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FIRST SESSION - THURSDAY, March 1st, 9.45 a.m. to 12.50 p.m.  
SECOND SESSION - THURSDAY, March 1st, 2.05 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.  
THIRD SESSION - THURSDAY, March 1st, 8.10 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.  
FOURTH SESSION - FRIDAY, March 2nd, 9.20 a.m. to 1.10 p.m.  
FIFTH SESSION - FRIDAY, March 2nd, 2.15 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

F I R S T     D A Y     -     M A R C H     1 s t

### 1. ROLL-CALL OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATES

There were present:-

Officers: President - H.R. Weir; Vice-President - C.R. Aitken; Honorary Secretary-Treasurer - A.J. Hodsdon.

Delegates: A.A.A. of New South Wales - D.K. Donald, J.P. Metcalfe; Queensland A.A.A. - E.C. Barnacle; South Australian A.A.A. - R.E. Graham, C.M. Morgan; Tasmanian A.A.A. - N.G. Hutton, F.A. Rose; Victorian A.A.A. - L.B. Curnow, F.S. Tobias; Western Australian A.A.A. - D.C. Rapley, F.T. Treacy.

### 2. NOTICE OF CONFERENCE

The notice convening the Conference was read by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer.

### 3. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The President, in welcoming the Delegates, expressed pleasure that so many who had attended each of the Conferences of recent years were again present. This tended to promote mutual understanding and to impart a valuable continuity to the deliberations and to Union policies. In extending a special welcome to Mr. Barnacle, who was attending a Union Conference for the first time, the President expressed sorrow at the death during the year of Mr. Denton Rees, the President of the Queensland A.A.A., who had represented his State at the Conferences of 1948, 1949 and 1950. (The Delegates at this stage stood in silence in memory of Mr. Rees).

The year 1950, the President continued, had been a very special one from all points of view. Athletically, it had been made especially memorable by the sterling performances of our Australian athletes at the British Empire Games at Auckland and the Canterbury Centennial Games at Christchurch. Performances at those gatherings had demonstrated that our standard was improving year by year, such that we were now producing a succession of athletes of world or near-world class. The President conveyed his congratulations to those who had been successful at the meetings mentioned, and also expressed his own and

the Union's appreciation of the fine work of Mr. L.B. Curnow as Athletics Sectional Manager of the Australian British Empire Games team of 1950. Much of the success achieved in Auckland had been due to his able management and untiring efforts.

Despite that the purely athletic side of affairs was sound, grave concern was felt, the President continued, at (1) the drift in the financial position of the Union itself and of its Constituent Associations and (2) the poor standard of general administration within some of the Associations. Regarding the latter, one of our fundamental difficulties is that our sport is administered, of necessity, upon an honorary basis. However, we must face the problem with resolution, realising that the general public, upon whose support and goodwill our progress depends, will judge us on the efficiency of our administration ... How to check the financial drift is a problem of urgent and supreme importance to both the Union and its Associations. Annual National Championships, whilst they have contributed greatly to our improved athletic standard, have at the same time greatly increased the costs of operation. We must face the problem on a business basis and in the same way as would a business organisation. All cost trends are currently upward in a marked degree, but there is a certain reluctance within the Associations to face squarely the issue of increasing charges. The charges of 1939 are now completely outmoded, and if adhered to or not adequately increased, will result in certain bankruptcy.

The President went on to say that membership figures were disappointing, there being an actual decrease. There may be positive reasons for this - in some States, notably in New South Wales and Victoria, it is undoubtedly due, at least in part, to the saturation of existing facilities. In these instances, every effort should be made to have the facilities extended. It is a sad, but true, fact that our numerical strength does not support the contention of importance in the community to which Track and Field Athletics aspires.

The President concluded by asking for an intelligent and realistic approach and attitude towards the problems before the Conference. The atmosphere at these meetings had been better since 1947 than at any time in the history of the Union, and he was confident that this broadened outlook would be preserved.

#### 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 22nd CONFERENCE

It was resolved that the Minutes of the 1950 Conference be taken as read, and - subject to the corrections and additions listed hereunder - confirmed.

The corrections and additions referred to are the following: Page 14 (Opening Ceremony): After the word "band" in the penultimate line of the second paragraph add the following: "and the Union Jack broken from the masthead. Details as to the correct Vice-Regal procedure shall be discussed with the appropriate authority"; Page 24 (Athletes Transferring): Before the words "Athletic Club" in line three from the top of the page add the word "Amateur"; Page 28 (Jury): Delete the last sentence of Sub-paragraph (1), namely "Conference Delegates shall not be appointed to the Jury", and in the second line of Sub-paragraph (2) alter "three" to "two"; Page 30 (Interpretation of Starting Rules): Insert the decimal sign before "8" in the last line of sub-paragraph (c); Page 30 (Measurement of Wind-Velocity): Delete the indefinite article before wind in line three, and alter the word "Instrument" in line four to the plural; Page 32 (Race Walking): In sub-paragraph (c) alter "one walking judge" in lines three/four to "walking judges", and alter the word "instructions" to the singular; Page 35 (Awards for 10,000 Metres C.C.C.): Add at the end within inverted commas the words "provided he completes the course"; Page 40 (Executive Committee): Add, after "N.G. Hutton (Tasmania)", the name of "L.B. Curnow (Victoria)".

## 5. VICE-CHAIRMAN TO THE CONFERENCE

The President advised at this stage that an official engagement in connection with the Championships would necessitate his leaving the Conference forthwith for a short period along with Mr. Hutton. It was resolved that in his absence, the Conference would proceed under the chairmanship of the Vice-President of the Union.

Messrs. Weir and Hutton withdrew at 10.15 a.m.

## 6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 22nd CONFERENCE

Page 6 - Assistance from National Fitness Movement - It was advised that there had been no development in this matter.

Page 12 - Report on 1948 Track and Field Championships - It was reported that, in order to conserve finances, the duplicating of the Report of the Victorian A.A.A. on the 1948 Track and Field Championships had not been proceeded with.

Page 16 - E.S. Marks Shield - The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that the manufacture of the E.S. Marks Shield had been completed, that the trophy was now in possession of the 1950 winner, the Victorian A.A.A.

Page 17 - Report of Athletics Sectional Manager to Australian Olympic Team of 1948: Owing to the Union's financial position, no action had been taken to have extra copies of the report made. The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to make the original available to the Olympic Games of 1956 Technical Sub-Committee.

Page 26 - I.A.A.F. By-Law 9, Sub-Sections 5 & 6 - It was reported that no action had been taken in this matter.

Page 27 - Olympic and Empire Games Finance: The Secretary-Treasurer advised that no action had been taken in this matter.

Page 30 - Flagging of Tracks: It was reported that no reply had been received from the I.A.A.F. to a communication under date of the 17th March, 1950 seeking information as to what might be the attitude of that body in relation to a world record made on a circular track without raised border. The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to raise the matter again with the I.A.A.F.

Page 31 - Photo-Finish and Electrical Timing Apparatus: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that no action had been taken in relation to photo-finish and electrical timing apparatus for the Olympic Games of 1956, and it was decided that the matter should not be proceeded with, as it is understood that the provision of these facilities for all sports is likely to be entrusted to one firm.

Page 32 - Lapel Badges and Tie Pins: It was reported that although designs and quotations for an A.A.U. Badge had been obtained, the matter had not been pursued further on account of lack of funds. It was decided to consider the matter further at a later stage of the Conference after the financial position had been reviewed.

Page 35 - Records in Running and Walking Events: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that no action had been taken in this matter.

Other matters arising from the Minutes of the 22nd Conference are referred to under the appropriate headings.

## 7. REPORT ON REGISTRATIONS

Actual registrations for the period of nine months to the 31st December, 1950, together with estimated additional registrations for the period of three months to the

31st March, 1951, are tabulated below, with the actual registrations for each of the preceding three years added for comparison:-

	<u>9 Months</u> to <u>31/12/50</u> (Actual)	<u>3 Months</u> to <u>31/3/51</u> (Estimated)	<u>Total</u> for <u>1950-51</u> (Estimated)	<u>1949/50</u>	<u>1948/49</u>	<u>1947/48</u>
A.A.A. of New South Wales	1567	170	1737	1925	1817	1586
Queensland A.A.A.	429	50	479	301	390	350
South Australian A.A.A.	271	50	321	266	324	282
Tasmanian A.A.A.	66	70	136	115	157	136
Victorian A.A.A.	2259	250	2509	2864	2885	2637
Western Australian A.A.A.	491	25	516	485	461	391
	<u>5083</u>	<u>615</u>	<u>5698</u>	<u>5956</u>	<u>6034</u>	<u>5382</u>

The report was adopted.

Mr. Curnow submitted statistics showing the ratio of registered memberships in the several States to population. These revealed that Victoria, with one registered athlete per 428 persons, had the best average, followed by Western Australia (543), New South Wales (924), South Australia (1068), Tasmania (1072) and Queensland (1240). It was felt that Mr. Curnow's approach to the membership problem was a most useful one, and he was duly thanked for his interest and asked to pursue further his researches.

It was agreed that, to guarantee sound development of the sport, it was essential that each Association should enjoy a secure tenure of at least one good ground. In the case of the two major States, the main factor currently restricting growth was the fact that activity on the one central ground available to each had reached saturation point.

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was authorised to undertake a survey of the Registration Systems of the respective Associations with a view to the ultimate attainment of a measure of uniformity in registration practice and procedure, and with the object of ensuring that adequate steps are taken within each Association to ensure that all Club members are registered.

## 8. EXECUTIVE REPORT

The action of the Executive Committee in approving payment from Union funds of the cost of luncheons in connection with the 1950 Annual Conference was confirmed. It was resolved, however, that in future Delegates would be responsible for providing their own luncheons.

Other matters dealt with during the year by Executive Mail Vote are referred to under the following headings:- (1) Amateur Status and Accreditation; (2) Australian Records; (3) Australian Track and Field Championships; (4) Australian Cross-Country and Track Walking Championships; (5) Australian Women's A.A.U.; (6) Non-Observance of Union Laws, Rules and By-Laws.

(The President and Mr. Hutton returned at this stage).

## 9. AMATEUR STATUS AND ACCREDITATION

Executive Report on Reinstatements: The action of the Executive Committee in granting reinstatement - for competition in Australia only - to the following persons was confirmed:-

- (a) J.F. Martin - submitted by the Tasmanian A.A.A. and effective on May 13, 1950; (b) D.A. Gillam - submitted by the Western Australian A.A.A. and effective on November 15, 1950; (c) D.M. Walker - submitted by the Tasmanian A.A.A. and effective on January 20, 1951. The

Western Australian A.A.A. sought and was granted leave to submit a motion without notice in reference to the application for reinstatement of G.J. Hogan, which application had been rejected by Mail Vote of the Executive Committee. It was resolved however, to confirm the decision of the latter body.

Revised I.A.A.F. Amateur Status Rule: It was resolved to defer consideration of the revised Amateur Status rules adopted at the 17th Congress of the I.A.A.F. (1950) in order to give Delegates an opportunity to study the text thereof.

A ruling was given by the President at this stage, that, at Conferences of the Union, the Vice-President and the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer have the right to speak and to move motions.

Athletes Transferring: It was reported that steps had been taken during the year to secure a more strict observance by Constituent Associations of the rule requiring that an athlete transferring from one jurisdiction to another shall be duly accredited as being an amateur of good standing.

It was moved by the Victorian A.A.A. and resolved, that the General Rule adopted at the 22nd Conference of the Union (see Minutes, pages 23-24) covering the case of an athlete transferring from one jurisdiction to another be rescinded and the following substituted:

"An athlete who wishes to become a member of an Amateur Athletic Club within the jurisdiction of a Constituent Association, being or having previously been a member of an Amateur Athletic Club outside such jurisdiction, shall be subject to the following:-

(a) Interstate - If he is, or was, a member of another Constituent Association, he shall produce to the Constituent Association within whose jurisdiction he desires to compete a letter from the Constituent Association under whose jurisdiction he was previously certifying that he is an amateur of good standing. Until this is done he shall not be permitted to take part in Amateur Athletics in the State concerned.

(b) Overseas - (i) Subject to the provisions of (ii), he shall, where his National Governing Body is still in existence produce to the Union a letter from such body certifying that he is an amateur of good standing; (ii) should his National Governing Body be defunct, inoperative, or should it not be reasonably practicable in the opinion of the Union, to obtain such a letter, he shall make a Statutory Declaration to the Union that he is an amateur according to the Union's definition. The matter shall be referred to the International Amateur Athletic Federation, and he shall be permitted to compete in Amateur Athletics pending advice from that body; (iii) A Constituent Association shall not register nor permit to compete under its jurisdiction an athlete who has previously been under the jurisdiction of another national governing body until the Union's permission is received.

Reinstatement Applications: It was moved unsuccessfully by the Victorian A.A.A. that Law 15 of the Constitution be amended by deleting the first sentence thereof ("No person having been at any time a member of an amateur athletic club (school clubs excepted) who has competed in any amateur event and has knowingly and wilfully forfeited his amateur status after such event shall be eligible for reinstatement"), and also by deleting the word "other" from the second sentence.

Reinstated Amateurs: On a motion moved by the A.A.A. of New South Wales, it was resolved that it be recommended to the I.A.A.F. that an athlete who is reinstated as an amateur after committing a technical breach of status shall be eligible for international competition, and that the Federation be asked to draw up the conditions under which such athlete shall be so eligible.

Football Boundary Umpires: It was moved unsuccessfully by the A.A.A. of New South Wales that Law 13 of the Constitution be amended by addition of the following new Sub-clause:- "(g) An athlete does not cease to be an amateur under the Laws of the Union by the receipt of fees or expenses for acting as a referee or linesman at football; or an umpire at cricket."

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Amateur Status and Olympic Sports: The A.A.A. of New South Wales moved unsuccessfully that it be recommended to the I.A.A.F. that, for the purpose of considering whether an athlete is an amateur in his participation in some other branch of sport, that athlete be regarded as an amateur if the other sport is included in the Olympic Games, and the athlete, in participating in that sport, complies with its requirements so as to entitle him to compete in the Olympic Games.

Reciprocity between Amateur Bodies: By permission of the Conference the Tasmanian A.A.A. was allowed to withdraw a notice of motion that the Union discuss the practicability of reciprocal agreements with the governing bodies of amateur sports in respect of amateur status.

#### 10. AUSTRALIAN RECORDS

Executive Report: It was resolved to ratify as Australian Records in the categories indicated the below-listed performances which had already been adopted provisionally, on the recommendation of the President and the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, by the Executive:-

##### (a) AUSTRALIAN OPEN RECORDS

Hurdling: 220 Yards & 200 Metres: 23.9s. by George V. Gedge (N.S.W.) on December 31, 1949 at Adelaide Oval, South Australia.

Walking: 2 Miles: 13m.51.4s. by Donald M. Keane (W.A.) on December 10, 1949 at Leederville Oval, Western Australia

##### (b) AUSTRALIAN NATIVE RECORDS:

Running: 100 Yards: 9.6s. by John L. Bartram (Victoria) on March 12, 1949 at York Park, Launceston, Tasmania.

440 Yards: 47.6s. by Edwin W. Carr (N.S.W.) on December 31, 1949 at Adelaide Oval, South Australia.

1 Mile: 4m.15.8s. by Donald R.T. MacMillan (Victoria) on December 31, 1949 at Adelaide Oval, South Australia.

Hurdling: 220 Yards & 200 Metres: 23.9s. by George V. Gedge (N.S.W.) on December 31, 1949 at Adelaide Oval, South Australia.

Walking: 2 Miles: 13m.51.4s. by Donald M. Keane (W.A.) on December 10, 1949 at Leederville Oval, Western Australia.

Throwing: Shot Put: 45ft.10<sup>7/16</sup>ins. by Trevor J. Evans (Victoria) on February 27, 1949 at Olympic Park, Victoria.

##### (c) AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR RECORDS

Hurdling: 120 Yards: 15.6s. by W.B. Thomas (Victoria) on March 5, 1949 at Olympic Park, Victoria.

Walking: 1,500 Metres: 6m.11.8s. by Donald M. Keane (W.A.) on November 10, 1949 at Leederville Oval, Western Australia.

Jumping: Pole Vault: 12ft.0<sup>3/8</sup>ins. by Bruce Peever (Tasmania) on December 3, 1949 at North Hobart Oval, Tasmania.



In addition, the President and Honorary Secretary-Treasurer had, during the year, recommended to the Executive Committee that the following applications for records by rejected.

Open & Native - Walking: 2 Miles: 13m.42.6s. by Donald M. Keane (W.A.) on December 31, 1949 at Adelaide Oval, South Australia.

(The best of two of the three matches used was of a less period than the time recorded by the athlete).

Native - Throwing: Javelin Throw: 194ft.11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. by L.A.H. McKeand (N.S.W.) on December 31, 1949 at Adelaide Oval, South Australia.

(The athlete, despite specific requests, had failed to supply proof of place of birth).

The voting of the Executive on those applications had been inconclusive, and the President had directed that they be referred to Conference for determination. The Conference decided to accord recognition to each performance, with the proviso, in McKeand's case, that the necessary birth certificate be furnished within two months after the Conference.

Outstanding Records: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that it was believed that application had not been made in conformity with the requirements of General Rule 40 for the recognition of a number of performances as Australian Records. It was resolved, on a motion by the A.A.A. of New South Wales, that all Constituent Associations be granted until June 30, 1951 to supply the Union with all required particulars for the recognition of records relating to performances made on or before December 31, 1950 and that it be competent for the Union to recognise such performances as records, notwithstanding the provisions of General Rule 40.

Alleged Irregularity in Record: A letter and statutory declaration by H.J. Moriarty were tabled alleging that the Australian Junior Record of 167ft.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. for the Javelin Throw, made on May 26th, 1934 and standing to the credit of J.B. Barlow, was in fact never accomplished. It was resolved to have sent to the Queensland A.A.A. a copy of Mr. Moriarty's letter and statutory declaration, together with other relevant documents. The Queensland A.A.A. is to investigate the matter to and report thereon to the Union within one month.

The Press was advised at this stage that this matter is deemed to have been discussed in camera.

#### 11. TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AUSTRALIA

Executive Report: The following actions of the Executive Committee in relation to the 1951 Track and Field Championships were approved: (1) Dates and Venue - March 3 and 5 at North Hobart Oval; (2) Supporting Events - 100 Yards, 220 Yards, 440 Yards, 880 Yards, 1 Mile and 440 Yards Relay Junior Championships of Tasmania; (3) Jury Appointments - Messrs. F.E. Andrews (N.S.W.), P.H. Pi-zey (Victoria) and F.S. Tobias (Victoria).

Report on 1950 Championships: The Report of the South Australian A.A.A. on the 1950 Track and Field Championships was tabled. The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that, despite the requirements of General Rule 6, the report of the South Australian A.A.A. had been received only very recently. Mr. Graham's explanation of the particular circumstances which had occasioned this lateness was accepted.

Eligibility of J. Humphreys: At this stage permission was given to the Victorian A.A.A. to introduce the question of the eligibility of J. Humphreys to represent that State at the Championships. ... This athlete, whose home is in Queensland, had been

resident since March 1947 as a student at the Royal Military College, Duntroon, Australian Capital Territory. During that period he had spent, in the aggregate, some twelve weeks in Queensland, namely, the several periods of his annual leave. Whilst at the Royal Military College, he had been registered with the A.A.A. of New South Wales, and had been at the same time a member of the Mayne Harriers, a Club affiliated to the Queensland A.A.A. He had been nominated by the latter body as one of its representatives in the 1950 Championships at Adelaide, and that nomination had not been challenged. He had completed his studies at the Royal Military College in December 1950, and had since received a posting to Victoria where he had joined the Melbourne Harriers, and now sought permission to represent the last-named State at the Australian Track and Field Championships. ... The Conference resolved, after discussion, that Humphries was not eligible to represent either Queensland or Victoria. He was granted permission, however, to compete under General Rule 3, as an individual at his own expense. ... The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to have this decision transmitted forthwith to Humphreys in Melbourne.

Allocation of the 1952 Championships: It was resolved to confirm the allocation of the 1952 Championships to the Queensland A.A.A. The delegate from that Association indicated that application would be made in due course to the Union to stage the meetings during the Australia Day week-end.

Standardisation of Championships Souvenir Programmes: It was resolved that future Australian Track and Field Championships Souvenir Programmes should conform to the following:-

- (1) Size of booklet:  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " wide x  $8\frac{1}{4}$ " deep.

(End of Second Session of the Conference)

- (2) Compulsory Features -

Officers of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia.  
 President and Organising Committee of the Controlling Association.  
 Officials of the Meeting.  
 Messages of A.A.U. President and Controlling Association President.  
 Past Winners of Championship Shield  
 Standard Title for each event, its sequence number, and time to be held.  
 Competitors in each event.  
 Records - World, Australian (Open and Native), State.  
 Name and Performance of Title Holder  
 Table for Championship Shield Points

- (3) Optional Features -

Advertisements  
 Photos.

The question of whether there should be one programme for the two days or a separate programme for each day was left to the discretion of the Controlling Association.

Expenses Chargeable to Championship Meetings: The Report of the Sub-committee of the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer and the Honorary Auditor of the Union appointed by the 1950 Conference to draw up a Pro-Forma Financial Statement to cover Australian Championship Meetings was received. After discussion and amendment the following was adopted:-

#### EXPENDITURE

Ground Expenses	... Rental Staff Wages and Insurance Entertainment Tax Commission on Seat Sales Equipment Costs (Depreciation at 5% of Current Replacement Value, plus costs of Repairs and Replacements).
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Ground Expenses contd.	...	Amplifier Hire Programme Cost Programme Sales Commission Rain Insurance
Awards:		
Teams	...	Entertainment Expenses (Limit of £50) Training Ground Costs.
Overseas Athletes	...	Travelling and Accommodation Expenses Entertainment Expenses Allowances Publicity Badges, Printing and Stationery Postages and Telegrams Honoraria (Limit of £50)

INCOME

Gross Gate Receipts  
Reserved Seat Sales  
Programme Sales  
Programme Advertisements  
Proportion of Visiting Overseas Athletes Expenses  
(re Competition at other Meetings)  
Tender Rights (e.g. Catering)  
Broadcasting Fees  
Proceeds from Insurance Claims

It was resolved that the Income and Expenditure Statements of future Championship Meetings (but not including that of 1951) should be prepared on the basis of the above Pro-Forma Statement and should be submitted to a Sub-Committee consisting of the President, the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer and the Honorary Auditor, such sub-committee to have authority, after investigation, to allow or to disallow any amounts and to settle the final accounts.

Report of Jury: It was reported on behalf of the Jury that its check of arrangements for the 1951 Championships was not yet complete, and an extension of time was accordingly granted.

Minimum Admission Charges: The Conference gave consideration to the question of whether minimum admission charges for Australian Championship Meetings should be determined by the Union. It was resolved to leave the matter to the discretion of the Association controlling the Championships.

Commonwealth Jubilee Perpetual Trophy: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that an approach had been made to the Commonwealth Jubilee Sporting Sub-committee seeking the award to the Union of a Jubilee Trophy for perpetual competition in connection with the Australian Track and Field Championships. The reply received indicated that it was doubtful whether such an award would be made as the Sub-committee was contemplating an "Australian Sportsman of the Year" project, not confined to Track and Field Athletes. The Conference directed that a further approach be made to the Sub-Committee for a perpetual trophy for award in connection with the Championships on the basis of allotting points for each event and of then relating the points scored by the States to their respective populations.

Venue of Championships: A motion by the Western Australian A.A.A. that General Rule 7 be amended by addition of the words "at one place approved by the Union" at the end of the second sentence was lost.

Richard Coombes Shield - Scoring of Points: It was moved unsuccessfully by the Western Australian A.A.A. that General Rule 15 be amended:- (a) by deleting the words "first places" and substituting the word "points" in the third and fifth lines; (b) by adding the following new sentence between the first and second sentences: "Three points shall be allotted for a first place, two points for a second place and one point for a third place"; (c) by deleting the words "in addition" in the fifth line; and (d) by deleting the words "second place" and substituting the words "first place" in the sixth line. It was also moved unsuccessfully as an amendment to the above motion, that the Shield be awarded to the Constituent Association scoring the greatest number of points on the basis of allotting 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 points respectively for the first six places in each championship.

Equipment and Implements: It was resolved, on a motion by the Victorian A.A.A. to amend General Rule 12 by adding at the end, the words "and the direction of the Jury".

Personnel of Jury: It was resolved, on a motion by the Victorian A.A.A. to amend Law 61(1) as follows:

- (a) Add, after the word "Union" at the end of the first sentence, the words "at least one month before the meeting;"
- (b) add, before the word "Nominations" at beginning of the last sentence, the words: "Apart from the Referee and the Manager, each Constituent Association may nominate one member;
- (c) add, after the word Association in the last sentence the words "at least"; and
- (d) add to the end of the clause the following sentence: "Conference Delegates shall not be appointed to the Jury".

Duties of Jury: It was successfully moved by the Victorian A.A.A. that Law 61(4) be amended by addition of the following new sub-clause: "(f) To submit a full report within one month to the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer who shall distribute copies to all Constituent Associations."

Report of Jury: It was moved unsuccessfully by the Victorian A.A.A. that Law 61 be amended by addition of the following new clause: "(5) The Report of the Jury shall be submitted by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer to a sub-committee of three to be elected at the Conference, which shall investigate and report within three months upon any recommendation made by the Jury".

Javelins and Vaulting Poles: The following motion moved by the A.A.A. of New South Wales, was lost: "That the Constituent Association controlling the Track and Field Championships of Australia shall, except with the consent of the Union, provide for such meeting both wooden and metal javelins and bamboo and metal vaulting poles of first quality".

Metric Distances: A notice of motion by the A.A.A. of New South Wales "that the Union adopt metric distances for the Track and Field Championships of Australia" was ruled by the Chairman to be out of order by reason of its being not framed in conformity with the requirements of Law 62 of the Constitution.

Sequence of Events: It was moved successfully by the Tasmanian A.A.A. that General Rule 11 be amended by addition, at the end, of the following sentence: "The Constituent Association conducting the Championships shall be empowered to start the Marathon at a time suitable to itself on the Second Day."

(End of Third Session of the Conference)

12. 10,000 METRES CROSS-COUNTRY AND 10,000 METRES TRACK WALKING  
CHAMPIONSHIPS OF AUSTRALIA

Executive Report: The following actions of the Executive Committee in relation to the 10,000 Metres Cross-Country and the 10,000 Metres Track Walking Championships of 1950 were approved: (1) Date and Venues: August 26 at Campbelltown and Sydney (E.S. Marks Memorial Field) respectively, the latter event in the morning; and (2) Supporting Events (at Campbelltown): Sub-Junior (Under 17 years) 1 Mile Scratch Race and Open 5,000 Metres Scratch Race.

Report on 1950 Championships: The Reports of the A.A.A. of New South Wales on the organisation and conduct of the 1950 Championships were tabled and received. Mr. Curnow reported, on behalf of the Victorian A.A.A., that no plan of the course had been submitted to his Association and that no Meeting of Managers had been called prior to the Cross-Country Championships, though General Rule 21 required that those things be done. The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to seek from the Controlling Association a report on these omissions.

The Chairman ruled, in answer to a query raised by the Victorian A.A.A. that the rules governing the two championships contained nothing to preclude the naming of team emergencies.

Allocation of 1952 Championships: The allocation of the 1952 10,000 Metres Cross-Country and the 10,000 Metres Track Walking Championships to the South Australian A.A.A. was confirmed.

Standardisation of Championships Souvenir Programme: It was resolved that future programmes for the 10,000 Metres Cross-Country and 10,000 Metres Track Walking Championships should conform to the following:-

(1) Size of Booklet:  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " wide x  $3\frac{1}{4}$ " deep.

(2) Compulsory Features -

Officers of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia.

President and Organising Committee of the Controlling Association.

Officials of the Meeting.

Messages of A.A.U. President and Controlling Association President.

Past Winners of Teams Titles.

Standard Title for each Event, its sequence number, and time to be held.

Records - World, Australian (Open and Native), State.

Name and Performance of Title-Holder.

Competitors in each Event.

Space for result of each event.

(3) Optional Features -

Advertisements

Photos.

Sub-Title of Championships: It was moved by the Western Australian A.A.A. and agreed that, in the Union's booklet of Constitution Laws and General Rules the words "and Teams Race" be added to the titles of both the Cross-Country and the Track Walking Championships.

E.S. Marks Shield - Scoring of Points: It was resolved, on a motion by the Western Australian A.A.A., that General Rule 24 be amended by deleting, at the end, the words "of the winning team", and adding the following:- "whose team scores the least number of points according to the positions in which the scoring members of the team finish. The positions of the non-scoring members of a team, and of any member of a team which does not finish the requisite number, shall be eliminated in the scoring. If two or more competitors tie for any place, the points for the places concerned shall

be aggregated and divided among the competitors so tying. In the case of a tie by teams on points the team whose last scoring member finished nearest to first place shall be the winning team of the said Challenge Shield "

Medallions: It was moved successfully by the A.A.A. of New South Wales that General Rule 23 be amended by substituting the following rule in lieu thereof: "There shall be awarded for each individual championship, the Gilded Bronze Medallion of the Union to the winner, the Silver-Plated Bronze Medallion of the Union to the runner-up, and the Bronze Medallion of the Union to the athlete finishing in third place. The Gilded Bronze Medallion of the Union shall be awarded to each of the first four members of the winning team, the Silver-Plated Bronze Medallion of the Union to each of the first four members of the team gaining second place, and the Bronze Medallion of the Union to each of the first four members of the team gaining third place."

### 13. OLYMPIC GAMES

Executive Report: The following Executive action taken during the year was endorsed: (1) Appointment of Mr. A.J. Hodsdon to attend the meeting of the A.O.F. held on April 14, 1950, when Mr. L.B. Curnow was unable through illness to attend; (2) Opposition to proposals to add four members to the Organising Committee of the Olympic Games of 1956.

Report of A.O.F. Delegates: It was resolved that the Reports of the Union's Delegates (Messrs. L.B. Curnow and J.P. Metcalfe) on the meetings of the A.O.F. held on April 14, 1950 and February 24, 1951 be received and adopted. The main matters of direct interest to the Union arising from the Reports were the following: (1) The decision of the Organising Committee of the Olympic Games of 1956 to recommend the Royal Agricultural Showground, Melbourne as the site for the Main Stadium for the Games. This was expected to meet the requirements of both the I.A.A.F. and the I.O.C. The probable non-permanence of the athletics facilities at the Showgrounds did not now, in view of the already part-realised and projected further development of Olympic Park as a subsidiary ground, give the Victorian A.A.A. great concern; (2) The decision to select and finance the Australian Olympic Team of 1952 in accordance with the following:- (a) The National Controlling Unions to select and grade their own competitors; (b) the A.O.F. to grade these nominees, irrespective of sport, up to the number for whom finance is available from the National Fund; (c) the A.O.F. to make provision from the National Fund for a General Manager, a Team Secretary, a Manageress, and a Sectional Manager for each Sport with more than five competitors; (d) the A.O.F. to appoint the General Manager, the Team Secretary and the Manageress; (e) the National Controlling Unions to have the right to send graded members not paid for from the National Fund, provided the full finance required is found by the said Controlling Unions; and (f) the A.O.F. to exercise the right of endorsing the nominations made by the National Controlling Unions.

Olympic Games of 1952 - Finance: The Sub-committee, consisting of the President and Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, appointed to give consideration to ways and means of raising Olympic Funds, advised that this must be regarded as essentially a matter for the State Olympic Councils, with each State operating in accordance with its own ideas and taking into account local conditions and circumstances. The Union was represented through its Constituent Associations on the State Olympic Councils.

Olympic Games of 1952 - Special Tests: It was resolved that Special Olympic Selection Tests should be held in each of the following events: 10,000 Metres, 3,000 Metres Steeplechase, 10,000 Metres Walk, 50,000 Metres Walk and Decathlon. The question of dates and venues was left to the Executive Committee for determination. It was decided that the Union would accept no financial responsibility in connection with the contesting of these events by individuals.

Olympic Games of 1952 - Technical Observers: It was moved unsuccessfully by the Western Australian A.A.A. that the resolution adopted at the 22nd Annual Conference of the Union (see Minutes, pages 31-32) favouring the sending of two technical observers to the Olympic Games of 1952 be amended by deleting the words "by the Executive Committee", and adding the following: "from the Constituent Associations. Each Association shall have the right to submit the nominations of two persons, and such nominations shall be in writing clearly setting out the qualifications of such nominees, and shall close with the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer within 28 days of the motion having been given in writing to the Constituent Associations and shall be decided by a Mail Vote taken from the Constituent Associations."

Olympic Games of 1956 - Report of Technical Sub-Committee: A comprehensive and highly informative report was tabled from the Sub-Committee, consisting of Messrs. L.B. Curnow, S.A. Embling and C.W.H. Grant, appointed by the Adelaide Conference to compile technical and other data in regard to the construction and layout of the tracks and the specifications of arena equipment for the Olympic Games of 1956. It was resolved that the Report be received and that the Union record its deep appreciation of the work of the Sub-committee. The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to send a suitable letter of thanks to each member of the Sub-committee, and to circulate copies of its Report to each Constituent Association.

H.R. Weir's Overseas Mission: At this stage the Conference was informed by the Chairman that he would shortly proceed overseas to attend the May Meeting of the I.O.C. at Vienna. He indicated that, upon his return, he hoped to prepare a Memorandum to the Union upon matters related to the organisation of the Olympic Games of 1956. The Conference offered its congratulations to Mr. Weir upon his being entrusted with a mission of such importance, and wished him a successful and enjoyable trip.

#### 14. BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES

Report of A.B.E.G.A. Delegates and Executive Member: The Delegates from the Union to the Australian British Empire Games Association (Messrs. A.J. Hodsdon and R.E. Graham) reported that no meeting of that body had been held during the year. Several meetings of the Executive Committee of the Association had been held, however, and those had been attended by Mr. Hodsdon.

Report of Selection Committee: The Report of the Union's Selection Committee (Messrs. H.R. Weir, C.R. Aitken and J.P. Metcalfe) on the selection of athletes to represent Australia at the British Empire Games of 1950 was tabled. It disclosed that twenty-three male athletes had been selected with expenses fully paid, and that an additional fifteen had been selected provided their expenses could be found. Of these, all but one had made the trip to Auckland.

Report of Athletics Sectional Manager to the British Empire Games of 1950: A carefully compiled and comprehensive report on the performances of the Australian male athletes at the British Empire Games of 1950 was tabled by the Athletics Sectional Manager, Mr. L.B. Curnow. It was resolved to place on record the Union's deep appreciation of Mr. Curnow's work for the team and of his admirably prepared report. As the main portions of the latter will be reproduced in the printed Official Report of the A.B.E.G.A. it was decided not to publish same separately.

British Empire Games Federation: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that a revised Constitution and Statutes of the British Empire Games Federation and revised Rules and Regulations for the conduct of future British Empire Games were in course of formulation by the British Empire Games Federation, and that definite steps were being taken by that body to create machinery for dealing with British Empire records.

(The Conference adjourned at 10.45 a.m. to enable the Officers and Delegates to attend a Civic Reception tendered by the Mayor of Hobart to the visiting athletes and officials. The session was resumed at 12 noon).

#### 15. CANTERBURY CENTENNIAL GAMES

Report of Honorary Secretary-Treasurer: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that the athletes who had visited New Zealand for the purpose of competing at the Canterbury Centennial Games had been sent, in the main, in response to the specific requests of the Canterbury Centennial Committee. Where any athlete so named had been unavailable, the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, after consultation with the two A.A.U. Selectors located in Sydney, had suggested individuals considered suitable to replace him.... As the Team would not be travelling from place to place in New Zealand, the President and the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer had taken it upon themselves to allow the team to travel without an Australian Manager. The object in so doing had been to avoid an unnecessary drain upon Union funds.... Efforts had been made to arrange for the competitive appearance in Australia of Overseas Athletes competing at the Games, but these efforts had been unsuccessful.

#### 16. COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Visit of French Athletes: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer explained, in reference to the visiting French Athletes who had been brought to Australia with the assistance of the Commonwealth Jubilee Sporting Sub-Committee, that several of those named by the Union had been unavailable for the tour. The three finally offered and accepted - Messrs. M. Clare, G. Damitio and A. Marie - were athletes of high calibre, but their initial performances would suffer because of their delayed arrival, and in the case of Marie by illness on the eve of departure from France. Their late departure was known too late to permit appropriate action to be taken.

#### 17. AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S A.A.U.

Executive Report: It was reported that the Executive Committee, on the recommendation of the President and the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, had approved the submission to the I.A.A.F. as World Records of Miss M. Jackson's times of 10.3 seconds and 10.7 seconds for 100 yards on January 4, 1950 and March 31, 1950. Both performances had been since adopted by the I.A.A.F. The Report was received.

State Olympic Councils: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that the South Australian Women's A.A.A. was understood to have been granted affiliation to that State's Olympic Council, and that the New South Wales Women's A.A.A. was seeking the same privilege. He sought advice as to whether the Union felt that it should adopt any policy in regard to such representation. It was resolved to record no views and to take no action at this stage.

#### 18. COMPETITION RULES

I.A.A.F. Competition Rules: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that the draft of revised Competition Rules submitted to the 17th Congress of the I.A.A.F. in August 1950 had been handed over for finalising to the Rules and Records Committee of the Federation. Constituent Associations had been furnished with copies of the draft, and had been invited - upon unavoidably short notice - to submit proposals for amendments. These had been examined by the President and the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, and - where thought appropriate - transmitted to the I.A.A.F. The report was received.

Interpretation of Starting Rules: It was moved by The Western Australian A.A.A. that the interpretation of the Starting Rules adopted at the 22nd Conference of the Union be re-submitted for consideration, substituting such amendments to the rules of starting as may have been adopted at the I.A.A.F. Congress held in Belgium and retaining such of the Union's



interpretations as may be of general information for local athletes. It was resolved to defer the matter to a later date pending the finalising of the new I.A.A.F. rules.

Race Walking: It was moved by the Western Australian A.A.A. that the resolution adopted at the 22nd Conference of the Union in relation to Race Walking be re-committed to the Conference for re-consideration and amendment where necessary in accordance with the recommendations that may be submitted by the Special Committee appointed by the Union. As no final report had been furnished by the said Committee, it was resolved to defer the matter of re-committing the resolution, the original resolution to remain until then in-operative.

Decathlon: It was moved successfully by the A.A.A. of New South Wales that the Union recommend to the I.A.A.F. that the position be clarified as to the right of a competitor in the Decathlon to nominate the commencing height at which the bar will be set, and the successive heights to which the bar will be raised in the running high jump and the pole vault in view of the fact that the Scoring Tables give scoring values at comparatively low heights and the fact that the tables give scoring values for comparatively small intervals of height.

High Jump and Pole Vault: It was resolved, on a motion by the A.A.A. of New South Wales, to recommend to the I.A.A.F. that Rule 28(1) be amplified to define the rights of a competitor who has won the event, but who desires to attempt greater heights, as to the extent to which the bar shall be raised, having in mind the particular case of an athlete who has won the event at a fraction below the existing record and desires to attempt a height a fraction better than such record, the judge having already indicated before the commencement of the competition that the bar would be raised by successive intervals each exceeding that desired by the competitor.

#### 19. F. DELANEY'S APPEAL

At this stage leave was granted to bring before the Conference a letter from F. Delaney to the President of the Union asking that his appeal against the action of the A.A.A. of New South Wales in suspending him be submitted to the Conference ... The Conference decided that it would not deal with Mr. Delaney's letter in the form in which it was sent, and the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to advise him that the case must come to the Union from the A.A.A. of New South Wales in the form of terms of reference.

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#### 20. A.A.U. HANDBOOK

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that publication of the new A.A.U. Handbook had been again postponed, this time pending finalisation of the new Competition Rules of the I.A.A.F. However, it was doubtful, in view of the current high level of printing costs and their continuing upward trend, whether the Union could now finance the printing of a full Handbook. It would be more economical to purchase a stock of I.A.A.F. Handbooks, at the same time issuing the Constitution Laws and General Rules of the Union in the form of a small complementary booklet. It was resolved to leave the matter in the hands of the President and the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer.

#### 21. RANKING LISTS

The Conference endorsed the action of the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer in requesting the co-operation of Constituent Associations in the assembly of data for an All-Australian Ranking List for 1950-51. It was pointed out that the publication of such lists is now widely practised throughout the world, and many requests are received from abroad for copies of our Australian List. Such list can be the medium also of valuable local publicity.

#### 22. NATIONAL COACHING SCHEME

Messrs. H.R. Weir, J.P. Metcalfe and A.J. Hodsdon were appointed a Sub-committee to consider what preliminary steps (if any) can be taken by the Union towards the ultimate launching of a National Coaching Scheme comparable with that operating in Great Britain.

### 23. OBSERVANCE OF A.A.U. RULES

Executive Report: During the year the South Australian and Tasmanian Associations had incurred automatic suspension for non-payment of their Registration Dues by the due date. These suspensions had been lifted by the Executive Committee upon payment of the amounts outstanding.

Penalties: It was successfully moved by the Western Australian A.A.A. that the following new Law 32(a) be added to the Constitution: "Any Constituent Association failing to submit any report within the period provided for in the Constitution or any Mail Vote on which reasonable notice has been allowed or such extension of time granted for such reply to close with the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, then such Constituent Association shall be fined the sum of one pound. Any Constituent Association failing to pay the whole of such fine or fines so imposed by the Union within a period of three months from the date of posting of the notice, and on being notified by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer in writing shall be liable to suspension by the Union as provided for in Law 33 of this Constitution."

### 24. FINANCE

Financial Statements for 1950: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer submitted an audited Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended December 31st, 1950, and an audited Balance Sheet as at December 31st, 1950. It was resolved that these be adopted... The Statements referred to are printed as an appendix to these Minutes.

Financial Budget for 1951: A Budget of Income and Expenditure for 1951 was submitted by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer. Subject to the inclusion of an amount for Honoraria, this was adopted. Following are the details:-

<u>INCOME</u>	£	s.	d.	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	£	s.	d.
Affiliation Fees	25	0	0	Affiliation Fees	17	0	0
Registration Dues	142	0	0	Bank Charges	2	0	0
	£167	0	0	Cables	4	0	0
Deficiency	197	0	0	Duplicating, Printing & Stationery	110	0	0
				Entertainment Expenses	5	0	0
				General Expenses	20	0	0
				Honoraria	62	0	0
				Insurances	2	0	0
				Library & Album	15	0	0
				Officers' Expenses (Reserve)	75	0	0
				Postages and Telegrams	22	0	0
				Telephone	5	0	0
				Other Expenses	25	0	0
	<u>£364</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>£364</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

The Budget was referred to the Executive Committee with power to take requisite action to meet the indicated deficit of £197 for 1951, and with instructions to consider legislation designed to meet future anticipation deficits.

Australian Championships Team Fund: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that, contrary to the instructions of Conference, he had withheld from distribution the £200 standing at credit of the Australian Championships Team Fund. This action had been taken because of the depletion of the Union's General Fund. A full statement on the matter had been placed before the Constituent Associations in the form of a Mail Vote, which had resulted substantially in an equality of voting. The President had thereupon directed that the moneys be retained for the time being with a view to having the matter finally determined by the 1951 Conference... The report was received.

Special Levies: It was moved successfully by the Western Australian A.A.A. that Law 32 of the Constitution be deleted and the following substituted: "The Union shall have authority to levy each of the Constituent Association with such sums as may be required to provide funds for its normal administration expenses in any one year. Such levy shall be determined by the

Union at its Annual Conference on being presented with a Financial Budget for the ensuing year, and shall be apportioned between the Constituent Associations on the basis of their Registrations. A levy so imposed shall be paid by the Constituent Associations within twenty-eight days of receiving notice thereof from the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer of the Union."

Contribution to Union Funds: It was resolved, on a motion by the A.A.A. of New South Wales that each Constituent Association shall contribute to the funds of the Union an amount equal to its share of the £200 recently distributed from the Union's Australian Championships Team Fund.

Increase of Special Levy: The following motion, of which notice had been given by the A.A.A. of New South Wales was, by consent of the Conference, withdrawn: "That Law 32 be amended by substituting the word "twenty" for the word "five" in line 2, and by adding, after the word "pounds" in line 3, the following: "or, if decided by unanimous Mail Vote of Constituent Associations, one hundred pounds."

## 25. REPORTS OF CONSTITUENT ASSOCIATIONS

The Annual Reports for 1949-50 of: the A.A.A. of New South Wales, the Queensland A.A.A., the South Australian A.A.A., the Tasmanian A.A.A., the Victorian A.A.A. and the Western Australian A.A.A. were tabled and received.

## 26. NOTICES OF MOTION BY CONSTITUENT ASSOCIATIONS

Motions submitted by Constituent Associations, not elsewhere given in these Minutes, are set out hereunder:-

Competitive Costume: The Western Australian A.A.A. moved unsuccessfully that Law 46 be amended by deleting the word "white" and substituting the word "gold" in line 1, by deleting the word "white" and substituting the word "green" in line 2, and by deleting the words "with a 1" gold and green stripe down each side" in line 3.

Executive Committee: It was moved unsuccessfully by the Victorian A.A.A. that Law 19 be amended by

- (i) Deleting the words "one member" in line 3 and substituting the words "two members".
- (ii) Deleting the word "elected" in the 4th line, and substituting therefor the word "appointed".
- (iii) Deleting the words "a successor is" in the 5th line and substituting therefor the words "successors are".
- (iv) Adding after the word "appointed" in line 5 the following words "Each Association shall nominate its two appointees and these nominations shall be signed by the Chairman of the Council and the Secretary of the Constituent Association".

Representation at Conferences: The Victorian A.A.A. moved unsuccessfully that Law 36 be deleted and the following substituted:-

- "(a) At a Conference of the Union each Constituent Association shall be entitled to the following representation:-
  - (i) by one delegate if its registered membership is 250 or less.
  - (ii) by two delegates if its registered membership is 250 but less than 500;

- (iii) by three delegates if its registered membership is 500 or more.
- (b) Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote, but in the case of a lesser number of delegates attending than such Constituent Association is entitled to, the delegate or one of the delegates present (as the case may be) shall, on the written authority of his Association, be permitted, in addition, to exercise the vote or votes of his Association's absent delegate or delegates.
- (c) The registered membership shall comprise the total number of members from whom registration dues have been paid up to the thirty-first day of March preceding the Conference.
- (d) A quorum shall consist of delegates representing not less than two thirds of the Constituent Associations".

Appeals: It was moved successfully by the A.A.A. of New South Wales that appeals from decisions of Constituent Associations or officials thereof shall be made in writing accompanied by a statement by the Secretary of the Association concerned that his Association has resolved that the appeal be made to the Union, and setting forth the motion upon which the decision was made, the relevant facts, and in the case of disputed facts the finding of the Association on the relevant facts.

Team Managers: It was resolved, on a motion by the A.A.A. of New South Wales, that an individual or team engaging in International Competition outside Australia shall be accompanied by a manager appointed by the Union.

Jury Law: A motion by the A.A.A. of New South Wales that the resolution of the Adelaide Conference relating to the Jury be deleted from the Constitution and reintroduced as a General Rule was declared to be out of order.

## 27. GENERAL BUSINESS

Announcer at Championship Meetings: It was moved successfully by the Vice-President that "The announcer at Australian Championship Meetings shall not broadcast running descriptions of any event or sectional times. He may, however, name competitors in circular events as they pass the finishing post at the end of each lap, but not at the finish of the race. This regulation is also recommended for adoption by Constituent Associations at their Meetings

Club Costume: It was resolved, on a motion by the Vice-President, that the Union directs that in all events conducted by Constituent Associations competitors shall compete in their respective Club uniforms.

Honoraria: The Conference instructed that appreciation be recorded in the Minutes of the services rendered to the Union throughout the year by the Honorary Typist and the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer. It was resolved to grant an Honorarium of £12/12/- to Mrs. Healey and a Honorarium of £50.0.0 to Mr. Hodson.

Tour of French Athletes: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was authorised to call upon Constituent Associations for advances not exceeding a total of £750 from the proceeds of the meetings at which the visiting French athletes were to appear.

Lapel Badges: Several designs for a Union Lapel Badge were submitted to the Conference and preference was expressed for Design No.1 submitted by Messrs. K.G. Luko Pty. Ltd.. It was left in the hands of the President and the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer to have the work put in hand when funds were available.

Olympic Team Fund: It was resolved to transfer to General Reserve the balance of £171/4/11 standing at credit of the Olympic Team Fund.

Amateur Status Laws: Messrs. H.R. Weir, D.K. Donald, J.P. Metcalfe and A.J. Hodsdon were appointed a Sub-Committee to study the new Amateur Status Laws of the I.A.A.F. and to prepare a schedule of amendments deemed necessary to the Amateur Status Laws of the Union.

## 28. ELECTION OF OFFICERS, DELEGATES AND COMMITTEES.

Officers: Messrs. N.G. Hutton (Tasmania) and H.R. Weir (New South Wales) were nominated for the office of President. Mr. Weir was elected.

Messrs. C.R. Aitken (South Australia), N.G. Hutton (Tasmania) and D.C. Rapley (Western Australia) were nominated for the office of Vice-President. Mr. Aitken was elected.

Mr. A.J. Hodsdon (New South Wales) was re-elected unopposed to the office of Honorary Secretary-Treasurer.

Delegates: Messrs. L.B. Curnow (Victoria) and J.P. Metcalfe (New South Wales) were re-elected unopposed as Delegates to the Australian Olympic Federation.

Messrs. R.E. Graham (South Australia) and A.J. Hodsdon (New South Wales) were re-elected unopposed as Delegates to the Australian British Empire Games Association.

Executive Committee: The following were elected to the Executive Committee: Messrs. J.B. Barlow (Queensland), L.B. Curnow (Victoria), N.G. Hutton (Tasmania), J.P. Metcalfe (New South Wales), C.H. Morgan (South Australia) and D.C. Rapley (Western Australia).

Special Committees: The following Special Committees were appointed: (1) Constitution Sub-Committee: Messrs. H.R. Weir, D.K. Donald and A.J. Hodsdon; (2) Selection Committee: Messrs. H.R. Weir, C.R. Aitken and J.P. Metcalfe; (3) Olympic Games of 1956 Grounds and Equipment Sub-Committee: Messrs. L.B. Curnow, S.A. Embling and W.H. Grant; (4) Race Walking Sub-Committee: Messrs. J.A. Larkin, A.E. Robinson & D.C. Rapley.

## 29. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR AND TRUSTEES

Auditor: Mr. H.G. Garruthers was re-appointed Honorary Auditor.

Trustees: Messrs. H.R. Weir and A.J. Hodsdon were re-appointed Trustees of the Union.

## 30. FIXING OF HEADQUARTERS

It was resolved that the Headquarters of the Union for the ensuing year be fixed at Sydney, New South Wales.

## 31. MINUTES OF CONFERENCE

The question of whether the Minutes of the Conference should be printed or multi-graphed was left to the discretion of the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer.

## 32. APPRECIATION

It was resolved that appreciation be recorded in the Minutes of the able and impartial manner in which the business of the Conference had been conducted by the President.

The President thanked the Delegates for their tolerance, wisdom and patience throughout the Conference.

The President proposed and it was unanimously resolved that a vote of thanks be recorded and conveyed to the Management of Hadley's Orient Hotel for providing a room free of charge for the holding of the Conference.

## 33. CLOSURE

The President declared the Conference closed at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, 2nd March 1951.

ARTHUR J. HODSDON,  
Honorary Secretary-Treasurer

THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1950

Expenditure	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>Affiliation Fees:</b>						
International Amateur Athletic Federation	7	10	9			
Australian Olympic Federation	2	2	0			
Australian British Empire Games Association	5	5	0	14	17	9
Bank Charges				1	6	9
Cables				4	1	7
<b>Duplicating, Printing &amp; Stationery:</b>						
Minutes of 1950 Conference	40	17	6			
Sundries	71	3	1	112	0	7
<b>Entertainment Expenses:</b>						
Luncheons re 1950 Conference	10	2	0			
Sundries	7	8	3	17	10	3
<b>General Expenses:</b>						
Coaching Data to Constituent Associations	5	12	0			
Typewriter Overhaul & Repairs	5	14	0			
Sundries	11	12	3	22	18	3
<b>Honoraria:</b> Typists	10	0	0			
Hon. Secretary-Treas.	50	0	0	60	0	0
Insurance				1	9	7
Library and Album				13	3	10
Postages and Telegrams				17	17	3
<b>Team Manager's Expenses</b>						
R.E. Graham Esq. (Additional)				10	0	0
Telephone- Local & Trunk Calls				3	16	6
Trophies- Record Certificates				3	4	
				<u>£279</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>

Income	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>Affiliation Fees of Constituent Associations</b>						
Registration Dues of Constituent Associations:						
A.A.A. of New South Wales	44	14	0			
Queensland A.A.A.	10	1	6			
South Australian A.A.A.	6	16	0			
Tasmanian A.A.A.	2	11	6			
Victorian A.A.A.	61	16	0			
Western Australian A.A.A.	13	12	0	139	11	0
Sundry Receipts				10	11	7
Deficiency for year - Transferred to Accumulated Fund				103	19	1
				<u>£279</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>

## THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA

BALANCE SHEET AS AT THE 31st DECEMBER, 1950

<u>Liabilities</u>	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Affiliation Fees Prepaid .....		6 9 11
Australian Track Championships Team Fund .....	200 0 0	
Officers Expenses Fund:		
Balance at Jan. 1, 1950 .....	19 0 0	
Transfer from Accumulated Fd. ....	70 0 0	
	89 0 0	
Less Adelaide Expenses .....	21 9 0	67 11 0
Olympic Fund .....		171 4 11
Accumulated Fund:		
Balance at Jan. 1, 1950 .....	448 17 2	
Transfer to Officers Exps. Fund .....	70 0 0	
	378 17 2	
Less Deficiency for year as per Income & Expenditure Statement .....	103 19 1	274 18 1
		<u>£720 3 11</u>

<u>Assets</u>	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<u>Cash: On Hand</u> .....	5 12 0	
Commonwealth Bank of Australia ..	405 4 4	410 16 4
<u>Debtors: Australian Women's A.A.U.</u> ..	10 4	
Jubilee Celebration Account .....	2 15 8	
P.F. Magee .....	3 6 10	6 12 10
<u>Accruals: Registration Dues</u> .....		127 1 6
<u>Stocks: Certificates</u> .....	10 5 0	
Medallions .....	43 2 4	
Medallion Cases .....	30 17 6	
Publications .....	9 16 3	
Stationery .....	15 17 2	109 18 3
<u>Equipment: Blocks - Certificate</u> .....	30 0 0	
Dies - Medallion .....	20 0 0	
Typewriter .....	15 15 0	65 15 0
		<u>£720 3 11</u>

ARTHUR J. HODSDON  
Honorary Secretary-Treasurer.

I have examined the Books of Account and relative documents of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia and certify that the above Balance Sheet and the accompanying Income and Expenditure Account correctly set out the financial position of the Union as at 31st December, 1951.

21st February, 1951.

H.G. CARKUTHERS, F.I.C.A.  
Honorary Auditor