" in the first line and replace with "positions of President and Vice-Presidents"; and in proposed L3.9.2.2 delete the words "a maximum of two additional persons" in the fourth line and replace with the words "one additional person".

The Law would then read:

"L3.9.2 The Board shall comprise of a Chairman who shall be the President of the Union, the three Vice-Presidents and sufficient other members to satisfy the provisions of Laws 3.9.2.1 and 3.9.2.2.

L3.9.2.1 Except for the positions of President and Vice Presidents each State Association shall nominate one of its members for appointment to the Board and on receipt of such nomination, which shall comply with the provision of L3.10, except where specifically excluded, such persons shall be appointed to the Board to hold office in accordance with L3.9.7.

L3.9.2.2 Should nominations from State Associations received in accordance with L3.9.2.1 not provide at least two men and at least two women there shall be elected, from those persons nominated in accordance with L3.9.2.3, one additional person so that the Board, including the Chairman, shall comprise at least two men and at least two women. If two members are elected under the terms of this sub-clause, they shall not both be members of the same State Association."

The amendment was lost.

The motion was lost.

3.6 L3.9.5 (Agenda item 6) Submitted by the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association that the existing Law be replaced with the following:

"L3.9.5 At a meeting of the Board.-

- (i) If the Board comprises a Chairman and seven members, the quorum shall be four.
- (ii) If the Board comprises a Chairman and either eight or nine members, the quorum shall be five.

The motion was lost.

3.7 L3.9.6 (Agenda item 7) Submitted by the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association that the existing Law be replaced with the following:

"L3.9.6 The Chairman of the Board shall be elected from nominations submitted by State Associations for that position. The Chairman of the Board shall not be a person nominated under L3.9.2.1.

The Chairman shall have a casting vote but not a deliberative vote.

The President of the Union shall not be eligible for election as Chairman of the Board."

The motion lapsed.

3.8 L3.10.1 (Agenda item 8) Submitted by the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association that the Law be amended by deleting the words "Vice Presidents" and replacing with the words "Vice Presidents".

The Law would read:

"L3.10.1 Nominations for the offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer, the Board ....."

The motion was lost.

3.9 L3.10.4 (Agenda item 9) Submitted by the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association that the Law be amended by deleting the words "Vice Presidents" in the second and third lines and inserting "Vice President" and deleting the words "membership of the Board".

The Law would read:

"L3.10.4 Nominations for the offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer of the Union, Union Standing Committees, Delegates from the Union to the A.O.F. ...."

The motion was lost.

3.10 L3.10.5 (Agenda item 10) Submitted by the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association that the following new Law be adopted:

"3.10.5 Nominations for the office of Chairman of the Board and for membership of the Board may only be made by State Associations, in accordance with the provisions in L3.9.2 and L3.9.6".

The motion was lost.

3.11 Laws 3.10.5 and 3.10.6 (Agenda item 11) Submitted by the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association that L3.10.5 and L3.10.6 be renumbered L3.10.6 and L3.10.7 respectively.

The motion lapsed.

3.12 L3.12.2 (Agenda item 12) Submitted by the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association that the existing Law be deleted and replaced with the following:

"L3.12.2 In the event of a vacancy occurring on the Board between annual congresses:-

- i) if the vacancy occurs as a result of the resignation or otherwise of one of the State Association appointed members, the vacancy shall be filled by another appointee made by that Association, or
- ii) if the vacancy occurs as a result of the resignation or otherwise of one of the members elected, in accordance with L3.9.2.2, nominations in writing shall be invited from Associations and a successor shall be elected at the next congress. In this case nominations shall close twenty-one days before the holding of such congress."

The motion was lost.

3.13 L3.12.3 (Agenda item 13) Submitted by the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association that the following new Law be adopted:

"L3.12.3 In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of Chairman of the Board between annual congresses nominations in writing shall be invited from Associations and shall close twenty-one days prior to the election, which shall be conducted by a mail vote of Associations. The Board shall have the power to appoint an acting Chairman from amongst their number to hold office until the new Chairman is elected, such acting Chairman to have a deliberative vote, as well as a casting vote."

The motion lapsed.

3.14 L3.12.3 (Agenda item 14) Submitted by the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association that the existing L3.12.3 be renumbered L3.12.4.

The motion lapsed.

3.15 L3.15.1 (Agenda item 15) Submitted by the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association that the existing Law be deleted and replaced with the following:

"L3.15.1 A special Selection Committee comprising the President, the Vice President, the Chairman of the Board and one other person elected by the Board at its first meeting after its appointment, not necessarily a member of the Board, shall appoint the Athletics Managers and all other officials (including Assistant Managers, Medical Officer, Coaches and Co-ordinators of Training) for Australian Olympic and Commonwealth Games teams, for other Australian Athletics Teams, and for individual athletes."

The motion was lost.

3.16 L4.5.2 (Agenda item 16) Submitted by the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association that the Law be amended by deleting the word "Senior" in the first sentence and the words "Vice Presidents" and and inserting the words "Vice President" in the second sentence.

The Law would read:

"L4.5.2 The President or in his absence, the Vice President, shall occupy the chair at a congress of the Union ..... In the absence of the President and the Vice President, the delegates present shall elect a Chairman ....."

The motion lapsed.

3.17 L4.5.3 (Agenda item 17) Submitted by the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association that the Law be amended by deleting the word "Senior".

The Law would read:

"L4.5.3 The reasonable expenses of the President (or in the event of the President being unable to attend the congress, the Vice President), the Secretary and the Treasurer, in attending the congresses of the Union shall be paid by the Union ....."

The motion lapsed.

3.18 (Agenda item 18) Submitted by the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association that the Constitution Committee be empowered to make such consequential amendments to the Constitution as may be necessary following the adoption of the above amendments.

The motion lapsed.

3.19 (Agenda item 19) Submitted by the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association that should the above amendments be carried then they become operative from the 1st September, 1983, and nominations be called in accordance with the amended laws for elections to take place at the 1983 annual congress.

The motion lapsed.

3.20 (Agenda item 20) Submitted by the Athletic Association of South Australia:

"Reconsideration of the \$5 entry fee for Australian Championships".

3.20.1 It was resolved that a formal motion on this subject should be put to the Annual Congress of the Union.

3.21 (Agenda item 21) Submitted by the Athletic Association of South Australia:

"Reconsideration of the \$200 or 10 per cent permit fee charged by the Australian Athletic Union for Associations conducting international meetings or meets involving appearance money/prizemoney."

3.21.1 It was resolved that a formal motion on this subject should be put to the Annual Congress of the Union and that the views of Associations should be indicated to the Board.

3.22 (Agenda item 22) Submitted by the Amateur Athletic Association of Tasmania:

"Application to conduct the Under 18 & Under 20 Track & Field Championships in 1984 prior to the Open Championships. (To be held in Tasmania prior to the Open Championships)."

The motion was lost.

3.23 (Agenda item 23) Submitted by the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association:

"The current decision by the AAU to ban State Associations from conducting International Competition within certain periods in the summer season be rescinded."

3.23.1 An amendment was put that:

"There be no absolute prohibition on States conducting international meetings during the months of January or February."

The amendment was carried and became the motion.

The motion was carried.

4. The President reported to Congress on a special meeting of the Board of Management held the previous night, Thursday, 17th March, to consider the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association's attitude in relation to the Australian Marathon Championship to be conducted in Sydney on June 12 next.



4.1 The following motions were adopted at the special Board Meeting:

4.1.1 That the Board of the Union views with serious concern the statement made by Mr. Ray Durie, President of the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association that the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association will not co-operate in any way with the Union in staging the 1983 Australian Marathon Championship. We ask the President to report this view of the Board to the Congress as a matter of urgency.

4.1.2 That the Board view with concern the fact that the Board was not acquainted with the fact that negotiations were in progress re the sponsoring of the NSW Marathon at the time of negotiations with News Limited re sponsorship of the Australian Marathon Championship. This was not made known at the time the telegram was sent to all Board Members and States in October, 1982.

4.1.3 That the Board requests that the NSWAAA not proceed with the fun run component of the 1983 Marathon Championship because we consider that, because of its proximity to the Australian Marathon in Sydney it is not in the best interest of amateur athletics in Australia and furthermore it undermines the credibility of the Australian Athletic Union with the Australian public.

The Congress closed at 9.35p.m.