

GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

Annual Congress

TO BE HELD AT

The Council Chamber, City Hall,

ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12th, 1914,

COMMENCING 11.30 a.m.

AGENDA :

- Minutes of 1913 Convention,
 - Report and Balance Sheet of Central Council.
 - Election of Officers,
 - Report and Balance Sheet of Athletic Council.
 - Reports of Provincial Councils.
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FINANCE.

- 1.—“That for the purpose of enabling the objects and business of the Association to be more effectually carried out a Company Limited by Guarantee be formed under the name and title of The Gaelic Athletic Association (Incorporated), or such other addition as may be practicable, the guarantee of each member not to exceed the sum of £1.”—Central Council.
- 2.—“That the existing Rules and Regulations of the Association be so far as practicable embodied in and form part of the Articles and Regulations of the Company.”—Central Council.
- 3.—“That the name The Gaelic Athletic Association and property and assets of this Association, including the premises at Croke Park, Jones’s Road, Dublin, be vested in said Company when formed, subject to the liabilities of this Association.”—Central Council.
- 4.—“That a Sub-committee be appointed to settle and improve the Memorandum and Articles of Association of said Company.”—Central Council.

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CHAMPIONSHIPS.

5.—“That future All-Ireland Senior Championship finals be played in Croke Memorial Park, Dublin, on fixed Sundays in each year; the Hurling Final on 1st Sunday in September, and the Football Final on 4th Sunday in September.”—County Dublin committee.

5a.—Alter Rule 12, Championships to :—“That county championship teams must be ready to play provincial ties by the end of April: Provincial championships must be finished by the first Sunday in August: and All-Ireland championships by the third Sunday in October.”—Leinster Council.

5b.—“That All-Ireland Hurling Final be played not later than 1st Sunday of October, and Football Final not later than 1st Sunday of November each year. This to apply to the Junior and Senior competitions.”—Antrim county committee.

6.—“That winners of Provincial and Inter-Provincial Junior Championships cannot again take part in these competitions.”—Leinster Council.

7.—“That winners of County Junior Championships cannot again play county junior for two years. In counties in which there are only Senior and Junior grades county committees have the power to grade as Junior, teams which have not won a tie in Senior championships for two years.”—Leinster Council.

8.—“That winners of 1913 Junior Co. championships be allowed to play 1914 Provincial and All-Ireland championships even though playing county 1914 Senior ties.”—Leinster Council.

CENTRAL COUNCIL

9.—“That the suggestion of Central Council to appoint Mr. O'Toole Secretary of Council and Manager of Croke Park at a salary of £156 per annum and a house, be and is hereby approved of.”—Co. Dublin committee.

10. “That the apology tendered to Central Council some months ago in respect of untruthful statements made concerning that body be inserted in the forthcoming issue of the Official Guide.”—Co. Dublin committee.

11.—“That Rule 9 (Central Council) be extended to apply to Provincial Councils and County Committees subject to appeal to the Central Council or Provincial Councils respectively.”—Co. Dublin committee.

12.—“That it be an instruction to the Central Council to have at least one All-Ireland match played in Belfast during the year.”—Antrim county committee.

13.—“That Central Council pay expenses of all its members (alteration of Rule 3, Central Council).”—Leinster Council.

14.—“That in consequence of the success of the Inter-Provincial hurling matches played in Liverpool and Glasgow respectively last season, a similar policy be pursued until otherwise determined.”—Cork county committee.

14a.—That Central Council pay bonus to counties on each match played in Inter-provincial ties on the same principle as Leinster Council.”—Wexford county committee.

PROVINCIAL COUNCILS.

15.—“That until such time as the College movement is self-supporting two sets of Gold Medals—one for hurling and one for football—be granted to the National College championships.”—Cork county committee.

16.—Addition to Rule 1 Provincial Councils—“That Leinster Provincial Council shall consist of one representative from each county.”—Leinster Council.

ATHLETIC COUNCIL.

17.—“ That no new licence as a Handicapper or Starter shall be given in the future to a paid secretary of the Association.”—Co. Dublin committee.

18.—“ That outgoing members of the Athletic Council shall be entitled *ex-officio* to attend the All-Ireland Congress.”—Co. Dublin committee.

19.—“ That the President of the Athletic Council be *ex-officio* a Vice-President of the Central Council.”—Co. Dublin committee.

19a.—“ That with a view to the development of a possible athletic team for Berlin in 1916 an extension of the inter-county athletic competitions, similar to that taken through in Killarney last year, is desirable.”—Cork county committee.

19b.—“ That certificates for athletes and cyclists be issued by County Committees, who have local knowledge of the status of applicants, and so avoid the giving of certificates to those who are not legally entitled.”—Cavan County committee.

COUNTY COMMITTEES.

20.—“ That every county be compelled to have bye-laws, and that such be supplied to every affiliated club as soon as possible after County Convention.”—Leinster Council.

21.—“ That it be an instruction from this Convention to County committees to interview the heads of Colleges in their county and press forward the rights of Irish games in the Colleges by all means in their power.”—Co. Dublin committee.

CLUBS.

22.—“ That suspended members of Association be prohibited from taking part in their respective club's proceedings. Any club disregarding this rule will render itself liable to suspension for not less than six months.”—Antrim County Committee.

23.—“ The latter part of Rule 11, Championships, to read—“ No player to play for a club outside the county in which he resides in County, Inter-county, or All-Ireland matches.” (See Rule 12 Clubs)—Leinster Council.

24.—“ That the words ‘and followers’ be added to Rule 13 (Clubs)”—County Dublin Committee.

24a.—“ That any player violating Rule 2 (Clubs) shall be automatically suspended and shall not be eligible to compete under the laws of the Association until reinstated by his county committee.”—County Dublin committee.

25.—“ That a member of a club be at liberty to leave it after Annual Convention, without a transfer on giving notice to County Secretary.”—Leinster Council.

26.—“ That any player leaving his own county temporarily and playing illegally in a Championship, League or Tournament match with a team of another county shall be automatically suspended and shall not be eligible to compete under the laws of the Association until reinstated by his County Committee, but such reinstatement shall not be granted until at least six months after the date of playing.”—County Dublin committee.

GENERAL.

27.—“ That for the purpose of properly transacting the business of the Congress three days be devoted to the deliberations, as we consider it impossible to cater for the wants of such an important organisation in one day, as is evidenced by the fact that in previous years several important motions on the agenda were not touched upon.”—Cavan County committee.

27a.—“That the Convention be either opened or closed with a banquet or other social function on Gaelic League lines to which prominent public men and the Mayors of all cities be invited, expenses of same to be borne in part by County Committees and Central Council or such other means as may be devised.”—Cavan County committee.

27b.—“That for the promotion of the games in the province of Great Britain the Council of that province be given the proceeds of a special benefit match or alternately a sufficient loan.”—English Provincial Council.

28.—“That considering the few first-class exponents of handball there are in this country and the expense these players undergo in training, that it be a decision and rule of this Convention that the handball players who play for money be allowed to participate in Gaelic Pastimes without incurring suspension from games and pastimes catered for by the G.A.A.”—James Murphy, Carlow County committee.

29.—“That the whole town of Athlone be considered in Westmeath for Gaelic Athletic Association purposes.” —*ῥατορηαὶς μακροῦς*, Westmeath.

30.—“That rule books be printed bi-lingually.”—Antrim County committee.

31.—“That the Central Council be empowered to award suitable trophies to the winners of the All-Ireland Collegiate Hurling and Football Championships for 1912 and 1913, and also for those of future years.”—County Dublin Committee.

32.—“That in view of the fact that in a few years the proceedings of the Annual Congress are to be conducted in Irish the time has come when all paid officials of the Association should be required to have a sufficient knowledge of Irish to enable them to conduct the business of the Association in Irish.”—County Dublin committee.

33.—“That this Convention congratulates the proprietors of the GAELIC ATHLETE on its new form of issue and wish it continued success.”—Antrim County committee.

34.—“That the betting rule be either stringently enforced or abolished.”—Wexford County committee.

35.—“That the words ‘18 trophies’ be substituted for ‘18 medals’ in Rule 12. Hurling and Football Championships, to be consistent with 10.—Wexford County committee.

36a.—“That a National Appeals and Objections Committee of five be elected annually whose functions shall be to meet, if necessary, on the last Sunday of each month to hear appeals by County Committees against Provincial Councils’ decisions. The time limit for such appeals to be seven days, and the fee five guineas. The constitution of the committee shall be one from each province (members of the Provincial Councils being ineligible) plus the President of the Association.”

36b.—“That the following shall constitute the committee for the ensuing twelve months—Alderman Nowlan (chairman); Leinster, Mr. Crowe, Dublin; Munster, Mr. Down, Cork; Connacht, Mr. John Flynn, N.T., Mohill; Ulster, Mr. J. Corrigan, Belfast.”—Cork County committee.