

GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

Annual Congress

TO BE HELD AT

THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

On Easter Sunday, March 23rd, 1913,

COMMENCING 11.30 a.m.

AGENDA:

MINUTES OF 1912 CONVENTION.

REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET OF CENTRAL COUNCIL.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET OF ATHLETIC COUNCIL.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.

REPORTS OF PROVINCIAL COUNCILS.

FINANCE.

1.—“Salaries of Secretaries of Councils shall not exceed £80 in any one year.”
—County Dublin Council.

1A.—Rule 10, Provincial Councils, to read: “Provincial Councils shall receive from County Committees 2/- for each affiliated club.”—Kerry County Committee.

CENTRAL COUNCIL.

2.—“That all future All-Ireland Senior Finals be played in Dublin.”—County Dublin Committee.

3.—“The Football Final on the 1st Sunday in October, and the Hurling Final 1st Sunday in November.”—County Dublin Committee.

4.—“That the Dr. Croke Cups be given in future to the winners of the Junior All-Ireland Championships in Hurling and Football.”—County Dublin Committee.

5.—“That the Congress direct the Central Council to institute for Ireland a Scheme of Reward for Life-Saving similar to that obtaining in countries outside of Ireland.”—Cork County Committee.

6.—“That the Congress directs the Council to institute a Guild of First-Aid to the Injured similar to that obtaining in countries outside of Ireland, and that the Council be directed to co-operate with the *Fanna na n-Eirinn* for this purpose.”—Cork County Committee.

7.—“That Ulster Hurling Teams be allowed to compete in All-Ireland Junior Championships without prejudice to their status as Senior Footballers.”—Antrim County Committee.

8.—“That Central Council be instructed to take shares in the proposed Company in Belfast for the purposes of acquiring proper Athletic Grounds.”—Antrim County Committee.

9.—“That Counties which are runners-up in the Provincial Championships in both Football and Hurling be allowed a representative on the Central Council unless those Counties are already represented.”—Leix County Committee.

10.—Amendment to rule 1, Central Council, page 27. “That the old system of County representation be reverted to.”—Cork County Committee.

11.—“That with the consent of Kilkenny, the Central Council be instructed to bring off the 1911 All-Ireland Hurling Final”—Pk. Herbert, Castleconnell H.C.—Limerick County Board.

12.—“That the decision of the 1911 Convention to supply a set of Medals to the All-Ireland College Championship winners of that year be forthwith complied with.”—Cork County Committee.

13.—“That this Convention calls on the outstanding Colleges of Ireland to give preference to the pastimes of their own country.”—Cork County Committee.

14.—“That rule 15, page 35, shall read: ‘No player is eligible to play Junior in Inter-county, etc.’”—Cork County Committee.

15.—“That a distinctive County Colour be compulsory for Inter-County, Inter-Provincial, and All-Ireland contests, such colours to be approved of by the Provincial Councils concerned, and registered with Central Council”—Cork County Committee.

16.—“That the decision of the 1911 Convention to appoint an organiser for Ulster and other undeveloped districts be now complied with.”—Cork County Committee.

17.—“That this Convention appreciates the marked improvement in the attitude of the Dublin Press towards the Association.”—Cork County Committee.

17a.—“That it be an instruction to Central Council to have at least one All-Ireland match played in Belfast each year.”—Antrim County Committee.

18.—“That Anthony Carew, Thurles, be reinstated from this All-Ireland Convention.”—Tipperary County Committee.

19.—“Resolved, that we, the present members of the Limerick Co. Board, G.A.A., in order to insure the successful working of the G.A.A. in Limerick will move at the All-Ireland Congress to reinstate the old members of the Board.”—Limerick County Committee.

ATHLETIC COUNCIL.

20. A.—“That the Athletic Council shall consist of a Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, and 12 Members.”

B.—“The Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, and 8 Members shall be elected at the Annual Congress. The remaining 4 members shall be elected, one for each Province, by the eligible athletes and cyclists of the Provinces respectively, who were registered with the Athletic Council by the 1st September previously.”

C.—“Nominations for the members to be elected for the Season 1913-14 shall be sent to the Secretary of the Athletic Council not later than the 7th of April.”

D.—“Athletes and Cyclists shall be entitled to send 8 delegates to the Annual Congress, two for each Province, but not from the same County.”

E.—“No member of the Athletic Council shall not, during his term of office, be eligible to compete at Sports Meetings.”

F.—“In the event of a vacancy occurring on the Athletic Council it shall be filled by co-option of a member from the same Province.”

“If the member retiring be one elected by the athletes and cyclists, the person who obtained the next highest number of votes at the ballot shall be co-opted.”

21.—“That we, the members of the Monaghan County Board, G.A.A., realizing the present discontent and disunion that exists amongst the Gaelic Athletes and the Athletic Council, hereby recommend that at the approaching Congress the present Athletic dispute be settled, and provision be made whereby practical athletes may have access to the Athletic Council and reasonable representation on same.”

Signed, OWEN O'DUFFY, Sec., Co. Board, 5/2/13.

22. A. 1.—“That Inter-County, Inter-Provincial, and All-Ireland contests, similar to Hurling and Football, be run off annually during the month of May.”

2.—“That the Inter-County contests be controlled by Provincial Councils, and Inter-Provincial by the Athletic Council.”

3.—“That medals and expenses as in Hurling and Football be given.”

4.—“That distinctive colours provided by County Committees be worn.”

5.—“That County Teams be selected by County Committees.”

6.—“That the Athletic Council shall frame the Inter-County Programme.”

REPRESENTATION (assuming all athletes and cyclists must be registered).

B. 1.—“That athletes and cyclists be entitled to representation on their respective County Committees, in the proportion of ‘1—15 or part thereof over 7,’ with unrestricted legislative rights.”

2.—“That the athletes of each County elect 1 representative (whose expenses shall be defrayed by the Provincial Council) to act on the Provincial Council, and that the election be conducted through the County Committee by ballot.”

C.—“That athletes and cyclists be entitled to elect 16 delegates to the

National Convention, the proportion of this number to represent any Province shall be subject to its numerical strength. Election to be conducted through the Provincial Council by ballot."

D.—"That athletes and cyclists be entitled to elect one-third of the Athletic Council, or 1 representative per Province. Election to take place through Provincial Council by ballot."

E.—"That all disciplinary cases be dealt with by the Athletic Council,"
—Cork County Committee.

22A.—"We respectfully recommend the Athletic Council to consider sympathetically at the first available opportunity, individual applications for reinstatement from all athletes and cyclists, suspended in connection with the Grocer Sports' trouble, and the subsequent illegal meeting in Louth."—Cork County Committee.

23.—"That members of Athletic Council be paid full travelling expenses from Athletic Council."—Wexford County Committee.

COUNTY COMMITTEES.

24.—Add to rule 1, page 19: "Or County Committee may be formed of one delegate from each affiliated club."—Antrim County Committee.

25.—Amend rule 3, page 19, as follows in second line: "Two 'bona-fide' members from each club affiliated six months prior to date of Convention."—Antrim County Committee.

26.—Add to League Rules the following: "All Clubs entering Leagues must register their players with League Registrar. To be 'bona-fide,' players must be registered at least 10 days and be resident in the County four weeks before taking part in the competition."—Antrim County Committee.

27.—"That all Counties be required to register County Colours with Central Council, and no two Counties shall be allowed to register same colour."—Antrim County Committee.

28.—"Rule 10, page 34, be amended as follows: Delete from "The" in fourth line to "championships" in eight and ninth lines, and add note, "See Rule 11, page 21."—Antrim County Committee.

29.—To rule 14, page 35, add: "Subject to rule 11."—Antrim County Committee.

30.—To rule 12, page 26, add: "See addition to rule 10, page 21" (If addition is passed).—Antrim County Committee.

31.—Rule 3, page 29: "Attention of Congress is hereby drawn to present system of altering Rules and issuing Rule Book, and to suggest that Rule Books be only issued triennially with issue of playing rules. Amendments or additions passed at interim Congresses to be issued on slip form, paged and numbered as per Rule altered or added to. That Rule Books be printed bilingually."—Antrim County Committee.

32.—Rule 14, page 35, add to this: "Subject to rule 11, page 34."—Antrim County Committee.

33.—To rule 9A, page 17, be added: "That no player be re-instated for an offence against this rule, unless he has ceased to play Foreign Games for six months prior to his application for re-instatement."—Antrim County Committee.

33A.—Add to rule 10B, page 21, the following: "Should a person recommended by a County Committee offend against this rule prior to meeting of Provincial Council, his offence shall be counted as a second offence, and he shall not be eligible to take part in G.A.A. games for two years. County Committees shall see this properly carried out."—Antrim County Committee.

34.—"That rule 9B, page 17, be deleted."—Antrim County Committee.

35.—"That in order to induce our members to use our National Language in our National Games, we appoint a Committee to devise a plan whereby an additional portion of the business of the Association will, year by year, be done in *An Teanga Féin*, and that the resolution making Irish compulsory in 1917 be hereby rescinded."—Cork County Committee.

36.—"That there be no appeals to Provincial Councils in matters concerning County Championships."—Kilkenny County Committee.

37.—"If County Conventions so decide, it shall be permissible to form Senior and Junior Boards in each County."—County Dublin Committee.

38.—"That rules 5, pages 37 and 51, be amended as follows: from 'but' in twelfth line to end be deleted."—Antrim County Committee.

39.—Amendment to rule Championships page 34, insert after word "match" in last line, "and shall be suspended for a minimum period of six months."—Cork County Committee.

40.—Amendment to rule 10, page 17: "Any player wishing to transfer, must give six months' notice to the Club to which he belongs and obtain the sanction of the County Committee."—Cork County Committee.

41.—"That this Convention calls upon the Gaels of Ireland, and elsewhere, to give the utmost support to the 'Gaelic Athlete.'"—Cork County Committee.

42.—"That this Congress recommends the Gaelic Athlete to the favourable consideration of the Gaels of Ireland."—County Dublin Committee.

43.—"The maximum number of players shall be fifteen aside."—County Dublin Committee.

43A.—"The upright goal posts and cross-bar shall, where feasible, be rounded."—County Dublin Committee.

44.—"That County Wicklow be allowed to play championships with 14 players each team within the county."—Wicklow County Committee.

PLAYING RULES.

45.—"When a score is disallowed for infringement of parallelogram, it shall be a free kick, or a free puck from within parallelogram."—County Dublin Committee.

46.—"It shall be permissible for a player knocked to the ground in possession of the ball to fist away the ball even though it be on the ground."—County Dublin Committee.

47.—"Where a man is fouled, but succeeds in playing the ball, the referee shall allow the game to proceed."—County Dublin Committee.

48.—"That, Note No. 1, rule 10, page 55, be altered to read: 'Should a player stand nearer than 21 yards when a free puck is being taken, the opposing team shall be awarded a free puck from where he stood.'"—County Dublin Committee.

49.—Rule 16, page 76, delete words: "When they differ."—County Dublin Committee.

50.—Page 39 be altered to read: "When the ball is driven over the goal line *outside the goal-posts*, it shall be kicked out from off the ground within parallelogram. The player taking the kick-out may go behind the goal line for the purpose of taking a run: no player of the opposing side to approach nearer than 21 yards until ball is played. When a *point is scored* the ball shall be kicked out from a point on the defending side's 21 yard line opposite goal centre: no player of opposing side to approach nearer than 10 yards of the ball until played. When a *goal is scored* the defending side shall kick off the ball from a point on the defending side's 50 yards mark opposite their goal centre: no player of the opposing side to approach nearer than 6 yards of the ball until played."—OWEN O'DUFFY, Monaghan County Board.

51.—"That fisting of ball be not allowed except by the goalminder."—Cork County Board

52.—"That the parallelogram be made 15 by 8 and abolish the 14 yards."—Cork County Board.

53.—"That when a score is made the kick-out shall be taken from the 21 yards line. The opponents in this case to stand 14 yards distant."—Cork County Board.

54.—"That rule 12, page 43, shall read: 'When the ball is driven across the side line, it shall be kicked in, etc.'"—Cork County Board.

55.—"That playing rules 9 and 11 (5) be amended to agree."—Cork County Committee.

56.—"That rule 11, pages 41/2 be amended to read: 'The goalkeeper within the parallelogram may touch the ball while on the ground with his hands or may lift the ball from off the ground.'"—Antrim County Committee.

57.—Rule 16, page 76, to read: "There shall be 3 goal umpires at each end of the ground appointed by the referee. Their sole duty shall be to watch for goals or points and decide when the ball is over the end line. Two of the three shall decide questions in dispute. The referee shall not be appealed to."

58.—"In kicking out from goal it shall not be permissible for the player kicking out to pass to player of same side to kick out of hands."—County Dublin Committee.

59.—"That a committee be appointed to amend and prepare playing rules for immediate publication. The new rules to be published before Whit Sunday."—Cork County Committee.

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