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## MEETING OF THE FULL BOARD OF CONTROL

Held at Sydney, N.S. Wales, 15th January, 1932.

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There were present:—

Messrs. R. B. Casimir and M. Rosenblum (N.S. Wales).  
Messrs. H. R. Weir and G. E. Langford (Victoria).  
Messrs. D. P. Merritt and H. W. Powell (Queens-  
land).  
Messrs. W. E. Mackay and J. Walsh (Sth. Australia).  
Mr. W. Walker (West Australia).  
Messrs. R. Coombes (President), W. B. Alexander  
(Hon. Treasurer), and E. S. Marks (Hon.  
Secretary).

Mr. R. Coombes (President) took the chair at 2 p.m. and cordially welcomed the delegates from the different States.

Mr. R. Coombes then vacated the chair and, at his request, Mr. E. S. Marks was unanimously elected as Chairman of the Conference.

### **Minutes of Last Board Meeting.**

The Minutes of last Full Board Meeting, held in Melbourne, 24th January, 1930, were adopted on the motion of Mr. M. Rosenblum (N.S. Wales), seconded by Mr. H. R. Weir (Victoria).

### **Minutes of Executive.**

The Minutes of Executive for the two years ending 5th January, 1932, were received.

### Correspondence.

The Hon. Secretary read letters from the Amateur Athletic Associations of N.S. Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and West Australia, announcing the appointment of delegates to the Conference. The Tasmanian A.A.A. wrote stating that owing to their financial position it would be impossible for that State to be represented. Received.

From Mr. W. B. Alexander, presenting a report in reference to the Australian Cross Country Championship held at Rocklea, Brisbane, August, 29th, 1931. Received.

From the N.S. Wales Amateur Athletic Association asking permission to make two special individual nominations in connection with the Australian Track and Field Championships.

Decided on the motion of Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.), seconded by Mr. H. R. Weir (Vic.) that the action of the Executive in not granting sanction be approved. Carried, 7 to 2.

For: H. R. Weir (Vic.), G. E. Langford (Vic.), D. P. Merritt (Q.), H. W. Powell (Q.), W. E. Mackay (S.A.), J. Walsh (S.A.), W. Walker (W.A.).

Against: M. Rosenblum (N.S.W.), R. B. Casimir (N.S.W.).

From the Sports Master, Christian Brothers' College, Perth, asking for a ruling in reference to starting.

Decided the decision of the Committee to so run the race was correct.

The Victorian Amateur Athletic Association asked for a ruling in the following submitted cases:—

1. An athlete who had infringed his amateur status as an athlete was formerly a member of an Amateur Swimming Club affiliated to the Amateur Swimming Association. Is he eligible for reinstatement?

Decided in the negative.

2. Is an athlete who accepted payment as a footballer and subsequently was reinstated by the Metropolitan Amateur Football Association, the recognised body controlling amateur football in Victoria, eligible to join an affiliated club?

Decided that the reinstatement must be confirmed by the Victorian Amateur Athletic Association.

Mr. Ralph J. Hoke, of Berlin, made application for position of Athletic Coach and forwarding particulars of his references, etc. Letter received.

### **Hon. Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure.**

The Hon. Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the period 1930-32, duly Audited, and showing a credit balance of £81/14/3, was read and adopted, on the motion of Mr. D. P. Merritt (Q.), seconded by Mr. J. Walsh (S.A.).

In connection with the Statement the amount due by the Tasmanian A.A.A. was considered, viz., Handbooks, £8/1/9; Subscriptions, 1930 and 1931, £8/8/-; and it was decided to write off the amount £8/1/9 due for Hand-

books, but to request an immediate settlement of the amount due for Subscriptions, £8/8/-, and to draw the attention of the Tasmanian A.A.A. to rule 7, page 8, Handbook, re overdue subscriptions.

### **Fixing of Headquarters.**

On the motion of Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.), seconded by Mr. D. P. Merritt (Q.), Sydney, New South Wales, was fixed as the Headquarters of the Union.

### **Election of President, Hon. Treasurer, and Hon. Secretary.**

Messrs. R. Coombes, W. B. Alexander, and E. S. Marks were re-elected to the position of President, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary respectively.

### **Australian Olympic Federation.**

Messrs. E. S. Marks (N.S.W.), and G. E. Langford (Vic.) were elected as delegates to the Australian Olympic Federation.

### **Records.**

The following records were adopted as Australian Best on Record:—

220 Yards Run: J. A. Carlton, 21  $\frac{3}{5}$  seconds, Melbourne, 27th January, 1930 (equal record).

120 Yards Hurdles: R. A. Gray, 15  $\frac{3}{10}$  seconds, at Brisbane, Queensland. July 24th, 1915.

1 Mile Run: W. M. Whyte, 4 min. 21  $\frac{1}{5}$  seconds, at Melbourne Cricket Ground, 25th January, 1930.

3 Miles Run: G. R. Hyde, 14 min. 35  $\frac{1}{5}$  seconds, Melbourne Cricket Ground, 27th January, 1930.

Pole Vault: F. I. Woodhouse, 11 feet 11  $\frac{3}{8}$  in., Amateur Sports Ground, Melbourne, 21st January, 1931.

Pole Vault: F. I. Woodhouse, 12 feet 4 $\frac{3}{8}$  in.,  
Amateur Sports Ground, Melbourne, 7th March, 1931.

1 Mile Run: E. B. Coombes, 4 min. 19  $\frac{3}{5}$  seconds,  
Amateur Sports Ground, Melbourne, 7th March,  
1931.

1 Mile Medley Race (880 Yards, 440 Yards, 220  
Yards, 220 Yards): Melbourne University Athletic  
Club, Amateur Sports Ground, Melbourne (R. Triado,  
E. M. Davidson, J. K. Gabriel and R. J. Horsfall), 3  
min. 34 seconds, 14th March, 1931.

100 Yards Flat: J. A. Carlton, 9  $\frac{3}{5}$  seconds, Syd-  
ney Cricket Ground, 27th December, 1930.

440 Yards Flat: G. A. Golding, 48  $\frac{2}{5}$  seconds,  
Sydney Cricket Ground, 18th January, 1930.

### **Olympic Games, 1932.**

The South Australian A.A.A. and the N.S.  
Wales A.A.A. forwarded a list of athletes  
who, in their opinion were up to the Olympic  
standard. The Queensland A.A.A. did not  
submit any names, and answers had not yet  
been received from the other Associations.  
Decided to take no action.

### **British Empire Games.**

Moved by Mr. H. R. Weir (Vic.), seconded  
by Mr. D. P. Merritt (Q.), that this confer-  
ence asks the Empire Games Committee  
of Australia to have enquiries made of  
the British Empire Federation as to how the  
matter stands in reference to future games, and  
the rectification of the Constitution as drawn  
up at Hamilton, Canada, in 1930. Carried  
unanimously.

### **Interchange of Visits with New Zealand Amateur Athletic Association.**

Mr. H. R. Weir (Vic.) moved and Mr. D.  
P. Merritt (Q.) seconded, that this conference

cannot see its way clear to arrange an interchange of visits between Australia and New Zealand owing to the financial difficulties, and the resolution carried at the Full Board Meeting at Melbourne, 1st November, 1928, be reaffirmed, viz.:—

That this conference does not consider the proposed scheme of interchange of visits between New Zealand and Australia practicable, and suggest that visits should be left to the Australian and New Zealand bodies to decide upon themselves, the tours, if so desired, to be at their own expense, and invitations be issued by either body. Carried 7 to 2.

For—H. R. Weir (Vic.), G. E. Langford (Vic.), D. P. Merritt (Q.), H. W. Powell, (Q.), W. E. Mackay (S.A.), J. Walsh (S.A.), W. Walker (W.A.).

Against—M. Rosenblum (N.S.W.), R. B. Casimir (N.S.W.).

### Women's Athletics.

Mr. H. R. Weir (Vic.) moved and Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.) seconded, that this Board of Control expresses the opinion that Women's Athletics throughout Australia should be governed by women themselves and is prepared to hand over control to a properly constituted Australian body, but in the meanwhile this Union is to retain control.

Failing any finality within three months from date an application shall be made to the Federation Sportive Feminine Internationale. Carried unanimously.



### **Rules Bearing on Records.**

Decided on the motion of Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.), seconded by Mr. W. E. Mackay (S.A.), that a New Rule be added to be known as 14a under "Field Events," page 59, Handbook.

"Certificate from Surveyor or duly appointed official giving particulars of the levels of the track."

### **Amendment to Rule 32.**

On the motion of Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.), seconded by Mr. W. E. Mackay (S.A.), it was decided to amend Rule 32, page 26, Handbook, under "Transfers." Delete the words "as a member of" in last line and substituting the word "in."

### **Australian Cross Country Championships.**

It was decided on the motion of Mr. W. E. Mackay (S.A.), seconded by Mr. J. Walsh (S.A.), that in all future Australian Cross Country Championships no barbed wire obstruction shall be allowed on the course.

### **Appeal of Geelong Guild Harriers Against the Decision of the V.A.A.A. in Relation to the Residential Specification of E. A. Blair.**

It was decided on the motion of Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.), seconded by Mr. H. R. Weir (Vic.), to disagree with the decision of the Executive on this appeal.

### **Constitution of Union.**

Mr. H. R. Weir (Vic.) moved and Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.) seconded, that the Constitu-

tion of the Union be amended by adding "The full Board of Control at each Biennial Conference shall appoint an Executive Committee, consisting of the President and two Delegates. The Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer of the Union shall be ex-officio members of the Executive. Such Executive shall be representative of at least three States. The Executive shall have authority to exercise powers vested in the Union during the intervals between conferences. Any action taken by virtue of this provision shall be recorded in the minutes and shall be reported to the next succeeding conference. Carried 6 votes to 2.

For—H. R. Weir (Vic.), G. E. Langford (Vic.), W. E. Mackay (S.A.), J. Walsh (S.A.), D. P. Merritt (Q.), H. W. Powell (Q.).

Against—R. B. Casimir (N.S.W.), M. Rosenblum (N.S.W.).

The following nominations were received for Executive—Messrs. Weir (Vic.), Mackay (S.A.), and Merritt (Q.). A ballot was taken and resulted in the election of Messrs. Weir and Merritt.

### **Australian Championships.**

Mr. R. B. Casimir (N.S.W.) moved and Mr. W. E. Mackay (S.A.) seconded, that an Australian Championship be held each year. Lost 5 to 2.

For—R. B. Casimir (N.S.W.), W. E. Mackay (S.A.).

Against—H. R. Weir (Vic.), G. E. Langford (Vic.), D. P. Merritt (Q.), H. W. Powell (Q.), W. Walker (W.A.).

Mr. R. B. Casimir (N.S.W.) moved and Mr. M. Rosenblum (N.S.W.) seconded, that the following events be added to the Australian track and field championships programme—220 Yards Hurdles, Sprint Relay of 880 Yards, (440 yards, 220 yards, 110 yards, 110 yards). Lost, 5 to 2.

For—R. B. Casimir (N.S.W.), M. Rosenblum (N.S.W.).

Against—H. R. Weir (Vic.), G. E. Langford (Vic.), D. P. Merritt (Q.), H. W. Powell (Q.), W. Walker (W.A.).

Mr. R. B. Casimir (N.S.W.) moved and Mr. M. Rosenblum (N.S.W.) seconded, that the 16lb. Hammer Throw event be re-introduced. Carried, 5 to 2.

For—R. B. Casimir (N.S.W.), M. Rosenblum (N.S.W.), D. P. Merritt (Q.), H. W. Powell (Q.), W. E. Mackay (S.A.).

Against—H. R. Weir (Vic.), G. E. Langford (Vic.).

### **Australian Cross Country Championship.**

Mr. R. B. Casimir (N.S.W.) moved and Mr. M. Rosenblum (N.S.W.) seconded, that on the Monday following each Biennial Australian Cross Country Championship, a Track Steeplechase Event similar to the Olympic Event and

of the Olympic distance of 3,000 metres be held. Lost, 6 to 2.

For—R. B. Casimir (N.S.W.), M. Rosenblum (N.S.W.).

Against—H. R. Weir (Vic.), G. E. Langford (Vic.), W. E. Mackay (S.A.), D. P. Merritt (Q.), H. W. Powell (Q.), W. Walker (W.A.).

### Reinstatements.

Mr. D. P. Merritt (Q.) moved and Mr. H. W. Powell (Q.) seconded. Rule 9, page 11 (B): After the word "Reinstatement," in fifth line. The words "any application apart from the above" to be struck out and the following be inserted: "Any application for reinstatement, subject to the succeeding proviso." Also the following words be added after the words "as they think fit," in para. (b) in the 12th line: "Provided that no person who has at any time been a member of any Amateur Athletic Club (schools not included), and has competed in any amateur event and has knowingly or wilfully forfeited his amateur status after such event, shall be eligible for reinstatement unless he has so forfeited his amateur status while still under the age of 18 years, or in the case of a person who is permanently residing more than 100 miles from the nearest Club, affiliated with an Amateur Athletic Association, and has forfeited his status at a locality more than 100 miles from a Club so affiliated. For the purposes of this provision, a person shall be deemed to be permanently residing

at a locality when he has resided there for a period of 12 months or over."

Moved as an amendment by Mr. H. R. Weir (Vic.), seconded by Mr. R. B. Casimir (N.S.W.), that in view of the International Amateur Athletic Federation Rules the Executive be instructed to redraft the Union rules in reference to reinstatements, and refer same to the different States for their approval or otherwise. Amendment carried, 6 votes to 2.

For—H. R. Weir (Vic.), G. E. Langford (Vic.), R. B. Casimir (N.S.W.), M. Rosenblum (N.S.W.), W. E. Mackay (S.A.), W. Walker (W.A.).

Against—D. P. Merritt (Q.), H. W. Powell (Q.).

### **Competition Rules.**

Items decided on the motion of Mr. D. P. Merritt (Q.), seconded by Mr. H. W. Powell (Q.).

Rule 33, page 26: After the words "holding the event," the following to be added: "With the exception that any Interstate Competitor shall be required to undergo a medical examination by the Hon. Medical Officer of his own State, at least a fortnight prior to his departure for the State wherein any such race is being held."

### **Costume.**

It was decided on the motion of Mr. D. P. Merritt (Q.), seconded by Mr. H. W. Powell (Q.), that Rule 75, page 46: The word "four"

in the second line be struck out and the word "six" be inserted.

### **Australian Records.**

Mr. D. P. Merritt (Q.) moved and Mr. H. W. Powell (Q.) seconded, that page 59, Australian Records, Rule 1, Para. 1, be deleted and the following substituted:

1. In the event of an Australian Record being established, the A.A.U. of A. shall automatically grant such record, provided that the Affiliated Association, under whose control the event or meeting was conducted, certifies that the performance rigidly conformed in all particulars to the form "Application for Record," as set out on page 80 of the Handbook of the A.A.U. of Australia.

Paragraph 2, Rule 1, to be altered accordingly to conform to the above.

Rule 2 to be amended accordingly to conform to Rule 1.

Lost, 6 to 2.

For—D. P. Merritt (Q.), H. W. Powell (Q.).

Against—H. R. Weir (Vic.), G. E. Langford (Q.), R. B. Casimir (N.S.W.), M. Rosenblum (N.S.W.), W. E. Mackay (S.A.), W. Walker (W.A.).

### **Motor Cycling.**

The following interpretations have been given by the International Amateur Athletic

Federation in reference to Dirt Track Racing.  
**Interpretations from International Amateur**

**Athletic Federation.**

1. **Question:** A competitor competing in a Dirt Track Race for which cash is given, whether he be successful in winning the cash or not, is he a professional or an amateur athlete?

**Answer:** This competitor is a professional athlete.

2. **Question:** A competitor competing in a Dirt Track Race where trophies are given, whether he wins the trophy or not, is he a professional or an amateur athlete.

**Answer:** If all the other competitors are amateurs, this competitor also is an amateur.

3. **Question:** An official who officiates at a Dirt Track Meeting at which prizes are given in cash. Is that official an amateur or professional, even if he himself does not receive any cash and is not monetarily remunerated?

**Answer:** If the official does not receive any cash or monetary remuneration he is an amateur. It is desirable, however, that amateur officials should not officiate in any professional meetings.

4. **Question:** An official who officiates at a meeting at which cash is given for prizes and he himself is paid in money for his services. Is he a professional or an amateur?

**Answer:** This official is a professional.

5. **Question:** A person for himself obtains a contract with a proprietary company to supply programmes for the meetings held by such company. Is he a professional or an amateur athlete?

**Answer:** This person is an amateur.

### **Visit of International Athletes.**

Permission was given the Victorian Amateur Athletic Association to open up negotiations for a visit to Australia of International athletes.

### **Australian Olympic Federation.**

Mr. G. Langford (Vic.) brought up the matter of the decision of the Federation by mail vote not to hold the Conference in 1931, and the question of Delegates only voting on such Mail Vote and not the Constituent Bodies.

The matter was left in the hands of the Union's delegates to the Australian Olympic Council (Messrs. G. E. Langford and E. S. Marks).

### **Votes of Thanks.**

On the motion of Mr. H. R. Weir (Vic.), seconded by Mr. W. E. Mackay (S.A.), a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. E. S. Marks, the Chairman of the meeting, for his conduct of the business, and also to the President (Mr. R. Coombes), the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. W. B. Alexander), and the Hon. Sec-



retary (Mr. E. S. Marks), for their conduct of the Executive work of the Union. Mr. W. B. Alexander and the Chairman responded.

The Chairman proposed, and it was unanimously carried, that a vote of thanks be accorded to the N.S. Wales Sports Club for the use of a room for the purpose of holding the meetings, and the N.S.W.A.A.A. for many acts of courtesy and kindness to the delegates and visiting athletes.

The Chairman declared the Conference closed.

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## THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA

### Statement of Receipts and Expenditure to 15th January, 1932

RECEIPTS						EXPENDITURE.									
			£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.				
Balance brought forward						2	8	8	Printing, Stationery, Certificates, etc. . . . .				25	1	1
Subscriptions, 1930—									Postages, Cables, Telegrams, Typing, etc. . .				15	8	4
Queensland A.A.A. . . .	4	4	0						Cables sent on behalf of Victorian A.A.A. . . . .				6	17	1
S. Australian A.A.A. . .	4	4	0						Affiliation to International Federation—						
Victorian A.A.A. . . . .	4	4	0						1930 . . . . .	2	0	0			
N.S.W.A.A.A. . . . .	4	4	0						1931 . . . . .	2	0	0			
W. Australian A.A.A. . .	4	4	0			21	0	0	Exchange . . . . .	0	12	8			
Subscriptions, 1931—													4	12	8
Victorian A.A.A. . . . .	4	4	0						Affiliation to Australian Olympic Federation—						
Queensland A.A.A. . . .	4	4	0						1929-30 . . . . .	2	2	0			
W. Australian A.A.A. . .	4	4	0						1930-31 . . . . .	2	2	0			
N.S.W.A.A.A. . . . .	4	4	0			21	0	0	1931-32 . . . . .	2	2	0			
S. Australian A.A.A. . .	4	4	0										6	6	0
Share in Cost of Handbooks—									Advance to Aust. Olympic Federation re team to Canada . . . . .				2	2	0
Queensland A.A.A. . . .	10	0	0												
W. Australian A.A.A. . .	5	0	0												
S. Australian A.A.A. . .	5	0	0												
N.S.W.A.A.A. . . . .	10	0	0												
Victorian A.A.A. . . . .	10	0	0			40	0	0							

Victorian A.A.A. 10% profit from Australian Championships, held at Melbourne, Jan., 1930	112 17 3	Paid Victorian A.A.A. Collars for Dies . . . .	1 10 0
Victorian A.A.A. Refund cost of cables sent by Union . . . . .	6 17 1	Cost of 1000 Handbooks	50 2 6
Refund of advance made to Australian Olympic Federation . . . . .	2 2 0	Portion of Expenses Hon. Treasurer, to Brisbane for Australian C.C.C.	6 0 0
		Unions share cost of Address to J. S. Edstrom, President I.A.A.F. . .	1 4 9
		Engraving "Richard Coombes" Shield . . . .	3 12 6
		Bank Charges, and Exchange . . . . .	1 13 10
		Credit Balance . . . . .	81 14 3
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	£206 5 0		£206 5 0

## BALANCE SHEET

LIABILITIES.						ASSETS.					
Nil.											
1932—			£	s.	d.	Tasmanian A.A.A.—			£	s.	d.
Jan. 15th.			£	s.	d.	Subscription, 1930 ..	4	4	0		
Balance, Surplus Assets	over Liabilities	. . . .				Subscription, 1931 ..	4	4	0		
						Share Cost of Hand- books . . . . .	8	1	9		
										16	9
						Cash at Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney Ltd., Exchange Branch	80	4	8		
						Cash in Hand . . . . .	1	9	7		
										81	14
										3	
			£98	4	0					£98	4
										0	

Audited and found correct.

FRANK G. UNDERWOOD,  
Hon. Auditor.

W. B. ALEXANDER,  
Hon. Treasurer.

Sydney, January 15, 1932.

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Sydney:

F. W. White, Printer, 344 Kent Street.

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