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MEETING OF FULL BOARD OF CONTROL

Held at the Auckland Sports Club, New Zealand,
on Monday Evening, 16th December, 1901.

FIRST SITTING.

MINUTES OF MEETING of Full Board of Control, held
at the Auckland Sports Club, New Zealand, on
Monday evening, 16th December, 1901.

There were present:—

- Messrs. R. Coombes and E. S. Marks (N. S. Wales)
,, C. E. MacCormick and W. H. Toy (N.Z.)
,, R. H. Croll and A. O. Barrett (Victoria)
,, W. C. Pritchard and G. Crawford (Queensland)

Mr. R. Coombes (President) took the chair at
8 p.m., and addressed the meeting, and warmly
welcomed the delegates.

The Hon. Secretary of the Union (Mr. E. S. Marks)
read letters from the Amateur Athletic Associations
of New South Wales, New Zealand, Victoria, and
Queensland, announcing the appointment of the above
gentlemen as delegates to the Conference from their
respective associations.

THE PRESS.

Moved by Mr. W. C. Pritchard (Q.), seconded by Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.)—"That the Board's Meetings be only attended by duly authorised delegates of each affiliated Association, and members of the Press." Carried unanimously.

QUORUM.

It was decided that four delegates constitute a quorum, provided that each affiliated Association be represented.

MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING.

The Minutes of last full Board Meeting, held in Brisbane, November 1899, were unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr. A. O. Barrett (Vic.), seconded by Mr. G. Crawford (Q.)

CONFIRMATION OF MAIL VOTES.

The various mail votes, as per minute book, pages 44, 45, and 48, were read by the Hon. Secretary.

Moved by Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.), seconded by Mr. W. C. Pritchard (Q.)—"That the mail votes be confirmed." Carried unanimously.

The mail votes above confirmed were on the following subjects—No. 1, 1901-2: Weight putting, material of weight. Nos. 2 and 3, 1901: Dates of Australasian Championships.

ADOPTION OF HON. TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET.

The Hon. Treasurer's Balance Sheet for the two years ending December 1901, showing a credit balance of £8 1s. 2d, was read.

Moved by Mr. W. C. Pritchard (Q.), seconded by Mr. W. H. Toy (N.Z.)—"That the Balance Sheet as read be adopted." Carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT, HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

Mr. A. O. Barrett (Vic.) stated that although the work done by the present executive officers was all that could be desired, he thought in the interest of the sport, it was desirable that this year a

change should be made, and that the two executive officers should be members of the Victorian Amateur Athletic Association, more especially as the next Australasian Championships would be held in Melbourne in 1903. Much good might come if the headquarters and executive officers were changed at intervals. He concluded by moving—"That Mr. L. A. Adamson (Vic.) be President for the years 1902-3, and Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.) be Hon. Secretary-Treasurer.

Seconded by Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.)

On the motion, Mr. G. Crawford (Q.) moved, and Mr. MacCormick (N.Z.) seconded the following amendment—"That the present officers be re-elected."

After a short discussion, Mr. Barrett (Vic.) withdrew the original motion, and Messrs. R. Coombes and E. S. Marks were re-elected to the positions of President and Hon. Secretary-Treasurer respectively.

Both gentlemen returned thanks, the last-named stating that at the end of the present term he would not stand for re-election.

HEADQUARTERS.

Moved by Messrs. R. H. Croll (Vic.) and G. Crawford (Q.)—"That the headquarters of the Union for the years 1902-3 be Sydney, N.S.W." Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. F. Chambers, of the Western Suburbs A.A.C., Brisbane, wrote asking the Union to draw up definite rules *re* "what constitute amateur trophies," and also asking for the issue of record certificates.

The letter was received, and it was decided to place the question of amateur trophies on the Agenda Paper of the Conference, No. 19. The Secretary stated that the matter of issuing Record Certificates would also be finally dealt with.

Correspondence was read in reference to :—

(a) Proposed affiliation with International Athletic Union.

(b) Alliances with the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States of America and the English Amateur Athletic Association.

(c) The Olympian Games, Chicago, 1904.

The Chairman informed the members that as the outcome of correspondence with Mr. J. E. Sullivan, Secretary-Treasurer of the Amateur Athletic Union of America, the Union officials had learned that there was a proposal on foot to form an International Union to govern the sport on the Continent of Europe, especially in France, Germany, Italy, Greece, Holland, Belgium, and also in the United States of America, and Canada. It seemed that the English A.A.A. was somewhat diffident about joining hands with the proposed Union. The intention of the Union was to draw up a code of rules to govern the world's sport, and it was for the delegates to say what steps the Australasian Union should take in the matter. Reference was made by him to the failure of the English A.A.A. to recognise communications, and strong comments made thereon by the delegates present.

The Chairman also intimated that the Olympian Games, to be held at Chicago in 1904, were apparently to be the greatest sports of the kind ever held. Many thousands of dollars had already been collected, and everything was to be on a gigantic and elaborate scale.

The Hon. Secretary stated that the correspondence re the alliance with the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States of America, would be considered by that body at their November sitting, to be held at New York, and very likely in the near future the alliance would be an accomplished fact. He also stated that up to date he had received no answers from the English A.A.A. to letters sent by him to that body during the year 1900.

Moved by Mr. W. C. Pritchard (Q.), seconded by Mr. G. Crawford (Q.)—"That the matter be left in the hands of the Executive pending further information, and a report of same be furnished to the different affiliated Associations." Carried unanimously.

GRASS RECORDS.

The question of the recognition of grass records was informally discussed at some length. The chairman intimated that in England only cinder-track records were recognised; while in America, he believed, track records only were placed on record, grass records in both instances not being recognised, except in hurdle races. The question was as to whether the Union should slavishly follow the conditions laid down by the bodies mentioned, or recognise the "bests" done in Australasia, whether on grass or otherwise. It was pointed out by other of the delegates present that practically no performances put up in Australia could be placed on record if the Union decided to follow the conditions laid down by the American and English bodies, as the majority of the tracks in Australasia were grass tracks. The general feeling was that all bests on record on recognised tracks (grass or otherwise), level to the eye, and where the finishing point is not lower than the starting point, should be recognised by the Union.

Finally Mr. G. Crawford (Q.) gave notice that he would move at the next sitting the following resolution—"That any best on record, established on the grass track of a cricket or sports ground recognised by the Associations affiliated to the Union, the surface of which is apparently level, be accepted, always provided however that the finish is not on a lower level than that at the start."

RECORDS.

The following records were unanimously adopted:—

Putting the 16 lb. Shot from a 7 ft. square:—43 ft. 7½ in., by G. Hawkes, at the Brisbane Cricket Ground, Woolloongabba, South Brisbane, 17th March, 1900.

Throwing the Discus:—100 ft. 9 in., by G. Hawkes, same place, ground, and date.

Standing Broad Jump:—10 ft. 6 in., by A. H. Jones, at Exhibition Grounds, Brisbane, 27th October, 1900.

It was decided that the consideration of all other records be left over until the next sitting.

ADJOURNMENT.

On the motion of Mr. W. C. Pritchard (Q.), seconded by R. H. Croll (Vic.), the meeting adjourned at 10 p.m., until Tuesday evening at 8 p.m.

SECOND SITTING.

Held at the Auckland Sports Club, on Tuesday evening, December 17th, at 8 p.m.

The Hon. Secretary called the roll, there being present—Mr. R. Coombes (N.S.W.), in the Chair, E. S. Marks (N.S.W.), C. E. MacCormick (N.Z.), W. H. Toy (N.Z.), R. H. Croll (Vic.), A. O. Barrett (Vic.), W. C. Pritchard (Q.) and G. Crawford (Q.)

GRASS RECORDS.

In accordance with notice given at last meeting of the Board,

Mr. G. Crawford (Q.) moved, and W. C. Pritchard (Q.) seconded the following resolution—"That any best on record established on a grass track of any ground recognised by any of the four affiliated Associations, the surface of which is apparently level, be accepted; always provided that the finish be not on a level lower than the start." Carried unanimously.

RULES OF WALKING.

The Rules of Walking, as drafted by Mr. R. Coombes, in accordance with resolution of last Conference, held at Brisbane, were re-submitted. They were as follows:—

DEFINITION.—Walking is a succession of steps, and in contradistinction to running (wherein both feet may be off the ground at the same time), in walking there must always be contact with the ground with some portion of one of the feet.

RULES.—In track races, the following code of rules governing walking must be adhered to, or else disqualification will ensue:—

(a) The body must be kept strictly upright.

NOTE.—Discretionary power is given to the judge or judges of walking to decide whether, in the event of the body being inclined forward during the progress of a race, such attitude is the result of fatigue; and if it be, and he or they are convinced that the rule has been broken for such cause only, and that the competitor is transgressing no other rules and that he is still walking fairly otherwise, disqualification need not necessarily follow from this cause alone.

(b) As the foremost leg in taking a step touches the ground the knee must not be bent. The heel must touch the ground first, and the toe be the last portion of the foot to leave it. It is imperative that the heel of the foremost foot must touch the ground before the toe of the other foot ceases to have contact with it.

NOTE.—The arms may be carried in any way the walker likes, but it is advised that they be carried well up, and with a rythmical swing across the body, as follows: As the right leg is advanced the left arm is brought across, until the hand is on a level with the right shoulder, and *vice versa*.

DUTIES OF JUDGES.—The judge or judges of walking shall determine the fairness or unfairness of walking in accordance with the foregoing rules; any one of them may disqualify a competitor, and his decision shall be final, and without appeal.

He or they shall determine what caution, if any, shall be given the competitors, but shall immediately disqualify any competitor when walking unfairly during the last 220 yards of a race.

He or they shall control his or their assistants, and assign to them such duties as may be deemed proper.

A disqualified competitor must at once leave the track.

After a lengthy discussion, during which various alterations were suggested by Messrs. R. H. Croll (Vic.) and A. O. Barrett (Vic.), the rules were eventually passed in the following amended form:—

DEFINITION.—Walking is a succession of steps, and in contradistinction to running (wherein both feet may be off the ground at the same time), in walking there must always be contact with the ground with some portion of one of the feet.

RULES.—In track races the following code of rules governing walking must be adhered to, or else disqualification will ensue:—

(1) There shall always be contact with the ground with some portion of one of the feet.

(2) The heel of the foremost foot must touch the ground before the toe of the other foot leaves the ground.

(3) The body must be kept strictly upright. Non-compliance with this rule will only be allowed if, in the opinion of the judge or judges, such non-compliance arises from some cause beyond the control of the competitor.

DUTIES OF JUDGES.—The judge or judges of walking shall determine the fairness or unfairness of walking in accordance with the foregoing rules, and any one of them may disqualify a competitor, and his decision shall be final and without appeal. He or they shall determine what caution, if any, shall be given the competitors, but shall immediately disqualify any competitor when walking unfairly during the last 440 yards of a race. He or they shall control his or their assistants, and assign to them such duties as may be deemed proper.

A disqualified competitor must at once leave the track.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO SPORTS COMMITTEES.

On the motion of Mr. A. O. Barrett (Vic.), seconded by Mr. C. E. MacCormick (N.Z.), the following recommendations to Sports Committees in reference to notifying the public when cautions or disqualifications had been administered were carried—

“That the Union recommends a system of signalling ‘caution’ by white flag, and ‘disqualification’ by red flag during a walking race be used as far as possible for the information of the officials of the sports, competitors, and spectators, but this is not compulsory.”

“As regards the system of disqualification, that in addition to the right of the judge or judges to disqualify during the progress of a race, the judge or judges immediately at the finish take into consideration the legitimacy or otherwise of the walking of the competitors, and that disqualification of any competitors may ensue at the judge or judges’ discretion, and that the clerk of the course or other suitable officials convey his or their decision to the position judges, who shall then cause the places of the first,

second, and third men to be officially recorded, and that no disqualification be allowed after such action."

ADJOURNMENT.

On the motion of Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.), seconded by Mr. A. O. Barrett (Vic.), the meeting adjourned at 10.15 p.m. until Thursday evening at 8 p.m.

THIRD SITTING.

Held at the Auckland Sports Club on Thursday evening, December 18, at 8 p.m.

The Hon. Secretary called the roll, there being present Mr. R. Coombes (N.S.W.) in the chair, and Messrs. E. S. Marks (N.S.W.), C. E. MacCormick (N.Z.), W. H. Toy (N.Z.), R. H. Croll (Vic.), W. C. Pritchard (Q.), and G. Crawford (Q.)

An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. A. O. Barrett (Vic.)

AUSTRALASIAN BEST ON RECORD.

The following performances made by members of affiliated Associations since the last Australasian Championship Sports Meeting, were considered at length, and finally adopted as under:—

- 220 yards, by Stanley Rowley, at Brisbane (Q.), November 11, 1899, 22 1-5 sec.
- 300 yards, by G. A. Moir, at Melbourne, Victoria, June 8th, 1901, 32 4-5 sec.
- 2 miles running, by W. F. Simpson, at Christchurch (N.Z.), November 8th, 1901, 9 min. 42 1-5 sec.
By G. Blake, at Malvern (Vic.), October 6th, 1900—
- 5 miles running, 27 min. 43 7-10 secs.
- 6 " " 33 min. 28 3-5 secs.
- 7 " " 39 min. 20 1-5 secs.
- 8 " " 45 min. 14 3-5 secs.
- 9 " " 51 min. 10 secs.
- 10 " " 56 min. 57½ secs.
- One hour run, C. C. Saunderson, at Brisbane (Q.), August 30th, 1900, 10 miles 173 yards 0 feet 6 inches.
- 120 yards hurdles, G. W. Smith, at Brisbane (Q.), 9th November, 1899, 16 secs.
- Standing broad jump (without weights) by A. H. Jones, at Brisbane (Q.), October 27th, 1900, 10ft. 6in.
- Three standing jumps (without weights), by A. H. Jones, at Brisbane (Q.), January 1st, 1901, 31ft. 3in.

- ✓ Throwing the 16 lb. hammer, by W. H. Madill, at Brisbane (Q.), November 9th, 1899, 130ft. 2in.
- ✓ Throwing the 16 lb. hammer, by W. H. Madill, at New Zealand, February 17th, 1900, 136ft. 4½in.
- Putting 16 lbs. shot—
- ✓ G. Hawkes, at Brisbane (Q.), Nov. 9th, 1899, 43ft. 2in.
- ✓ G. Hawkes, at Brisbane (Q.), March 19th, 1900, 43ft. 7½in.
- ✓ Throwing the discus, G. Hawkes, at Brisbane (Q.), March 19th, 1900, 100ft. 9in.

G. W. SMITH'S HURDLE RECORD.

- ✓ It was decided not to pass George Smith's 120 yards hurdle record of 15 3-5 secs., made at Auckland on November 24th, 1900, owing to the rule of the Union providing for three timekeepers recording the time not having been complied with.

The record was recommended as an Australasian record by the New Zealand A.A.A.

Mr. MacCormick (N.Z.) moved, and Mr. Marks (N.S.W.) seconded—"That the record be passed."

Messrs. Croll (Vic.), Crawford and Pritchard (Q.), contended that the rule providing for three timekeepers recording the time not having been complied with, the record could not be recognised.

The motion was lost by three votes to two, the voting being—*For*: Messrs. MacCormick and Marks. *Against*: Messrs. Croll, Pritchard, and Crawford.

H. G. WHITING'S 4 MILES RECORD.

The Hon. Sec. reported that he had, as instructed, referred this matter to the English A.A.A. for advice, but so far had received no acknowledgment of his letter.

It was decided to pass the performance as a road record.

ROAD RECORDS.

Mr. W. C. Pritchard (Q.) moved, and Mr. G. Crawford (Q.) seconded—"That in the opinion of this Conference it is undesirable that any 'best on record' established on a road should be recognised by the Union." Carried.

REVISION OF AUSTRALASIAN "BEST'S ON RECORD."

The whole of the records of the Union were then considered, and finally the following list was decided upon, as the best on record up to Dec. 19th, 1901:—

Australasian Amateur Records to the 19th December, 1901.

DISTANCE.	TIME OR DISTANCE	MADE BY.	DATE.	PLACE.	TRACK.
✓ 100 Yards Running ...	{ 9 4.5 secs. ...	J. H. Hempton ...	Feb. 6, 1892	Christchurch, N.Z. ...	Cinders
✓ 120 " " ...	9 4.5 " ...	W. T. Macpherson	Feb. 7, 1891	Auckland, N.Z. ...	Grass
✓ 150 " " ...	12 " ...	Stanley Rowley ...	Oct. 1, 1898	Sydney, N.S.W. ...	"
✓ 200 " " ...	14 4.5 " ...	W. T. Macpherson	Oct. 4, 1889	" " ...	"
✓ 220 " " ...	19 9.10 " ...	"	Sept. 23, 1891	" " ...	"
✓ 250 " " ...	22 1.5 " ...	Stanley Rowley ...	Nov. 11, 1899	Brisbane, Queen-land	"
✓ 300 " " ...	24 3.5 " ...	W. T. Macpherson	Feb. 6, 1891	Auckland, N.Z. ...	"
✓ 440 " " ...	32 4.5 " ...	G. A. Moir ...	June 8, 1901	Melbourne, Vic. ...	Earth or Dirt
✓ 860 " " ...	50 1.5 " ...	W. T. Macpherson	Nov. 11, 1893	" " ...	Grass
✓ 1000 " " ...	1 min. 59 1.5 secs.	J. F. Dalrymple ...	Sept. 19, 1891	Sydney, N.S.W. ...	"
✓ 1-Mile ...	2 " 19 4.5 " ...	"	Sept. 23, 1893	" " ...	"
✓ One Mile ...	3 " 24 1.5 " ...	K. F. McCrue ...	Oct. 21, 1893	" " ...	Earth or Dirt
✓ Two " " ...	4 " 25 " ...	J. F. Dalrymple ...	Aug. 22, 1891	" " ...	Grass
✓ Three " " ...	9 " 42 1.5 " ...	W. F. Simpson ...	Nov. 8, 1901	Christchurch, N.Z. ...	"
✓ *Four " " ...	15 " 27 1.5 " ...	W. J. Burk ...	May 29, 1893	Dunedin, N.Z. ...	"
✓ Five " " ...	21 min. ...	H. G. Whiting ...	July 15, 1899	Elsternwick, Vic. ...	Road
✓ Six " " ...	27 min. 43 7.10 secs.	G. Blake ...	Oct. 6, 1900	Malvern, Vic. ...	Earth or Dirt
✓ Seven " " ...	33 " 28 3.5 " ...	" " ...	" " ...	" " ...	"
✓ Eight " " ...	89 " 20 1.5 " ...	" " ...	" " ...	" " ...	"
✓ Nine " " ...	45 " 14 3.5 " ...	" " ...	" " ...	" " ...	"
✓ Ten " " ...	51 " 10 " ...	" " ...	" " ...	" " ...	"
✓ One Hour ...	56 " 57½ " ...	" " ...	" " ...	" " ...	"
✓ One Mile Walking ...	10 mjs. 173yds. 6in.	C. C. Saunderson ...	Aug. 30, 1900	Brisbane, Q. ...	Grass
	6 min. 27 2.5 secs.	F. H. Creamer ...	Nov. 20, 1897	Auckland, N.Z. ...	"

* A Road Record.

Australasian Amateur Records—Continued.

DISTANCE	TIME OR DISTANCE.	MADE BY.	DATE.	PLACE.	TRACK.
✓ Two Miles Walking	14 min. 12 3-5 secs.	A. Brady	April 15, 1896	Auckland, N.Z. ...	Grass
✓ Three " "	21 " 36 1-5 "	A. O Barrett	Oct. 23, 1897	Melbourne, Vic. ...	Asphalt
✓ Four " "	32 " 13 "	" "	Dec. 8, 1894	" " ...	Grass
✓ Five " "	40 " 39 "	" "	" " ...	" " ...	" "
✓ Six " "	49 " 15 "	" "	" " ...	" " ...	" "
✓ Seven " "	57 " 47½ "	" "	" " ...	" " ...	" "
✓ * Fifty " "	10 h. 9 m. 40 secs.	J. McDonald	April 21, 1896	" " ...	Road
	18 secs.	H. W. Batger	Feb. 6, 1892	Christchurch, N.Z. ...	Grass
✓ 120 Yards Hurdles (3ft. 6in.) {	16 "	A. H. Holder	Feb. 10, 1897	Auckland, N.Z. ...	" "
	16 "	G. W. Smith	Nov. 9, 1899	Brisbane, Queensland	" "
✓ 440 " " " " " " " " {	58 4-5 secs.	A. H. Holder	Feb. 13, 1897	Auckland, N.Z. ...	" "
✓ Running " Broad " Jump "	23 feet 7¼ in.	M. M. Roseingrave	Oct. 5, 1896	Sydney, N.S.W. ...	Board take off
✓ " " High Jump	5 " 11½ "	J. English	Oct. 9, 1897	" " ...	" "
✓ Pole Vault... ..	11 " 0¼ "	Hori Eruera	Mar. 13, 1897	Auckland, N.Z. ...	" "
✓ Putting 16lbs. Shot	43 " 7½ "	G. Hawkes	Mar. 19, 1900	Brisbane, Q. ...	" "
✓ Throwing 16lbs. Hammer	136 " 4½ "	W. H. Madill	Feb. 17, 1900	New Zealand ...	" "
✓ Throwing Discus	100 " 9 "	G. Hawkes	Mar. 19, 1900	Brisbane, Q. ...	" "
✓ Standing Hop, Step, and Jump	30 " 1 "	M. M. Roseingrave	Feb. 12, 1899	Sydney, N.S.W. ...	} Without Weights
✓ Running Hop, Step, and Jump	45 " 3 "	" "	Nov. 9, 1898	" " ...	
✓ Standing High Jump	4 " 8 "	" "	Nov. 26, 1898	" " ...	
✓ One Standing Broad Jump	10 " 6 "	A. H. Jones	Oct. 27, 1900	Brisbane, Q. ...	
✓ Three Standing Jumps	31 " 3 "	A. H. Jones... ..	Jan. 1, 1901	" " ...	" "

* A Road Record.

APPLICATION FOR RECORDS.

Mr. W. C. Pritchard (Q.) moved, and Mr. G. Crawford (Q.) seconded—"That all papers, etc., in connection with applications for bests on record be held by the Union for future reference." Carried.

Mr. C. E. MacCormick (N.Z.) moved, and Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.) seconded—"That the Executive Officers be requested to draw up a list of events which shall be recognised as events in respect of which a 'Best on record' may be claimed, such list to be submitted to the four affiliated Associations for consideration, and the taking of a mail vote." Carried.

STANDARDS.

The present standards for the different Australasian Championships were considered, and it was unanimously decided to increase the standard of the throwing the 16 lb. hammer from 100 feet to 110 feet.

AMATEUR TROPHIES.

Mr. G. Crawford (Q.) moved, and Mr. W. C. Pritchard (Q.) seconded—"That the Executive Officers draw up a list of articles suitable for trophies, such list to be forwarded to each of the four affiliated Associations for an expression of opinion."

The meeting then adjourned until 22nd December at 10 a.m.

FOURTH SITTING.

Held at Auckland on the morning of December 22nd, 1901, at 11 a.m.

The Hon. Secretary called the roll, and there were present:—Messrs. R. Coombes (N.S.W.) in the chair, R. H. Croll and A. O. Barrett (Vic.), W. C. Pritchard (Q.), G. Crawford (Q.), E. S. Marks (N.S.W.), and C. E. MacCormick (N.Z.)

RULINGS—REINSTATEMENTS.

Mr. C. E. MacCormick (N.Z.), under instructions from his Association, asked for a ruling on the word "nominally," page 14, section (c) of the reinstatement rules.

On the motion of Mr. C. E. MacCormick (N.Z.), seconded by Mr. W. C. Pritchard (Q.), it was decided to define the word "nominally" to mean "not knowingly, wilfully, or negligently."

RULES BEARING ON RECORDS.

On the motion of Mr. C. E. MacCormick (N.Z.), seconded by Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.), it was decided to amend clause (f) of Rules bearing on Records, page 31, by the omission of the words "similarly certified to," and the substitution of the words "certified to in accordance with the Rules bearing on Records."

RECORD CERTIFICATES.

The Executive Officers were instructed to have a Record Certificate prepared, and to issue same to all holders of "Australasian Best on Record," made since the formation of the Union. Moved by Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.), seconded by Mr. G. Crawford (Q.), and carried.

AFFILIATION OF NEW ZEALAND TO THE ENGLISH A. A. A.

Mr. C. E. MacCormick (N.Z.) promised to bring this matter before the Council of the New Zealand A. A. A., and endeavour to get them to withdraw from the English A. A. A. The delegates present were opposed to the idea of any of the affiliated Associations being affiliated to a body outside the Amateur Athletic Union of Australasia, as that body ought to be supreme within its limits.

AUSTRALASIAN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

On the motion of Mr. C. E. MacCormick (N.Z.), seconded by Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.), the Executive officers were instructed to draw up definite rules governing the scoring of points, and the representation of the different States at the Australasian Championships, for report to the four affiliated Associations.

They were also instructed to prepare a code of rules governing jumps and field games not contained in the Union's Handbook.

THE FUNDS OF THE UNION.

On the motion of Mr. Pritchard (Q.), seconded by Mr. MacCormick (N.Z.), it was resolved that at all Australasian Championships the promoting Association should devote ten per cent. of all net profits, when the total exceeded £100, to the Union.

VOTES OF THANKS.

On the motion of Mr. MacCormick (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) and the Hon. Secretary-Treasurer (Mr. E. S. Marks) for their conduct of the executive work of the Union during their 1899-1901 term of office.

The Chairman proposed, and it was unanimously carried, that votes of thanks be accorded the Auckland A.A. and C.C. for the use of the Club Rooms for the purpose of holding the meetings and other acts of courtesy, and to the N.Z. A.A.A., through its President, Mr. MacCormick, and its local officer, Mr. W. H. Toy.

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

