



Athletics Australia

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
1992 GENERAL MEETING
MARCH 9, 1992

ATHLETICS AUSTRALIA

Minutes of General Meeting held at the Olympic Sportsfield Clubrooms, Kensington, Adelaide on Monday, 9th March, 1992 commencing at 9.00am.

1. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATES:

Officers: President - D.P. Prince, Treasurer - J. Makarucha, General Manager - N. King

Delegates: Queensland - R. Brandis, T. Kinnane
New South Wales - J.A. Atterton, A. Batchelor
Australian Capital Territory - P. Hamilton
Victoria - S. Stewart, P. Roberts
Tasmania - A. Willis, N. Ruddock
South Australia - K. Edwards, B. Stanton
Western Australia - J. Baguley, T. Reynolds
Northern Territory - R. Ralph, L. Nevin

Also present: J. Brown - Minute Secretary, B. Roe - Competition Manager

2. APOLOGIES: B. Gleeson (ACT), T. Rice (ATFCA), C.D. Lee (Life Member).

3. READING OF NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING:

3.1 The President read the notice convening the meeting and declared open the 1992 General Meeting.

5. NOTICES UPON MOTION:

5.1 Moved by the Secretary, seconded J. Atterton (NSW) that Article 2 (v) be amended by deleting the word "April" and replacing it with the word "July".

The Article would then read:

Article 2 (v) "financial year means a period of 12 months commencing on 1 July in any year.

5.1.1 The motion was carried.

5.2 Moved by the Secretary, seconded B. Stanton (SA) that Article 14 be amended by deleting the word "April" and replacing it with the word "July".

The Article would then read:

Article 14 Every Member Association and Associate Member shall pay to the Union such affiliation fee as may be determined from time to time by the Union in general meeting. All affiliation fees shall be due and payable on the first day of July in each year in respect of the ensuing financial year.

5.2.1 The motion was carried.

- 5.3 Moved by the Secretary, seconded B. Stanton (SA) that Article 62 (d) be amended by deleting the words "thirty-first day of March" and replacing them with the words "thirtieth day of June".

The Article would then read:

Article 62 The Treasurer or such other persons

(d) supervise the preparation of the annual balance sheet of the Union as at the thirtieth day of June in each year and the income and expenditure statement

- 5.3.1 The motion was carried.

- 5.4 Moved by the Secretary, seconded B. Stanton (SA) that the second sentence of Article 15(a) be deleted and replaced by the following: "The registration dues, if any, shall be payable in such manner and at such times as shall be prescribed by the union in general meeting" and the last sentence be amended by deleting the words "April", "October" and "December" and replacing them with the words "July", "December" and "March" respectively.

The Article would then read:

Article 15 (a) All officials and competing athletes, irrespective of age, must be registered members of their respective Associations. The registration dues, if any, shall be prescribed by the union in general meeting. Fees payable shall be determined in total, and the apportionment of this figure between Member Associations shall be determined in general meeting. Fees shall be payable in three equal instalments on the first days of July, December and March in each year in respect of the ensuing financial year.

- 5.4.1 The motion was carried.

- 5.5 Moved by the Secretary, seconded A. Willis (Tas) that Article 18 be amended by deleting the words "in the month of August in each year".

The Article would then read:

Article 18 An annual general meeting of the Union shall be held in each year at such times and places as may be determined by the Board of Management.

- 5.5.1 An amendment was put N. Ruddock (Tas), seconded J. Atterton (NSW) that the words "within three months of the close of the previous financial year" replace the words "in the month of August in each year".

The Article would then read:

Article 18 An annual general meeting of the Union shall be held in each year at such times and places as may be determined by the Board of Management within three months of the close of the previous financial year.

The amendment was carried.

- 5.5.2 The motion as amended was carried.

- 5.6 Moved by the Secretary, seconded N. Ruddock (Tas) that Article 13 (a) be amended by adding the following:

"The undermentioned categories of service or any combination thereof are considered appropriate for a person to be deemed eligible to qualify as having rendered distinguished service to the Union and its Member Associations for not less than twenty years:

(i) an athlete who has competed with distinction at national level for a period of not less than twenty years, provided that during that period he or she represented Australia in international competition;

(ii) an elected office bearer or member of the Board of Management of the Union who has served in one capacity or another for a total period of at least twenty years;

(iii) an honorary member of a commission or an elected member of committee of the Union who has served in one capacity or another for a total period of at least twenty years;

(iv) a delegate from a Member Association who has attended the annual or any ordinary general meetings of the Union for a total period of at least twenty years provided that it is generally recognised that such a person has made a significant contribution at those meetings and/or in other ways;

(v) A person who has rendered for a total period of at least twenty years distinguished service to a Member Association provided that such service has been of direct relevance to the advancement of the affairs of the Union.

Apart from exceptional circumstance, the holding of a Merit Award of the Union is considered a prerequisite for nomination."

- 5.6.1 Moved N. Ruddock (Tas) seconded J. Atterton (NSW) that Paragraph (i) be deleted and that the Board should review all Awards, with special emphasis being placed on awards for athletes.
- 5.6.2 Moved N. Ruddock (Tas), seconded J. Atterton (NSW) that the words "for a period of not less than twenty years" be deleted and replaced with the words "twenty years shall be a guide and shall not necessarily be continuous" in all relevant paragraphs.
- The amendment was carried
- 5.6.3 The motion as amended was carried.
- 5.7 Moved by the Secretary, seconded R. Brandis (Qld) that Bylaw 24 (4) be amended by deleting the word "twenty" and replacing it with the word "fifteen".

The Bylaw would then read:

MERIT AWARD

Bylaw 24 (4) Whilst length of service shall not of itself confer the right of nomination for the award, no person shall be eligible for nomination unless he has been actively associated for at least fifteen years with the amateur athletic movement in Australia.

- 5.7.1 An amendment was put J. Atterton (NSW), seconded A. Batchelor (NSW) that all words after the word "associated" be deleted and replaced with "for a significant period (fifteen years shall be a guide) with Athletics Australia or its Member Associations".

The amendment was carried

- 5.7.2 The motion as amended was carried.

- 5.8 Moved by the Secretary, seconded R. Brandis (Qld) that Bylaw 24 (5) be deleted and replaced with the following:

Bylaw 24 (5) There shall be no limit to the number of Merit Awards which may be granted in any one year."

- 5.8.1 The motion was carried.

- 5.9 Moved by the Secretary, seconded N. Ruddock (TAS) that Bylaw 30 (5) be deleted and replaced with the following:

EITHER

(a) "For the purpose of under age championships and competition an athlete shall not have attained the specified age by the thirty-first day of March immediately following the competition."

OR

(b) "For the purpose of under age championships and competition an athlete shall not have attained the specified age by the thirty-first day of December in the year of the competition."

- 5.9.1 An amendment was moved K. Edwards (SA), seconded B. Stanton (SA) that the Rule remain as is pending further investigation and discussion by the Junior Development Commission with the AT & FCA, Schools Association and other relevant affiliated groups.

- 5.9.2 The amendment was carried and became the motion.

- 5.9.2.1 The motion was carried.

- 5.10 Submitted by the Secretary on behalf of the Board that should either of the proposed amendments to Bylaw 30 (5) be approved then the appropriate consequential amendments be made to Bylaw 31 (2).

- 5.10.1 The motion lapsed.

- 5.11 Moved by the Secretary, seconded P. Hamilton (ACT) that Bylaw 27 (2) be deleted and replaced by the following:

"(2) The Secretary shall refer all investigations, except those relating to doping offences or related matters to the Constitution Committee which for such purposes shall constitute the Investigations Committee. In the case of doping offences or related matters the Investigations Committee shall comprise a single chairman or deputy appointed by the Board for such purposes."

- 5.11.1 The motion was carried.

- 5.12 Moved by the Secretary, seconded N. Ruddock (Tas) that the following words be inserted as R10.20 and R11.13:

"Where preliminary rounds or qualifying competitions have been held in any event and a competitor qualifying for a subsequent round or final withdraws for any reason, no competitor shall be included in his place unless the relevant referee finds that special circumstances exist."

- 5.12.1 The motion was carried.

- 5.13 Moved by the Secretary, seconded R. Brandis (Qld) that the Juries of Appeal Rule 3.1 be amended by deleting the words "The Executive of the Board" and replacing them with the words "The Executive of the Officials Committee."

The Rule would then read:

R3.1 For Track and Field Championships, a Jury of Appeal of at least three (3) and not more than six (6) members none of whom shall be acting in any other capacity as an official at the Championships shall be appointed. The Secretary shall call for nominations at least two months before each Championship meeting. The Executive of the Officials Committee shall make the appointments. The Board of Management shall then endorse the appointments.

- 5.13.1 An amendment was put that the word "make" in the penultimate sentence be replaced with the word "recommend".

The amendment was carried.

- 5.13.2 The motion as amended was carried.

- 5.14 Moved by the Secretary, seconded K. Edwards (SA) that R11.6 be amended by adding the following:

Men Under 15 - 200m hurdles
Men Under 17 - 300m hurdles
Women Under 15 - 200m hurdles
Women Under 17 - 300m hurdles

with the following specifications being inserted in R20.7:

200m Hurdles (last 5 hurdles/400m hurdle marks)
for U15 (M & W) Height: 76cm for Men & Women
300m Hurdles (last 7 hurdles/400m hurdle marks)
for U17 (M & W) Height: 84cm for Men, 76cm for Women

- 5.14.1 The motion was carried.
- 5.14.2 Moved P. Hamilton (ACT), seconded N. Ruddock (Tas) that the Track & Field Commission set the standards for the above events.
- 5.14.3 The motion was carried.
- 6. GENERAL BUSINESS:
 - 6.1 Method of entry to be used for Under 16 & Under 18 Track & Field Championships after 1991/92. (It has been suggested by some Member Associations and the Track & Field Commission that Member Associations rather than individual entry should operate for these Championships).
 - 6.1.1 Resolved that the matter be discussed by the Board and recommendations be made to Member Associations.
 - 6.2 Consideration for Board decision to change some under age implement weights as from 1st April, 1992. (QAA has asked the Board to reconsider the decision to alter the men's under 20 weights).
 - 6.2.1 Resolved that this matter be discussed by the Board at its next meeting.
 - 6.3 First and second claim membership - need for a uniform national system (A draft proposal will be distributed before the meeting with a view to making final proposals to the AGM.)
 - 6.3.1 As the draft proposal was not available the matter lapsed.
- 7. Report of the Task Force and matters arising therefrom.
 - 7.1 An oral report was given by Barry Stanton, a member of the Task Force, and it was resolved to call a Special General Meeting immediately before the commencement of the Annual General Meeting to discuss and vote on the restructuring of the Board of Directors.
- 8. Resolved to record a vote of thanks to Athletics South Australia for the excellent conduct of the Open & U20 Australian Track & Field Championships.

The meeting closed at 11.45am.