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AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS.

New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association.

New Zealand Amateur Athletic Association.

Victorian Amateur Athletic Association.

Queensland Amateur Athletic Association.

Tasmanian Amateur Athletic Association.

South Australian Amateur Athletic Association.

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Held at the Amateur Sports Club, Melbourne.

FIRST SITTING

On Saturday Evening, January 24th, 1914, at 8 p.m.

There were present—

Messrs. R. Coombes and E. S. Marks (N.S.W.).
Mr. C. E. Bridge (N.Z.).
Messrs. B. J. Parkinson and R. H. Croll (Vic.).
Messrs. G. Crawford and D. P. Merritt (Queensland).
Messrs. E. A. Brooke and R. Harley (Tas.).
Messrs. L. Mathews and C. Kellett (S.A.).

Mr. R. Coombes (president) took the chair at 8 p.m., and welcomed the delegates. A welcome to the meeting was also extended to Mr. Peixotto, manager of the American team of athletes, by the chairman. Mr. Peixotto suitably responded.

MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING.

The minutes of last full Board Meeting, held in Wellington, New Zealand, December, 1911, were read and confirmed.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE.

The minutes of the Executive for the past two years were taken as read, on the motion of Mr. E. A. Brooke (Tas.), seconded by Mr. G. Crawford (Q.), and confirmed.

ALTERATION OF RULE 5.

Mr. G. Crawford (Q.), acting on behalf of his Association, moved, and Mr. Merritt (Q.) seconded—

- (1) That the President, Hon. Secretary, and Hon. Treasurer (or such other officer or officers as the Councils of the State and Dominion Associations

shall nominate) of the Association, under whose control the next Australasian Championships are to be held; be President, Hon. Secretary, and Hon. Treasurer of the A.A.U. of A. respectively for the two years prior to the holding of such Championships.

For: Messrs. G. Crawford (Q.), D. P. Merritt (Q.).

Against: Messrs. C. E. Bridge (N.Z.), R. H. Croll (Vic.), B. J. Parkinson (Vic.), E. A. Brooke (Tas.), R. Harley (Tas.), L. Mathews (S.A.).

Lost, 6 votes to 2.

BOXING CONTROL.

Mr. G. Crawford (Q.), acting on behalf of his Association, moved, and Mr. D. P. Merritt (Q.) seconded—

That the control of amateur boxing be placed under the A.A.A.'s of the various States and the Dominion of New Zealand.

After the motion had been spoken to by Messrs. Crawford (Q.), E. S. Marks (N.S.W.), C. E. Bridge (N.Z.), and B. J. Parkinson (Vic.), it was withdrawn.

HEADQUARTERS OF UNION.

Moved by Mr. E. A. Brooke (Tas.), seconded by Mr. C. E. Bridge (N.Z.), "That the headquarters of the Union be Sydney."

Carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

Moved by Mr. C. E. Bridge (N.Z.), seconded by Mr. C. Kellett (S.A.), "That Mr. R. Coombes be President for the ensuing two years."

Carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF HON. SECRETARY.

Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.) moved and Mr. R. Harley (Tas.) seconded, "That Mr. E. S. Marks be Hon. Secretary for the ensuing two years."

Carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF HON. TREASURER.

Moved by Mr. C. Kellett (S.A.), seconded by Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.), "That Mr. Stanley Rowley be Hon. Treasurer for the ensuing two years."

Carried unanimously.

WELCOME TO DELEGATES.

Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.), on behalf of the Victorian Amateur Athletic Association, welcomed the delegates to Melbourne.

Mr. R. Coombes (President), on behalf of the Delegates, thanked Mr. Parkinson for the welcome, and for the many kindnesses and acts of courtesy extended to the visitors by the V.A.A.A.

AFFILIATION TO INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR ATHLETIC FEDERATION.

Mr. E. S. Marks, Delegate from Australasia to the Conference held at Stockholm, July 17th, 1912, for the purpose of forming an International Amateur Athletic Federation, gave a brief account of the proceedings, and read to the meeting the full minutes of the Conference. Letters were read from the Hon. Secretary and the President of the Federation, urging the desirability of Australasia joining the Federation, which had now been formed on a firm basis, all the most important nations of the world having signified their intention of joining.

The Rules of the Federation, as drafted and adopted at the Berlin, 1912, Conference, are as follows:—

STATUTES

OF THE

International Amateur Athletic Federation.

TITLE.

Rule 1.—The International Amateur Athletic Federation embraces the governing Athletic Associations of the various nations that accept the rules and regulations of the International Amateur Athletic Federation. Only one Association may represent a nation.

NOTE.—In these rules such Athletic Association is termed “Member of the Federation.”

OBJECTS OF THE FEDERATION.

Rule 2.—The objects of the Federation shall be:—

- (a) To compile and subscribe to the rules and regulations of the Federation governing international competition in amateur field and track athletics.

- (b) To pass upon and register world's amateur records in field and track athletics.
- (c) To establish a definition of the term "amateur," applicable to international competition in field and track athletics.

CONGRESSES.

Rule 3.- Each member of the Federation may be represented by not more than five (5) delegates. Each Association shall have one (1) vote only.

A member of the Federation can only be represented by its delegates. The same delegate may only represent one member of the Federation. A delegate must be a citizen of the nation he represents.

The Congress shall convene biennially, after the year 1914, and the President of the Federation shall preside at all meetings.

The Congress only shall have power to amend and draft rules and regulations.

The President, Hon. Secretary, and members of the Council shall serve until their successors are elected and inducted to office.

REPORTS AND FINANCES.

Rule 4.—The President, Hon. Secretary, and Council shall submit a report and balance-sheet to the Congress on the condition and finances of the Federation, and the Congress shall pass on and audit said report and balance-sheet, and also devise ways and means for the adoption and passing of the budget.

COUNCIL.

Rule 5.—The Council, which shall be chosen by the Congress, shall consist of the President, the Honorary Secretary, and five other members elected from different nations.

The President and Honorary Secretary shall be elected for a term of four years; they shall reside in the same country. The five members of the Council shall be elected for terms of two years after 1914.

In case of a vacancy occurring in the Council, said vacancy shall be filled by the member of the Federation with which retiring member of Council was identified.

The Council shall administer the affairs of the Federation, inform the members of all penalties imposed by any member, shall register all records, settle all urgent affairs of general interest, and prepare and summon the Congress, the venue and time of which have been decided by the preceding Congress.

All records and communications shall be written or printed in the three official languages—English, German, and French.

The Council may summon special Congresses, provided five members give notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary that they desire such Congress, and stating their reasons for same. On receiving such notice, the Honorary Secretary must summon the Congress to meet within three months after the receipt of the said notice.

In cases of great importance, requiring immediate settlement, the Council shall have power to summon an Extraordinary Congress of the Federation.

MEMBERSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY.

Rule 6.—The governing Athletic Association in each of the following nations shall be eligible for membership in the Federation:—

Argentine Republic, Australasia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chili, China, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Greece, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Luxemburg, Mexico, Norway, Peru, Portugal, Roumania, Russia, Servia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United States of America.

Applications for membership in the Federation shall be submitted to the Council, who, after investigation, shall submit same to the Congress for election.

Any new member may be admitted by majority votes of the members represented at the Congress.

During the interim between sessions of the Congress the Council is empowered to elect provisionally such ruling bodies as they may deem fit.

RECOGNITION.

Rule 7.—Associations affiliated with the Federation shall acknowledge each other as the only legislative autho-

rities for athletics in the respective countries, and as the only organisations authorised to regulate international agreements in athletics.

DISQUALIFICATION.

Rule 8.—A disqualification adjudged in proper form by a member of the Federation shall also be binding on all the other countries represented in the Federation, and shall have power by a simple information by the member in question.

The members of the Federation representing the United States, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Canada, Australasia, and South Africa are exempted from Rules 7 and 8 until the Congress of 1916. They are bound, however, to recognise in the other countries the Associations which are members of this Federation.

INTERNATIONAL FIELD AND TRACK MEETINGS.

Rule 9.—An international field and track meeting is either arranged between two or more members of the Federation, or arranged by, or with the sanction of, one member only, provided other members of the Federation or clubs belonging to such members are invited to take part in the meeting.

A national championship open to all amateur athletes is not an international meeting.

At all international meetings the rules and regulations of the Federation shall apply.

The right to arrange or sanction international meetings is exclusively reserved to the members of the Federation.

No athlete of any nation shall be permitted to represent his nation in any meeting other than those sanctioned or arranged by a member of this Federation.

Any athlete desirous of competing in any foreign country must make application to this governing body for a permit to compete, and no member of this Federation shall allow any foreign athlete to compete unless he presents a letter signed by the proper official of the members of the Association of his country, certifying that he is an amateur and eligible to compete.*

*This provision shall not be applicable to the relations between the members of this Federation representing the

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, on the one hand, and the United States, on the other, and this provision shall hold good until the Congress of 1916.

At international competitions a member of this Federation may be represented only by a native-born or naturalised subject of the nation which the member in question represents.

CHAMPIONSHIPS OF THE WORLD.

Rule 10.—The competitions of the Olympic Games only shall be regarded as Championships of the World in the respective branches of field and track sports.

No other Championship of the World may be held in addition to these, whether under the title of Championships of the World, European Championships, American or Asiatic Championships, or any other name of the kind. The Committee, however, may decide on and grant exceptions to this rule.

Every member of the Federation shall have the right to hold its national championships according to its own rules and regulations.

SUBSCRIPTION.

Rule 11.—The annual subscription shall be £5 for each National Association.

AMATEUR STATUTES.

1. An amateur is one who competes only for the love of sport.

2. Competing for money or any other pecuniary reward in any sport makes the competitor a professional in all sports.

3. In track and field athletic sports, one who knowingly competes with, or against, a professional, thereby becomes a professional.

4. In the event of an amateur competing with, or against, a professional in sports other than track and field athletics, not for money and other pecuniary reward, then the member of the Federation to which the athlete belongs shall be the judge of such competitor's status according to its own rules, and its certificate as to the competitor's status shall be accepted by all other members of the Federation.

5. One who teaches, trains, or coaches in any sport for money or other pecuniary considerations is a professional, except, however, that so far as competition in his own country, and there only, is concerned, an employee or representative of the State or school or other educational institution, who teaches, trains, or coaches as an incident to his main vocation or employment, may, or may not, be a professional, as the member of the Federation of the country of such a person shall decide.

As an interpretation of the above fundamental rules, and to be considered as part thereof, the following regulations are set down, and any athlete who violates any thereof shall thereby become a professional:—

- A. An amateur cannot wager, or be interested in a wager, money bet, or stake made in connection with the athletic competition in which he is to participate.
- B. An amateur must not compete for any prize or token which cannot be suitably inscribed with some words or letters commemorative of the competition. Prizes must not be of a character which cannot be possessed or retained for a period of at least the life of the recipient.
- C. An amateur cannot compete for a prize or token of a value of more than ten pounds, except by consent of the member of the Federation of his country.
- D. An amateur may not sell, pawn or give away his prizes, and shall hold the same subject at all times to the inspection of the member of the Federation of his country.
- E. An amateur cannot enter or compete in any contest under a name other than his own or one assumed permanently by him for purposes of competition and registered by him with a member of the Federation of his country.
- F. An amateur cannot issue a challenge or in any manner evidence his intention of competing with, or against, a professional, or for money or its equivalent.

- G. An amateur cannot accept or in any manner receive any money or other pecuniary gain in going to, attending, or returning from an athletic meeting other than his actual outlay for railroad, steamship, sleeping-car fare, and for meals and lodgings. Under no circumstances shall the amount paid for expense money exceed the cost of one first class railway or steamship accommodation, one first class sleeping accommodation and one pound or the equivalent per day for meals and lodging.
- H. Any expense money must be paid, not to the athlete but to the member of the Federation of the athlete's country.
- I. An amateur cannot accept travelling expenses or payment of any kind for a trainer, rubber, masseur, friend or relative. (Note.--This rule does not mean that travelling expenses of trainer and the like cannot be paid, but that such expenses cannot be demanded by, or paid to, the athlete.)
- J. An amateur cannot, directly or indirectly, accept payment for loss of time or wages in attending, or training for any athletic competition.
- K. An amateur cannot, directly or indirectly, receive any reward for becoming, or continuing as, a member of any club or any other athletic organisation.
- L. An amateur cannot compete for or from an athletic organisation in whose employ he is, or who for compensation renders personal services of any kind to such organisations.

In all questions as to the athlete's amateur status other than those in which the member of the Federation of the country of the athlete has been made the sole arbitrator, the statement of any member as to an athlete's status is subject to the review and decision of the Federation.

It was decided, in accordance with the request of the Provisional Committee, to draft a standard programme for competition in field and track athletics at future Olympic Games, to be submitted to the International Olympic Committee for their decision in the matter.

The suggested programme is as follows:—

PROPOSED STANDARD PROGRAMME FOR TRACK
AND FIELD ATHLETICS AT FUTURE OLYMPIC
GAMES.

- 100 metres Flat.
200 " "
400 " "
800 " "
1,500 " "
5,000 " "
10,000 " "
Marathon Race (40,200 metres, equal about 25 miles).
Steeplechase, 3,000 metres.
Hurdle Race, 110 metres.
Hurdle Race, 400 metres.
Walking Race, 3,000 metres.
Walking Race, 10,000 metres.
Running High Jump.
Running Broad Jump.
Running Hop, Step, and Jump.
Pole Vault.
Throwing the Javelin (with the Javelin held in the
middle), best hand.
Throwing the Discus, best hand.
Putting the Shot, 16 lbs., best hand.
Throwing the Weight, 56 lbs.
Throwing the Hammer, 16 lbs.
Pentathlon, comprising:—
 Running Broad Jump.
 Throwing the Javelin (with the Javelin held in the
 middle), best hand.
 200 metres Flat.
 Throwing the Discus, best hand.
 1,500 metres Flat.
Decathlon, comprising:—
 100 metres Flat.
 Running Broad Jump.
 Putting the Weight, best hand.
 Running High Jump.
 400 metres Flat.
 Hurdle Race, 110 metres.
 Throwing the Discus, best hand.
 Pole Vault.
 Throwing the Javelin (with the Javelin held in the
 middle), best hand.

- 1,500 metres Flat.
 Relay Race, 400 metres.
 Teams of 4, each man to run 100 metres.
 Relay Race, 1,600 metres.
 Teams of 4, each man to run 400 metres.
 Team Race, 3,000 metres.
 5 to run, 3 to count.
 Tug-of-War, Teams of 8.
 Cross-Country Race, 10,000 metres.
 Individual and Team Race.
 Modern Pentathlon.

With regard to the modern Pentathlon, it was decided to request the International Federation governing the other branches of sport included in the said competition, to elect one representative each for the purpose of forming a special Committee, the said Committee to meet in Paris, 1914, before the Olympic Congress.

A standard set of rules and regulations for amateur athletic track and field sports was drafted by a special Sub-Committee to apply at international meetings, thus enabling athletes from different countries to meet each other for the future on a perfectly equal footing.

It was decided to forward copies to all the governing National Associations for consideration and report, these reports to be submitted to the Special Rules Committee, who shall place same before the next Congress, to be held in Paris, 1914, after which the Congress of the Federation will finally decide on, and adopt, the revised rules.

It was also resolved to propose to the meeting of the International Olympic Committee at Paris next year that it should accept these rules for competition in field and track athletics at future Olympic Games.

The Congress decided that the International Amateur Athletic Federation recommend the adoption of a uniform set of athletic implements for international field and track competitions, and that designs for same be secured from a reliable manufacturer of athletic goods, and be submitted to the Congress of the Federation at Paris, 1914.

It was further resolved that after the approval by the Federation of a standard set of implements, each and every member of the Federation shall be entitled to one pattern-specimen of each implement, stamped and approved by the Chairman of the Rules Committee.

After a long discussion, in which delegates from all the States and the Dominion of New Zealand took part, it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Mr. C. Kellett (South Australia), seconded by Mr. Bridge (New Zealand), that the Amateur Athletic Union of Australasia affiliate with the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

In reference to the Congress called for Paris, 1914, the appointment of delegates (five) was left to the Executive, affiliated associations to supply names of any of their members likely to make the trip.

APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION FROM WEST AUSTRALIAN A.A.A.

An application for affiliation to the Union was received from the West Australian A.A.A. The Secretary of the Association, in his application, stated that the headquarters were Perth, and the Association was formed on a firm basis. There were ten clubs affiliated, and the Association had been in existence since 1908.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. G. Crawford (Q.), seconded by Mr. C. Kellett (S.A.), that the application be granted.

WALKING RECORDS.

The Victorian A.A.A. applied for the performances of Mr. W. Murray, viz., 1 mile Walking, 6 min. 22 4-5 sec.; 3 miles Walking, 20 min. 56 sec.; made at the St. Kilda Cricket Ground, Melbourne, Victoria, 24th February, 1912, to stand as the Australasian best on record.

Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.) moved, and Mr. E. A. Brooke (Tas.) seconded, that the application be granted. On this, Mr. C. E. Bridge (N.Z.) moved, and Mr. D. P. Merritt (Q.) seconded, the following amendment:—"That the application be referred back to the Executive for action."

After Messrs. R. H. Croll (Vic.), C. E. Bridge (N.Z.), G. Crawford (Q.), B. J. Parkinson (Vic.), R. Coombes (N.S.W.), E. A. Brooke (Tas.), and L. Mathews (S.A.), had spoken, the matter was adjourned until the next sitting of the Conference.

ADJOURNMENT.

On the motion of Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.), seconded by Mr. L. Mathews (S.A.), the meeting adjourned at 11.45 p.m., until Monday morning at 9 a.m.

SECOND SITTING.

Held at Amateur Sports Club, Melbourne, on Monday morning, January 26th, at 9.30 a.m.

The Hon. Secretary called the roll, there being present: Messrs. R. Coombes (N.S.W.), in the chair, E. S. Marks (N.S.W.), G. P. Keddel (N.Z.), C. E. Bridge (N.Z.), G. Crawford (Q.), D. P. Merritt (Q.), B. J. Parkinson (Vic.), R. H. Croll (Vic.), E. A. Brooke (Tas.), R. Harley (Tas.), L. Mathews (S.A.), and C. Kellett (S.A.).

BALANCE-SHEET.

The Hon. Treasurer's statement of receipts and expenditure for the two years ending December, 1913, duly audited by Messrs. C. E. Bridge (N.Z.) and R. H. Croll (Vic.), and showing a cash credit balance of £26 11s., was read and unanimously adopted.

NEW HANDBOOK FOR UNION.

The Executive suggested that a new Handbook containing full details of the Rules, etc., of the Union, as well as information as to affiliated Associations, records, etc., be printed. On the motion of Mr. C. E. Bridge (N.Z.), seconded by Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.), power was given to the Executive to print a new Handbook as suggested.

COSTUMES.

The N.S.W. Amateur Athletic Association wrote asking that the Conference should discuss the question of amateur costume, and, if possible, define the exact costume that should be worn, especially as to length of trunks.

After discussion it was decided, on the motion of Mr. C. E. Bridge (N.Z.), seconded by Mr. D. P. Merritt (Q.), "That the Executive draft out a design of costume to be used by all affiliated members, and submit same to the States and the Dominion of New Zealand for their approval"

NAME OF UNION.

The Executive brought up the matter of the present name of the Union, and suggested the title should be altered to The Amateur Athletic Union of Australia and New Zealand.

On the motion of Mr. E. S. Marks (N.S.W.), seconded by Mr. G. Crawford (Q.), it was decided that a mail vote be taken on the suggested alteration of name.

STANDARD DESIGN FOR AUSTRALASIAN C.C.C. CAPS.

Mr. G. Crawford (Q.) moved, and Mr. E. A. Brooke (Tas.) seconded, "That in connection with the Australasian Cross-Country Championship the caps given to the winning team should be of a standard design.

Carried unanimously. The Executive were empowered to draft the design.

AUSTRALASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAMME.

Mr. E. S. Marks (N.S.W.) moved, and Mr. G. Crawford (Q.) seconded, "That the Executive submit to the different affiliated Associations a suggested new Australasian Championship programme, so that it conforms more closely to the proposed Olympic programme, and further draft a new point scoring system for use at future Australasian Championships in connection with the Championship Shield Competition.

Carried unanimously.

WALKING RECORDS.

The application of the V.A.A.A. for the performances of Mr. W. Murray to rank as Australasian best on record were further considered. (See page 14, first sitting.) The Hon. Secretary, in answer to a question, stated that the following certificates, duly signed, accompanied the application:—

- (1) Certificate from the Judge that the style of walking was strictly in conformity with the definition and rules governing same.
- (2) Certificates from the three Survey Stewards that the course had been measured (the circular track was 440 yards 5 inches in circumference, measured upon a line 12 inches outwards from the inside edge of such track) and found correct after the race and on the day of the race.
- (3) Certificates from four timekeepers, stating that they started their watches at the flash of the pistol, and stopped them as the first man breasted the worsted.
- (4) Certificate from the watchmakers to the Observatory, Melbourne, stating that all the watches used had been tested, and no variations found.

- (5) Certificate from the Starter that the start was a fair one, and that the man claiming the record did not leave his mark before the pistol was fired, and that he started from the scratch mark.
- (6) Certificate from the Judges at finish, giving the place men, Mr. Murray being first in each event.
- (7) Certificate from the Referee stating that on the day there was no wind, or not sufficient wind to assist the winner of the one-mile and three-mile walking championships in any way whatever.
- (8) Certificate similar to No. 7 from the Secretary of the meeting.

On a vote being taken, the amendment moved by Mr. C. E. Bridge (N.Z.) was defeated by 7 votes to 4, and the application granted by the same vote.

For: R. Harley (Tas.), E. A. Brooke (Tas.), R. H. Croll (Vic.), G. Crawford (Q.), C. Kellett (S.A.), E. S. Marks (N.S.W.), B. J. Parkinson (Vic), Against: G. P. Keddell (N.Z.), C. E. Bridge (N.Z.), D. P. Merritt (Q.), and R. Coombes (N.S.W.).

STANDARD PROGRAMME FOR ALL CLUBS.

The Executive brought up the question of a standard programme for all club and, if possible, school sports.

On the motion of Mr. E. A. Brooke (Tas.), seconded by Mr. Harley (Tas.), the Executive was instructed to draft a programme and submit it to the affiliated Associations for their consideration.

POLE VAULT.

The question having been raised as to the legality or otherwise under the Union Rules as to the use of the wooden slide in pole vaulting, the following resolution was moved by Mr. G. Crawford (Q.), seconded by Mr. C. Kellett (S.A.): "That in the opinion of this Conference the interpretation of the Rule re digging the hole in pole vaulting does not include the suggested wooden slide."

Carried 7 votes to 1.

For: B. J. Parkinson (Vic.), R. H. Croll (Vic.), E. A. Brooke (Tas.), R. Harley (Tas.), C. Kellett (S.A.), G. Crawford (Q.), D. P. Merritt (Q.). Against: C. E. Bridge (N.Z.).

On the motion of Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.), seconded by Mr. C. E. Bridge (N.Z.), it was decided that power be given the Executive to amend the Rules of pole vaulting so that they agree with the Rules governing the Olympic Games in these events. It was also decided to give power to the Executive, on the motion of Mr. C. E. Bridge (N.Z.), seconded by Mr. E. S. Marks (N.S.W.), to bring the high and broad jumping Rules in conformity with those in force in connection with the Olympic Games.

JUDGES OF WALKING.

On the motion of Mr. L. Mathews, seconded by Mr. G. Crawford, it was decided to add the following words to the Walking Rules of the Union re Judges:—"Provided always in an Australasian Championship at least three Judges shall be appointed, each Judge having jurisdiction over all portions of the ground."

VISIT OF AMERICAN TEAM OF ATHLETES.

Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.) brought up the matter of the tour of the American team of athletes to Australasia, and asked for particulars as to the visit, and what arrangements the Executive had made with the New Zealand Amateur Athletic Association.

After explanation by the Hon. Secretary and the President,

Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.) moved, and Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.) seconded, the following resolution.—

"Re Executive minute of 26th. Nov., 1912, the Conference is of opinion that the new President or Executive could not grant to any member power to carry out a tour of foreign athletes through portions of Australasia outside that member's jurisdiction."

(The minute reads as follows:—"It was resolved that the President's action in giving the N.Z. A.A.A. power to negotiate and carry out the proposed tour of American athletes to New Zealand and Australia be approved.")

After debate the motion was lost by 6 votes to 5.

For: L. Mathews (S.A.), R. H. Croll (Vic.), B. J. Parkinson (Vic.), G. Crawford (Q.), D. P. Merritt (Q.),
Against: E. A. Brooke (Tas.), R. Harley (Tas.), C. E. Bridge (N.Z.), C. Kellett (S.A.), E. S. Marks (N.S.W.), R. Coombes (N.S.W.).

SYMPATHY WITH RELATIVES LATE
MR. J. KEARNEY.

A vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. J. Kearney, a well-known Queensland athlete who died just prior to the meeting of the Board of Control, was passed.

VOTES OF THANKS.

On the motion of Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.), seconded by Mr. C. E. Bridge (N.Z.), a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. R. Coombes, the Chairman of the meeting, for the manner in which he had presided over the sittings of the Board, and also to the President, Mr. R. Coombes, the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Stanley Rowley, and the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. S. Marks, for their conduct of the executive work of the Union during their 1911-1913 term of office.

Messrs. R. Coombes and E. S. Marks suitably responded and also apologised for the unavoidable absence of Mr. Rowley.

THE PRESS.

On the motion of Mr. G. Crawford (Q.), seconded by Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.), a hearty vote of thanks to the Press of Melbourne was carried.

The Chairman proposed, and it was unanimously carried, that votes of thanks be accorded the Amateur Sports Club of Victoria for the use of Club Rooms for the purpose of holding the meetings, and other acts of courtesy, and to the V.A.A.A. for kindness to the delegates and the members of the visiting team.

Mr. B. T. Parkinson (Vic.) acknowledged the vote.

The Chairman declared the Conference closed.