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MEETING OF FULL BOARD OF CONTROL,

Held at the Amateur Sports Club of Victoria, Melbourne,
On Thursday Afternoon, January 28th, 1904.

FIRST SITTING.

MINUTES OF MEETING of Full Board of Control, held
at the Amateur Sports Club of Victoria on Thursday
afternoon, January 28th, 1904.

There were present:—

Messrs. R. Coombes and E. S. Marks (N. S. Wales)
" F. Ross and A. L. Styche (New Zealand)
" B. J. Parkinson and R. H. Croll (Victoria)
" D. S. Carter and C. Campbell (Queensland.)

Mr. R. Coombes (President) took the chair at 4
p.m., and warmly welcomed the delegates. He
regretted the absence of any Tasmanian delegates
from the Conference.

THE PRESS.

Moved by Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.), seconded by
Mr. B. J. Parkinson (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 resolved that four delegates constitute a quorum, provided that at least four of the affiliated Associations be represented.

MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING.

The confirmation of the Minutes of last Full Board Meeting, held in Auckland, December, 1901, were held over until the next meeting.

VOTING.

Moved By Mr. A. L. Styche (N.Z.), seconded by Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.)—"That the Chairman shall have both a deliberate and a casting vote; that delegates shall vote as individuals; that all voting be by show of hands." Carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

Moved by Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.), seconded by Mr. F. Ross (N.Z.)—"That Mr. R. Coombes (N.S.W.) be President for ensuing two years."

Messrs. R. H. Croll (Vic.), C. Campbell (Q.), and D. S. Carter (Q.), also spoke in support of the motion. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Coombes returned thanks for the honour paid him and to the State of N. S. Wales.

ELECTION OF HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.) moved, and Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.) seconded—"That Mr. E. S. Marks be Hon. Secretary and Treasurer." Carried unanimously.

HEADQUARTERS.

Moved by Mr. C. Campbell (Q.), seconded by Mr. D. S. Carter (Q.)—"That the headquarters of the Union be Sydney." Carried unanimously.

RECORDS.

The following record performances passed by the Executive during the year were unanimously adopted :

120 Yards Hurdles (10 flights, 3ft. 6in.), 15 4-5 secs., by G. W. Smith, at Auckland, December 20th, 1901.

3 Miles Flat Running, 14min. 49secs., by W. F. Simpson, at Auckland, December 21st, 1901.

Throwing the Discus, 102 feet 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches, by G. Hawkes, at Brisbane, 17th March, 1902.

Throwing the Discus, 110 feet 10 inches, by J. Kearney, at Brisbane, 28th May, 1902.

$\frac{1}{2}$ Mile Flat Running, 1 min. 59 1-5 secs., by D'Arcy Wentworth, at Auckland, 21st December, 1901.

Throwing the Discus, 118 feet, by J. Kearney, at Brisbane, May 17th, 1903.

Throwing the 16lbs. Hammer from a 9 feet circle, 151ft. 1in., by W. O'Reilly, at Bathurst, Oct. 6th, 1902.

Putting the 16lbs. Shot from a 7 feet square, 44 feet 3 in., by W. O'Reilly, at Bathurst, Oct. 6th, 1902.

G. W. SMITH'S HURDLE RECORD.

Mr. C. Campbell (Q.) moved, and Mr. A. L. Styche (N.Z.) seconded—"That the decision of the Executive to refer the matter of G. W. Smith's application for the Australasian Hurdle record of 15 1-5 seconds, made at Auckland on March 8th, 1902, to the Full Board of Control, be approved of." Carried unanimously.

All the papers and other documents in reference to the application were then read, including the Executive's report, and after a lengthy debate it was unanimously resolved—"That the record be not granted, owing to the rules governing records not having been carried out in their entirety."

SECOND SITTING.

Held at the Amateur Sports Club of Victoria on Thursday evening, January 21st, 1904.

The Hon. Secretary called the roll, there being present:—Messrs. R. Coombes (N.S.W.) in the chair, E. S. Marks (N.S.W.), R. H. Croll (Vic.), B. J. Parkinson (Vic.), A. L. Styche (N.Z.), F. Ross (N.Z.), C. Campbell (Q.), D. S. Carter (Q.)

RECORD CERTIFICATE.

Mr. D. S. Carter (Q.) moved, and Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.) seconded—1. "That each affiliated Association be asked to submit designs to the Executive, and recommend the one which they consider best." 2. "That the sum of £5 5s. be awarded to the design decided upon from those submitted by the different affiliated Associations, the Executive Officers to adjudicate on the merit of the various designs." Carried unanimously.

OLYMPIAN GAMES AND WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP
CONTESTS AT ST. LOUIS EXHIBITION, 1904.

The Secretary read several letters from the authorities in America inviting representatives to take part in the games fixed to be held in St. Louis from August 29th to September 3rd, 1904, in addition to which the President stated that he had received a number of private letters in reference to the games, by which it was learned that the visit of an Australasian team of athletes to America would be welcomed, and the wish was expressed that if a team was sent a swimmer should be included. Mr. Coombes outlined a scheme as to ways and means by which the Union could be represented. After a lengthy debate the following resolution was unanimously carried:—

"That it is deemed advisable that Australasia should be represented at the Olympian Games to be held at St. Louis, U.S.A., this year, if suitable arrangements can be made by the Executive."

SPORTING EXHIBITS AT THE EXHIBITION.

The matter of making a Union exhibit at the St. Louis Exhibition was left in the hands of the Executive.

VISIT OF AN ENGLISH ATHLETIC TEAM TO AUSTRALASIA.

A letter was read from the New Zealand A.A.A. stating that they had invited a team of English athletes to visit their colony next year, and asking whether the affiliated bodies desired their appearance in the different States if suitable arrangements could be made.

Mr. C. Campbell (Q.) moved, and Mr. E. S. Marks (N.S.W.) seconded—"That it be recommended to the New Zealand Amateur Athletic Association that they communicate direct with the different affiliated Associations, giving them full particulars of estimated cost and schedule of dates.

NEW RULES.

The following new Laws, amendment to Rules, etc., were made:—

EVENTS FOR "BESTS ON RECORD."

From the 1st of January, 1904, no application for a "best on record" can be considered by the Union in events other than those which form for the time being the Australasian Championship programme, and records in all other events shall be removed from the record book; but any performance whatsoever established under conditions in conformity with the Union's laws, may be entertained and passed by the affiliated Associations."

WHAT SHALL CONSTITUTE A TROPHY.

No prize shall be given by any individual, club, committee, or association, or competed for or accepted by any athlete, other than suitably inscribed wreaths, diplomas, badges, banners, medals, timepieces, articles of jewellery, silver-

ware, or table service, unless sanctioned by an affiliated Association, and said prize (challenge cups and other similar trophies excepted) shall not exceed the cost of £10 for first, £5 for second, and £2 10s. for third. Every prize must be engraved with the name and date of meeting, and must be of the full advertised value—i.e., without discount.

RACING RULES.

STARTER (Section i, page 20, Handbook.)—

Footnote to rule as follows: "Under this rule competitors adopting the 'all-fours' set are not allowed to place their hands on the ground in front of the mark."

PUTTING THE WEIGHT (Rule 10, page 26, Handbook.)

To add after words "heavy weight" (fifth line) the following sentence: "In 'putting' the hand shall be above and not behind the shoulder."

THROWING THE HAMMER (Rule 11, page 26, Handbook.)

The words "no crosspiece at the end of the handle shall be allowed" (sixth line) to be deleted; and the words "The handle end, or grip, may be of any shape."

THE STANDING HIGH JUMP.

The feet of the competitor may be placed in any position, but shall leave the ground only once in making an attempt to jump. When the feet are lifted from the ground twice, or two springs are made in making the attempt, it shall count as a trial jump without result. A competitor may rock forward and back, lifting heels and toes alternately from the ground, but may not lift either foot clear from the ground or slide it along the ground in any direction. With this exception, the rules governing the running high jump shall also govern the standing high jump.

THE STANDING BROAD JUMP.

The feet of the competitor may be placed in any position, but shall leave the ground only once in making an attempt to jump. When the feet are lifted from the ground twice, or two springs are made in making the attempt, it shall count as a trial jump without result. A competitor may rock forward and back, lifting heels and toes alternately from the ground, but may not lift either foot clear of the ground or slide it along the ground in any direction. The

use of the joist prescribed in rule 9, section (b) shall not be compulsory. In all other respects the rule governing the running broad jump shall also govern the standing broad jump.

THE THREE STANDING BROAD JUMPS.

The feet of the competitor shall leave the ground only once in making an attempt for each of the three jumps, and no stoppage between jumps shall be allowed; in all other respects the rules governing the standing broad jump shall also govern the three standing broad jumps.

RUNNING HOP, STEP AND JUMP

The competitor shall first land upon the same foot with which he shall have taken off. The reverse foot shall be used for the second landing, and both feet shall be used for the third landing. In all other respects the rules governing the running broad jump shall also govern the running hop, step and jump.

THROWING 56LBS. WEIGHT.

The weight shall be a metal sphere, with handle of any shape and material. Their combined weight shall be at least 56lbs., and their combined height shall not be more than 16 inches. All throws shall be made from a circle 9 feet in diameter. In making his throws the competitor may assume any position he chooses, and use one or two-hands. Foul throws, and letting go the weight in an attempt, shall count as trial throws without result. Weights shall be furnished by the Games Committee. Any contestant may use his private weight if correct in weight and shape, in which case the other contestants must also be allowed to use it if they wish.

In throwing for Distance.

It shall be a fair throw when no part of the person of the competitor touches the ground outside the circle. It shall be a foul throw if any part of the person of the competitor touch the ground outside the circle before the throw is measured. The measurement of each throw shall be from the nearest mark made by the fall of any part of the weight or handle to the circumference of the circle, on a line from the mark made by the weight to the centre of the circle. The number of trials and method of decision shall be the same as in the Running Broad Jump.

In throwing for Height.

A barrel head 8 feet in diameter shall be suspended horizontally in the air. The field judges shall determine the height at which the barrel-head shall be fixed at the beginning of the competition, and at each successive elevation. A fair throw shall be one where no part of the person of the competitor shall touch the ground outside of the circle before the weight alights, and where any part of the weight or handle touches any part of the barrel head. The measurement of each throw shall be from the ground perpendicularly up to the lowest part of the barrel head. The method of competition shall be the same as in the Running High Jump.

TIES.

In all contests wherein results are determined by measurement of height or distance, ties shall be decided as follows:—

In case of a tie at high jumping or vaulting, each of the tying competitors shall have three additional trials at the height last tried; and, if still undecided, the bar shall be lowered to the height next below, and three trials taken at that height. If no one clear it, the bar shall be lowered again and again until one of the competitors clears it. In case of a second tie, the award shall be given to the competitor who cleared the bar with the least number of trials.

In case of a tie in a contest at any game decided by distance, each of the tying competitors shall have three additional trials, and the award shall be made in accordance with the distances cleared in these additional trials. In case of a second tie, three more trials shall be allowed, and so on, until a decision is reached. In case of a dead heat in any race, the referee shall forthwith decide as to whether and how the prize and points are to be divided, or whether and at what time and place, and subject to what conditions the tying competitors shall race again.

ORDER OF COMPETITION IN JUMPS AND FIELD EVENTS.

In all scratch events the competitors shall take their trials in the order of their names as printed in the programme. In all handicap events the competitor having the greatest allowance shall make the first trial, and so on in regular order up to the competitor at scratch or with least allowance, who shall have the last trial.

LAWS TO GOVERN AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS AND
REPRESENTATIVE TRAMS.

(Rule 10, page 15, Handbook.)—Additions:

Standards.—Throwing 16lb. hammer to read "110 feet."

Finance.—The local Association of the State or Colony wherein such meeting is held shall, subject to the sanction of the Union (*vide* Clause 10, page 15), have complete control over the same in financial matters, bearing any loss and receiving any profit, provided that when the net profits exceeds £100, 10 per cent. of such net profits shall be paid to the Union.

REPRESENTATION.

The State or Colony whose representatives gain the most firsts shall be the Champion Australasian State or Colony until the next meeting; deadheats being determined as specially provided for. Should any two or more States or Colony obtain an equal number of firsts, then the Championship shall be awarded to that one of them which has also obtained most seconds. If this does not decide, then the Local Committee of Management shall decide the matter finally on what it deems to be the relative merit of the different performances.

No State or Colony shall be at liberty to start more than three representatives in any event.

The competitors representing an Australasian State or Colony must be *bona fide* residents in the State or Colony they represent for six months immediately prior to the date of the meeting, except in the case of competitors who have left their State or Colony for a specific purpose known to the Association of the State or Colony they have resided in.

No entrance fees shall be charged to visiting competitors from the States or Colony other than that in which the meeting is held, and the Local Association shall not contribute towards the expenses of visitors.

The Association of the State or Colony in which each meeting is held must give the Executive Officers of the Union at least three months' clear notice of the date and place where it proposes to hold the meeting. Meetings shall be held between the months of October and April, or during such other months as may be mutually agreed upon. Postponements on account of wet shall be left in the hands of the Local Association.

All championship events shall be open to members of clubs affiliated to Amateur Associations (both Colonial, English, and foreign) which are recognised by the Amateur Athletic Union of Australasia.)

STANDARD CAPS AND BADGES.

Any competitor who reaches the standard in any Australasian Championship shall be provided with the Association cap and badge. Any competitor who has once won a cap shall only be entitled to an additional badge for each subsequent standard performance.

THIRD SITTING.

Held at the Amateur Sports Club of Victoria on Tuesday morning, February 2nd, 1904.

The Hon. Secretary called the roll, and there were present:—Messrs. R. Coombes (N.S.W.) in the chair, E. S. Marks (N.S.W.), A. L. Styche (N.Z.), F. Ross (N.Z.), B. J. Parkinson (Vic.), R. H. Croll (Vic.), D. S. Carter (Q.), and C. Campbell (Q.)

MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING.

The Minutes of last Full Board Meeting, held in Auckland, New Zealand, December, 1901, were unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr. R. H. Croll (Vic.), seconded by Mr. C. Campbell (Q.)

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE.

The Minutes of the Executive for the past two years were read and endorsed.

BALANCE SHEET.

The Hon. Treasurer's Balance Sheet, duly audited by Messrs. C. Campbell (Q.) and A. L. Styche (N.Z.), and showing a cash credit balance of £17 8s. 11d., was read and unanimously adopted.

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS.

It was resolved to recommend to the Executive that from this date no Association be admitted as a member of the Union unless it consists of not less than three affiliated clubs.

TRACK MEASUREMENT.

It was decided that a footnote be added to Rule 5, page 24, Handbook, as follows:—

“Flags should be placed at an angle of 60 degrees inwards, the poles of which to be at least 3 feet in height.”

STANDARDS.

It was resolved that a mail vote be taken of the different affiliated Associations on the question of the abolition of standards at Australasian Championship Sports Meetings. The Conference was of the opinion that standard should only be in force at the different Association Championships, and no standards should be allotted at the Biennial Australasian meetings.

DIE FOR AUSTRALASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS.

The Executive were instructed to take steps to secure a new design for medals, and the sum of £2 2s. was voted as a prize for the best design.

PUTTING THE SHOT.

It was resolved to amend rule 10, page 26, Handbook, *re* Putting the Weight, so as to allow of the 7 feet square being altered to read “7 feet circle with a guard board 4 feet 6 inches in length and 4 inches in height at the front of the circle.

INTERPRETATION OF RECORD RULES.

It was resolved that, in the opinion of this Conference, sub-sections A and B, of rules bearing on records (rule 1, page 30, Handbook), are part of such rule. Mr. F. Ross (N.Z.) dissented.

HOUSE SPORTS.

Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.) brought up the matter of sanctioning affiliated amateurs in certain cases competing against professionals in house sports, for trophies only. He introduced the matter solely to get an expression of opinion from the delegates.

Mr. E. S. Marks (N.S.W.) moved, and Mr. F. Ross (N.Z.) seconded—"That it is the opinion of this meeting that under *no circumstances* can affiliated amateurs compete against professionals at house sports." Lost on division by 3 votes to 2.

AGAINST—H. L. Styche (N.Z.), C. Campbell (Q.), D. S. Carter (Q.)

FOR—E. S. Marks (N.S.W.), F. Ross (N.Z.)

VOTES OF THANKS.

Chairman.

Moved by Messrs. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.); seconded by Mr. C. Campbell (Q.)—"That a vote of thanks be accorded to the Chairman for the manner in which he had presided over the sittings of the Board."

Carried by acclamation.

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

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Moved by Mr. R. H. Oroll (Vic.), seconded by Mr. F. Ross (N.Z.)—"That a cordial vote of thanks be passed to Mr. E. S. Marks for past services to the Union." Carried by acclamation.

Victorian A.A.A.

On the motion of the Chairman a vote of thanks was passed to the Victorian Amateur Athletic Association for many acts of courtesy during the visit.

Mr. B. J. Parkinson (Vic.) acknowledged the vote. The Chairman declared the Conference closed.

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