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*Meeting of Board of Control,  
held in Mr. W. G. Talbot's Office,  
Panama St., Wellington*

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## FIRST SITTING:

**On Tuesday Evg., 26th December, 1911**

There were present: Messrs. R. Coombes and G. P. S. Parke (N.S. Wales), J. H. Pollock (South Australia), B. J. Parkinson and L. A. Adamson (Victoria), E. A. Brooke and A. Reisz (Tasmania), D. McGrath and R. T. O. Rennick (Queensland), A. Murryst and W. F. Larkin (N.Z.).

Mr. W. L. Dunn (N.Z.) acted as Secretary to the meeting.

Mr. R. Coombes (President) took the chair, and, on behalf of the Union, welcomed the delegates.

Mr. A. Murryst (President of the New Zealand A.A.A.), also extended a welcome on behalf of his Association.

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## MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING.

On the motion of Mr. A. Marryatt (N.Z.), seconded by Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.), the minutes of the last Board Meeting as printed and circulated were taken as read, and were confirmed.

## HEADQUARTERS.

Mr. E. A. Brooke (Tas.) moved, and Mr. A. Marryatt (N.Z.) seconded, "That the headquarters of the Union be Sydney."

Carried unanimously.

## ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

Mr. A. Marryatt (N.Z.) moved, and Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.) seconded—"That Mr. R. Coombes (N.S.W.) be President for the ensuing two years."

Carried unanimously.

## ELECTION OF HON. SECRETARY.

Mr. E. A. Brooke (Tas.) moved, and Mr. D. McGrath (Q.) seconded—"That Mr. E. S. Marks be Hon. Secretary for the ensuing two years."

Mr. R. Coombes (President) apologised for the absence of Mr. Marks from the Conference on account of ill-health.

The motion was carried unanimously.

## ELECTION OF HON. TREASURER.

Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.) moved, and Mr. A. Marryatt (N.Z.) seconded—"That Mr. S. R. Rowley be the Hon. Treasurer for the ensuing two years."

Mr. Coombes (President) apologised for the absence of Mr. Rowley from the meeting.

The motion was carried unanimously.

### REDFERN HARRIERS' (N.S.W.) APPEAL AGAINST DECISION OF QUEENSLAND A.A.A.

The Executive of the Union submitted an appeal by the New South Wales A.A.A. against the decision of the Queensland A.A.A. in awarding the Queensland Cross-Country Race to the Topwong (Q.) Harriers after the judges had awarded it to the Redfern Harriers (N.S.W.).

Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.) moved, and Mr. A. Marryatt (N.Z.) seconded—"That this Union has no power under the rules to deal with the appeal without the consent of the Queensland A.A.A."

Carried unanimously.

### WEST AUSTRALIAN A.A.A.

An athletic body, with headquarters at Fremantle, W.A., asked to be recognised as the West Australian A.A.A.

Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.) moved, and Mr. A. Marryatt (N.Z.) seconded—"That the Executive be requested to make further enquiries, and then to deal with the matter as they think fit and proper."

Carried unanimously.

### BRITISH OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION.

A letter was read from the British Olympic Association enclosing a suggested definition of an amateur to be adopted for the Olympic Games.

Mr. E. A. Brooke (Tas.) moved, and Mr. L. A. Adamson (Vic.) seconded—"That a Sub-Committee consisting of Messrs. R. Coombes, President (N.S.W.), B. J. Parkinson (Vic.) and A. Marryatt (N.Z.), be appointed to look into the matter and report at the next sitting."

Carried unanimously.

## LISTS OF RE-INSTATEMENTS.

A letter from the South Australian A.A.A. stating that a list of re-instatements could not be supplied immediately was received.

Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.) moved, and Mr. G. P. S. Parke (N.S.W.) seconded—"That the lists supplied by the various Associations be filed."

Carried unanimously.

## POLICE AND FIRE BRIGADE COMPETITIONS.

A letter was read from the Sydney Police and Fire Brigade Sports Club asking whether a sports meeting conducted by it could be regarded as coming under Clause d of "Exceptions" in the A.A.U. Rule Book.

Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.) moved, and Mr. E. A. Brooke (Tas.) seconded—"That in the opinion of this Union the proposed competition does not come within Clause "d" of Exceptions, but that it be suggested to the New South Wales A.A.A. that it give favourable consideration to applications for re-instatement from the Police or Fire Brigades."

Carried unanimously.

## OLYMPIAN GAMES, 1912.

An official programme of the Olympic Games to be held in Stockholm, in 1912, was received.

Moved by Mr. A. Marryatt (N.Z.), seconded by Mr. G. P. S. Parke (N.S.W.) - "That the Union gives power to the various affiliated Associations to take any action they deem advisable in connection with Australasian representation at the Fifth Olympiad."

Carried unanimously.

A letter from Mr. A. G. de L. Arnold, Secretary of the New South Wales Olympic Committee, in regard to the selection of Australasian representatives, was received.

## RECORDS PASSED BY EXECUTIVE DURING 1910-11.

Mr. W. F. Larkin (N.Z.) moved, and Mr. J. H. Pollock (S.A.) seconded - "That the Executive's action in granting the following records be endorsed."

120 YARDS HURDLES (10 flights 3 ft. 6 in.)- J. L. Davis, at University Oval, Sydney, May 25th, 1910. Time, 15 4-5 secs.

440 YARDS HURDLES (10 flights 3 ft. 6 in.)-J. L. Davis, at University Oval, Sydney, May 27th, 1910. Time, 57 1-5 secs.

RUNNING HIGH JUMP- L. H. Kelly, at Melbourne Cricket Ground, Melbourne, Victoria, on October 28th, 1910. Height, 6 ft.

RUNNING HIGH JUMP-A. H. Scott, at Agricultural Ground, Sydney, N.S.W., on 2nd January, 1911. Height, 6 ft.

THROWING 16 LBS. HAMMER (from 7 ft. circle)-F. J. Morgan, at Erskineville Oval, Sydney, N.S.W., on 10th December, 1910. Distance, 132 ft. 2 in.

120 YARDS HURDLES (10 flights 3 ft. 6 in.)-G. P. Keddell, at Christchurch, New Zealand, on March 18th, 1911. Time, 15 3-10 seconds.

Carried unanimously.

## TREASURER'S BALANCE-SHEET.

Moved by Mr. A. Marryatt (N.Z.), seconded by Mr. J. H. Pollock (S.A.)-"That Messrs. E. A. Brooke (Tas.) and A. Reisz (Tas.) audit the balance-sheet and report at next sitting."

Carried unanimously.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN A.A.A.

The President, Mr. R. Coombes (N.S.W.), declared a fine of £5 imposed on the South Australian A.A.A. for being unrepresented at the Championship Meeting.

Moved by Mr. A. Marryatt (N.Z.), seconded by Mr. W. F. Larkin (N.Z.)—"That the fine of £5 imposed on the South Australian A.A.A. be remitted."

Carried unanimously.

Mr. J. H. Pollock (S.A.) returned thanks on behalf of the South Australian A.A.A.

The meeting then adjourned.

## SECOND SITTING.

Held in Mr. W. G. Talbot's office, Panama Street, Wellington, December 27, 1911.

The roll was called, and there were present: Messrs. R. Coombes (N.S.W.) (in the chair), G. P. S. Parke (N.S.W.), J. H. Pollock (S.A.), B. J. Parkinson and L. A. Adamson (Vic.), E. A. Brooke and A. Reisz (Tas.), D. McGrath (Q.), A. Marryatt and W. F. Larkin (N.Z.).

## TREASURER'S BALANCE-SHEET.

The auditors, Messrs. E. A. Brooke and A. Reisz (Tas.) reported that they had certified to the Treasurer's balance-sheet.

Moved by Mr. J. H. Pollock (S.A.), seconded by Mr. W. F. Larkin (N.Z.)—"That the Balance-sheet as submitted by the Hon. Treasurer be adopted."

Carried unanimously.



## BRITISH OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION.

The sub-committee appointed at the previous sitting : Messrs. R. Coombes (N.S.W.), A. Marryatt (N.Z.), and B. J. Parkinson (Vic.) to look into the suggested definition of an amateur for the Olympic games, as submitted by the British Olympic Association, reported that in their opinion it should be referred to the various affiliated associations for consideration. On the motion of Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.), seconded by Mr. A. Marryatt (N.Z.), it was unanimously agreed to refer the matter to the various associations and to request them to report to the Executive.

ALLIANCE WITH ENGLISH A.A.A. AND  
CANADIAN A.A.U.

The President addressed the meeting at length on the position in regard to the suggested alliance with the Canadian A.A.U. and the English A.A.A., and reported on the result of his negotiations while in London.

Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.) moved and Mr. J. H. Pollock (S.A.) seconded—"That this conference heartily approves the action of the President and Executive of the Union in regard to the suggested alliance with the English A.A.A. and the Canadian A.A.U., and requests the Executive to continue its negotiations and submit to members of the Union the results for final consideration and approval."

Carried unanimously.

## INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR SPORTING FEDERATION.

Moved by Mr. E. A. Brooke (Tas.), seconded by Mr. A. Reisz (Tas.)—"That Mr. E. S. Marks be empowered to represent the Union at the conference, to be convened in Stockholm by the Swedish A.A.A. to draw up a constitution for an International Amateur Sporting Federation."

Carried unanimously.

## AMATEUR DEFINITION.

The President, on behalf of the Executive, stated that trouble was arising over the fact that amateurs belonging to affiliated A. A. clubs played League and other Football, in which payment was made, or could be made, to the various players. It was contended that a number who played in certain games never received any payment, and could perhaps sign the amateur declaration. To get over the difficulty it was suggested that clause "b" of "Exceptions" as applied to Games might be altered by making provision that so long as any body, whose members included amateurs and professionals competing together, defined "amateur" and "professional" in its rules, and provided a penalty for breaking the amateur status, there would be no objection to the amateur members of such bodies competing under A. A. Union rules.

It was moved by Mr. A. Marryatt (N. Z.), seconded by Mr. L. A. Adamson (Vic.)—"That the matter be referred to the affiliated associations for urgent consideration."

Carried unanimously.

## AMENDMENT OF RE-INSTATEMENT RULES.

No action was taken in regard to a suggestion made by Mr. R. Coombes (N.S.W.), President, on behalf of the Executive, that the re-instatement rules should be altered to provide that an amateur having once forfeited his status could not be re-instated under any circumstances whatsoever.

RE-INSTATEMENT CASE SUBMITTED BY  
N.Z. A.A.A.

The N.Z. A.A.A. submitted the case of Arthur Charles Williams, of Masterton, for re-instatement.

Mr. E. A. Brooke (Tas.) moved and Mr. G. P. S. Parke (Vic.) seconded—"That the application be granted as from the 31st December, 1911."

Carried unanimously.

The meeting then adjourned.

## THIRD SITTING.

Held in Mr. W. G. Talbot's office, Panama Street, Wellington, on December 28, 1911.

The roll was called, and there were present: Messrs. R. Coombes (N.S.W.) (in the chair) and G. P. S. Parke (N.S.W.), E. A. Brooke and A. Reisz (Tas.), B. J. Parkinson and L. A. Adamson (Vic.), W. F. Larkin (N.Z.) and J. H. Pollock (S.A.). An apology for absence was received from Mr. A. Marryatt (N.Z.).

## FESTIVAL OF EMPIRE.

The President (Mr. R. Coombes, N.S.W.) submitted his report on the Festival of Empire tour.

Moved by Mr. J. H. Pollock (S.A.), seconded by Mr. E. A. Brooke (Tas.)— "That the report be received, and that Mr. Coombes be thanked for his services as hon. manager of the Australasian team."

Carried unanimously.

## VOTE OF THANKS.

Moved by Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.), seconded by Mr. E. A. Brooke (Tas.)—"That the Union's thanks be recorded and forwarded to the Festival of Empire Committee, London—Lord Desborough (President) and Mr. Wm. Henry (Secretary) for services rendered and courtesies extended to our representatives and President while in England."

Carried unanimously.

CONGRATULATIONS AND INVITATION TO  
CANADIAN A.A.U.

Mr. W. F. Larkin (N.Z.) moved and Mr. J. H. Pollock (S.A.) seconded—"That this Union congratulates the President of the Canadian A.A. Union on the success of the Canadian Empire team, and extends to him an invitation to send a team of Canadian athletes to tour Australasia."

Carried unanimously.

## NOTICE OF MOTION.

Mr. J. H. Pollock (S.A.) gave notice of motion, on which a mail vote is to be taken, as follows:—"That the following words be inserted after the word 'case' in line 4 of clause 'g' of objects of the Union, 'or alleged breach of the racing laws.'"

## COMPULSORY MILITARY TRAINING.

Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.) moved and Mr. L. A. Adamson (Vic.) seconded—"That affiliated associations be recommended to consider their duty to the sport in the changed circumstances likely to be brought about by compulsory military training."

Carried unanimously.

## VOTES OF THANKS.

A special vote of thanks was accorded the Executive on the motion of Mr. E. A. Brooke (Tas.), seconded by Mr. W. F. Larkin (N.Z.), for their work since the previous meeting of the Board.

Mr. R. Coombes suitably responded.

On the motion of the Chairman a vote of thanks was accorded to the Press of New Zealand.

The Chairman proposed a special vote of thanks to the N.Z. A.A.A. for the courtesy and hospitality bestowed upon both the Board delegates and the athletic visitors.

The vote was passed by acclamation.

A vote of thanks was also accorded Mr. W. L. Dunn for his services as Secretary to the conference.

The conference then closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.