

April 20, 1928.

Mr. A. A. Schabinger, Sec'y.,
Nat'l Ass'n of Basket Ball Coaches,
Creighton University,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear "Schabie":

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which I have just written to Dan C. Root, Basket Ball Coach, Black Hills Teachers College, Spearfish, South Dakota. You will probably hear from Mr. Root shortly but, if not, I thought you might want to follow this up.

I think a great deal of good was accomplished at our meeting in Chicago. It seems to me we have a very happy outlook for the future.

I hope you will be successful in enrolling Mr. Root as one of our members.

Whenever I can be of any assistance to you, I am sure you know it will be a pleasure to have you call on me.

Very cordially yours,

Director.

FCA:G
Enc.-1.

April 23, 1928.

Mr. A. A. Schabinger,
Director of Athletics,
Creighton University,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Schaby:

Thank you for your letter of April 10th enclosing a list of local securities, and also the two copies of letters written Major Griffith and Mr. St. John.

Yes, indeed, I am glad to know that you have extended these invitations. They are fine and I hope they will both accept. I am also glad to know that you are writing Mr. Barber and Mr. Reynolds. We certainly appreciate the good work you are doing.

With kind regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

Director

FCA:DMW

A. A. SCHABINGER,
Director

C. A. WYNNE
J. A. TRAUTMAN
JOHN M. McMULLAN
J. E. BEHA

THE CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY

Department of Athletics

OMAHA

April 30, 1928

Dear "Phog":

Enclosed find check for \$25.00
which is due you from the Basketball Coaches
Association, making the entire sixty.

Many thanks for the temporary loan.
I think the President of our Association
appreciates your generosity.

Also enclosed is a statement for
dues.

Kindest regards.

As ever, yours

Schabinger

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May 2, 1928

Mr. A. A. Schabinger,
Director of Athletics,
Creighton University,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Schaby:

This will acknowledge receipt of
your letter of April 30th.

The president of the Association
is mighty glad to receive this remittance.
Thank you kindly.

I am enclosing our check for \$2.00
to cover the amount due for membership in
the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

With kind regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

Director

FCA:DMW
Enc.

June 1, 1928.

Mr. A. A. Schabinger,
Director of Athletics,
Creighton University,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Schaby:

Will you please send me another
copy of the Minutes of the Second
Annual Conference of the National As-
sociation of Basket Ball Coaches of
the United States?

Thanking you, I am

Very cordially yours,

Director.

FCA:G

October 25
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Mr. John T. Doyle
American Sports Publ. Co.
105 Nassau Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Doyle:

Thank you very much for your kindness in sending me a clipping from the New York Times by Arthur J. Daley, concerning basket ball.

I have heard from some members of the committee but I very much appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me this clipping as it contained added information.

Sincerely and appreciatively yours,

Director.

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A. A. U. APPOINTEES TO THE OLYMPIC BASKETBALL COMMITTEE:

Judge Jeremiah T. Mahoney, President of A. A. U.,
51 Chambers St., New York, N. Y.

Dr. J. A. Reilly, Kansas City Athletic Club, Kansas City, Mo.

D. I. Benedetto, 535 St. Charles St., New Orleans, La.

~~Geo. T. Harbo, 105 Nassau St., New York, N. Y.~~

Major Patrick J. Walsh -

----- New York, N.Y.
Harry D. Henschel, c/o Bulova Watch Co., 580 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

C. L. Parsons, Denver Post, Denver, Colorado.

APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE:

1. Dr. John Brown, Jr., 347 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y.

2. ~~Ernest Frank, Heier & Frank Co., Portland, Oregon.~~

J. J. Bingham - 11 So La Salle St. Chicago

APPOINTED BY NATIONAL COLLEGIATE:

1. Dr. Walter E. Meanwell, University of Wisconsin,
Madison, Wisconsin.

2. Wm. McKinley Barber, 38 Livingston St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

3. L. W. St. John, Ohio State University, Columbus, O.

4. Wm. D. Harrison, University of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

*Revised list of members.
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My dear Dr Allen

I did not attend the meeting yesterday, but saw the enclosed in today's Times. Probably you know all about it, but thought you might be interested anyway.

John

(Doyle)
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Oct 1935

DECIDES ON METHOD TO PICK U.S. FIVE

NY Times
Olympic Basketball Body to Name Survivor of 8-Team Elimination Tourney.

5 ENTRIES FROM COLLEGES

A. A. U. to Have Two and Y. M. C. A. One—14 Players on the Final Squad.

By ARTHUR J. DALEY.

The method of determining the team that will represent the United States at the Olympic Games next year was decided by the American Olympic basketball committee yesterday at the Hotel McAlpin. It will be no all-star aggregation, but the unit that survives an elimination tournament among eight teams.

These eight teams will, in turn, be survivors themselves of other competitions staged throughout the country. The Y. M. C. A. will have one entry, its national champion. The Amateur Athletic Union will have two, winner and runner-up of its title test, and the colleges will have five.

As far as the two non-college organizations are concerned, picking their representatives is simplicity itself. The collegians, with 600 teams in the running, are faced with a somewhat more complicated task. So that it may be as orderly a process as possible, the committee yesterday decided to designate ten districts from coast to coast. Each will have its own elimination contest. Although no set plan has been determined as to how five teams will evolve from the ten, that detail will be worked out later.

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for sound judgment than was the selection of the Giants to win the gonfalon in the National League for the past two years.

Besides, there aren't many reputations left lately to worry about in the ranks of the pigskin "experts," who usually pay off to the office boys in the weekly football guessing pools—proving that what you don't know won't do you any harm and that a little inside knowledge is a dangerous thing.

Thomas Gray summed it up in his "Prospect of Eton College" (which had nothing to do, however, with Eton's football prospects) with the simple statement, "Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise."

With two full Saturdays of play down and most of the season to go, the teams in the East that have given the most convincing evidence of abnormal strength are Pittsburgh, Holy Cross and Villanova. Temple, which has been going along with almost no help from the injured Dave Smukler, might be grouped with these three, and Princeton, Navy, Army and Colgate are close behind, followed by Yale, Penn, Dartmouth, Columbia, Syracuse, Fordham, N. Y. U., Manhattan, Catholic U. and Williams.

Elis Well Equipped.

It may be that some of the teams in the lower group will be near the top ere long. Any team that plays the rugged sixty-minute football the Elis showed against Penn, that can come back in the face of such overwhelming odds and that boasts two dangerous climax runners of the ability of Frank and Hessberg, a forward passer and field general such as Ewart and two powerful offensive and defensive ends like Kelley and Train—such a team, with sound fundamentals, a smart attack and an iron constitution, merits earnest consideration.

If Dartmouth had a back of the calibre of a Marsters or a McCall, a back of big size who could both pass and run, it would be set for a large season, despite the fact that line reserves are few and the ball carriers lack weight. But even without a Marsters the Green may be a horse of another color.

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MINUTES OF THE THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
NATIONAL BASKETBALL COMMITTEE
of the
UNITED STATES AND CANADA
held at the
McAlpin Hotel, New York, N. Y.
Sunday and Monday, April 7 and 8, 1935

Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee met at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, April 7th, with Mr. L. W. St. John in the Chair. Those present were:

Barber, W. McK.
Crocker, J. H.
Rogers, Samuel
Rowe, Floyd A.
Salmon, Jr., H. H.
Swaffield, H. A.
Tower, Oswald
Hepbron, Geo. T., Secretary
Metzdorf, A. E., Treasurer

Secretary Hepbron read the minutes of last year's meeting and it was decided to follow this general outline for the annual meeting.

Chairman St. John asked the members of the Rules Coordinating Committee to gather their material for presentation to the annual meeting and it was decided that any member of this committee be privileged to question those who make suggested changes in order to get their point of view.

Chairman St. John gave to Mr. Salmon, Chairman of the Rules Coordinating Committee, a report of recommendations from the Coaches' meeting just recently held in Chicago, and it was decided to have the suggestions from the Coaches' Associations included in the minutes as circulated.

Chairman St. John reported that there were over 150 coaches present at the National Basketball Coaches' Meeting in Chicago and it was about the most representative meeting they have had. They had several present from the Pacific Coast, the Rocky Mountain District, Missouri Valley, and the Western Conference and the Southwest. They are endeavoring to evaluate the standards of the game, and merit support and approval.

Annual Meeting

Mr. L. W. St. John, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Roll Call: Those absent*

Honorary Members: *Dr. James A. Naismith, Univ. of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.
*Ralph Morgan, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

Amateur Athletic Union

Hepbron, George T.	105 Nassau St.	New York, N. Y.
Ornstein, Chas.L.)	235 West 46th St.	New York, N. Y.
Zimnock, John) alternates	17 Eastern Parkway	Brooklyn, N. Y.

Canada, I.C.A.A.

Crocker, J. H.	Univ. of Western Ontario	London, Ontario
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Canada, A.A.U.

Rogers, Samuel	210 Federation Life Bldg.	Toronto, Ontario
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High School A.A.

Collins, Wilson	(alternate for W.I.Black)	Knoxville, Tenn.
Porter, H. V.	11 S. LaSalle St.	Chicago, Ill.
Rowe, Floyd A.	Board of Education	Cleveland, Ohio
Swaffield, H. A.	High School	Fairfield, Conn.

National Collegiate Athletic Association

Allen, Dr. Forrest C.	University of Kansas	Lawrence, Kans.
Barber, W. McK.	38 Livingston St.	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Bohler, J. F.	State College of Wash.	Pullman, Wash.
Crisp, Henry	Univ. of Alabama	Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Meanwell, Dr. W. E.	Univ. of Wisconsin	Madison, Wisc.
Salmon, Jr., H. H.	67 Wall Street	New York, N. Y.
St. Clair, James W.	Southern Methodist Univ.	Dallas, Texas
St. John, L. W.	Ohio State Univ.	Columbus, Ohio
*Witte, Willard	Univ. of Wyoming	Laramie, Wyo.

Y.M.C.A.

Brown, Jr., John, M.D.	347 Madison Avenue	New York, N. Y.
Metzdorf, A. E.	97 Elmdorf Avenue	Rochester, N.Y.

Editor

Tower, Oswald	Andover Academy	Andover, Mass.
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For results of the questionnaire study conducted by Mr. Porter's committee, see copy attached.

QUESTIONNAIRE
STUDY

Mr. Rowe made a study on interpretation of the rules and mimeographed copies were available at the meeting.

INTERPRETA-
TION STUDY

Recommendations for changes in the rules were received from the National Officials' organization.

Mr. Romney: Recommended allowing a 15 minute intermission between halves.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:30.

The meeting reconvened at 2 p.m. with Mr. St. John in the Chair.

ON MOTION by Dr. Brown, it was agreed to extend to the officials who were delegates to the Officials' Meeting, the courtesy of being present at this discussion of the rules revisions, but without precedent. Carried.

The Chairman impressed upon those present the importance of the confidential matters to be discussed during the meeting.

The afternoon session on Sunday took a recess at 6:15 p.m. and the 5 recommendations concerning the pivot play were typed and copies presented for discussion at the evening session.

The evening session opened at 8:30 and closed at 10:30, during which time the various suggested rules revisions were thoroughly discussed.

Monday, April 8th

The meeting opened, with Mr. Salmon, Chairman of Rules Coordination Committee in the Chair, at 10:30 a.m.

ON MOTION the Research Committee was instructed to study the matter of bringing the baskets two feet farther inside the end lines.

Mr. Tower presented the following matters for interpretation:

An attempt to gain possession of the ball when it is rebounding from the back board, or when a player blocks a pass and then catches it, or when he muffs the ball and re-gains it - are not to be considered dribbles or parts of dribbles.

The above statements were approved by the Committee as correct interpretations.

Chairman St. John appointed the following Nominating Committee: NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Metzdorf, A. E.
Swaffield, H. A.
Barber, Wm. McK.

Adjournment for luncheon at 1:15 p.m.

Afternoon session:

The meeting reconvened at 2:45 p.m.
The Rules Revision Session adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

RULES REVISIONS
ADOPTED

For final rules revisions see attached report by Mr. Tower, Editor.

GENERAL BUSINESS SESSION

The meeting was taken over by the Chairman, L. W. St. John, who introduced the new member representing the A.A.U.: Mr. Charles L. Ornstein.

NEW
MEMBER

Mr. St. John made a statement that Dr. Naismith will hereafter be in a position to give more time to the work of this Committee and perhaps appear at some of our meetings.

TRIBUTE
TO DR.
NAISMITH

Dr. Allen, speaking in behalf of Dr. Naismith, told what a friend he has always been to the game and stated that it was hoped some of the high school associations would remember him when providing for speakers. It is hoped that Dr. Naismith will continue actively from now on, even though he is 73 years of age.

The report of the Treasurer was read by Mr. Metzdorf. (Copy attached or copy mailed later.)

TREASURER'S
REPORT

MOVED by Mr. Salmon:

That the report of the Treasurer, Mr. Metzdorf, be accepted as read. Seconded and Carried.

Mr. Tower stated that last year, under the Federal Code of Fair Practice, the publishers of the guide had been required to permit other sporting goods houses to issue the guide, upon payment of \$300. for the privilege. Draper & Maynard had been granted that privilege and we were supposed to receive \$300. but this amount was not received to date.

MOVED by Dr. Meanwell:

That the customary honorarium of \$500. to the Editor be awarded this year. Seconded and Carried.

EDITOR'S
HONORARIUM

MOVED by Mr. Salmon:

That the usual gratuity of \$10.00 be given this year to the Hotel McAlpin Employees' Christmas Fund.

HOTEL
EMPLOYEES'
FUND

MOVED by Dr. Brown:

That the minutes of the previous annual meeting be approved as distributed to the membership, and without reading at this time. Seconded and Carried.

LAST YEAR'S
MINUTES

Report from Editor Tower:

"Despite the fact that we made very, very few changes in the rules last year, there was a great increase in the number of questions asked; probably due, largely, to the increase in the number of teams. We expect as the number of teams playing the game increase, the number of questions will be increased regardless of how stabilized the rules become.

EDITOR'S
REPORT

"I repeat my annual request that members of the Committee who wish changes in their addresses as they appear in the rule book,

or, for new members, please submit their addresses and photographs (any member may submit a new photograph if he so desires). Invitation is always extended to members of the Committee to submit reviews and material for the guide from the groups which they represent. It is desired that each Committee member be responsible for material which appears in the guide from his section. We want to get the outstanding events in the basketball world in the guide, as it is the book read by players and coaches and all others interested.

EDITOR'S
REPORT
(Cont'd)

"Articles for the guide should be in my hands by June 1st."

Dr. Brown reported for the Officials' Committee:

OFFICIALS'
REPORT

"I recognize the differences in relationship and for that reason I do not assume that the Committee is looking upon all the officials' work in which I am interested as a sub-section of its Committee work. I am very happy to have the Chairman indicate such interest as he has expressed and I think that is reciprocated by the officials. We are all aware that this rules body is interested in all the officials' organizations.

"As an Officials' Committee this past year we have

(1) prepared two sets of true-and-false questions, in which we had the active cooperation and sanction of Mr. Tower. These questions were available to all officials' organizations and were used by the hundreds. There is an increasing demand for them, as a required part of the system of testing officials.

(2) through the responsible officers related to the National Federation of the High School Athletic Associations and the Chartered Boards, the lists of the organizations with the names and addresses of their officers were published in the guide.

"I wish to bring here, officially, the substance of a resolution adopted at the first meeting of the new National Association of Approved Basketball Officials, of a greeting and expression of appreciation to this rules-making body for their interest and continued loyalty to this organization. They expect only to promote the official rules as created by this organization. The new National Association adopted a constitution and a seven-page document of procedure for the organization and function of these boards. This new organization will continue to cooperate and render any service that may be rendered to officials individually or collectively in promoting the cause of good officiating throughout the country. Any suggestions from any member of the committee now in session will be welcome.

"The National Officials' organization did itself an honor in electing as Honorary Members the following:

HONORARY
MEMBERS

Dr. James A. Naismith
L. W. St. John
Oswald Tower
George T. Hepbron

Mr. Porter reported:

"The major part of this report constituted recommendations on rules revisions but in addition I might say that the questionnaires with the results were distributed to various members of the committee and they speak for themselves. The compilation involved considerable time. All the committee members cooperated to my entire satisfaction in this matter."

QUESTION-
NAIRE COM.

Mr. Bohler stated that there was hardly time enough for him to get replies back to him (he is on Pacific Coast) before sending them to Mr. Porter, and he had some from the coaches which he did not have time to get to Mr. Porter.

Mr. Porter said the work really started February 1st and if started earlier there would not have been enough basketball to get into the swing so early in the season.

MOTION by Dr. Brown:

That we commend the Committee on Questionnaire for its fine work and excellent report. Carried.

Dr. Allen reported:

"Perhaps there was more research done this year than ever before due to the discussion of changes. Dr. Naismith, the original research man, continues to work on problems incident to basketball. In our coaches' group there is Bun of Stanford, Dean of Indiana, in addition to our own group and Olson of Ohio State.

VISUALIZA-
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"I suggested that coaches take pictures, pass on them and refer them to this body. The pictures have not been satisfactory. I want to report that the coaches' body are taking pictures because I feel that the work of our visualization committee will answer definite points involved as to what is legal and illegal, rather than tangent points of the rules. We have had the highest degree of cooperation and we are getting voluntary work by those who feel the necessity of better visualization."

Mr. Rowe supplemented Dr. Allen's statement as follows:

"From time to time it has been brought to my attention that there are more people making changes in the rules than ever before because of the acute situations around the area in which I live. It happens that there were three different types of interpretation upon the same rules by groups in and around Cleveland, - Buckeye - Big Ten - and one city set up rules for playing in its high school which rules were at variance with the rules of the book. There is little opportunity to get material together in time to make it available for this meeting. 22 conferences out of 43 reporting, reported that they did make changes in the rules in their organization meetings. This seems to me serious, as they were definite changes in the rules."

Mr. Salmon's report was made by way of acting chairman for reports and changes in the rules. Definite changes will be included as part of this report. He suggested that all recommendations be sent in proper typed form.

COORDINAT-
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Mr. Porter stated that the sum of \$150 voted upon at last year's meeting for his use in making a film, was not used because he had not had opportunity to obtain photographs suitable to offer to this committee for distribution. The few forms he had time to take served his purpose for high school play only.

MOTION
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Mr. Bohler and Dr. Allen both said they thought Mr. Porter had done some very excellent pioneer work, and they thought the college coaches themselves would present some suggestions and work with this group.

Chairman St. John made the following presentation:

"From now until our next meeting there will have been presented to a great many of you the opportunity to do something in connection with the promotion or handling of basketball in the Olympic Games. Basketball is now played in some 25 or 30 foreign countries. It owes its adoption in these countries to the activity of the International Y.M.C.A. representatives who have carried it from this country into other countries. Of our membership here, Dr. Allen, by his activity and letter-writing over the last four or six years, has probably had more to do than anyone else in promoting the basketball game from the Olympic standpoint to the place where it was officially adopted.

BASKETBALL
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OLYMPICS

"Our own Olympic Committee reported that basketball would not be included in the Olympic program for this year, so we had given up hope of having it accepted. Shortly after this the announcement was made that the Committee had accepted basketball on the program for this year as part of the Olympics.

"The American Olympic Basketball Committee is being organized at the present time, which will have charge of selection of a coach, selection of a team, and general management of arrangements to select the team to represent the United States."

Mr. Crocker stated that Canada will also be represented in basketball in the Olympics.

Chairman St. John continued:

"Basketball will be a good source of finance to the General Finance Committee of the Olympic Games and the campaign for the support financially of the Olympic team in the United States.

"The reorganization of the present National Basketball Committee of the United States and Canada; I need not go into detail of the steps that have brought us to the present representation bases, or the pro and con reasons as to why it is necessary to revise the present basis of representation. The National Collegiate Council Meeting here in New York last December, and immediately following that an Executive Committee Meeting of the National Collegiate body, stated that it seemed desirable for the reorganization of the basketball committee in a way that it would be more acceptable to the A.A.U. When we begin to make some revision in representation and membership on the Committee that has to do with the action of basketball rules so as to give to any one of the present constituent members a more satisfactory membership arrangement, it seems to me, personally, that involves

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the necessity of a readjustment of all memberships on this Committee. I would not see sufficient reason for modifying the A.A.U. membership without at the same time revising the Y.M.C.A. membership and the National High School Federation.

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"It has seemed desirable to the N.C.A.A. Executive Committee that some reorganization in representation be made that will be more satisfactory to the A.A.U., and, therefore, having consulted with Mr. Brundage, President of the A.A.U., and consulting further with the N.C.A.A. a proposed revision is placed before you. I feel that the N.C.A.A. Executive Committee will, at the proper time, fully confirm and approve such a revision, and for each of you there should follow an acceptance or the rejection of the proposed representation. This proposed representation would give to:

N.C.A.A.	3 members
National High School Federation	3 "
Amateur Athletic Union	3 "
Y.M.C.A.	3 "
Canada	2 "
Samuel Rogers, rep. A.A.U.	
J. H. Crocker, rep. I.C.A.A.	
	<u>14</u>
Oswald Tower, Editor	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	15

"The proposal has the added feature of the election of the present Editor of the guide. Mr. Oswald Tower as the 15th member of this National Basketball Committee. I believe we all feel that Mr. Tower is an institution. I suggest here that Mr. Tower be formally elected by this group as the 15th representative.

MR. TOWER
TO BE
ELECTED

"The question comes up of the use of the rules, the publication of a guide or guides, and the distribution of the royalty which accrues from the publication of the guide. A year ago the Canadian representatives desired to make use of these rules in a Canadian publication. The high school groups from outlying districts have requested permission to make use of the text of the rules in handbooks. This joint Basketball Committee has attempted to protect the copyright, and restrict the use of the rules to the end of increasing the sale of guides, but without a great deal of success.

ROYALTY
FROM
GUIDE

"As a part of this reorganization program, I am proposing that each and every one of the constituent organizations be permitted to make such use of these rules, in the way of publication, as they may desire, e.g. - if desired, the High School Federation may use the rules in the publication of a high school Federation guide, or permit their handbooks to include the published rules with such restrictions as the constituent organizations may wish to put on.

PUBLICATION
OF RULES

"There is no disposition on the part of the N.C.A.A. to turn the cold shoulder on other organizations and I believe they are perfectly willing to continue the publication of a completely joint guide including such reports as have been included in the past for the high school, A.A.U., Y.M.C.A. and Canadian representatives, and have this guide distributed as heretofore. However, the N.C.A.A. feel it necessary to

make some such distribution of the royalties as is now being made. It is apparent that that is not acceptable to all organizations and therefore the organizations that may wish, may have full use of the rules as adopted by this organization for use in the publication or presentation of their own guide. It is the understanding that a definite date for the release of the publication of the rules and the beginning of distribution would need to be set for the protection of the various parties concerned. If an organization desired to publish a separate edition of the rules, then our organization would be under the necessity of sharing the expenses of our rules meeting as would appear to all as appropriate; expense for the stenographer; hotel employees and expense directly incident to carrying on our annual meeting - but nothing would be said about personal expenses of delegates and would not include the cost of honorarium to the editor of the guide as the editor would not be serving in that capacity for all of the organizations.

"I have tried to cover the proposed reorganization - the proposal on the part of the N.C.A.A. and the Chairman of this National Basketball Committee of the United States and Canada. We are trying to say what we believe to be the right thing in an unselfish manner in the interests of the various constituent organizations. I am in favor of the joint idea and have personally helped to keep a single set of rules in the United States. I am anxious to preserve a single set of basketball rules to govern all plays, from the kid teams through the college associations, high school tournaments and championships of the A.A.U., etc. We should be able to go ahead on a single code of basketball rules. Aside from this the matter of membership and finances are more difficult to resolve into satisfactory terms."

Remarks

Mr. Ornstein: "I want to thank you for the privilege of joining in this group this afternoon. I have followed basketball for 25 years and well recall what brought about the original joint committee from the A.A.U. standpoint and we feel that this committee has done an excellent job which could not be done in any better way and we should like to see this committee continue, in the interest of the sport. For a number of years we have discussed what was believed to be an unfair way under which this committee was operating. We feel that we should have at least an equal representation here with the college group and a more equitable distribution of the funds derived from the basketball guide. For the past four or five years when this matter has come up we have been happy to continue things as they were, having one set of rules and foregoing the matter of representation and distribution of the funds. As far as the A.A.U. is concerned, we have a considerable number of men registered throughout the country with a considerable number of teams, tournaments, and championships, that all deal with the playing of the game and I feel that as long as the representation is equal in number, we do not care whether you want 3, 4, 5, or 6. We would like the same equitable distribution of funds derived from the sale of the book. The number of books sold by each organization cannot be proven. We feel that if the one joint set of rules is continued, we might well continue to have one book and it only becomes a question of dollars and cents. I do not agree with the publication of several books as I think the matter of changes in the

rules will enter into this because conferences do make changes in spite of the rule book. We, of course, want to have our Canadian friends with us and continue one book with an equal division of funds to all organizations interested in the publication of that book. I wish we might try this out for a year or two and when the time comes I feel confident we will want to continue on this equal basis of representation and distribution of funds."

Mr. Porter: "Naturally these matters have all been discussed in some of the High School Federation meetings, particularly in the executive committee meetings and I would say that taking the plan proposed by Mr. St. John in its entirety, I think the Federation would have no objection to the reorganization. You all know we have had something of the same situation in the colleges. No one would blame the N.C.A.A. for publishing their own rules as they are powerful enough and have enough basketball games. In some sections of the country right now the high school groups would vote to publish their own rules just as is done in football. Reorganization such as has been mentioned should be satisfactory. However, I would agree to the modifications which have been suggested here. I think the mechanics of publishing and distributing of the National Federation material are such that there is no good reason why they should not have the right to publish these rules exactly as made by the joint committee, in any form they please. The distribution of the funds in the plan suggested by Mr. St. John seems fair enough."

Mr. Rowe: "The National Federation, because of the fact that they have at the present time published a great deal of material, should be permitted the right to publish the basketball rules, absolutely as written by this body, but I do not think they should in any way participate in the earnings of the rules as published by the other bodies. In addition, I think the National Federation should pay its pro-rata share of running expense of the Federation including treasurer, office, honorarium given to the editor, etc."

Dr. Brown: "I have no disposition to advocate anything. I have my personal opinions and the Y.M.C.A. has its place as an organization. At a time when we were stronger in basketball interests we published our own guides. We had our own rules. The time came when we thought the game would be advanced by giving up one set of rules and publishing these rules. We did away with our own guide and discontinued to discuss basketball rules in any of our Physical Directors' Society Meetings. We were among the first to advocate the admission of the high school group, long before they were admitted and on an equal basis. We stayed in the Committee with a much smaller representation than we thought we were entitled to have. At the last annual meeting of our Physical Education Committee, instructions were given authorizing Mr. Metzdorf and myself, to negotiate and we would like to go forward with good will, with equal representation, equal distribution of funds and one guide. It becomes a question of what is best for basketball interests as a whole. Could we have an Editorial Committee that would actually publish the guide and incorporate advertising space that would add an equal footing to all? From year to year, perhaps, from a financial standpoint, any arrangement would change with a changing constituency. Anything but an even arrangement on every particular would always be subject to new negotiations and misunderstanding. What to my mind is likely, but I would hate to see it happen, is, that the colleges and high schools might publish their own rules and the other organizations cooperate and go forward excluding those two with the publication of official rules in a joint guide or handbook."

Mr. Crocker: "In the meeting of the Canadian Intercollegiate Unions we had this question of rules before us and we were unanimous in saying that there was no disposition on our part for separate rules or for the publication of rules of 15 universities in Canada. We found that nine of them played with universities and YMCA's and athletic clubs in the United States last year and we had a large number of those units visit Canada. We feel the importance of the unification of rules; you have treated us generously in giving us a place on this joint rules committee. It is the feeling of the universities that more skillful games will be fostered by them. I certainly would like to see one rule book published on the North American Continent, as I believe this has done more in the last few years to help basketball, probably, than any other one thing."

Mr. St. John: "I believe in the principle of a single code, but I do not believe it necessarily follows that we must have a single publication. Any organization such as the High School Federation should not be denied the privilege of putting out a guide, in promulgating rules in any reasonable way, if they wish. I have been embarrassed personally by the attitude of our committee, that we could not afford to let the high schools publish their own handbook with our rules. The matter of distribution of funds would have to be settled in some manner. I do not know how we will resolve our different points of view as to what would be a fair distribution of the royalties on the sale of the guide for all of us, for three of us, or for two of us. I am ready and willing to negotiate this matter."

"The Executive Committee of the N.C.A.A. meets April 30 or May 4 and whatever we have to present to them with regard to our reorganization, I would feel it necessary to tell them and get their approval or disapproval or modification of it."

Mr. Barber: "The question seems to be a matter of distribution of the proceeds and there has been no suggestion as to how this may be successfully done."

Mr. Crocker: "As I understand the situation, even if the high schools did publish their own guide, this committee would probably publish a guide for the balance of the groups if there were only two or three."

Mr. Porter: "There is a tendency to make a mountain out of a mole hill. Perhaps this is due to a misunderstanding as to the way in which the Federation operates. There is no disposition on their part to publish a book that will take the place of this guide. I assume it would be exactly as it now is with the possible exception that they would not want to include the high school section when it comes to the abridged rules. This is a matter of convenience. A number of states have as many as 500 officials registered and they are certified, just as teachers are certified, and these books are distributed to these officials free, with the understanding that part of the dues which the official pays for his certificate goes toward that material. In addition, various interpretation meetings are held in which these materials are used. The dangers of publishing these rules separately have been over-emphasized. Incidentally, the Canadians asked for the same permission."

Mr. Rogers: "We agreed that there would be no deviation from the rules as published by this committee, but it was a question of the cost which kept us from doing anything about publishing them."

Dr. Brown: "The premium of the guide is on the rules to the extent that the rules are broadcast, and they cut into (only time will tell) the sale of the complete

guide which the editor issues. If our complete guide is not of sufficient merit in and of itself as a means of promoting all that this committee stands for, possibly we should sell only the official rules and nothing else and get our royalty by charging more for copies of the official rules as they are, and insure to the committee from that royalty source sufficient funds to carry on its essential business."

Mr. Swaffield: "Would this not be the same as the permission that the Chartered Boards now have for their guide?"

Dr. Brown: "This is a difficult matter, because we pay 55¢ each for that guide and this committee gets a royalty and, furthermore, it goes to the men who are pushing basketball and those encouraging the sale of the guide as is because others cannot get it. When you let out the rules by the thousands at a very small cost you take away our chief source of income. If we urged everyone to do this, we should insure ourselves of sufficient royalty and ask 10¢ instead of 5¢ and stick together. When a man buys a guide, who does he represent, the college, high school, grammar school? I am thinking of basketball, of the joint committee, and not trying to pigeon hole the 'Y' in any of my relationships. Basketball is unique in sport, in age range, in its institutional range, in club life and its uniqueness is its greatest fascination to me. For the sake of the dollar, or a separate guide, is it more to be desired to start this division than to go forward together?"

Mr. St. John: "A year ago the 'separates' of the basketball guides were made available for high school or other use. The State high school secretary in Columbus, Ohio, bought 1,000 and distributed them gratis to the high schools of the State. It is my intimation that this did not affect in any appreciable way the sale of basketball guides in the State of Ohio."

Dr. Brown: "That might conceivably be so the first year, but as other folks learned that this man had got a cheap, concise book, they might hold off to try to get one like that."

Mr. Salmon: "As a matter of factual presentation to the committee, I wish to state that last summer I had occasion to go over the records with John Doyle, from 1920, and there is a direct inverse ratio as between the issues and sale of 'separates' and sale of the guide. In those years when there were more 'separates' there were less sales of guides."

MOTION by Dr. Brown:

Seconded by Mr. Ornstein.

That we continue our joint committee on an equal basis of representation insofar as the four major organizations are concerned and that the two Canadian representatives be included, with the further understanding that the Editor be an additional member of this committee; the size of the committee to be not less than four (4) for each of the four major groups rather than 3 as suggested in the plan proposed.

(not carried.)

Mr. Porter: "This plan ought to be on the plan as suggested and presented by the Chairman."

MOVED: That the Executive Committee be empowered to make a study and constitute the committee of not less than three nor more than four members from each of the four major constituent organizations, other than Canada, and the Editor; (Canada to remain with two representatives).

MEMBERSHIP

Carried.

MOVED: That the Executive Committee be authorized to work out the details of organization among which are the following:

DETAILS

1. Financial division
2. 'Separates' on rules
3. Honorarium
4. Constitution

MOVED: That the Executive Committee meet at the call of the Chairman, as soon as convenient, to formulate all the details of the plan. After constituent organizations have had opportunity to consider proposed recommendations, that there then be a final meeting of the Executive Committee to finally pass upon the plan as proposed and this be not later than June 1st.

EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE
TO MEET

Seconded and Carried.

Chairman St. John stated that he would endeavor to have a full meeting of the Executive Committee the day before the meeting of the N.C.A.A. Executive Committee Meeting within three weeks.

Secretary Hepbron stated that he was delighted to be associated with this committee and complimented them on the fine spirit shown by all present at this meeting, and always exhibited when this group meets.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Grace W. Smith
Stenographic Service.

April 16, 1935.

Office of the Secretary
NATIONAL BASKETBALL COMMITTEE
OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

105 Nassau St.,
New York, N. Y.

July 16, 1934.

Dear Sir:

Find enclosed copy of the minutes of the annual meeting of the National Basketball Committee of the United States and Canada, held in New York City, Hotel McAlpin, April 14 and 15, 1934.

The Secretary has been incapacitated for some time on account of a fractured ankle, and wishes to apologize for the delay in the final preparation of the minutes.

The personnel of the sub-committees has not as yet been decided upon. A copy will be sent you later.

Very truly yours,

George T. Hepbron,
Secretary

GTH.F.
Encl. (1)

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of the

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of the

UNITED STATES AND CANADA

1934 - 1935

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Honorary Members

Dr. James Naismith

Ralph Morgan

** - Absent

Minutes of the Meeting of
the National Basketball
Committee of the United
States and Canada, held at
the McAlpin Hotel, New York,
April 14 and 15, 1934.

.....Session convened at 10:30 A. M. Saturday, April 14, 1934.

.....L. W. St. John presided.

(Alternate presiding officer - Floyd Rowe, Vice Chairman)

A. Roll Call

1. The Chairman appointed Oswald Tower and George T. Hepbron, as a Publicity Committee for this meeting.
2. The Chairman appointed William McK. Barber, A. Paul Menton, John Brown, Jr., H. A. Swaffield and William Rogers, as a Nominating Committee.

B. Minutes

On motion, it was voted not to read the minutes, as copies had already been mailed to all members of the Committee. Carried.

C. Attendance at Meetings

On motion, it was voted that only members of the Rules Revision Committee shall attend the Rules Revision Committee meeting. Carried.

On motion, it was voted that at the general meeting, on Sunday, when the Rules Revision Committee presents its report, that one member from each chartered board and one member from the Coaches' Association be invited to sit in at that meeting. Carried.

D. Reports by Chairmen of the various sub-committees:

I. Officials Committee - John Brown, Jr.

Following the presentation of this report, these motions were made, seconded and carried:

- a. That the individual names and addresses of the registered officials will not be included in the guide, this coming season. The officials' section of the guide will contain the history and organization, together with the names of the officers of the various Executive Boards of the Chartered Boards of Approved Basketball Officials, and the official organizations of the State Athletic Associations of the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations, and such other properly accredited and recognized officials organizations.
- b. The Officials Committee be and is hereby authorized to pass upon those organizations to be published in the officials' section of the guide.