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4. — International Olympique Committee

Meeting of the Executive Committee
held at the Hague.

July 31st - August 4th, 1926.

Present

I. Count de Baillet-Latour (President),
Mr. J. S. Edström, General R. J. Kentish,
and General C. Sherrill. Apologies were indicated from the Baron de Blonay and the Marquis de Polignac.

Obituary

2. The President announced with regret the death of M. Baud, President of the Fédération Internationale des Sociétés d'Avion, and of M. Feschotte, a member of the Dutch Olympic Committee. Letters of condolence were sent on behalf of the International Olympic Committee.

International
Federations

3. The Executive Committee examined the Olympic situation especially with reference to the relationship existing between the International Olympic Committee and the International Federations. The President informed his colleagues that after the meeting of the International Federations in Paris on the 10th July he had sent a letter to all the Presidents of the International Federations asking them to inform him the name of the member appointed to deal with the Executive Committee on non-technical matters. Several Federations have already replied appointing their delegate e.g. Athletics, Gymnastics, Fencing, Swimming, Bobsleighing, Weightlifting. The Executive Committee expressed satisfaction with the result of the negotiations which have been carried out as a result of the resolution passed at the Lisbon Conference.

Fédération
Internationale
des Sociétés
d'Avion

4. The President was asked to continue negotiations with the Fédération Internationale de Sociétés d'Avion which had been broken off by the death of its President, M. Baud. These negotiations have special reference to the curtailment of the rowing programme.

Football
Federation

5. The decision arrived at the recent meeting of the International Football Federation (Association) proposing that in certain exceptional cases payment for broken time might be permitted was fully discussed and the President asked the Committee to agree to this proposal. The Executive Committee however considered that it was not qualified to change a decision ratified by a vote taken during the Congress and that the proposal of the Football Federation must be submitted anew to the next Olympic Congress.

Lawn Tennis
Federation

6. The executive Committee having heard the report on the position taken up by the International Lawn Tennis Federation with regard to the International Olympic Committee decided to recommend the International Olympic Committee not to include in the programme of the Olympic Games any sports in which the world's best athletes could not be counted upon to take part. In view of the urgency of the matter the Exe-

cutive Committee asked the President to inform the International Lawn Tennis Federation that unless such assurance could be given immediately there would be no Olympic tennis tournament at the Amsterdam Games.

Winter Sports

7. The Executive Committee approved the Draft of Rules drawn up by the Committee for the St. Moritz Games. The programmes for Ice Hockey and Ski-ing were approved. The Military Ski race is to be omitted. The programme for Bobsleighting and Tobogganing was agreed, the teams for the Bobsleigh competition being reduced from three to one per country. The Bobsleigh with two as a crew and the Luge race were not agreed to.

Constitution of the Executive Committee

8. (a) The Executive Committee decided to ask the International Olympic Committee to increase the number of members of the Executive Committee from six to seven by deciding that the Presidents and the Vice-President shall be ex officio members of that Committee.

(b) It was also decided to recommend that it be added to the Rules that the President and Vice-President shall be ipso facto members of all Sub-Committees.

Quorum for I. O. C. Meetings

9. The Executive Committee decided not to recommend the proposal of Lord Cadogan to insist on a quorum for a conference which it considers would be a serious disadvantage.

Naturalisation of Athletes

10. It was decided to recommend the adoption of the proposal of General Sherrill that every athlete who has officially applied for naturalisation will be considered as having renounced his original nationality and cannot represent his original country in the Olympic Games.

Plans for Amsterdam Stadium

11. The Executive Committee visited Amsterdam and was received by the President — Baron Schimmelpenninck — and members of the Dutch Olympic Committee. The positions of the future erections were examined. In the afternoon the plans of the Stadium were studied in detail with the help of the architect. General Sherrill and General Kentish again expressed the view that the 200 metres should be run in a straight even if it were necessary to hold the contest outside the Stadium.

Football and Hockey Competition

12. The requests of the International Federations of Football and Hockey that these competitions should be held in May was approved in principal and the President of the Dutch Olympic Committee was asked to arrange for this to be done.

Seating

13. Various points were gone into regarding the seat available for the competitors, officials and families of the officials and certain instructions were given the Dutch Olympic Committee.

Playing Fields

14. The special Committee appointed to go into the whole question from an international point of view, of the World's Playgrounds met on the 4th August when General R. J. Kentish was appointed to the Chair. Others present included the President, Count Henry de Baillet-Latour, Herr Lewald (Germany) and Captain Scharroo (Holland). Various decisions were come to and will be communicated in due course.

Next Meeting of the I. O. C.

15. It was decided that the next meeting of the International Olympic Committee be held at Monaco on April 25th, 1927.

Next Meeting of the Executive Committee

16. It was decided to leave to the President to call a meeting of the Executive Committee either in November or in March according to requirements the meeting to be held either in Brussels or Lausanne.

5. — The Congress of the International Amateur Athletic Federation

The Congress of the I. A. A. F. took place at the Hague, Holland, 5 - 8 Aug. 1926. The Minutes were drawn up and signed at Scheveningen the 9th of Aug. in the English language. They will be printed with greatest speed possible and distributed, whereupon translation will be done to the French and German languages and also printed and distributed.

Amongst the decisions taken we already now wish to mention the following:

1. — Athletes touring abroad may with certain exception receive remuneration only for a period of 21 days during a calendar year.

2. — Women athletic sports were as a trial added to the 1928 Olympic Games. A special committee charged with the details for women sport was appointed.

3. — New Rules for Field and Track events as well as Rules for Olympic events were drawn up. They shall be printed and distributed in English, French and German.

4. — A committee was appointed to take charge of all kinds of games of Hand ball. The Committee is to meet at Cologne, in Germany, on the 27th day of November.

5. — A new Bureau for the registering of World's Records was decided on and left in the hands of Mr. S. Stankovits, Esküter 5, Budapest, Hungary. Mr. Stankovits will also take care of the question of the official stamps on implements.

6. — A new list of world's records was made up.

7. — The German language was adopted as third official language of the I. A. A. F.

8. — The Congress passed the following resolution: Having heard the report of the delegates to the Conference of the Bureau Permanent at Prague, 1925, the Congress of the I. A. A. F. convened at the Hague, composed of representatives of 20 nations, expresses its dissatisfaction at the attitude taken at such conferences.

This Congress desires to express its appreciation of the splendid work done by the I. O. C. in promoting the Olympic Movement all over the world, and hopes that the Sporting Federations will continue to support the I. O. C. in its great work, as does the I. A. A. F.»