

ORGANIZATION MEETING 10:45 A.M. Saturday, April 4, 1936

L. W. St. John called the meeting to order and gave a brief summary of facts relative to developments prior to the calling of this meeting. He suggested that he had invited the N.C.A.A., the National Federation, the Canadian I.C.A.A., the Canadian A.A.U., the A.A.U. and the Y.M.C.A. to send representatives to this meeting as follows: eight representatives in addition to the chairman and editor from the N.C.A.A., four from the National Federation, one from each of the Canadian groups, two from the A.A.U. and two from the Y.M.C.A. The first four groups had indicated a desire to cooperate on this basis in the formulation of playing rules and had sent representatives. The A.A.U. and Y.M.C.A. organizations had expressed unwillingness to participate on the proposed terms.

Mr. St. John appointed the following nominating committee to draw up a slate of officers: William McK. Barber, Chairman, J. H. Crocker, W. E. Meanwell and H. A. Swaffield.

Motion: Tower -- Crisp: That Dr. John Brown, Geo. Hepbron and A. E. Metzdorf be elected to the newly organized committee as members at large or in some similar capacity in recognition of their long service to the various basketball organizations. This motion was discussed by various members of the committee and a substitute motion was proposed by Mr. Salmon. Mr. Crisp withdrew his second to the original motion and seconded the following substitute motion: "That due to the long and faithful service to the game of basketball that Dr. Brown, Mr. Hepbron and Mr. Metzdorf be offered honorary membership on the present basketball committee." This motion was carried.

The nominating committee withdrew and Mr. St. John made some comments. He said in part: "I am appealing to you gentlemen to function unselfishly in matters pertaining to the rules. You must forget your particular immediate affiliations and think of all of the groups that are affected by the type of game which will be required according to the rules you set up. You must think in broader terms than merely for the team in which you are personally interested. You must act for the best interests of the game of basketball. In this basketball rules committee we are trying to secure harmony between all the groups that are affected and to this end we desire as members, men who view the game from a broad angle and who represent all types of organizations that are vitally interested in the development of the game. The basketball coach is not always a good rules committee member. He often has a tendency to view the game from how a given rule will affect his own coaching and his own basketball system. His views are often colored by the effect on his prospects for next year. He becomes a valuable member only when he is able to control his individual point of view. In this committee we are attempting to preserve a proper balance by having representatives who view the game from all angles and by dealing with the game as it is played across the country. We hope basketball legislation will be influenced most by the effect it will have on player welfare. We must also consider the spectator angle and the problems of administration from the standpoint of the official and of men who manage the games in schools and other organizations. We must also seek to standardize and simplify the problems of the coach."