

AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALASIA

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE

FIRST BIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF THE

BOARD OF CONTROL

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The Amateur Athletic Union
of Australasia

Affiliated Associations

New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association

New Zealand Amateur Athletic Association

Victorian Amateur Athletic Association

Queensland Amateur Athletic Association

Minutes of Meeting

of

Board of Control

held at

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on

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Meeting of Board of Control.

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First Sitting

Minutes of Meeting of Delegates from the
Amateur Athletic Associations of Queens-
land, N. S. Wales, Victoria and New
Zealand held at the Carlton Club
Hotel, Queen Street Brisbane on Friday
November 10, 1899 at 2.30 p.m.

There were present: Messrs P. Frankel,
R. S. Ross (Q), R. Coombes, J. Rowley (N. S. W.),
R. H. Croll, W. Shea (Vic), N. L. Mackett
and W. H. Madill (N. Z.).

Welcome

On behalf of the Queensland A.A.U., Mr P. Frankel (Q) welcomed the visiting delegates to Brisbane, and offered congratulations to Messrs R Coombes and E. S. Marks on their elections as first President and Secretary respectively of the A.A.U. of A.

Mr R Coombes (N.S.W.) thanked Mr Frankel on behalf of the visiting Delegates and expressed the hope that the deliberations of the Board would be advantageous to amateurism.

Chairman and Vice-Chairman

It was agreed that the President of The Union should act as Chairman to the Board. On the motion of Messrs. R. Coombes (N.S.W.) and W. Shea (Q.), Mr P. Frankel (Q) was appointed Vice Chairman.

Secretary to the Board

Regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence of The Hon Secretary of The Union

(Mr E. S. Manks) from the Board Meeting. On
The motion of Messrs P. Frankel (D) and R. H.
Croll (W), Mr R. S. Ross (D) was elected as
Hon. Secretary to the Board.

The Hon. Secretary called the roll, and
it was resolved that the roll be called
at each sitting of the Board.

Quorum.

Messrs. P. Frankel (D) and S. Rowley (Mrs. W.)
moved -

"That four delegates constitute a quorum,
provided that each Colony shall be
represented".

Carried unanimously.

Voting.

Moved by Messrs R. S. Ross (D) and R. H. Croll (W) -

That the Chairman shall have both a
deliberative and casting vote; that
delegates shall vote as individuals;

That all voting ^{be} by show of hands.

Carried unanimously.

Confirmation of Mail Votes

The various mail votes as per Minute Book, pages 21-25, were read by the Secretary. Moved by Messrs P. Frankel (O) and J. Rowley (N.S.W.) -

"That mail votes be confirmed."

Carried unanimously.

Balance Sheet

The Treasurer's Balance Sheet, showing a credit balance of £ 4-19-7 was read. Moved by Messrs W. Shea (V.) and A. L. Macbeth (N.Z.) -

"That the Balance Sheet be adopted."

Carried unanimously.

Election of President

Moved by Messrs P. Frankel (O) and A. L. Macbeth (N.Z.) -

"That Mr. R. Coombes (N.S.W.) be President for the ensuing two years."

Mr. R. H. Cull (V.) spoke in support of the motion, all three delegates highly endorsing Mr. Coombes for his work on behalf of Australasian Athletics. Carried unanimously.

Mr Coombes returned thanks for the honor
paid him.

Election of Hon. Secretary & Treasurer.

Moved by Messrs. R. S. Ross (D) and W. J. Madill

(R. 2) -

"That Mr. E. S. Marks be Hon. Secretary and
Treasurer for ensuing two years."

Carried unanimously

Vote of Thanks.

Moved by Messrs R. J. Coll (W) and P. Frankel (D)

"That the thanks of the Union to the
retiring Officials be recorded."

Carried by acclamation.

Mr. R. Coombes (A.S.W.) replied.

Headquarters.

Moved by Messrs P. Frankel (D) and W. Sheel (V)

"That the Headquarters of the Union be
Sydney."

Carried unanimously.

Correspondence.

Correspondence as follows was read -

(a) Letter D. A. A. re die, and Secretary's answer; (b) Letter D. A. A. re G. Hawkes weight - putting record, and Secretary's answer; (c) Letters from Mr A. L. Baird, England, and Secretary's answer; (d) Letter W. Z. P. A. A. re W. H. Madill's Hammer Throwing Record, and Secretary's answer; (e) Letter from Mr. F. S. Marks re printed rules of Union; (f) Correspondence from London re team for London and Paris.

Moved by Messrs P. Frankel (O) and R. A. Croll (W) -

"That correspondence be received."

Carried unanimously.

Championships Medal Die

Resolved that The Secretary ascertain particulars from D. A. A. as to cost and design of new die.

Printing of Racing Laws.

Consequent upon Mr F. S. Marks's letter re printed rules of Union, recommending, in order to save expense, that each affiliated

association order a number of copies of Racing Laws already in type. Messrs P. Frankel (Q) and R. H. Coall (D.) moved - "That Mr Mark's suggestion meets with the approval of the Board, and that each affiliated association notify the Union Secretary of the number of copies of Racing Laws required."

Carried unanimously.

Record Rules and Certificates

Opinion being favourable to the issue of Record Certificates by the Union, it was moved by Messrs W. Shea (W.) and S. Rowley (N.S.W.) - "That Messrs Coombes (N.S.W.), Frankel (Q.) and Coall (W.) be a sub-committee to frame Rules bearing on Records, and report at future sitting."

Carried unanimously.

Teem for England and Paris.

The Chairman spoke at length on the question, giving a history of negotiations and

Statement of intention of athletes the world over, and finally presented the issue as to whether the time had arrived for Australia to participate in the world's games. The matter was lengthily discussed, all present speaking. Moved by Messrs. S. Rowley (N.S.W.) and P. Frankel (Q.) -

"That in face of the great financial difficulties the Board deems it expedient to defer the consideration of the question."

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment

On the motion of Messrs. R. H. Crall (W.) and W. H. Madill (N.Z.), the Board adjourned until 8 o'clock the same evening.

Second Sitting.

Held at the Carlton Club Hotel, Queen Street, Brisbane, on Friday evening, November 10th. at 8 p.m.

The Hon Secretary called the roll and

Those were present: Messrs R Coombes (N.S.W.),
in the Chair, P. Frankel, R. S. Ross (Q), R. H.
Prohl (N.) and N. L. Mackett (N.Z.).

Alliances

After the Chairman's remarks it was
moved by Messrs R. H. Crall (N.) and P.
Frankel (Q) -

That the principle of entering into alliances
with kindred Unions or Associations be
approved by the Board, and that such
be entered into where practicable,
subject to acceptance by members of
the Union.

Carried unanimously

Racing Laws

Consideration was given to the Racing
Laws for the Union as drafted by the
sub-committee (Messrs R Coombes, L. A. Fuff
and N. Mandelson) appointed by the 1897
Conference. The Laws were amended in
some particulars, and their further consider-

-ation deferred until the next sitting of the Board.

Adjournment.

On the motion of Messrs N. L. Macketh (N.Z.) and P. Frankel (D), the Board adjourned at 11 p.m. until the morning of November 12 on board D.S.S. "Otter".

Third Sitting.

Held on board D. S. S. Otter on the morning of November 12 1899 at 11 a.m.

The Hon Secretary called the roll and there were present: Messrs R. Coombes (N.S.W.) in the chair, P. Frankel, R. S. Ross (D), R. H. Coll W. Shea (W.), N. L. Macketh, W. H. Madill (N.Z.), and S. Rowley (N.S.W.)

The Hon. Secretary read the minutes of two previous sittings and some were confirmed.

Racing Laws

Further consideration was given to the Racing Laws and additional amendments approved.

Adjournment.

On the motion of Messrs. S. Rowley (A.S.W.) and W. Shea (D.), the Board adjourned at 1.30 p.m. for lunch, and agreed to resume deliberations at 3.30 p.m.

Fourth Sitting

held in honor the O. G. S. 'Bitter' on the afternoon of Nov. 17 1899 at 3.30 p.m.

The Hon. Secretary called the roll, and there were present: Messrs R Coomber (A.S.W.), in the chair, P. Frankel, R.S. Ross (D), R. H. Paul, W. Shea (D.), A. L. Macbeth, W. H. Medill (A.Z.) and S. Rowley (A.S.W.).

Championships Medal Die

The Hon. Secretary reported that he had ascertained that the die for championship medals was being made at a cost of £6; that the new die contained emblem of each member of the Union; that it had been found impossible to alter the old die to

include Queensland's emblem; and that the cost of manufacturing the die would be met by a levy of £1-10-0 on each member of the Union. The report was adopted.

Rules bearing on Record Certificates

The sub-committee appointed at a previous meeting (Messrs. Coombes, Frankel and Crall) submitted their report. Moved by Messrs. Red. Ross (D) and W. H. Madell (N 2) - "That the report be adopted."

Carried unanimously.

(These Rules will be found in the front of the Handbook).

Racing Laws

Still further consideration was given to the Racing Laws, and all amendments having been disposed of, the following new laws were incorporated in the list:-

Jurney and Records Steward.

Provision having been made in the Officials for one Jurney and Records Steward,

it was moved by Messrs. R. McCull (W) and
R. Ross (O) and passed unanimously -

"That the Survey and Records Steward
shall certify as to the correctness of
distances, implements etc. in connection
with competitions."

Standard Caps and Badges.

Moved by Messrs. N. L. Macheth (N. Z.) and R. McCull

(W) -

"That any competitor who reaches the
standard in any Australasian Champion-
-ship event shall be provided with
the Association's Cap and Badge. Any
competitor who has once won a Cap
shall only be entitled to an additional
Badge for each subsequent standard
performance."

Carried unanimously.

Throwing the Discus.

Moved by Messrs. R. Coombes (N. S. W.) and
N. L. Macheth (N. Z.) that the following law be

adopted -

The discus shall be of smooth, hard wood body without finger holes, weighted in centre with lead discs and capped with polished brass discs, with steel ring on the outside. The weight of the discus shall be four and one half ($4\frac{1}{2}$) pounds; outside diameter eight (8) inches; thickness in centre two (2) inches.

All Throws shall be made from a nine (9) foot circle, with four foot stop-board, and similar in all respects to the circle for throwing the hammer. In making his throws a competitor may assume any position he chooses.

Four Throws and letting go the discus in attempts shall count as trials without result. A fair throw shall be one in which no part of the person of the competitor touches the

ground outside the circle.

A discus shall be furnished by the Games Committee. Any contestant may use his private discus, if correct in weight and shape, in which case the other contestants must also be allowed to use it if they wish.

The measurement of each throw shall be made from the nearest mark made by the fall of the discus to the circumference of the circle on a line made from the mark made by the discus to the centre of the circle.

Carried unanimously.

Definition of Walking

After debate it was moved by Messrs. R. H. Crall (V) and N. L. Macbeth (N 2) -

"That Mr R Coombes (N SW) be asked to draft a definition of walking for submittal to affiliated associations"

Carried unanimously.

Adaptation

Moved by Messrs. P. Frankel (Q) and W. Shea (V) -

That the Racing Laws be adopted in globis carried unanimously.

The Amateur Question

Still Complications

The President having been heard in explanation of amateur difficulties and complications in the various provinces, the matter was informally discussed several suggestions being made as to united action if circumstances demanded such

Amendment

Moved by Messrs. R. S. Ross (Q) and W. Shea (V) -

That a mail vote be taken on the desirability of amending Clause F (Exceptions) of the Amateur Definition to read as follows: School-boys or employees of any one firm who have

infringed their amateur status may compete at their own school or firm's sports without affecting the amateur status of their schoolfellows or co-employees."

Lost on division by 4 votes to 3.

Against - Messrs P. Frankel (Q), N.L. Macheth (N.Z.), W. H. Madell (N.Z.) and S. Rowley (N.S.W.)

For - Messrs R. H. Coll (V), W. Shea (W), Red Ross (Q).

Professional Organisations.

Moved by Messrs P. Frankel (Q), and N.L. Macheth (N.Z.) -

"That the Board of Control thinks it undesirable that any executive member of any affiliated association should at the same time act as an executive member of a professional organisation."

Carried unanimously.

Australasian Championship Sports Agreement.

Standards.

Arising out of discussion under this

heading, it was moved by Messrs P. Frankel (Q) and R. H. Crall (W) -

"That a mail vote be taken on the desirability of revising the list of standard times."

Carried unanimously.

Printing of Minutes

Moved by Messrs R. H. Crall (V) and S. Rowley (N.S.W) -

"That the Minutes of the meeting of the Board be printed in pamphlet form, the cost of same to be defrayed by the four affiliated associations in equal proportions."

Carried unanimously.

Vote of Thanks.

Moved by Messrs. N. L. Machel (N 2) and P. Frankel (Q) -

"That a cordial vote of thanks be accorded to the Chairman for the able and courteous manner in which

he has presided over the sittings
of the Board

Moved by acclamation.

Mr R. Coombes (N.S.W.) acknowledged the
compliment.

Secretary.

Moved by Messrs. R. H. Coall (V.) and W.
Shea (N.) -

"That a formal vote of thanks be
accorded to Mr. Res. Ross for his
secretarial services to the Board."

Moved by acclamation.

D. A. A. A.

Moved by Messrs. W. Shea (V.) and N. L. Macketh
(N.Z.) -

"That a formal vote of thanks be
accorded to the D. A. A. A. for
consideration shown to the Board."

The motion was spoken to by Mr R. Coombes (N.S.W.) and
passed by acclamation. Mr P. Frankel (D) acknow-
ledged the vote.

The Board meeting then closed.