

1939 Australian Ladies' Rowing Council meeting

Annual Conference held YWCA Argyle & Liverpool Sts. Hobart.

Press admitted.

The secretary reported that a revised constitution had been submitted by the NSW Assoc. to all states but as there were several amendments proposed it had been decided by the majority of states to leave the matter in abeyance until the annual conference.

Revised constitution presented to the meeting adopted with alterations as suggested - 50 copies to be ordered.

Invitation from England - letter from Women's Amateur Rowing Association, London. inviting an Australian crew and reserve (6 persons in all) to take part in races in England in the 1940 season, was read and received. This matter was discussed at great length and all States agreed unanimously that the invitation be accepted.

A suggestion was put to the meeting by NSW that subject to approval of the English Association, the visit be postponed until 1941 to give more time for raising the money and for all details to be arranged. After a full discussion Miss Collins moved and Miss Hawkins (TAS) seconded that the invitation be accepted for 1941.

It was then suggested by the Secretary that delegates submit to this meeting suggestions regarding selection of the crew, training and finance, same to be considered by the Associations during the next 12 months and final decisions made at the next conference.

Method of Selection:

Miss Hill (SA). suggested that a composite crew be chosen as this would give each state something to work for and her assoc. does not consider the crew winning the AC is necessarily the best Australian crew. This was supported by NSW, Victoria and Tasmania.

Miss Crossett stated her Assoc. favours a state crew - the winners of the A.C. being selected.

Tasmania suggested that the A. C. be chosen on the 1941 A. C. the 5 coaches of the crews competing in the Championship be the selectors.

Victoria suggested that each state nominate its best rower available to make the trip in 1941.

S.A. suggested that in the event of 5 coaches being appointed to select the crew, that it be chosen on the 1940 championships.

Training:

NSW suggested that the crew assemble one month before leaving Australia and that Adelaide be the centre for training during that time.

Finance

Tasmania suggested that each girl be responsible for her portion of the funds, i.e. to provide it herself or raise it with the aid of her friends and own particular club, the Assoc. on no account to be pledged to raise any part of such funds.

S.A. suggested levying the Assoc. according to their strength.

Victoria supported Tas. suggestion.

NSW suggested that each Assoc. be responsible for the amount require to send its own representative.

As Queensland favour the winning Aust. Champ. crew being chosen, they consider the Assoc. concerned should be responsible for the whole amount.

Victoria suggested that the sixth person's expenses be shared by each state.

Personnel of Party

NSW suggested that a coach be included and a coxswain-emergency. It was also suggested that the sixth person be a male Coach.