

South African Sports Association
P.O. Box 2129, Port Elizabeth.

SUMMARY REPORT

1. An Executive Meeting was held on 7th December, 1961 at Port Elizabeth.

2. Represented:

S.A. Weightlifting and Bodybuilding Federation
S.A. Soccer Federation
S.A. Athletic and Cycling Board of Control
S.A. Baseball and Softball Board
S.A. Lawn Tennis Union

Also present:

President, G.K. Rangasamy, Vice-President, M.N. Pather,
who flew from Durban, and the Assistant Secretary.

3. Incoming and outgoing correspondence adopted.

4. Resolved:

- a. That the Secretary's resignation because of his five year ban should be rejected and the Secretary to be asked to continue in office until the usual elections took place.
- b. That the Minister of Justice would not be approached re the ban on the Secretary. A strong statement and resolution condemning the ban would be issued.
- c. That the letter from the S.A. Cricket Board of Control should be made public. This was a reply to a letter from SASA congratulating the Board on its stand.
- d. That a comment be released on the report of a Pakistan plan for a Junior League in international cricket.
- e. That Operation Sonreis be intensified.
- f. The changing tactics of the whites-only bodies were noted: attempts were being made to split the non-racial bodies and to participate in world events. These new angles would have to be attacked.
- g. That greater attention would be given to the International Olympic Committee. V.P. Pather stressed the point that representation should be sought at all costs at the Nairobi meeting of the I.O.C. in 1963.
- h. SASA should not become engaged in local fights, but could leave such matters to local and national bodies.
- i. The President would issue a seasonal message to sportsmen.
- j. The work for international recognition in all fields would be continued.

Finance:

Payments were moved and further expenses voted.

Two donations were acknowledged:

From V.P. Alan Paton R10.00

From S.A. Soccer Fed. R40.00

The main activities of SASA for the new year would be directed overseas on the question of international recognition.

The President paid tribute to all those who had assisted in the work of SASA during the past year.

D.A. Brutus, Hon Secretary, SASA.
A.E. Lutchman, Asst. Secretary, SASA.

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS

FIRST SESSION: Saturday, 10th January, 1959, 2.30 p.m.

In The Chair: Mr. E.I. Haffeejee, Chairman of the Steering Committee presided.

Present: Members and Representatives of the following organizations were present:

South African Amateur Athletic and Cycling Board of Control
South African Amateur Weightlifting and Bodybuilding Federation
South African Softball and Baseball Federation
South African Netball Board
South African Soccer Federation
Southern Africa Lawn Tennis Union
South African Amateur Boxing Association.

According to the Recording Secretary, the Conference was also supported by the following organizations:

South African Cricket Board of Control
South African Rugby Board.

Also Present: The Guest Speaker, Mr. Alan Paton, with Mrs. Paton and approximately 250 members of the public who were invited as guests.

Welcome: The Chairman welcomed those present and pointed out the importance of the occasion. He welcomed especially the guest-speaker and the delegates. He paid tribute to Mr. Dennis Brutus for the sterling work he has done towards securing international recognition for our sportsmen, and also expressed grateful thanks to Mr. R.S. Govender for the excellent work he had done as Secretary of the Steering Committee of the Association. Thanks were also extended to the other members of the Steering Committee. The Chairman briefly reviewed the activities of the organization since the preliminary conference held in East London at which the resolution was adopted to set up the South African Sports Association.

Opening Address: Mr. Alan Paton, the internationally famous author, performed the official opening.
The text of Mr. Paton's address is attached.

Messages: Numerous messages of goodwill were received from leading personalities, including many from the world of sport, together with many others, representative of all shades of opinion in Africa and Overseas.

Some of them were read by the Recording Secretary, Mr. Govender, who had compiled a booklet containing messages which was distributed at the Conference. A partial list of those who sent messages is attached.

Other Speakers: Messrs. E.G. Rocks, R.A.V. Ngcobo and Rev. B.L.E. Sigamoney were invited to deliver brief addresses to the Conference.

Vote of Thanks: Mr. D.A. Brutus moved a vote of thanks to all who had assisted in the work of the Sports Association, and particularly in the preparation of the Conference. He paid tribute to those who had organized it, and the manner in which it had been done.

Close: The First Session of Conference terminated at 4.30 p.m.

END OF FIRST SESSION

ATTACHED: TEXT OF ADDRESS BY MR ALAN PATON

: MESSAGES: PARTIAL LIST.

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS

SECOND SESSION: Sunday, 11th January, 1959 at 11 a.m.

Present: Chairman of Steering Committee: Mr E.I. Haffeejee.
Secretary of Steering Committee: Mr R.S. Govender.

Delegates: South African Amateur Weightlifting and Bodybuilding Federation:
Messrs. G.K. Rangasamy, D.A. Brutus, E.H. Ismail, S.A. Kajee,
H. Davies.

South African Amateur Athletic and Cycling Board of Control:
Messrs. R. Bijou, J. Francis, S. Kisten, R. Munnoo, V.R. Govinder.

South African Soccer Federation:
Messrs. S.L. Singh, W. Ernest, E.G. Rocks, G. Singh, Rev. B.L.E.
Sigamoney.

South African Amateur Boxing Federation:
Messrs. M.R. Mistry, J.S. Kondiah, M.N. Reddy, M.A. Pillay,
C.M. Bassa.

South African Softball and Baseball Board:
Messrs. R. Lutchman, E.I. Moolla, E. Ellary, C. Rajagopaul,
C.M. Pillay.

Southern Africa Lawn Tennis Union:
Messrs. M.N. Pather, R.A.V. Ngcobo, I.F. Mayet.

South African Table Tennis Board:
Messrs. G.A. Pillay, C.M. Bassa.

Credentials: The following credentials were read and noted:

1. S.A.A.W/L & B.B. Federation - Messrs. G.K. Rangasamy, D.A. Brutus, E.H. Ismail, S.A. Kajee, H. Davies.
2. S.A.A.A.&C. Board of Control - Messrs. R. Bijou, R. Munnoo, J. Francis, S. Kisten, V.R. Govinder.
3. South African Soccer Federation - Messrs. S.L. Singh, E.G. Rocks, W. Ernest, G. Singh, Rev. B.L.E. Sigamoney.
4. S.A. Amateur Boxing Federation - Messrs. M.R. Mistry, J.S. Kondiah, M.N. Reddy, M.A. Pillay, C.M. Bassa.
5. S.A. Softball & Baseball Federation - Messrs. R. Lutchman, C.M. Pillay, C. Rajagopaul, G. Ellary, E.I. Moolla.
6. Southern Africa Lawn Tennis Union - Messrs. M.N. Pather, R. Ngcobo, I.F. Mayet.
7. South African Table Tennis Board - Messrs. C.M. Bassa and G.A. Pillay (as fraternal delegates.)

Elections:

Chairman: Mr. D.A. Brutus was moved by Messrs. G. Singh and J. Francis.
Mr. E.I. Haffeejee was moved by Mr. G.K. Rangasamy and Rev.
B.L.E. Sigamoney. Mr. Brutus declined in favour of Mr.
Haffeejee who was unanimously elected.

Recording Secretary: Mr. R.S. Govender was unanimously elected.

Welcome: Mr. E.I. Haffeejee, the Chairman welcomed the delegates to the Conference, and hoped that the deliberations would ultimately bring about realisation of the cherished ideals of our sportsmen to participate in international competitions.

Mr. P.M. Selepe: Mr. P.M. Selepe who claimed to represent the Western Transvaal Sports Association was asked to leave the Conference as he was unable to produce credentials, and it was alledged that he was a representative of the Security Branch of the South African Police. Mr. Selepe subsequently left.

2. SECOND SESSION CONFERENCE

Fraternal Delegates: It was agreed that the fraternal delegates would participate in the discussions, but shall have no right to vote.

Levies: £5.3.0. each as levies from the South African Amateur Athletic and Cycling Board of Control and the South African Amateur Boxing Federation was received. The other organizations assured the Conference that their part of the levies would be sent in within the next few days.

Minutes: The minutes of a meeting of Sporting Associations held in East London on Sunday, the 5th October, 1959 which had been circularised were taken as read and confirmed unanimously.

Matters Arising Therefrom: The Chairman reported that in terms of the decision taken at the preliminary conference in East London, a Steering Committee of the South African Sports Association was formed, which organised the present Conference.

Correspondence:

Acknowledgement of Invitations: From Messrs. A.B. Moosa, P. Duncan, G. Ellary, F.G. Naidoo were read and noted.

Messages: Further messages of goodwill from Messrs. R. Ashall, D.N. Bansda and the Natal Indian Congress were read and noted. Mr. G. Singh proposed that all messages of goodwill received be recast and circularised to all sporting organizations, sportsmen and other interested persons in this country and overseas, seconded by Mr. C. Rajagopaul.

President of Pakistan: A letter from the President of Pakistan dated 8th December, declining to send a message was read and noted.

Mr. O. Accom: A letter dated 12th December, expressing his viewpoint was read and noted.

S.A.A.W/L & B.B. Federation: A letter of good wishes dated the 10th of January, was read and noted.

Southern Africa Lawn Tennis Union: A letter of good wishes dated 10th January, was read and noted.

Address: An address by Mr. G.K. Rangasamy, President of the S.A.A. Weightlifting and Bodybuilding Federation was read by him and noted.

Report of the Steering Committee: A report on the activities of the Steering Committee prepared and submitted jointly by Messrs. Dennis Brutus (Member) and R.S. Govender (Secretary) was read and noted.

Constitution: Apart from the question of Colours which was deferred, after additions and lengthy discussion, the draft Constitution submitted by the Constitution Committee comprising of Messrs. G. Singh, D. Brutus and R.S. Govender was adopted unanimously on the motion of Mr. G. Singh seconded by Mr. J. Francis. A vote of thanks was recorded to the Constitution Committee. The adopted Constitution is attached.

Resolutions: A Resolutions Committee was elected comprising of Messrs. C.M. Bassa, G. Singh and D.A. Brutus was elected to draft resolutions reflecting the stand of the various national bodies as expressed at the Conference. The Committee was requested to report to the Conference after they had adjourned for consultation. Resolutions were submitted from the floor for the consideration of the Resolutions Committee. The Resolutions Committee submitted their report, which was fully discussed. The Conference approved an addendum to Resolution Three.

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3. The Conference also approved a further Resolution - Resolution Six. The complete list of Resolutions is appended.

Headquarters: On the proposal of Mr. M.N. Reddy, seconded by Mr. E.H. Ismail, it was unanimously resolved that the headquarters of the Association be situated at Port Elizabeth until the next Biennial General Meeting.

Election of Officers:

Patrons: 1. Mr. Patrick Duncan
2. Advocate A. Christopher
3. Dr. Moroko.

Proposed enbloc by Mr. G. Singh, seconded by Mr. W. Ernest.

President: Mr. G.K. Rangasamy - Proposed by Mr Dennis Brutus, seconded by Mr. M.N. Reddy.

Vice-Presidents: After much discussion the following list of Vice-Presidents was approved for nomination subject to acceptance.

Messrs:

W.J. Herbert, A. Hanslo, W.C. Meyer, Councillor H.E. Parker, Rev. B.L.E. Sigamoney, F. Renecke, J. Mdabane, A.E. Sam, J. Solomon, S.L. Singh, E.I. Haffeejee, C.M. Bassa, A. Paton, M.R. Mistry, E.H. Ismail, M.N. Pather, G. Singh, R. Rive, W.C. Ellman, V.C. Qunta.

Proposed by Mr. G. Singh enbloc, seconded by Mr. D. Brutus.
Carried unanimously.

Honorary Secretary: Mr. Dennis Brutus - Proposed by Mr. E.H. Ismail, seconded by Mr. C.M. Bassa.

Honorary Assistant Secretary: Mr. Arthur Lutchman - Proposed by Mr. D. Brutus, seconded by Mr. R. Lutchman

Honorary Treasurer: Mr. N.G. Naidoo - Proposed by Mr. G.K. Rangasamy, seconded by Mr. M.N. Pather.

Honorary Auditor: Mr. A.E. Every - Proposed by Mr. D. Brutus, seconded by Mr. C.M. Bassa.

Thanks: Mr. Rangasamy, in thanking the Conference for the confidence reposed in him, assured the Conference that he would discharge his high office to the best of his ability and in the interest of all South African Sportsmen.

General:

West Indies Tour: It was agreed that a copy of the resolution relevant to the West Indies tour be transmitted to the South African Cricket Board of Control and Frank Worrell, the captain of the West Indies team.
Proposed by Mr. S.L. Singh, seconded by Mr. J. Francis.

1960 Olympic Games: Whilst the South African Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association (all-white) will send its representatives to the meeting of the International Olympic Committee in Munich in May, it was decided that in the absence of a direct representative the Association should submit a comprehensive report to this meeting. It was pointed out that Mr. Reg Honey, Chairman of the S.A.O.C.G.A. will also attend the meeting. Since the period before the meeting is limited, an appeal was made to all the national units to give every assistance and co-operation to the officials in furnishing all available data in order to facilitate the preparation of such a report.

4. Sunday Tribune: Mr. Dennis Brutus, the Secretary of the Association, was requested to reply to a report by Mr. Reg Sweet, which appeared in his column of the "Sunday Tribune" of this morning's issue, under the heading "Sports Standards Speak for Themselves". The Conference held that that report was misleading and not a true and correct statement. The "Reply" is attached and was published on Sunday 17th January.

Non-Racial: The Conference agreed that a special precaution should be taken that the Press should not refer to the Association as a non-white organization, but as non-racial.

Resolutions: The Conference further decided that the resolutions passed should be released to the Press in South Africa and Overseas.

The Resolutions should also be circularised to all sporting bodies and sportsmen.

Accounts: The following accounts incurred for the organising of the Conference were passed for payment from the levies and affiliation fees:

R.S. Govender	£32. 0. 0.
Colonial Printing Works	4. 10. 0.
Dennis Brutus	3. 3. 0.

DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING: Entrusted in the hands of new Officials.

Vote of Thanks: The Conference terminated at 7.15 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chair and to the Steering Committee for having so ably organised the Conference.

R.S. GOVENDER.
RECORDING SECRETARY.

D.A. BRUTUS.
SECRETARY.

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