

THE  
AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION  
OF AUSTRALIA

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CONSTITUENT ASSOCIATIONS:

Amateur Athletic Association of New South Wales  
Queensland Amateur Athletic Association  
South Australian Amateur Athletic Association  
Tasmanian Amateur Athletic Association  
Victorian Amateur Athletic Association  
Western Australian Amateur Athletic Association

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
of the  
Twenty-Fifth Conference  
of the Union

held at

CHAMBER OF MANUFACTURERS BUILDING,  
29 BARRACK STREET, PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

on

JANUARY 22nd and 23rd, 1953

A. J. HODSDON

Honorary Secretary-Treasurer

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## ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNION

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PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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FIRST SESSION - THURSDAY, January 22nd, 9.35 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.

SECOND SESSION - THURSDAY, January 22nd, 2.20 p.m. to 5.50 p.m.

THIRD SESSION - FRIDAY, January 23rd, 9.15 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

FOURTH SESSION - FRIDAY, January 23rd, 2.20 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

F I R S T   D A Y   -   J A N U A R Y   2 2 n d

### 1. OPENING OF CONFERENCE

The Conference was declared open by the President and the notice convening same was read by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer.

### 2. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATES

There were present:-

Officers: President - H.R. Weir; Vice-President - C.R. Aitken; Honorary Secretary-Treasurer - A.J. Hodson.  
Delegates: A.A.A. of New South Wales - D.K. Donald, G. Marshall; Queensland A.A.A. - E.C. Barnacle, B. Stock; South Australian A.A.A. - K.J. Faulkner, P.S. McCavanagh; Victorian A.A.A. - C.H. Gardiner, F.S. Tobias; Western Australian A.A.A. - D.C. Rapley, F.T. Treacy.

Also present for the purpose of representing the Tasmanian A.A.A. was Mr. T.F. Hantke a member of the Western Australian A.A.A. The President was asked to rule upon the eligibility of Mr. Hantke to represent Tasmania and to exercise its voting rights. His ruling was to the effect that, in the absence of any provision precluding the appointment of Proxy Delegates the Tasmanian A.A.A. was in order in appointing a person not one of its own members to act as its Delegate.

Also present at the Conference through the courtesy of the Chairman of the Control Committee of the Olympic Games of 1956 was Mr. L.B. Curnow of the Victorian A.A.A. On the recommendation of the Union, Mr. Curnow had been sent to the Olympic Games of 1952 by the Organising Committee of the Olympic Games of 1956 as Athletics Technical Observer, and the purpose of his presence at the Conference was to enable him to personally advise and assist the Union in its deliberations on matters relative to the Olympic Games to be held in Melbourne. It was resolved that Mr. Curnow be allowed to be present throughout the Conference.

### 3. ADMISSION OF PRESS

It was decided to admit the representatives of the Press to the Conference subject to their not reporting the substance of any discussion held in camera, and to their submitting for approval any statement on highly controversial issues.

### 4. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The President, in opening his address, expressed pleasure at returning to Perth to commence the second cycle of Post-war Championships. He recalled with pleasure the 1947 Championships and Conference, and had no doubt that those of 1953 would be equally pleasurable and successful. There was a danger at one stage that the 1953 conference would not be held in Perth and the matter, when submitted to a Mail Vote of the Constituent Associations, had been settled only by the President's casting vote.

He expressed regret at the absence from the Brisbane Conference of both the President and the Vice-President of the Union. Mr. Aitken was now happily restored to good health. He was pleased to see that the attainment of continuity in Union policies was being aided still by the presence at the Conference of a good number of past Delegates. To those attending Conference for the first time he extended a special welcome.

Reference was made to the value to the Union of close collaboration between the President and the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer. This was made possible by their location in the same city.

The problem of finance continued to cause concern, both to the Union and to its Constituent Bodies. The problem of providing funds to sustain efficient organisation and administration had still to be solved. The real problem is one of attracting revenue.

The past year had been an important one, marked especially by our representation at the XVth Olympic Games at Helsinki. The Union had reason to be proud at the manner in which its representatives had behaved and performed. The achievements of the women athletes, in particular, had been magnificent, and both they and the Australian Women's A.A.U. deserved our congratulations.

It was pleasing to note that, after several years of steady recession, the number of registrations was at last showing an upward trend. It is hoped that this trend will be maintained.

Mr. Rapley, on behalf of the Western Australian A.A.A. welcomed the Officers of the Union and the Delegates of the Constituent Associations to Perth.

### 5. AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRIES

At this stage it was resolved, on a motion moved by Mr. Treacy, that Standing Orders be suspended to permit discussion upon the late lodgment of entries for the forthcoming Australian Championships. Notwithstanding that all State Associations had been notified in October 1952 that entries would close with the

Western Australian A.A.A. on January 10th, 1953, no confirmed entries, other than those of the Home State, had been received by that date. In the case of the A.A.A. of New South Wales, full nominations including reserves had been submitted for all events, although it was certain that a large number of these athletes would be unable to make the trip. The lateness of entries from all States, coupled with the inflated panel of New South Wales names, had placed the Western Australian A.A.A. in a most awkward position as regards both drafting and printing of the programme for the Meetings. It was resolved, on the motion of the Western Australian A.A.A. that all entries be accepted, but that the attention of the State Associations be drawn to the requirements of the Union rules relative to Championship entries.

#### 6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 24th CONFERENCE

It was resolved that the Minutes of the 1952 Conference be taken as read, and - subject to the corrections listed hereunder - confirmed as a true record.

The corrections referred to are the following: (1) Page 12 - Add the following to the paragraph "6 Miles Championship"; "It was further resolved to delete from General Rule 11 the words 'start the Marathon at a time suitable to itself on the Second Day', and to add, in lieu thereof, the following: 'conduct the 6 Miles and the Marathon at times suitable to itself on the first and second days respectively'; (2) Page 20 - In the paragraph, "Financial Budget for 1952" alter the words 'Office Expenses Reserve' to 'Officers Expenses Fund'; (3) Page 25 - Add, at foot of the Balance Sheet the following Auditor's Certificate: "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,

H.G. CARRUTHERS, F.I.C.A.  
Honorary Auditor"

15th January, 1952.

#### 7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 24th CONFERENCE

Matters arising from the Minutes of the 24th Conference are referred to in those Minutes under the appropriate headings.

#### 8. REPORT ON REGISTRATIONS

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that Registrations, which in the case of a majority of the Associations had been falling steadily since 1949, appeared now to be definitely improving. Actual registrations for the period of 9 months to the 31st December 1952 and estimated additional registrations to the 31st March, 1953 are tabulated below, together with actual registrations for each of the preceding five years:-

	<u>N.S.W.</u>	<u>Qld.</u>	<u>S.A.</u>	<u>Tas.</u>	<u>Vic.</u>	<u>W.A.</u>	<u>Total</u>
9 mths. to 31/12/52 (Actual)	1500	302	254	94	2405	488	5043
3 mths. to 31/3/53 (Estimated)	120	30	40	80	325	37	632
1952-53 (Estimated)	1620	332	294	174	2730	525	5675
1951-52	1572	325	330	103	2446	495	5271
1950-51	1682	450	310	136	2491	500	5569
1949-50	1925	301	266	115	2864	485	5956
1948-49	1817	390	324	157	2885	461	6034
1947-48	1586	350	282	136	2637	391	5381

The report was received.

## 9. EXECUTIVE REPORT

Matters dealt with during the year by Mail Vote of the Executive Committee are referred to in these Minutes under the following headings:- (1) International Amateur Athletic Federation; (2) Amateur Status and Accreditation; (3) Australian Records; (4) Track and Field Championships of Australia; (4) Olympic Games.

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that some Executive Members were less than reasonably attentive in returning to him their Voting Papers on matters submitted. It was resolved that Constituent Associations be advised each year of the number of Executive Mail Votes taken, and of the number of votes cast by each Executive Member.

## 10. INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR ATHLETIC FEDERATION

EXECUTIVE REPORT: It was advised that the Executive Committee during the year had made the following appointments; (1) Delegates to the 18th Congress of the I.A.A.F. - Messrs. L.B. Curnow, D.K. Donald, C.J.A. Moscos and J.X. O'Driscoll; (2) Representative on the Rules and Records Committee of the I.A.A.F. - Mr. A.J. Hodsdon; (3) Representative on the Women's Commission of the I.A.A.F. - Mrs. D.I. Magee. In the cases of (1) and (2), Constituent Associations had been first invited to submit nominations. As regards (3), the appointment had been made from a panel of names submitted by the Australian Women's A.A.U.

Mr. Aitken expressed dissatisfaction that, in connection with the appointment of the Delegates to Congress, the President had seen fit to recommend certain individuals, and that the recommended persons excluded at least one who could be considered as suited in every way to represent the Union at such a meeting, namely Professor W.A. Rawlinson.

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO I.A.A.F. 18th CONGRESS: The report of Mr. L.B. Curnow, leader of the Union's delegation to the 18th Congress of the I.A.A.F., held at Helsinki at the time of the Olympic Games, was tabled and received. Congress decisions of particular interest to the Union are referred to below.

A vote of thanks to the Union's delegates was recorded for their work in attending the Congress.

MINUTES OF THE 18th CONGRESS OF THE I.A.A.F.: The action of the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer in obtaining and circulating to Constituent Associations, and to the Officers and Executive Members of the Union copies of the Minutes of the I.A.A.F. Congress was endorsed.

Congress decisions of interest to the Union were the following: (1) New Members - Bahamas, Barbados, Cambodia, Hong-Kong, Northern Rhodesia and Viet-Nam were admitted; (2) Broken-Time Payments - Proposals for Broken-Time Payments for consideration at the 1954 Congress were framed; (3) Affiliation Fees - The annual dues of Group B Nations (of which Australia is one) were increased from £8 to £15 stg.; (4) Olympic Games - Subject to I.O.C. consent, it was decided to add two events for women - 800 metres and Pentathlon - to future Olympic Games programmes, but to reject Australia's proposal to add the men's 200 Metres Hurdles; (5) Representation on Committees - It was decided to accord Australia the privilege of representation on the Rules and Records Committee and on the Women's Commission of the Federation; (5) Competition Rules - A large number of amendments to the Competition Rules as published in the Federation's 1951 Handbook was approved (See below - Page 19).

#### 11. AMATEUR STATUS AND ACCREDITATION

Report of Sub-Committee on Amateur Status Laws: The Report of the Sub-Committee appointed at the Hobart Conference of 1951 to co-ordinate the Amateur Status Laws of the A.A.U. with those of the I.A.A.F. was referred back to the Sub-Committee by the Brisbane Conference of 1952. The second report of the Sub-Committee was tabled. The view was re-iterated that Laws 11 - 14 of the A.A.U. Constitution should be rescinded and the following adopted in place thereof: "An amateur athlete shall be as defined in the rules relating to the eligibility of athletes to compete under I.A.A.F. rules as laid down from time to time by the I.A.A.F., and all amateur athletic competitions within the jurisdiction of the Union shall be under I.A.A.F. rules." It was resolved to receive the Report, and to further consider same in conjunction with a relevant motion to be moved by the A.A.A. of New South Wales.

Reinstatement of Athletes: The Hobart Conference of 1951 resolved to recommend to the I.A.A.F. that an athlete who is reinstated as an amateur after having committed a technical breach of amateur status shall be eligible for international competition. It was further resolved to ask the Federation to give consideration to laying down in general terms the circumstances in which reinstatement may be granted, and also any conditions or restrictions attaching thereto. The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer of the I.A.A.F. in his reply to the Union's letter expressed the personal view that the matter of the requalification of an athlete is entirely one for the National Association, which should be able to provide means whereby the athlete can compete in amateur sport. If it can be honestly accepted by the National Association that the case is one where the athlete has erred in ignorance, then he should be able to be reinstated, and should be eligible to compete internationally. If money prizes are involved, considerable care should be taken before any reinstatement is effected, and any money prizes won should be given up.

Executive Report on Reinstatements: On the basis of submissions by the Queensland A.A.A., N.A. Gardner and H.W. Heaton were granted reinstatement by the Executive Committee as amateurs with effect on December 27th, 1952. This action was confirmed.

Accreditation of Athletes: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that the requirement that athletes arriving in Australia shall be accredited to the Union, before competing, as amateurs of good standing by their former National Association is still not being strictly observed by some Constituent Associations. The Conference expressed its concern at the continued failure to observe this requirement.

Proposals for Broken-Time Payments: It was resolved that the proposals for Broken-Time Payments as set out in the Minutes of the Eighteenth Congress of the I.A.A.F. be referred to Constituent Associations for their consideration, and that they be placed on the Agenda of the next Conference of the Union.

Permissible Awards: It was resolved to instruct the Union's Constitution Sub-Committee to frame for submission to next Conference an amendment to the I.A.A.F. Amateur Status Laws which will clearly indicate that acceptance by an amateur athlete of such gifts as a house, an automobile or the like will constitute an infringement of amateur status.

Reinstatement Fee: It was moved successfully by the A.A.A. of New South Wales that Law 15 (b) of the Constitution be amended by adding, at the end, the following: "Each such application referred to the Union shall be accompanied by a fee of £1/0/0."

Amateur Status Laws: It was moved unsuccessfully by the A.A.A. of New South Wales that Laws 11 to 14 inclusive of the Constitution be deleted, and the following new Law 11 substituted in lieu thereof: "The Union recognises as the definition of an Amateur and the laws governing Amateur Status the definition, laws, by-laws and rules on Amateur Status adopted by the I.A.A.F. from time to time "

Arising from the loss of this motion, it was resolved to again refer back to the Sub-Committee its Report upon co-ordination of the Amateur Status Laws of the Union with those of the I.A.A.F. (see above - Page 6).

## 12. AUSTRALIAN RECORDS

Javelin Throw Record of C.A. Murraylee: Confirmation of C.A. Murraylee's performance of 196 ft. 6½ ins. for the Javelin Throw as an Australian Native Record was deferred at the Brisbane Conference pending receipt of a further report from the Tasmanian A.A.A. as to the levels of the area used for this competition. The Tasmanian A.A.A. has since reiterated that the levels conformed to record requirements. The report was received, and the record confirmed.

Procedure for Adoption of Records: The Constitution Sub-Committee was instructed by the Brisbane Conference to consider whether the method of preparation and submission of record applications could be improved. The Sub-Committee reported that in its

opinion the Record Application Form called for no superfluous information and should not be altered. The report was adopted.

Leederville Oval Survey: The Brisbane Conference resolved that the Western Australian A.A.A. be permitted to submit applications for records made at Leederville Oval without the usual Licensed Surveyor's Certificate, provided that the Licensed Surveyor's Certificate of 1947 was submitted to the Union, supported by a Statutory Declaration by two responsible officers of the Western Australian A.A.A. that no change had been since made in the survey of the track. The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that the above indicated formalities had now been met. The report was received.

Confirmation of Records: It was resolved to confirm as Australian Records in the categories indicated the following performances which had already been provisionally adopted by the President and the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer:-

(a) Australian Open Records:

- Running: 6 Miles: 29m.34.4s. by Leslie J. Perry (Victoria) on December 4, 1951 at Malvern Cricket Ground, Victoria.
- 100 Metres: 10.5s. by A. William de Gruchy (Western Australia) on December 22, 1951 at Leederville Oval, Western Australia.
- 100 Metres: 10.5s. by Alastair K. Gordon (Western Australia) on February 9, 1952 at Olympic Park, Victoria.
- 5000 Metres: 15m.23.8s. by Leslie J. Perry (Victoria) on September 8, 1951 at Olympic Park, Victoria.
- 5000 Metres: 14m.46.0s. by Leslie J. Perry (Victoria) on January 5, 1952 at Olympic Park, Victoria.
- 10,000 Metres: 31m.31.4s. by Leslie J. Perry (Victoria) on September 8, 1951 at Olympic Park, Victoria.
- 10,000 Metres: 30m.31.0s. by Leslie J. Perry (Victoria) on December 4, 1951 at Malvern Cricket Ground, Victoria.
- Hurdling: 120 Yards: 14.0s. by Raymond H. Weinberg (Victoria) on February 9, 1952 at Olympic Park, Victoria.
- 110 Metres: 14.3s. by Raymond H. Weinberg (Victoria) on November 8, 1952 at Olympic Park, Victoria.
- Walking: 2 Miles: 13m.32.4s. by Donald M. Keane (Western Australia) on January 20, 1951 at Leederville Oval, Western Australia.
- 10,000 Metres: 45m.51.0s. by Donald M. Keane (Western Australia) on February 9, 1952 at Leederville Oval, Western Australia.



Relay Running: 2 Miles: 7 m. 51.4s. by Sydney University A.C., N.S.W. (E.C. Campbell, D.A. Ross, R.J. Solomon, E.W. Carr) on March 7, 1952 at E.S. Marks Memorial Field, N.S.W.

(b) Australian Native Records:

- Running: 880 Yards: 1m. 52.4s. by Donald R.T. Macmillan (Vic.) on January 30, 1952 at Hurstville Oval, N.S.W.
- 3 Miles: 14m. 00.0s. by John M. Landy (Victoria) on November 1, 1952 at Olympic Park, Victoria.
- 6 Miles: 30m. 30.0s. by Leslie J. Perry (Victoria) on September 8, 1951 at Olympic Park, Victoria.
- 6 Miles: 29m. 34.4s. by Leslie J. Perry - see above.
- 100 Metres: 10.5s. by A. William de Gruchy - see above.
- 100 Metres: 10.5s. by Alastair K. Gordon - see above.
- 800 Metres: 1m. 52.4s. by Donald R.T. Macmillan (Vic.) on January 30, 1952 at Hurstville Oval, N.S.W.
- 5,000 Metres: 15m. 23.8s. by Leslie J. Perry - see above.
- 5,000 Metres: 14m. 46.6s. by Leslie J. Perry - see above.
- 10,000 Metres: 31m. 31.4s. by Leslie J. Perry - see above
- 10,000 Metres: 30m. 31.0s. by Leslie J. Perry - see above
- Hurdling: 120 Yards: 14.0s. by Raymond H. Weinberg - see above.
- 440 Yards and 400 Metres: 53.5s. by Kenneth L. Doubleday (Victoria) on January 28, 1952 at Brisbane Exhibition Grounds, Queensland.
- 110 Metres: 14.3s. by Raymond H. Weinberg - see above.
- Walking: 2 Miles: 13m. 32.4s. by Donald M. Keane - see above.
- 10,000 Metres: 45m. 51.0s. by Donald M. Keane - see above.
- Throwing: Shot Put: 47ft. 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> ins. by R. Peter Hanlin (N.S.W.) on March 10, 1951 at Olympic Park, Victoria.
- Hammer Throw: 160 ft. 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> ins. by Neville E. Gadsdon (N.S.W.) on January 12, 1952 at Erskineville Oval, N.S.W.
- Hammer Throw: 161 ft. 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> ins. by Keith W. Pardon (N.S.W.) on January 19, 1952 at Erskineville Oval, N.S.W.
- Hammer Throw: 162 ft. 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> ins. by Keith W. Pardon (N.S.W.) on January 28, 1952 at New Farm Park, Queensland.

(c) Australian Junior Records.

Running: 880 Yards and 800 Metres: 1m. 55.8s. by Bill E. Butchart (N.S.W.) on February 16, 1952 at Erskineville Oval, (N.S.W.)

Hurdling: 220 Yards and 200 Metres: 24.6s. by Brian W. Taylor (N.S.W.) on February 24, 1952 at Bathurst Sports Ground N.S.W.

Throwing: Javelin Throw: 178ft. 11in. by Robert J. Grant (Victoria) on February 16, 1952 at Olympic Park, Victoria.

H.D. Hogan's performance of 9.6s. for 100 yards, made at Brisbane Exhibition Ground, Queensland on January 24, 1952, which had been submitted to a Mail Vote of the Executive Committee and adopted provisionally as a Native Record on the casting vote of the President, was also confirmed as an Australian Native Record.

Related Record Applications: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that the following Record Applications, forwarded originally to the Union in November/December 1951 and returned in December 1951/January 1952 for completion, were finally received back from the Victorian A.A.A. under cover of a letter dated November 27, 1952. Despite the failure to comply with the requirements of General Rule 40, the President and Honorary Secretary-Treasurer were authorised, subject to later normal approval by Conference, to accept the performances as records if same were found to be otherwise in order.

Resident in lieu of Native Records: It was moved successfully by the A.A.A. of New South Wales that Law 56 of the Constitution be deleted, and the following substituted therefor: "Where an Australian Record or an Australian Junior Record is held by an athlete not of Australian birth, the Union shall recognise as an Australian Resident Record or an Australian Junior Resident Record, as the case may be, the best performance by an athlete who has resided in Australia continuously for two years, or that, in the case of a non-British subject, he be a naturalised British subject."

The Conference felt that the wording of the amended law, as given above, was not entirely satisfactory, and directed that the Constitution Sub-Committee examine same and make such correction as was deemed necessary to give effect to the intention of Conference.

### 13. AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Championships Organisation Manual: Mr. Tobias reported that little additional work had been done on the Draft Championships Organisation Manual prepared by Mr. F.H. Pizzey and himself and submitted to the Brisbane Conference. The matter would receive further attention as soon as practicable. The report was received.

Eligibility of Fighting Services Personnel: It was successfully moved by the Victorian A.A.A. that General Rule 1 be amended by adding the following between the first and second sentences;

"An athlete serving in either the Australian Army, Navy or Air Force shall be considered to be within the jurisdiction of the Constituent Association with which he is registered".

Individual Competitors: It was resolved, on a motion by the Victorian A.A.A., to add between the existing General Rules 3 and 4 the following new General Rule 3A: "If an individual competes in an event he shall not affect the number of members of Constituent Associations permitted to compete, and provision must be made for additional lanes as required."

Eligibility of Athletes: It was moved unsuccessfully by the A.A.A. of New South Wales that General Rule 2 be deleted and the following substituted therefor: "Australian Championship events shall be open to all amateur athletes."

Regulation of Entry: Permission was granted to the A.A.A. of New South Wales Delegates to withdraw a motion that General Rule 3 be deleted, and the following substituted therefor: "The Union shall regulate entry by imposing minimum standards of performance."

#### 14. AUSTRALIAN TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Executive Report: The following actions of the Executive Committee in relation to the 1953 Track and Field Championships were approved; (1) Supporting Events approved; 220 yards, 880 Yards, 120 Yards Hurdles, 440 Yards Relay (January 24th) and 100 yards, 440 yards, 1 Mile (January 26th) Junior Championships of Western Australia; (2) Jury Appointments: Messrs. G. Hunt (N.S.W.) and L.R. Vollugi (South Australia). (Two nominations only were received for three positions.)

Composition of Jury: The Conference decided that, although only two nominations had been received for three elective Jury positions and although one of the two gentlemen so elected (Mr. L.R. Vollugi) would not be in Perth for the Championships, the remaining members - namely, Mr. F.W. Humphreys (Manager), Mr. D.C. Rapley (Referee), and Mr. G. Hunt - were competent to function as the Jury.

Reports on 1952 Championships: The Report of the Queensland A.A.A. on the Track and Field Championships of 1952 was tabled and received. The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to refer back the Surveyor's Certificate to the Queensland A.A.A. for clarification.

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised the Conference that no proper report from the Jury appointed for the Brisbane Championships had been received. An unsigned and undated document received by the Union some nine months after the Meeting and titled "Report on Conduct of National Championships of Australia held in Brisbane, January 1952", was understood to have been prepared by the Jury Chairman, Mr. L.R. Vollugi. This document however, appears to set out merely the personal observations of its writer, and could not be regarded as a Report of the Jury. It was decided that the Report be not received and that it be referred back to the Jury Chairman.

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Championships Roster: It was moved unsuccessfully by the Victorian A.A.A. that the 1955 Championships be allocated to Sydney and the 1956 Championships to Melbourne, the profits therefrom (after deduction of the Union's share) to be used to subsidise visiting State Teams.

The following motion, moved by the Victorian A.A.A., was also lost: That Law 50 of the Constitution be rescinded and the following new Law 50 substituted therefor; "Championships of Australia shall be held biennially between the first day of December and the thirtieth day of April, both dates inclusive, in such events as the Union shall from time to time determine".

Allocation of 1954 Championships: The allocation of the 1954 Championships to the Victorian A.A.A. was confirmed. (At a later stage of the Conference this allocation was rescinded - see Page 16).

Arena Size and Surface: Arising from a motion by the Victorian A.A.A. that the Australian Championships shall not be held on a ground which in the opinion of the Union is not of suitable size or is not of reasonably level surface, it was resolved to appoint from the Delegates a Sub-Committee of two to draw up a scale of minimum requirements, such Sub-Committee to report to a later session of the Conference. Messrs. Donald and Faulkner were appointed to the Sub-Committee.

Venue in Olympic & Empire Games Years. Leave was granted to the A.A.A. of New South Wales to withdraw the following motions: (1) That in allocating the Championships of Australia under General Rule 7, the Union shall apply the principle that they be held in Sydney and Melbourne in the years of Olympic Games and British Empire Games; and (2) That in allocating the Championships of Australia under General Rule 7, the Union shall apply the principle of allocating them only to a State where competition conditions are not likely to be sub-standard in years in which Olympic Games and British Empire Games are held.

Metric Distances: It was moved unsuccessfully by the A.A.A. of New South Wales that General Rule 9 be deleted and the following substituted: "Championships shall be held in the following events - 100 Metres, 200 Metres, 400 Metres, 800 Metres, 1500 Metres, 5,000 Metres, 10,000 Metres, 3,000 Metres Walk, 110 Metres Hurdles, 200 Metres Hurdles, 400 Metres Hurdles, Broad Jump, Hop, Step & Jump, High Jump, Pole Vault, Shot Put, Discus Throw, Javelin Throw, Hammer Throw, 400 Metres Relay and 1600 Metres Relay (800 Metres, 400 Metres, 200 Metres, 200 Metres).

Richard Coombes Shield: It was moved by the A.A.A. of New South Wales that General Rule 15 be deleted and the following new General Rule 15 introduced: "A perpetual Challenge Shield to be known as the Richard Coombes Shield shall be competed for concurrently with the Track and Field Championships by teams representing the Constituent Associations. Each such team shall consist of not more than ten men to be nominated by the Association concerned by the time of closing of entries. Points shall be awarded for the Richard Coombes Shield competition on a basis of four for first place, three for second place, two for third place and one for fourth place. Points shall be awarded in finals only, and only to athletes nominated for that competition, and shall be awarded

according to the order of finishing of such nominated athletes irrespective of actual placings in the Championship events." The motion was defeated.

Marathon Championship: Leave was granted to the Queensland A.A.A. and the Western Australian A.A.A. to withdraw notices of motion designed to amend General Rules 9 and 11 by deleting references therein to the Marathon Championship. (These amendments had already been effected by a Mail Vote of Constituent Associations, of which the result had not been determined until after the closing date for Conference notices of motion.)

#### 15. AUSTRALIAN CROSS-COUNTRY, MARATHON AND WALKING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Report on 1952 Championships: The Report of the South Australian A.A.A. upon the organisation and conduct of the 10,000 Metres Cross-Country and the 10,000 Metres Track Walking Championships was tabled and received.

Grouping and Allocation of Championships: It was decided to group together a series of notices of motion by the New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australian Associations effecting the grouping of the 10,000 Metres Cross-Country, Marathon, 10,000 Metres Track Walking and 50,000 Metres Road Walking Championships. Messrs. Donald, Barmacle and Rapley were appointed a Sub-Committee to study the various proposals and to submit their findings to the Conference on the following day. The duty of drafting a provisional roster for future championships was also delegated to the Sub-Committee.

#### 16. OLYMPIC GAMES

Executive Report: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that the following Executive decisions had been taken during the year on Olympic matters: (1) To extend the authority of the Selection Committee in relation to the Olympic Games of 1952 to facilitate prompt decision in cases arising subsequently to the main selection; (2) To oppose a move to have the expenses to A.O.F. meetings of only one Delegate from each Constituent Body paid by the Federation; (3) To oppose a move to allow voting by proxy at A.O.F. Meetings. The report was received.

Selection of C. Sneal: The President, on behalf of the Selection Committee, tendered a verbal report on the Selection, at a very late date, of C. Sneal (N.S.W.) as a Marathon representative at the 1952 Olympic Games, and of the special circumstances which prompted his endorsement. The report was received.

Report of A.O.F. Delegates: The Report of the Union's Delegates to the A.O.F. (Messrs. L.B. Curnow and J.P. Metcalfe) was tabled and received. The main matters of direct interest to the Union arising from the Report were the following: (1) The re-election of Mr. H.R. Weir to the A.O.F. Executive Committee, and the appointments of Mr. J.P. Metcalfe as a member of the A.O.F. Selection Panel to recommend competitors for inclusion in the 1952 Olympic Team, and of Mr. D.K. Donald and Miss G. Bull as

respectively Athletics Sectional Manager and Sectional Manageress (Women) of the 1952 Olympic Team; (2) the inclusion of eight athletes (6 men and 2 women) in the 1952 Olympic Team with expenses fully paid and the endorsement of nine others (7 men and 2 women) provided funds to cover their expenses were raised; and (3) the decision of the Organising Committee for the Olympic Games of 1956 not to proceed with the project to develop the Royal Agricultural Showgrounds, Melbourne as the site for the Main Stadium.

Report of Athletics Sectional Manager of Australian Olympic Team, 1952: The Report of the Athletics Sectional Manager of the Australian Olympic Team of 1952 (Mr. D.K. Donald) was tabled, and it was resolved to receive same and to record the sincere thanks of the Union to Mr. Donald for the excellent manner in which his duties had been discharged, and for the comprehensive and informative report submitted by him. It was directed that the Constitution Sub-Committee study carefully the recommendations made by Mr. Donald at conclusion of his report with a view to framing of such notices of motion as may be deemed necessary for submission to the A.O.F. at its next meeting.

Mr. Donald asked that letters of appreciation for help to the team be sent from the Union to the following: British Amateur Athletic Board, Royal Ulster Constabulary, Glasgow Police Sports Association, Middlesborough A.C. and Messrs. Percy Cerutti and George Saunders.

Report of Olympic Games of 1956 Technical Sub-Committee: The Third Report of the Union's Olympic Games of 1956 Technical Sub-Committee (Messrs. L.B. Curnow, S.A. Enbling and C.W.H. Grant) was tabled and received. Also tabled was a copy of Mr. Curnow's Report to the Games Organising Committee as Athletics Technical Observer at Helsinki. Mr. Curnow himself addressed the Conference upon the problems facing the Union in the organisation of the Athletics Section of the Games.

The Conference resolved that there be set up forthwith in Melbourne a Union Olympic Games of 1956 Co-ordinating Committee. It was further resolved that the existing Technical Sub-Committee now become the Union's Co-ordinating Sub-Committee with power to co-opt additional members. All such additions to the Co-ordinating Sub-Committee are to be advised to the Union as soon as possible, and the Sub-Committee is to furnish to the Union a Quarterly Report upon its work.

The Conference decided, as a principle, that all organising work capable of being effectively done elsewhere shall be taken away from Victoria.

The Report of the Technical Sub-Committee indicated that progress in forward planning was currently limited pending (a) a definite decision as to the location of the Olympic Village, which will have an important bearing upon the training grounds to be used, and (b) consideration by the Union of a number of matters relating to organisation and equipment.

The Sub-Committee further reported having examined a plan for the Main Stadium referred to it by the architects. It was resolved to adopt the Sub-Committee's recommendation that this lay-out be rejected and that a lay-out similar, as far as the track only is concerned, to that used at Helsinki be insisted upon.

The Conference decided that the course and equipment for the Marathon and 50 Kilometres Road Walk were matters within the ambit of the Sub-Committee's activities.

It was agreed that the Union's representative on a Technical Committee expected to be set up shortly by the Games Organising Committee should be Mr. Curnow.

A suggestion was endorsed that, at an appropriate time, an approach should be made by the Union to the Games Organising Committee for a subsidy to cover expenses incurred in connection with Games planning.

Report of Mr. T.B. Dodds: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that Mr. Thomas B. Dodds, a former official of the Victorian A.A.A. now residing at Broken Hill (N.S.W.) had prepared on his own initiative a most valuable report of his observations on the conduct of Field Events at the 1952 Olympic Games and at International Meetings in London. It was resolved that a letter of thanks and appreciation be sent to Mr. Dodds, and that a copy of his report be made available to each Constituent Association, and to the Olympic Games Co-ordinating Sub-Committee.

Report of Olympic Games of 1956 Officials Sub-Committee: Mr. Tobias advised that his report upon activity during the year had been delayed in transit from Melbourne, and asked that the matter be deferred until a later stage in the proceedings in the hope that the report would come to hand. This was agreed to.

Report of Selection Committee: The President, on behalf of the Selection Committee (Messrs. H.R. Woir, L.B. Curnow and J.P. Metcalfe) reported verbally upon the selection of athletes for Helsinki. The report was received.

XVith Olympic Games Development Committee: It was moved successfully by the A.A.A. of New South Wales that Conference appoint a Committee to be known as "The XVith Olympic Games Development Committee" for the purpose of investigating and recommending upon the selection and coaching of Australia's Track and Field Team for the Olympic Games of 1956, such Committee to report to next Conference.

Messrs. J.P. Metcalfe and W.R. MacKenzie, both of New South Wales were appointed to the Committee, and are to be advised that Professor W.A. Rawlinson, of the University of Melbourne will be happy to work with them in this matter.

British Empire v United States of America, 1956: On motions by the A.A.A. of New South Wales it was resolved: (1) that the Union invite the British Amateur Athletic Board and the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States to conduct the B.E. v U.S.A. Match in Sydney immediately after the Olympic Games of 1956; and (2) that, if this invitation is accepted and the Union is asked to conduct the meeting, it do so through the A.A.A. of New South Wales

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The President sought the suspension, at this stage, of standing orders to permit consideration of certain matters affecting the Olympic Games of 1956. This was granted.

Chairman of Olympic Games of 1956 Co-Ordinating Committee and Chief Liaison Officer to the Union: The President proposed the appointment of Mr. L.B. Curnow as Chairman of the Olympic Games of 1956 Co-Ordinating Committee and as Chief Liaison Officer to the Union. This was agreed to.

Main Stadium for Olympic Games of 1956: The President referred to the fact that plans for the 1956 Olympic Games had suffered a further set-back, ostensibly over the financial commitments of the Victorian Government in connection with the Games, but also through the efforts of the Trustees of the Melbourne Cricket Ground to re-acquire the Games, after having previously indicated in very definite terms that their arena was not available. The President and the Vice-President were commissioned to prepare for later approval by Conference, a statement suitable for press publication clearly setting out the attitude of the Union in this latest controversy.

Allocation of Australian Championships: Due to the desirability of holding in Melbourne the Australian Track and Field Championship Meeting prior to the Olympic Games of 1956, it was decided to rescind the previously made allocation of the 1954 Championships to Victoria (See Page 12), and to modify the existing roster (1954 - Victoria; 1955 - New South Wales; 1956 - South Australia) to the following: 1954 - New South Wales; 1955 - South Australia; 1956 - Victoria.

Report of Olympic Games of 1956 Officials Sub-Committee: As the missing report of the Olympic Games Officials Sub-Committee had not come to hand Mr. Tobias tendered a verbal resumé of its contents. It was indicated that all States were active in some way in the instruction and training of officials. Delegates were asked, however, to report to their respective Associations that celerity in replying to correspondence was essential to the effective functioning of the Sub-Committee.

The question was raised as to who would meet the cost of assembling officials for the Games, and the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was directed to seek information on this point from the Organising Committee. It was indicated that the Union's Co-Ordinating Sub-Committee would be responsible for the determination of equipment requirements.

The Conference resolved to record its thanks to the Officials Sub-Committee for its excellent work.

A request by the Queensland A.A.A. to be allowed a representative on the Sub-Committee was acceded to, and it was decided to accord the same privilege to the Tasmanian A.A.A., should that body so desire.

It was resolved, in response to a request by the Australian Women's A.A.U. that consideration be given to the appointment of women officials for the women's events at the 1956 Games, to thank the Women's Union for its offer of co-operation and to indicate



that the matter will be given full consideration in due course. It was decided to make available to the A.W.A.A.U. through the Union's Officials Sub-Committee, all data issued regarding the training of officials.

#### 17. BRITISH EMPIRE AND COMMONWEALTH GAMES AND RECORDS

British Empire Records: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer stated that the Union had no further information regarding the Official List of British Empire and Commonwealth Records, of which a Preliminary List had been tabled at the Brisbane Conference.

British Empire Games Programme: The proposal of the Union to add the 220 yards hurdles to the programme of events at the British Empire and Commonwealth Games was not adopted. Added events for women are the Shot Put and the Discus Throw, and the two relays previously held have been replaced by a standard 440 Yards Relay.

Report of Delegates to A.B.E.G.A.: The Union's Delegates to the Australian British Empire Games Association (Messrs. A.J. Hodsdon and D.C. Rapley) advised that no meeting of the Association or of its Executive Committee had been held since the Union's 1952 Conference. . . No further specific information had come to hand regarding the British Empire and Commonwealth Games of 1954. The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that the A.B.E.G.A. Hon. Secretary had indicated that the trip to Vancouver is expected to cost at least £500 per athlete, that the team will probably travel by air, and that the tour will be of approximately four weeks' duration.

It was resolved to request that an early meeting be called either of the A.B.E.G.A., or of its Executive Committee.

British Empire Record Applications: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer stated that owing to his inability to obtain certain documentation from the Victorian A.A.A., an application for R.H. Weinberg's British Empire Record of 14.0s. for 120 yards hurdles on February 9, 1952, could not be made. The Victorian delegates undertook to endeavour to expedite the forwarding of the required documentation.

#### 18. COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Application for Additional Subsidy: It was reported that the Union's application to the Commonwealth Jubilee Sporting Sub-Committee for additional financial subsidy to help defray the loss of the French Athletes Tour of 1951, was not successful.

Liability of Victorian A.A.A.: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that the liability of the Victorian A.A.A., amounting to £38/7/0. in respect of the Meeting at Olympic Park on March 12, 1951 remained unliquidated. The Victorian Delegates undertook to have the matter settled.

19. AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S A.A.U.

Selection of Olympic Teams: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that the A.W.A.A.U. had asked that consideration be given, when selecting future Olympic Games Teams to the grading of men and women athletes as separate groups. It was resolved to indicate to the A.W.A.A.U. that such a procedure would not be acceptable to the A.O.F.

Miss M. Jackson's Tour of Japan: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that Miss Marjorie Jackson had been given permission to visit Japan on a competitive tour at the invitation and under the auspices of the Japanese Amateur Athletic Federation in October 1952. She had been accompanied by Mrs. D.I. Magee, Honorary Secretary of the A.W.A.A.U. as manageress. Mrs. Magee had commented very favourably upon the treatment accorded to herself and Miss Jackson by the Japanese A.A.F. throughout their stay in Japan. The report was received.

The Conference felt that the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer should have referred the Japanese invitation to the Executive Committee before authorising the tour.

20. COMPETITION RULES

Allowable Track Inclination: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that, as instructed by the Brisbane Conference, he had sought from the I.A.A.F. a ruling as to the precise significance of the proviso in Rule 26 (c) of the Federation Handbook that the maximum allowance for inclination of tracks shall not exceed 1 : 1000 in the direction of running. The view of the Honorary Secretary of the I.A.A.F. is that, if a track does not comply with the inclination allowance between any two points, a record cannot be accepted.

Dropping of Relay Batons: Rulings obtained from the I.A.A.F. on several matters affecting the interpretation of the rules of relay racing are to the effect that (a) an athlete may go outside his lane to recover a dropped baton and (b) an athlete may move inside the pole line or outside the outside line to recover a dropped baton. In each case, however, he must re-enter the lane or track at the point where he left it, or near to that point. The Referee, Judge or Umpire must decide as to the place of re-entry. . . . When a baton is dropped in a change-over zone (Rule 31 (5)), the onus of recovery rests upon the athlete who dropped it. In the case of dispute as to who dropped the baton, it is for the Referee, Judges or Umpire to state, if called upon to do so. . . . The report was received.

Testing of Watches: It was resolved at the Brisbane Conference that the Union, before adopting any specific regulation to govern the testing of watches used in the timing of records, would refer the matter to the I.A.A.F. for guidance as to the duration of the such tests. The Federation, in replying to the Union's enquiry, had indicated that a formula for watch tests was being prepared to replace the old "Kew A" Test, and that final proposals would be tabled at the 1954 Congress of the Federation. In the

meantime particulars had been supplied to the Union of the tests devised by Metrology Division (Time Section) of the National Physical Laboratory, and this information had been transmitted to Constituent Associations. The report was received, and the action taken endorsed.

Interpretation of Starting Rules: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that a further issue of the Bulletin "Starters and Starting" embodying amendments made at the I.A.A.F. Eighteenth Congress had been prepared by Mr. S.A. Embling of the Victorian A.A.A. A number of copies had been made available to the Union, and these had been circulated to Constituent Associations. The report was received and the action taken endorsed.

Amendments to I.A.A.F. Competition Rules: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that a large number of amendments to the Competition Rules of the I.A.A.F. had been adopted at the Eighteenth Congress at Helsinki in July 1952. These had been communicated to Constituent Associations in December 1952 and declared effective throughout Australia on and from the 1st January, 1953. The report was received and the action taken endorsed.

Standard Marking of Tracks. It was resolved, on a motion by the Victorian A.A.A., to amend General Rule 11B by adding the following immediately after Item 4: "(5) In the case of red brick-dust or similar type track surfaces the colours in (3) and (4) may be green and black respectively, or such other markings as will clearly indicate the positions as enumerated."

Marathon Championship Rules: A motion moved by the Victorian A.A.A. that General Rule 34 be renumbered as 37, and that General Rules 32, 33, 35, 36 and 37 be rescinded and replaced by rules in conformity with Competition Rule 30 of the I.A.A.F. was ruled redundant by the President. It was then resolved that General Rule 34 be re-numbered 32 and that General Rules 32, 33, 35, 36 and 37 be rescinded.

Announcer at Championship Meetings: It was moved successfully by the Victorian A.A.A. that the resolution passed at the 23rd Conference of the Union, and added to at the 24th Conference, in regard to the Announcer at Championship Meetings be rescinded and replaced by a resolution in the full terms of Competition Rule 15 of the I.A.A.F. as set out in the 1951 edition of the Federation's Handbook, with the addition, at the end, of the following sentence: "Apart from the information permitted by this Rule no information shall be given by the Announcer."

Walking Rules: The Western Australian A.A.A. was given leave to withdraw, on the ground of its redundancy, a motion seeking to introduce a new General Rule 49 in terms of Competition Rule 45, Sub-Sections 1-5 of the I.A.A.F.

## 21. COLOURS, BADGE AND COSTUME

Union Lapel Badge: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that, despite a direction given by the Brisbane Conference (See Minutes, Page 20), the manufacture of the proposed Union Lapel Badge had again been deferred owing to lack of funds. The report was received.

Competition Badge: It was moved successfully by the A.A.A. of New South Wales that Law 45 of the Constitution be amended by adding, at the end of the first sentence, the following: "in gold. The map shall measure five inches from West to East."

Competition Costume: On a motion by the A.A.A. of New South Wales it was resolved to amend Law 46 of The Constitution by deleting the word "white" in the second line, and substituting therefore the word "green", and by deleting the words "green and" in the third line.

Leave was granted to the Western Australian A.A.A. to withdraw a motion that Law 45 of the Constitution be amended by adding after the word "singlet" in line one, the words "with a green and gold band back and front extending diagonally from the left shoulder", and by deleting "white" and substituting "green" before the word "shorts" in line two.

## 22. UNION PUBLICATIONS

Constitution Laws and General Rules: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer suggested that the Union's Handbook of Constitution Laws and General Rules be not re-issued until 1954, but that a consolidated list of amendments adopted at the 1952 and 1953 Conferences be issued. The proposal was endorsed.

Almanac of Records and Results: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that he had issued during the year an Almanac of Records and Results - the first publication of its kind to be issued by the Union. The booklet had been well received in all quarters, and authority was given to publish a similar booklet in 1953.

Minutes of Conference: It was resolved to publish the Minutes of this Conference in the form of a mimeographed booklet.

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## 23: NEW AUSTRALIANS

Australian Citizenship Convention: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported to the Conference that the Union had been honoured with and had accepted the invitation of the Commonwealth Government to send a representative to the Third (January 1952) and Fourth (January 1953) Australian Citizenship Conventions at Canberra. The purpose of the Conventions was to consider ways and means of assisting the assimilation of New Australians into our national life. On the invitation of the President, Mr. P.F. Magee had attended each of the two Conventions as representative of the Union.

## 24. CINDER TRACKS

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that, by courtesy of the Athletic Journal and the Athletic Institute (U.S.A.), there had been made available to the Union, free of cost, 100

reprints of an authoritative "Survey of Track and Field Facilities" in the United States. This survey contains much valuable information on the construction and maintenance of cinder tracks. The reprints had been circulated to all Constituent Associations and to other parties likely to be interested. It was resolved to endorse the action taken, and to record the Union's appreciation of the generosity of the donors of the reprints.

## 25. FINANCE

Financial Statements for 1952: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer submitted an audited Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended December 31st, 1952, and an audited Balance Sheet as at December 31st, 1952. It was resolved that these be adopted . . . (The Statements referred to are printed as an appendix to these Minutes).

The Conference instructed that appreciation be recorded in the Minutes of the service rendered throughout the year to the Union by the Honorary Typists and the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer. It was resolved to grant honoraria of £12/12/- and £50/-/- respectively to Mrs. Heeley and Mr. Hodsdon.

In response to a question raised by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, the Conference indicated that "reasonable expenses" in Law 38 of the Constitution should be interpreted to mean first-class travel and accommodation.

Financial Budget for 1953: The following Budget of Income and Expenditure for 1953 was submitted by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer and was adopted:-

<u>Income</u>	£	<u>Expenditure</u>	£
Affiliation Fees .....	25	Affiliation Fees .....	26
Registration Dues .....	284	Bank Charges .....	3
	309	Cables .....	4
Deficiency .....	16	Duplicating, Printing & Stationery .....	75
	<u>£325</u>	Entertainment Expenses .....	4
		General Expenses .....	18
		Honoraria .....	63
		Insurance .....	2
		Library .....	12
		Officers Expenses Reserve .....	75
		Postages & Telegrams .....	25
		Telephone - Local & Trunk Calls .....	10
		Depreciation .....	8
			<u>£325</u>

## 26. REPORTS OF CONSTITUENT ASSOCIATIONS

The Annual Reports for 1951-52 of each of the Constituent Associations were tabled and received.

## 27. AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF AMATEUR WALKING CLUBS

An application for affiliation to the Union from the Australian Federation of Amateur Walking Clubs was tabled. It was resolved to indicate to the applicant body that Law 2 of the Constitution of the Union precluded the granting of such affiliation.

## 28. NOTICES OF MOTION BY CONSTITUENT ASSOCIATIONS

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

Delegates to A.O.F. and A.B.E.G.A.: It was moved unsuccessfully by the Victorian A.A.A. that Law 17 of the Constitution be amended by deleting the words "not necessarily from among the Conference Delegates from lines 3 and 4, and by adding at the end the following: "Constituent Associations shall be invited to nominate from among their members candidates for these positions, or for any other extraordinary positions occurring from time to time, and such Delegates shall be elected from among these nominations."

Executive Committee - Personnel & Procedure: The following motion, moved by the Victorian A.A.A. was lost: That Law 19 of the Constitution be amended by deleting the words "one member elected at Conference from each Constituent Association" from lines 3 and 4, and substituting therefor the words "two members from each Constituent Association, who shall be nominated by such relevant Association and duly appointed at Conference"; and by adding, at the end, the following: "The appointees from each Constituent Association shall furnish to such Association a regular monthly report."

Motions at Conferences - Power to Initiate: It was resolved, on a motion by the Victorian A.A.A., that Law 40 of the Constitution be amended by adding the following between the first and second sentences: "Motions may be submitted to the Conference by Constituent Associations, by the Executive Committee, and by an Officer of the Union."

Venue of Union Conferences: A motion by the A.A.A. of New South Wales that future Conferences of the Union be held in Melbourne, the saving in money to be divided equitably among the States, was ruled out of order by the Chairman. A motion of dissent from the Chairman's ruling was lost.

Order of Business at Union Conferences: Leave was granted to the Western Australian A.A.A. to withdraw the following motion: "That Law 39 of the Constitution be amended by adding the following at the end of the second line: "or alternatively to be conveniently arranged as the Conference of the Union shall decide by a simple majority of votes cast by the Delegates of the Constituent Associations present."

Method of Appointment of Team Managers: It was resolved, on a motion by the Western Australian A.A.A. that Law 49A of the Constitution be deleted and the following substituted: "Nominations for the position of Manager of a team of Australian athletes

taking part in athletics meetings held either in Australia or overseas shall be invited from Constituent Associations which shall have the right to submit nominations. Such nominations shall be in writing and shall close with the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer fourteen days prior to the date of selection which shall be decided at the Annual Conference of the Union or by Mail Vote of the Constituent Associations at least twenty-eight days prior to the meeting being held in Australia or the anticipated date of departure overseas."

## 29. GENERAL BUSINESS

Grouping and Allocation of Cross-Country, Marathon and Walking Championships: It was resolved, on the recommendation of the Sub-Committee appointed at the Second Session of the Conference to co-ordinate a series of motions affecting the conduct of the Cross-Country Marathon and Walking Championships of Australia, to amend the Constitution by deleting Laws 51, 52 and 53, and substituting the following in lieu thereof:-

"51. Championships of Australia shall be held biennially in each of the following events; 10,000 Metres Cross-Country, Marathon, 10,000 Metres Track Walk, and 50,000 Metres Road Walk.

52. The 10,000 Metres Cross-Country and the 50,000 Metres Road Walking Championships shall be held in the same year and the Marathon and 10,000 Metres Track Walking Championships in the alternate year.

53. The Union at each Annual Conference shall allocate to a Constituent Association the organisation and conduct of the next Track and Field Championships of Australia and also, unless allocated at the previous Conference the next 10,000 Metres Cross-Country and 50,000 Metres Road Walking Championships, and alternately the next Marathon and 10,000 Metres Track Walking Championships."

It was further resolved, on the recommendation of the Sub-Committee, to allocate the organisation and conduct of the 1953 Marathon and 10,000 Metres Track Walking Championships to the A.A.A. of New South Wales.

Arena Size and Surface for Track and Field Championships: The Sub-Committee appointed at the Second Session of the Conference to draw up a scale of minimum arena requirements for Australian Track and Field Championship Meetings recommended the following:- (1) that each lap of the running track shall measure of 440 yards; (2) that such track should have two parallel straights of not less than 50 yards; (3) that the levels of the arena for all events shall conform to the requirements of the relevant I.A.A.F. rules; (4) that seven lanes should be provided for all events for which lanes are used; and (5) that all events shall be held on the one arena. It was resolved to adopt the Sub-Committee's recommendation

National Fitness Representative at Conferences: It was moved unsuccessfully by Mr. Faulkner (South Australia) that the Union invite to future Conferences as an observer a representative of the National Fitness Council of Australia.

Union Conferences: Mr. Donald (New South Wales) asked for expressions of opinion from the Delegates on the proposal by his State to divorce future Union Conferences from the Track and Field Championships . . . The proposal found little favour among the Delegates.

Financial Assistance to Jury Members: The Executive Committee was directed to give consideration to the provision of financial assistance to Jury Members travelling from other States to an Australian Track and Field Championship Meeting.

Arena for Olympic Games of 1956: The following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia views with grave concern the broadcast news of the proposal to support the adoption of the Melbourne Cricket Ground as the site for the 1956 Olympic Games. It is recalled that the Consulting Engineer for the Trustees of the M.C.G. furnished a report that it was not practicable to alter the arena at the M.C.G. to conform with I.A.A.F. specifications . . . The A.A.U. of Australia is responsible for the organisation and conduct of the Athletic Competitions at the Games and unless facilities are in accordance with I.A.A.F. specifications, the Union will be impelled to advise the I.A.A.F. accordingly . . . Delegates to this Conference are unanimously of the opinion that any alteration from the Carlton site at this late stage is not only undesirable, but unacceptable to the Union."

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

Officers: Messrs. H.R. Weir (New South Wales) and A.J. Hodsdon (New South Wales) were re-elected unopposed to the offices of President and Honorary Secretary-Treasurer respectively. Messrs. C.R. Aitken (South Australia) and D.C. Rapley (Western Australia) were nominated for the office of Vice-President. Mr. Aitken was re-elected.

Delegates: Messrs. L.B. Curnow (Victoria) and J.P. Metcalfe (New South Wales) were re-elected Delegates to the Australian Olympic Federation, and Messrs. A.J. Hodsdon (New South Wales) and D.C. Rapley (Western Australia) were re-appointed 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, A.J. Hodsdon, and J.P. Metcalfe; (2) Selection Committee: Messrs. D.K. Donald, A.J. Hodsdon and J.P. Metcalfe; (3) Olympic Games of 1956 Co-ordinating Committee - Messrs. L.B. Curnow (Chairman), S.A. Embling, and C.W.H. Grant; (4) Olympic Games of 1956 Officials Sub-Committee - Messrs. L.B. Curnow, R.E. Graham, D.C. Rapley, G. Soper and F.S. Tobias (Co-ordinator), together with members to be nominated by the Queensland A.A.A. and the Tasmanian A.A.A.



### 31. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR AND TRUSTEES

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

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

### 32. ADDITIONAL CHEQUE SIGNATORY

The authority of Mr. J.P. Metcalfe to act as cheque signatory in the absence of either the President or the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was renewed.

### 33. FIXING OF HEADQUARTERS

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

### 34. APPRECIATION

Mr. Treacy (Western Australia) moved a vote of appreciation to the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer for his painstaking attention to the affairs of the Union throughout the year. This was supported by all States and endorsed by the President.

A vote of appreciation was then moved to the President for the able and impartial manner in which the business of the Conference has been conducted.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Western Australian A.A.A. for its very excellent Conference arrangements and for its hospitality to the visiting Delegates, and to the Chamber of Manufacturers, W.A., Inc. for having made its Board Room available for the meetings.

### 35. CLOSURE

The President, in closing the Conference, thanked the Delegates for their concentration and for the cordial manner in which they had debated the matters under consideration.

ARTHUR J. HODSDON

Honorary Secretary-Treasurer

THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1953

Expenditure	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<b>Affiliation Fees</b>			
International Amateur Athletic Federation	10 1 0		25 4 0
Australian Olympic Federation	2 2 0		
Australian British Empire Games Assn.	5 5 0		
Almanac		77 16 0	
Bank Charges		15 5 6	
Commonwealth of Australia Jubilee Celebrations	2 4 2	15 6 6	
Depreciation	34 16 11	5 7 6	
Duplicating, Printing & Stationery, Minutes of 1952 Conference	7 15 0	128 18 0	
Sundries	17 4 0	25 1 6	267 15 0
Entertainment Expenses	57 6 5		
General Expenses	74 10 5		28 16 10
Coaching Data to Constituent Assn.	6 2 6		19 0 6
Sundries	12 4 5		14 12 7
Honoraria:			
Typist	12 12 0		
Hon. Secretary-Treasurer	50 0 0		
Insurance			
Library	62 12 0		
Postage & Telegrams	1 11 7		
Selectors Expenses	12 7 0		
Telephone - Local & Trunk Calls	24 7 4		
Trophies - Record Certificates	16 10 6		
Surplus for year transferred to Accumulated Fund	6 15 3		
	2 10 6		
	41 16 4		
	<u>£355 8 11</u>		<u>£355 8 11</u>

