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First Session - Wednesday, March 27th - 9.45am to 12.45pm
Second Session - Wednesday, March 27th - 2.10pm to 7.35pm
Third Session - Thursday, March 28th - 9.05am to 1.05pm
Fourth Session - Thursday, March 28th - 2.00pm to 4.55pm

FIRST DAY - MARCH 27th

1. OPENING OF CONFERENCE

The Conference was declared open by the President, who welcomed the Officers and Delegates.

2. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATES

There were present:-

Officers: President - G.W. Aitken, S.D.F.; Vice Presidents - T.C. Blue and A.W. McDonald; Honorary Secretary-Treasurer - A.J. Hodsdon, M.D.E.; Honorary Assistant Secretary-Treasurer - C.D. Lee.

Delegates: A.A.A. of New South Wales - R.W. Durie, D.P. Wilson; Queensland - J.D. Bailey, J.W. Cook; South Australia - M.R. Aitken, E.R. Graham; Tasmania - G.T. Briggs, M.J. Ruddock; Victoria - L.B. Curnow, O.D.E., A.W. McDonald; Western Australia - F.J. Day, F.T. Treacy.

Mrs. M.S. Went was in attendance to assist the Minute Secretary, Mr. C.D. Lee.

The President extended a special welcome to Messrs Wilson and Day who were attending a Union Conference for the first time.

3. IN MEMORIAM

The President referred to the deaths since last Conference of two prominent members of Member Associations. These were Mr. Hugh Campbell, Honorary Surveyor for many years to the

Victorian A.A.A. and Mr. Harold Eastaughoffe, a Life Member and former Honorary Treasurer of the Queensland A.A.A. The Conference stood in silence in their memories.

4. ADMISSION OF PRESS AND BROADCASTING REPRESENTATIVES

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

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 45th CONFERENCE

It was resolved that the printed Minutes of the Union's 45th Conference at Sydney on March 21st and 22nd 1973 be confirmed as a true record, subject to the following Addendum: On page 18 add the following immediately before "(End of Second Session of the Conference)": "(4) Marathon Championship, Melbourne".

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

The Secretary-Treasurer explained that for several reasons the past year had been a difficult one from a personal point of view, and, he wished to apologise for any delays that had occurred in the carrying out of Union responsibilities.

United States Athletics (Page 5): The Secretary-Treasurer reported that, despite discussion on this matter in Munich with Mr. Ollan Cassell, Executive Director of the A.A.U. of the United States, nothing had in fact been achieved and there seemed no alternative to letting the matter drop. It was agreed that Athletics International should be advised accordingly.

Five Star Award Scheme (Page 5): It was agreed to refer this matter for discussion in connection with the Technical Committee Report.

A.A.U. Singlet (Page 6): The Secretary-Treasurer advised that a stock of 150 singlets in a range of sizes had been purchased and that a quotation for badges had been obtained. It was agreed that the design of the badge should include the outline of Tasmania, and that the number purchased should provide a sufficient additional quantity for attachment to track suits.

Absence of Executive Members (page 6): The Secretary-Treasurer reported that this matter was still causing difficulties. It was agreed that there should be a simple rule to cover the appointment of proxy members, and it was decided to

refer the matter to the Constitution and Rules Committee to frame a suitable amendment to Law 133.

Streamlining of Appeal Procedures (Pages 7 & 29): It was agreed to defer this matter for consideration in connection with the report of the Constitution and Rules Committee.

Collation of Presidential Rulings (Page 29): This matter had not yet received attention, and the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer undertook to prepare a Report for next Annual Conference.

National Sponsorship of Registration Numbers: (page 31) It was agreed to deal with this matter under the heading of Conference of State Secretaries.

Presentation Plaques (Page 31): The Secretary-Treasurer reported that this was among the matters that, due to his personal commitments, it had not been practicable to follow up.

Ceremonial Flags (page 31): The Secretary-Treasurer advised that Australian and Union Jack flags had been purchased, and were currently in possession of the Victorian A.A.A.

7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that ten Mail Votes had been conducted during the year. Voting Papers had in most cases been returned promptly, and the results of each vote had been conveyed to Member Associations.

8. OBSERVANCE OF UNION LAWS & RULES

Amendments to Laws & Rules: The Secretary-Treasurer stated that the Constitution and Rules Committee had once again found it necessary to reconstruct a number of clumsily worded Notices of motion.

Citations of Qualifications: The Secretary-Treasurer commented that some of the Statements of Qualifications submitted in support of nominations were unnecessarily verbose, and suggested that as an official form is provided, such statements should be confined, as a general rule, within the space provided. It was agreed that the Secretary-Treasurer had an authority to limit submissions of undue length.

The Secretary-Treasurer stated that performance in regard to accreditation of athletes, return of Executive Committee Mail Votes, notification of potential records, submission of record applications, lodging of Championship Reports and of Team Managers Reports and payment of registration dues and

affiliation fees had been in the main satisfactory..... Mr. Durie's Report to the Union as Athletics Manager on the very recent British Commonwealth Games at Christchurch was not yet available, but a brief report had already been submitted to the General Manager of the Australian Team.

9. CONFERENCE OF STATE SECRETARIES

Arising from the Minutes of the Conference of State Secretaries held at Sydney in October at the time of the British Commonwealth Games Selection Trials, the following matters were considered:-

Accreditation Form: The Secretary-Treasurer stated that, due to work pressure, the preparation of a standard letter or certificate of accreditation for issue to athletes proceeding overseas had still to receive attention.

Record Application Form: The Conference endorsed a recommendation that the stock of old record application forms be scrapped, and that supplies be obtained of the three special forms - for track events, field events and pentathlon decathlon respectively - previously prepared.

Veteran Athletes: The Secretary-Treasurer advised that a letter had been received recently from the I.A.A.F. indicating that Veteran Athletes were fully subject to I.A.A.F. Rules of Amateur Status. This information had already been conveyed to the A.A.A. of New South Wales in response to a specific enquiry regarding members of its Wirinua Veteran's Club, and it was agreed that the same information should be circulated to all Associations.

Discussion took place on the information that a meeting was to be held in Sydney to discuss the formation of a National Veteran's Association and on the subject of the uniform to be worn by Australian veteran athletes when competing overseas. It was agreed that the Secretary-Treasurer and the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer should endeavour to attend the proposed meeting to indicate the Union's position in the field of Veteran Athletics and to offer to assist as far as possible in the promotion of this branch of the sport.

Insurance Policies: Mr. Lee advised that copies of the policies held by the A.A.A. of New South Wales covering injury had been circulated to all Associations, and stated further that another possibility was currently under investigation, the results of which would be also circulated if this seemed warranted.

Little Athletics: Delegates from all States indicated that there were many problems confronting them arising from the Little Athletics movement, and it was agreed that each State should, if possible, send a representative to the meeting which the Union's Officers hoped to hold within the next few days with representatives of the Australian Little Athletics Union.

Track & Field Championships Programme: A submission was received from Mr. Briggs regarding the size and standard layout for Australian Championship programmes. The President suggested that the recommendations regarding Championship Programmes which were promulgated at a Union Conference a number of years ago be included in the A.A.U. Handbook as an Appendix.

Registration Cards & Numbers: The Assistant Secretary-Treasurer reported that the printing of registration cards had been undertaken by Ansett Airlines and that supplies had been distributed to all States..... Nothing had come of efforts to have competitors' numbers provided in a similar way, and each Association would have to continue, for the time being at any rate, to make its own arrangements.

"Organisation and Conduct of Athletics Meetings": It was resolved that Mr. Briggs' booklet on "The Organisation and Conduct of Athletics Meetings" be examined by the Union's Technical Committee, and that, if accepted by that Committee, it be issued as an A.A.U. publication. The Assistant Secretary-Treasurer is to investigate ways and means of covering the cost of publication, including an approach to the Department of Tourism and Recreation for assistance.

Honorary Secretary-Treasurer: The following Committee was appointed to discuss the problem of delegation of the duties presently carried out by the Union's Secretary-Treasurer, the present holder of that office having indicated an intention to retire therefrom in the not distant future: - G.T. Briggs (Convener), A.J. Hodsdon, A.W. McDonald, C.D. Lee, A.L. Morrison and F.T. Treacy. The Committee was directed to report later to the Conference under the heading of General Business.

Next Conference of Secretaries: The holding of the 1974 Conference of Secretaries was fixed for September 27th to 29th at the Town House, Swanston Street, Melbourne.

10. REGISTRATIONS

The following Statement of Registrations for the year 1973-74 was tabled: -

| | <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 Months to 31/12/73 (Actual) | 3051 | 1222 | 602 | 779 | 5435 | 751 | 12720 |
| 3 Months to 31/3/74 (Estimated) | 150 | 45 | 165 | 50 | 175 | 60 | 645 |
| Year 1973-74 (Part Estimated) | 3001 | 1267 | 847 | 829 | 5610 | 811 | 13365 |
| Year 1972-73 | 4808 | 1250 | 949 | 320 | 5117 | 927 | 14079 |
| Increase or Decrease of 1973-74 over 1972-73 | 0070 | 91 | 1020 | 91 | 3070 | 1160 | 15140 |
| Increase or Decrease of 1973-74 over 1972-73 | 15.00 | 0.71 | 10.70 | 1.11 | 8.30 | 12.50 | 10.20 |
| Percentages: | | | | | | | |
| 1973-74 | 29.9 | 9.5 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 42.0 | 6.1 | 100.0 |
| 1972-73 | 32.3 | 8.5 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 41.1 | 6.2 | 100.0 |

- Notes: (1) Included in the Registrations for 1973-74 are 1446 (1972-73: 2060) athletes aged under 12 years from the following States: N.S.W. - 662 (1277); Qld - 398 (304); S.A. - 73 (104); Tas - 270 (257); Vic - Nil (Nil); W.A. - 35 (36).
- (2) Included also in the Registrations for 1973-74 are 1007 (1972-73: 1146) Officials from the following States: N.S.W. - 310 (363); Qld - 105 (121); S.A. - 40 (53); Tas - 54 (65); Vic - 305 (426); W.A. - 103 (110).

(Registration Statistics covering the years 1947-48 to 1973-74 are printed as Appendix A to these Minutes).

Australian Women's A.A.U. Registrations by States for 1973 (to 31.12.73) were: N.S.W. - 2324 (2602); Qld - 407 (317); S.A. - 484 (409); Tas - 420 (310); Vic - 1835 (2104); W.A. - 407 (371); Total - 5077 (6113).

It was resolved that the Conference of Secretaries be asked to consider the problem of falling registrations and to look in particular, at the question of increasing the attractiveness of competitions. A report on findings is to be submitted to next Conference.

11 GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO SPORT

Commonwealth Department of Tourism & Recreation The Secretary-Treasurer advised that application had been made to the recently created Commonwealth Department of Tourism and Recreation for subsidies towards the fares of athletes and officials attending the 1974 Track and Field Championships of

Australia and the Union's Annual Conference. Copies of this submission and also of the President's letter of 6.9.73 to the Minister upon the sorts of assistance needed had been circulated to Member Associations. No reply had as yet been received from the Government to the application for Championships assistance. The actions taken by the Secretary-Treasurer in these matters was confirmed.

Facilities: The South Australian delegates advised that \$75,000 had been granted by the Commonwealth Government towards the construction of a new track at Adelaide's Olympic Sportsfield, and the Tasmanian delegates stated that an amount of \$60,000 had been promised for the construction of a modern track at Hobart. The New South Wales delegates reported that a formal approach had been made by Sydney City Council to both the New South Wales Government and the Commonwealth Government for assistance in updating Sydney Athletic Field.... The President emphasised that early approaches to State Governments were essential in those cases where moves for financial assistance to improve facilities had not already been made.

Operations: The President asked that State Associations examine carefully the submission forwarded by the Secretary-Treasurer to the Commonwealth Government seeking assistance for State teams travelling to the current Track and Field Championships, and make any comments felt relevant in relation thereto..... The Secretary-Treasurer drew attention that no application had as yet been made for assistance in relation to international competition, and it was agreed that this matter be deferred for consideration later in the Conference when International tours were being discussed.

Administration: It was agreed that a suitable submission should be made to the Commonwealth Government for assistance to the Union's administration. This would be further considered later in the Conference following receipt of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee set up to examine the future administration of the Union.

12. INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR ATHLETIC FEDERATION

Matters Arising from 1973 Conference: (1) I.A.A.F. Assistance to Council Member (page 9) - The Secretary-Treasurer reported that substantial assistance - the actual amount was \$556 - towards the cost of his attendance at the 1973 Council Meeting at Edinburgh had been received from the I.A.A.F., and this practice would be continued; (2) A.O.F. Assistance to Congress Delegates (Page 23) - The Conference was informed by the Secretary-Treasurer that application had been made to the Australian Olympic Federation for assistance to send an Australian Delegate to the next I.A.A.F. Congress

at Rome in August 1974. It was believed that this application would receive favourable consideration.

I.A.A.F. 29th Congress (Rome, August 30/31, 1974)- The Secretary-Treasurer informed the Conference that it was now the practice of the I.A.A.F. to deal with Technical Rule amendments at Congresses between those held in Olympic Years only as a matter of urgency.

The Secretary-Treasurer reminded the Conference that it had been the practice of the Union in recent times to pay the expenses of one Delegate only to the I.A.A.F. Congress held between Olympic years. In Olympic years it had been customary to pay for no Delegate, as it had been found that suitable people attending the Games were usually available to also represent the Union at the Congress. The Australian Women's A.A.U. had been asked if it wished to send a Delegate at its own expense to the Rome Congress and had since advised that Mrs. D. I. Magee had been appointed. The Conference was informed that Mr. Hodsdon had been appointed as the I.A.A.F. Representative at the European Championships in Rome. His expenses would thus be met from the Championships account, and he would be available at the same time to attend the Congress as a Union Delegate without expense to the Union. It was resolved that Mr. Hodsdon and Mrs. Magee be appointed as two of the three Delegates.

The Question of the appointment of a third Congress Delegate was discussed. It was mentioned that some financial assistance could be expected from the Australian Olympic Federation and that a submission could be made also to the Federal Government. It was finally resolved to appoint a third Delegate and to share equally between the A.A.U. and the A.W.A.A.U. any moneys received from either the Australian Olympic Federation or the Australian Government. Messrs. G.D. Lee and G.B. Stringer were nominated for the position of third Delegate, and Mr. Lee was elected.

Oceania Regional Group: A Report by the Union's Delegates (Messrs. L.B. Curnow and G.D. Lee and Mrs. D.I. Magee) on the Third I.A.A.F. Oceania Group Congress, held at Christchurch on January 28th 1974 was tabled and received. - Among the matters discussed at the Congress were coaching for Island Countries, the possibility of future triangular meetings between Australia, New Zealand and the Island Countries and the dissemination of information through the Oceania Newsletter. It was agreed, in regard to the latter, that countries should advise the Group Secretary by September 30th of their Fixtures for the following calendar year. In a discussion led by the New Zealand Delegates it was agreed that a worthwhile development programme for the Island Countries should involve, in addition to the coaching of coaches and athletes, the provision of competitive experience and the building of administrative machinery. An Oceania Athletics

Statistical Committee was formed of which the Australian members are P. Jones (men) and V. Kolatchoff (women). Mr. G.B. Stringer (Australia) was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer and Mr. Hodsdon remains Group Chairman by virtue of his position as I.A.A.F. Councilor for Oceania.

(End of First Session of Conference)

Walking Judges: The Secretary-Treasurer stated that reports received from Member Associations indicated that the Australian members of the I.A.A.F. Panel of Walking Judges had been satisfactorily active in their respective States.

13. AMATEUR STATUS & OTHER ELIGIBILITY MATTERS

Matters Arising from 1973 Conference: (1) Orienteering (page 11) - The Secretary-Treasurer reported that five Member Associations had submitted reports in terms of the ruling given by the President at the Union's 1973 Conference; (2) Money Prizes to Clubs (page 11) - The Conference was advised that, subsequent to the 1973 Conference of the Union, the matter of the permissibility of awarding for athletics events cash prizes payable to Clubs had been discussed further with the I.A.A.F. The latter had confirmed its concurrence in the wisdom of the President's ruling, which was fully justified by reference to its Rule 53 (1). This had been conveyed to Member Associations in a Presidential Ruling under date of the 9th July, 1973; (3) Juvenile and Veteran Athletics and the Amateur Status of Children (Pages 11-12) - The Secretary-Treasurer reported that lack of time had prevented the full discussion of these matters at the 1973 I.A.A.F. Council Meeting and he undertook to press for an adequate discussion at the next Meeting of the Council; (4) Form letter of Accreditation (Page 30) - The Secretary-Treasurer stated the pressure of work had precluded the preparation of a form Letter of Accreditation for issue to athletes proceeding overseas, with the relative Rules printed on its reverse side. The matter would receive attention in due course.

Scholarship Accreditations: The Secretary-Treasurer reported that there was still a flow of athletes to the United States on athletics Scholarship, but that this flow had been rather less than in recent years. It was hoped that this trend would continue.

Prizes for Athletic Events at Surf Carnivals: The Conference was informed of a ruling by the President that, in accordance with Law 116(b) Life-saving equipment could be

offered as prizes for athletics events at carnivals conducted by Surf Life Saving Organisations.

Amateur Status - Acts of Forfeiture: A motion by the Queensland A.A.A. that "twelve years" in the introductory paragraph to Law 115 be amended to "thirteen years" was defeated.

Amateur Status - Exceptions: The Secretary-Treasurer successfully moved that, in the second paragraph of Law 116(a), the word "basketball" be inserted after "baseball".

Amateur Status - Exceptions: The President ruled out-of-order a motion by the Queensland A.A.A. that the following new sub-paragraph be inserted in Law 116 between Sub-paragraphs (d) and (e): "Competing with or against professionals in events conducted by Veteran Athletic Clubs recognised by the Union and/or a Member Association, provided that any such professional has signed a Statutory Declaration to the effect that he does not intend to again compete in any professional meeting." The ruling of the President in this matter was supported by a letter from the I.A.A.F. indicating that, in respect of a similar approach from the Organiser of Masters (over 40 years of age) Athletics within the United States, the President of the Federation had answered firmly that I.A.A.F. Rules "were intended to apply to athletes all over the world of all ages, and an exception could not be granted for this small group in one particular country."

Amateur Status Exceptions: The President ruled out-of-order a further Queensland A.A.A. motion that the following new sub-paragraph be inserted in Law 116 between sub-paragraphs (e) and (f): "Competing in a sponsored event for which a money prize or equipment is awarded to the competitor's club, provided that such event is restricted to amateurs and is sanctioned by the Association." It was subsequently moved successfully that a recommendation be sent to the I.A.A.F. to allow money prizes and prizes of equipment to be awarded to clubs.

Amateur Status - Reinstatements: It was resolved, on a motion by the Secretary-Treasurer, to amend the last sentence of Law 118 (b) by altering "six dollars" to "ten dollars".

Value of Prizes & Awards: It was resolved, on a motion by the Secretary-Treasurer, that the following NOTE to Law 119(a) be deleted: "The Australian equivalent of \$100 United States currency at date of publication of this Handbook is 90% approximately."

14. COMPETITION RULES

Matters Arising from 1973 Conference: (1) Standard Time Tables for Area & Group Games (page 12) - It was agreed that,

because of its cumbersomeness, the suggestion to prepare Standard Time-tables for Area and Group Games of various durations was impracticable and therefore should be abandoned; (2) Walking Procedures (page 12) - It was resolved that A.A.U. Circular Letter No 15 of 1967 be amended as recommended by the Convenor of the A.A.U. Walking Committee, Mr. V.D. Sharp and that an amended Circular Letter be prepared for circulation to Member Associations (Note: The main amendments to Circular Letter No 15 are: (i) the addition under "Disqualification" of: "(f) A Judge who reports a competitor for disqualification should advise the competitor of this fact verbally as soon as possible thereafter"; and (ii) the addition of the following at the end of the second paragraph of I.A.A.F. Rule 191-1: "and in particular the supporting leg must be straight in the vertically upright position"; (3) Junior & Sub-Junior Scoring Tables (page 12) - The Secretary-Treasurer advised that no report had been as yet received from the Scoring Tables and Standards Committee.

Technical Committee Report: The Report of the Technical Committee for the year was tabled and received. (1) Five Star Award Scheme - The Committee had reported in September 1973 that in view of the major changes that had occurred in the formation of Ministries dealing with Sport and Recreation at both Federal level and in some States, it was likely that any thinking on the Five Star Award Scheme would need to be re-processed. The opinion of the Committee was that the Union should apply to the Federal Government for a grant to implement the scheme. If successful, the Union either should itself undertake the work or should dispense monies, if received, to State bodies to do so. The Conference felt that, in view of the present uncertainties, the matter should be held on the Agenda for review at a later date. (2) I.A.A.F. Rule Amendments - It was agreed, on the Committee's recommendation, to submit the following proposed Technical Rule amendments to the I.A.A.F.: (a) Rule 213-1: in line 9 alter "cross-bar" to "top-bar"; (b) Rule 213-5: in lines 3 and 5 alter "cross-bar" to "top edge of top-bar"; (c) Rule 168-3 (i): alter "18" to "21".

It was resolved to defer to later in the Conference consideration of certain I.A.A.F. Rule dispensations recommended by the Committee to enable copies of same to be prepared. A recommendation of back and Plinth markings was also deferred so that Delegates might examine its details.

Officials Committee Report: A report of the year's work of the Officials Committee was tabled

and received. A very helpful Meeting of the Committee had been held in Sydney in October at the time of the British Commonwealth Games Selection Trials, but a further meeting would assist greatly to finalise successfully some of the matters then discussed. The President and Secretary-Treasurer were authorised to approve the necessary expenditure if a further meeting was found to be imperative.

Under Age Hurdle Races: Motions by South Australia and Victoria seeking to amend the present Competition Rule 307 dealing with Under Age Hurdle Races were discussed, and the South Australian motion was finally accepted. The new Rule 307 reads: "For Hurdle Races, I.A.A.F. specifications shall apply, except as indicated hereunder:

| Age | Total Distance | Number and Height of Hurdles | Distance to 1st Hurdle | Distance Between Hurdles | Distance to Finish. |
|----------|----------------|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Under 19 | 110M | 10x99Cm | 13.72M | 9.14M | 14.02M |
| 17 | 110M | 10x91Cm | 13.72M | 9.14M | 14.02M |
| 16 | 90M | 9x91Cm | 13M | 8M | 13M |
| 15 | 90M | 9x84Cm | 13M | 8M | 13M |
| 14 | 80M | 9x84Cm | 12M | 7M | 12M |
| 13 | 80M | 9x76Cm | 12M | 7M | 12M |

Under Age Field Implements: It was resolved on a motion by the South Australian I.A.A.F. to replace Competition Rules 309 and 310 by the following new Competition Rule 309: For Field Implements, I.A.A.F. specifications shall apply, except as indicated hereunder:-

| Shot | Under 19 Yrs. | Under 17 Yrs | Under 16 Yrs |
|---|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Weight | 5.449 Kg | 4.5 Kg | 4.5 Kg |
| Diameter | 101-121 mm | 98-115 mm | 98-115 mm |
| <u>Discus</u> | | | |
| Weight | 1.5 Kg | 1.5 Kg | 1 Kg |
| Dia. of Metal Rim | 198-206 mm | 198-206 mm | 180-182 mm |
| Dia. of Metal Plates | 50-57 mm | 50-57 mm | 50-57 mm |
| Thickness at Centre | 35-40 mm | 35-40 mm | 27-39 mm |
| Thickness of Rim at 6mm from Edge | 12 mm | 12mm | 12mm |
| <u>Javelin:</u> | | | |
| Weight | | 700 gm | 700 gm |
| Length | | 230-240 cm | 230-240 cm |
| Length of Metal Point | | 25-53 cm | 25-53 cm |
| Dist. from Tip of Metal Point to C. of G. | | 83-99 cm | 83-99 cm |
| Dia at Thickest Point | | 22-28 mm | 22-28 mm |
| Width of Cord Grip | | 15-16 cm | 15-16 cm |
| <u>Hammer:</u> | | | |
| Weight | 5.449 Kg | 4.535 Kg | |
| Length | 112-122 cm | 112-122 cm | |
| Dia of Head | 98-115 mm | 98-115 mm | |

| | <u>Under 15 Yrs.</u> | <u>Under 14 Yrs & Under 13 Yrs.</u> |
|--|----------------------|---|
| <u>Shot:</u> | | |
| Weight | 3.632 Kg | 2.724 Kg |
| Diameter | 95-110 mm | 95-110 mm |
| <u>Discus:</u> | | |
| Weight | 1 Kg | 1 Kg |
| Dia of Metal Rim | 180-182 mm | 180-182 mm |
| Dia of Metal Plates | 50-57 mm | 50-57 mm |
| Thickness at Centre | 37-39 mm | 37-39 mm |
| Thickness of Rim at 6mm from Edge | 12 mm | 12 mm |
| <u>Javelin:</u> | | |
| Weight | 600 g | 600 g |
| Length | 220-230 cm | 220-230 cm |
| Length of Metal Point | 25-33 cm | 25-33 cm |
| Dist. from Tip of Metal Point to G. of G. | 80-95 cm | 80-95 cm |
| Dia at Thickest Point | 20-25 mm | 20-25 mm |
| Width of Cord Grip | 15-16 cm | 15-16 cm |

15. COACHING

Matters arising from 1973 Conference: Sponsored National Coach (page 25) - Messrs Lee and Durie, on behalf of the Special Committee appointed at the 1973 Conference, reported on discussions with Rothman's National Sport Foundation regarding the appointment of a National Coach. A good deal of progress had been made but finality had not as yet been reached. The Sub-Committee was thanked for its work and was re-appointed to continue the discussions.

Report of Coaching Co-Ordinating Committee: The Secretary-Treasurer stated that no report had been received from the Coaching Co-Ordinating Committee.

16. SELECTION

Report of Selection Committee: The report of the Selection Committee dealt principally with the selection during the year of the teams of men and women athletes for the II Pacific Conference Games at Toronto in June 1973 and the X British Commonwealth Games at Christchurch in January 1974. In each case the Committee had collaborated closely with the Australian Women's N.A.U. in regard to women athletes. The selection of the Christchurch Team had been governed by the comprehensive resolution of the Union's 1973 Conference, and the principles laid down therein had been followed closely. The difficulties of the British Commonwealth Games selection had been measurably increased by the fact that the trials at Sydney were held so early in the season.

Letters of protest from the A.A.A. of New South Wales, the Victorian A.A.A. and the Western Australian A.A.A. regarding the omission of certain athletes from the British Commonwealth Games Team were read and received.

Team Selection Dates: It was resolved on a motion by Victoria that it be the policy of the Union to press at all times for Olympic Games and British Commonwealth Games Trials to be held as close as practicable to the time of departure of the Team on the principle that outfitting and related considerations are of less importance than competitive fitness..... It was resolved that the Australian Olympic Federation and the Australian British Commonwealth Games Association be advised in terms of the resolution.

17. AUSTRALIAN RECORDS

Matters Arising from 1973 Conference: Record in Abeyance (page 16): The Conference decided that as the course over which S. Stingemore's time of 8-21.4 for 3000 Metres on 4.11.72 at Perth was made over a fractionally short course, the performance could not be accepted as a record.

Records Confirmed: It was resolved to confirm as Australian records in the categories indicated the following performances which had been adopted provisionally by the President and the Secretary-Treasurer.

(A) Australian Open Records

Running:

100 Metres 10.1 G. Haskell (V) 27.10.73 Pagewood

Putting & Throwing:

Hammer Throw (217'2") 56.20 P.J. Farmer (N) 13. 1.73 Pagewood

(B) Australian National Records

Running:

100 Metres 10.1 G. Haskell (V) 27.10.73 Pagewood

Juggling:

120 Yards 13.8 M.D. Caird (V) 12. 3.72 Pagewood

120 Yards 13.8 W.C. Parr (N) 27.10.73 Pagewood

120 Yards 13.8 V.L. Plant (V) 27.10.73 Pagewood

110 Metres 13.8 M.D. Caird (V) 12. 3.72 Pagewood

110 Metres 13.8 W.C. Parr (N) 27.10.73 Pagewood

110 Metres 13.8 V.L. Plant (V) 27.10.73 Pagewood

Putting & Throwing:

Shot Put (57'10") 17.53 W.E. Rigby (V) 10. 2.73 Melbourne

Shot Put (59'2½") 18.04 W.E. Rigby (V) 2. 2.73 Melbourne

Hammer Throw (217'2") 56.20 P.J. Farmer (N) 13. 1.73 Pagewood

Relay Running, - National, Association & Club Teams:

4 x 200 Metres 1-24.6 L.R. Fanshaw } Moorabbin
P.J. Donlon } A.A.C.
P.E. Fitzgerald } 28. 1.73 Melbourne
V.L. Plant }

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| 4 x 800 Metres | 7-29.6 | D.F. Jones J.K. Axentieff I.K. Jones P.J. Fuller | } } } } | Box Hill A.A.C. 29. 1.73 Melbourne |
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(C) Junior RecordsRunning:

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| 100 Metres | 10.4 | A.W. Ratcliffe (N) | 3. 2.73 Sydney |
| 100 Metres | 10.3 | A.W. Ratcliffe (N) | 27.10.73 Pagewood |
| 1000 Metres | 31-48.2 | A.L. Bart (S) | 23. 1.73 Kensington |

Walking:

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| 15000 Metres | 1-12-47.6 | P.E. Nugent (V) | 26. 1.73 Box Hill |
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Steeplechasing:

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| 1500 Metres | 4-07.0 | P.A. Larkins (V) | 25. 3.73 Sydney |
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Putting & Throwing:

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| Discus Throw (103' 7") | 55.96 | W.E. Martin (N) | 10.12.72 Newcastle |
| Discus Throw (183' 7") | 57.89 | W.E. Martin (N) | 4. 1.73 Newcastle |

Relay Running - National, Association & Club Teams:

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| 4x800 Metres | 7-45.0 | A.G. Cox P.S. Cuffe J.P. Murphy J.P. Doney | } } } } | F.otscray H. 29. 1.73 Melbourne |
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(D) Sub-Junior RecordsRunning:

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| 200 Metres | 21.2 | L.P. Hollestelle (N) | 26.11.73 Pagewood |
| 400 Metres | 47.6 | L.P. Hollestelle (N) | 3.11.73 Pagewood |
| 3000 Metres | 8-35.4 | F.A. Castella (V) | 3.11.73 Melbourne |

Steeplechasing:

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| 1500 Metres | 4-21.0 | J.N. Semmens (S) | 29. 1.72 Kensington |
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Jumping & Vaulting:

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| Long Jump (23' 8") | 7.21 | F.J. Holpen (Q) | 7.10.73 Brisbane |
| Long Jump (23' 11") | 7.31 | F.J. Holpen (Q) | 17.11.73 Brisbane |

Putting & Throwing:

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| Shot Put (58' 5") | 17.80 | H. Wynhoven (V) | 3. 3.73 Melbourne |
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Records Disallowed: It was resolved that the following records be disallowed: - (1) Junior 4 x 1500 Metres Relay - 16-54.8 by Southern Suburbs A.A.C. (Q) on 10.3.73 at Brisbane (Lap score card not in accordance with I.A.A.F. Rule 122-1); (2) Junior 100 Metres - 10.4 by D.H. James (V) on 27.10.73 at Pagewood (Contrary to I.A.U. General Rule 263 (a)).

Australian International Records: It was moved unsuccessfully by the Secretary-Treasurer that Law 182(c) be rescinded.

12. AUSTALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Matter Arising from 1973 Conference: Richard Coombes Shield (page 6) - The Secretary-Treasurer reported

that the Richard Coombes Shield had been renovated and at the same time enlarged to take additional small shields at a cost of \$97.75.

Reports on 1973 Championships: Reports by the A.A.A. of New South Wales and by the Championships Technical Committee on the 1973 Track and Field Championships, by the Victorian A.A.A. on the Open and Junior Cross-Country Championships, by the Queensland A.A.A. on the 50 Kilometres Road Walk Championship, and by the Western Australian A.A.A. on the Marathon Championship were tabled and received. It was resolved to record appreciation to the Associations concerned on the successful conduct of these meetings.

Jury of Appeal: Messrs. L.D. Curnow (Convener), R.M. Durie and F.T. Treacy were appointed the Jury of Appeal for the 1974 Track and Field Championships.

Recapitulation of Venues for 1974 Championships: The following dates for the 1974 Championships had already been determined: Track and Field Championships, Melbourne March 29-31; Cross-Country Championships, Perth, July 27; 20 Kilometres Road Walk Championship, Brisbane, August 24; Marathon Championship, Adelaide, September 1.

Allocation of 1975 Championships: The following allocation of the 1975 Championships was made: Track and Field Championships, Adelaide; Cross-Country Championships, Adelaide; Marathon Championship, Melbourne; 50 Kilometres Road Walk Championship, Perth. It was decided also to allocate the 20 Kilometres Road Walk Olympic Trial to Melbourne. March 21-23 and August 16 were indicated as the dates for the Track and Field Championship and the 50 Kilometres Road Walk Championship. States which had not given dates for Championships allocated to them were asked to do so within three months of Conference.

Allocation of 1976 Championships: The 1976 Championships were allocated as follows: (1) Track and Field Championships, Perth; (2) Cross-Country Championships, Hobart; (3) Marathon Championship, Sydney; (4) 20 Kilometres Road Walk Championship, Sydney.

Track and Field Championships of 1977: It was resolved that discussion as to whether the 1977 Track and Field Championships should be allocated to Canberra, or alternatively whether III Pacific Conference Games Selection Trials should be held in Canberra later in 1977, be deferred until the 1975 Annual Conference. It was further resolved that the Selection Trials be held as close as possible to the date of the Games.

Combined (Men & Women) Championships: It was resolved that the Union again approach the Australian Women's A.A.U. to see whether it is prepared to combine with the Union in staging combined Australian Championships in 1975 on a 50-50 basis.

Cross-Country Junior Championship: The A.A.A. of New South Wales moved unsuccessfully that Law 17 be amended by altering "A 10,000 Metres Cross-Country Junior Championship of Australia" to "A 5000 Metres Cross-Country Junior Championship of Australia."

Road Walk Junior Championships: It was resolved on a motion by the Victorian A.A.A. that the following be added to Law 177: "A 10 Kilometres Road Walk Junior Championship shall be held in conjunction with the 50 Kilometres Road Walk Championship of Australia."

Sequence of Events at Track & Field Championships: The Victorian A.A.A. Successfully moved that General Rule 211 be amended by altering the sequence of Track Events Nos. 22 to 27 to the following: "22. 1500 Metres - Final; 23. 200 Metres Junior - Final; 24. 3000 Metres Steeplechase - Final; 25. 400 Metres - Final; 26. 1500 Metres - Decathlon; 27. 400 Metres Relay - Final".

Track & Field Championships - Standards: It was resolved, on a motion by the Victorian A.A.A., that the first three sentences of General Rule 217 be replaced by the following: "Where an Association enters more than one competitor in an event, all of such entrants shall have reached a prescribed standard in the event concerned during the period which commenced on the first day of September of the year preceding the Championships, provided that in the case of the 10,000 Metres and the Decathlon the period shall be extended to commence on the first day of September of the second year preceding the Championships. The standards applicable to the Championships of any one year shall be announced not later than the first day of September of the year preceding the Championships. In the event of the standard for the 10,000 Metres or the Decathlon being raised, an athlete who has reached the previous standard between the commencement of the qualifying period and the commencing date of operation of the new standard shall be deemed to have attained the standard. The period of qualification shall close at the closing date of entries."

Technical Committee at Track & Field Championships: It was resolved that a motion proposed by the A.A.A. of New South Wales be adopted with the wording suggested by the Constitution and Rules Committee, as follows: "(1) by deleting from the first sentence the words 'A Technical Committee of five members, two of whom shall be one of the referees of the

Championship Meeting nominated by the Controlling Association and the Manager of the Championship Meeting concerned", and substituting the following: "A Technical Committee of five members, two of whom shall be the Manager and the Technical Manager of the Meeting nominated by the Controlling Association"; and (2) by deleting from the third sentence the words "Apart from the Referee and the Manager", and substituting the following: "Apart from the Manager and the Technical Manager."

Cross-Country Championships - Dates: The Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, on behalf of the Secretaries' Conference, moved successfully that General Rule 227A be amended by altering "between the 15th July and the 15th August" to between the 15th August and the 15th September."

10,000 Metres Cross-Country Championship - Additional Competitors: A motion by the Victorian A.A.A. that General Rule 229 be amended by deleting after "individual Competitors" the words "not to exceed fourteen in number" was lost.

10,000 Metres Cross-Country Championship - Non-Participation: The Assistant Secretary-Treasurer on behalf of the Secretaries' Conference, successfully moved that the following new General Rule 213A be adopted: "A penalty of ten dollars shall be imposed on an Association failing to inform the Controlling Association at least eighteen days before the day of the Championship of its inability to be represented thereat, such amount to be paid to the Controlling Association".

(Secretary-Treasurer's Note: As a consequence of the above addition to the General Rules it will be necessary to add "231A" between "231" and "232" in General Rules 240, 241, 244 and 250 and also in the new General Rule "253B").

Marathon Championship - Date: A motion by the Victorian A.A.A. that General Rule 245 be amended by deleting "annually between the 15th August and the 15th September" and substituting the words "not later than the 15th August of each year" was lost.

The Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, on behalf of the Secretaries Conference, successfully moved that the same General Rule be amended by altering "between the 15th August and the 15th September" to between the 15th July and the 15th August.

Marathon Championship - Additional Competitors: The Victorian A.A.A. moved unsuccessfully that General Rule 247 be amended by deleting "not to exceed fourteen in number" from the first sentence.

Marathon Championship - Venue: The Victorian A.A.A. moved unsuccessfully that the following be added at the end of the

present General Rule 2-9: "In each such case the event shall be conducted in New South Wales, South Australian, Tasmania or Victoria".

Australian Track and Field Championships - Allowable Expenses: The Victorian A.A.A. successfully moved that the Schedule of Allowable Charges against an Australian Track and Field Championship Meeting, as adopted at the Union's 1951 Conference be amended by the inclusion of the following item: "Hire of Photo-Finish Equipment and Prismatic Measuring Equipment, including freight charges and operators' expenses."

Track & Field Championships - Format: It was resolved, on a motion by the Tasmanian A.A.A. that a Sub-Committee of the Union be appointed to examine the possibility of changing the format of the Australian Track and Field Championships from the present basis of official competitors and additional competitors to individual entry based on standards to be set from time to time by the Scoring Tables and Standards Committee. If the above is considered practicable, the Sub-Committee is asked: (1) to recommend appropriate amendments to the Constitution; (2) to recommend revised conditions for competition for the Richard Coombes Shield and the G.R. Aitken Cup; (3) to consider ways and means of introducing a regular form of Interstate Competition to replace the interstate aspect of the National Championships. The following Committee of four was appointed with instructions to report to the Union's 1975 Annual Conference: G.T. Briggs (Chairman), A.L. Morrison, R.M. Durie, and N.J. Ruddock.

(End of Second Session of Conference)

SECOND DAY, MARCH 28th

19. WELCOME TO VISITORS

The President extended a welcome to Mr. Paul Betchell (representing the Commonwealth Department of Tourism and Recreation), Mrs. Joan Cross (Hon. Secretary of the Canberra-Queanbeyan Branch of the A.A.A. of New South Wales) and Mr. D. Cross (a member of the Executive Committee of the Canberra-Queanbeyan Branch), who were present by invitation to participate in Conference's discussion of the III Pacific Conference Games of 1977 at Canberra.

20. INTERNATIONAL TOURS

Matter Arising from 1973 Conference: International Tours (Ronald W. Clarke) Fund (page 20) - It was agreed to defer the matter of ways in which the income of the Ronald W.

Clark Fund could be properly expended for consideration later in the Conference in connection with the Report prepared by Mr. A.W. McDonald.

Athletes to and from Abroad: The Secretary-Treasurer reported that, other than the visit of the Union's Team to Canada for the II Pacific Conference Games in June 1973, there had been no significant activity in relation to either tours by Australian athletes abroad or visits by athletes from overseas.

Team Officials: The Secretary-Treasurer informed the Conference that the following nominations had been received under Law 170 for overseas appointments during 1973: From the A.A.A. of New South Wales - G.D. Lee and J.W. Pross; and from the Western Australian A.A.A. - F.J. Day, F.W. Napier and O. Waddell.

International Tours Fund: Arising from the discussion at the 1973 Conference of the Union, a Report from Mr. A.W. McDonald was tabled on the ways in which the income from the Ronald W. Clarke Fund could be properly used. It was resolved that the Report be received and the procedures outlined therein adopted. These procedures are to be incorporated as an Appendix in the next edition of the Union's Handbook, and are to be circulated in the meantime to Member Associations. A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. McDonald for his work in this matter.

(Secretary-Treasurer's Note: The relevant parts of Mr. McDonald's Report are added to these Minutes as Appendix C.)

The Secretary-Treasurer referred to the fact that less than half of the target of \$50,000 originally set for the Ronald W. Clarke Fund had been reached, and expressed the view that Association's seeking to draw upon its income had an obligation to first contribute their full quotas to its capital. It was agreed that Delegates should refer this matter back to their Councils, and that in the meantime the Union, in order to maintain the effectiveness of the Fund against the inroads of inflation, should capitalise an amount of \$5000 of earned interest.

International Tours for 1974-75: (1) Tours to Abroad: There was general discussion on the possibility of obtaining Government assistance for overseas tours by Australian athletes. The Secretary-Treasurer pointed out that the Union would be expected to find at least one-half of the costs involved. Any such tour would need to be clearly defined as to when and where before any application could be made for Government assistance.

(2) Tours from Abroad: The Secretary-Treasurer pointed out some of the difficulties in bringing teams from overseas, as experience had taught that it is almost impossible to retain a Team in Australia long enough to cover all States. The longest term usually possible to keep a team in Australia was about two weeks, and this would allow for visits to about four different States. It was resolved that any State wishing to bring athletes to Australia and able to meet one-half of the costs involved should make application, to the Union for the placing of a submission before the Federal Government..... Mr. Tracey raised the question of regular competition against New Zealand. The Secretary-Treasurer advised that that country had indicated recently that it wished again to send an Under 23 Years Team for competition in New South Wales and Victoria. This matter had been referred to all States, and New Zealand had been advised that the sending of such a team would not be helpful on the publicity side, and that an open team would be preferable. However, the Union had indicated that, if this was not possible, an Under 23 Years Team would be accepted, but that Australia would not necessarily be able to return the visit.

South Africa: It was agreed that the Union's present policy of not approving visits of Athletics teams either to or from South Africa should be maintained for the time being.

21. PACIFIC CONFERENCE GAMES

Report of P.C.C. Permanent Council Delegates: The Report of the Union's Delegates (Messrs. L.C. Carnow and V.J. Chalwin) to the Meeting of the Pacific Conference Games Permanent Council held at Toronto at the time of the 11 Pacific Conference Games was tabled and received. Among the more important matters dealt with was a decision that the number of women athletes in the competitive team of 35 men and women may range from 10 to 12..... Because of the political situation in Australia, the Australian Delegates were unable to confirm the tentative application made in 1969 at Tokyo to host the 1977 Games at Canberra, and an extension of time to the end of 1973 was granted. It was indicated that if Australia is unable to confirm the Canberra venue, the United States could stage the Games in Hawaii. It was agreed that, whether the venue was Canberra or Honolulu, they would be held in the November-December period.... The question of inviting the People's Republic of China to participate in the Games was again discussed, but it was agreed that until that country sought and was granted re-admission to the I.A.A.F. no question of inviting its participation could arise.

Report of Australia's Participation in II Pacific Conference Games 1978: The Report of Mr. G.T. Driggs, Manager of Australia's Team to the II Pacific Conference Games in Toronto was tabled and received together with the supplementary reports of his assistants Dr. W.H. Warr, Mrs. M. Cahill and Mr. J.W.E. Pross. Mr. Driggs, speaking on the Report, said that more emphasis should be placed in the future on the Satellite Meetings, in that some of the countries did not seem to view them with sufficient interest and also sought last minute programme alterations. Discussion on whether the Satellite meetings should be held before or after the Games showed that there was a considerable diversity of opinion. In the matter of fund-raising, it was agreed that, after the 1977 Games in Canberra, fund raising should begin early for the 1981 Games. Mr. Driggs emphasised that it should not be the responsibility of a Team Manager to organise fund-raising for which a professional fund raiser was needed. This in fact had been decided after the 1969 Games in Tokyo, but had not been implemented.... Mr. Driggs stated, inconclusion, that the behaviour of all team members had been exemplary throughout.... The Conference resolved to place on record its appreciation of Mr. Driggs' excellent work as Team Manager.

The Victorian Delegates spoke of difficulties experienced in obtaining from the Victorian Women's A.A.U. its due share of Victoria's financial quota for the Toronto Team, and it was agreed that the President and the Secretary-Treasurer would raise this matter informally with the Officers of the Australian Women's A.A.U.

III Pacific Conference Games 1977: Mr. McDonald, on behalf of the Victorian A.A.U. referred to unfavourable publicity given to the fact that an offer by the Government of Victoria to underwrite the cost of the III Pacific Conference Games, if held in Melbourne in 1977, had been made too late. The Secretary-Treasurer, in reply, stated that applications had been invited from all Member Associations, and that thereafter allocation of the Games to Canberra had been approved by Mail Vote.

A Report on the activities of the Canberra Pacific Conference Games Investigating Committee was tabled by Mrs. Cross. It was confirmed that the Commonwealth Government had promised an amount of \$50,000 towards the cost of staging the Games, and had further indicated that, subject to (a) increasing costs and (b) the inclusion of additional countries, this amount could be increased. In addition, an initial approach for support had been made to a number of major Australian companies and an excellent response had resulted.... It was agreed that, once the Games Organising Committee was appointed, it should proceed with the approach for finance to all possible organisations. Some Delegates expressed fears regarding the

possibility of not obtaining adequate finance and that more had not been done in this regard. Mr. Lee stated, in reply, that as Canberra had not been finally approved as the Games venue until early February 1974, it had been considered by the A.A.A. of New South Wales and by its Canberra-Queanbeyan Branch that it would be unwise to proceed with further plans for fund-raising or any other matter until the Union Conference had had the opportunity to discuss the whole project and to resolve upon the format of the organisation. The question of whether the A.A.U. of Australia or the A.A.A. of New South Wales should be responsible for the conduct of the Games had also been a factor in delaying any further organisational plans. Mr. Bethel confirmed the intention of the Australian Government to provide the sum of 760,000, and indicated that additional assistance might be provided if application for such was made, in the form of administrative and/or travel expenses in relation to the Games Organising Committee. After further discussion, it was resolved that the Union authorise the A.A.A. of New South Wales, in conjunction with its Canberra-Queanbeyan Branch, to establish an Organising Committee for the purpose of conducting the Pacific Conference Games at Canberra in 1977, and that it suggests that, amongst other representatives on that Committee, there be representatives of the Australian Women's A.A.U. and the New South Wales Women's A.A.A. It was further resolved that there would be two A.A.U. representatives on the Organising Committee, and it was further resolved that these representatives be Messrs L.B. Curnow and D.P. Wilson.

22. OLYMPIC GAMES

Matters Arising from 1973 Conference: A.O.F. Olympic Games Preparation Fund (page 23) - Attention was drawn to the need for submission to the Australian Olympic Federation by 1.10.73, for referral to its Olympic Games Preparation Sub-Committee, of the Union's application for assistance in preparing the Athletics Team for the 1976 Olympic Games. The 1973 Conference had decided that this matter should be considered by the Union's Selection and Coaching Co-ordinating Committees acting jointly, and that their recommendation should be conveyed to the Union for transmission to the Australian Olympic Federation.

Report of A.O.F. Delegates: The Union's Delegates to the Australian Olympic Federation reported that no meeting of that body had been held since the 1973 Conference of the Union.

XXI Olympic Games - Montreal 1976: The Secretary-Treasurer advised the Conference that the dates for the athletics events at the 1976 Olympic Games had now been

finalised. They would be held during the period July 23-31.

Olympic Games Road Walks: It was resolved on a motion by the Victorian A.A.A., to record the Union's opposition to the proposal to eliminate the Road Walk events from the Olympic Games programme, and to make use of all means available, both on its own initiative and in support of action by controlling bodies in other countries, to defeat the move.

23. BRITISH COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Matters Arising from 1973 Conference: (1) Request for Trials in December 1973 (page 24) - The Secretary-Treasurer reported that the request to hold the Trials for selection of the Athletics Team for the Christchurch Games in December 1973 had not been acceded to, and they had been held accordingly at the end of October; (2) A.W.A.A.U. Application for A.B.C.G.A. Affiliation (page 26) - The Secretary-Treasurer informed the Conference that the Australian British Commonwealth Games Association had been advised that the Union was opposed to the granting of direct affiliation to the Australian Women's A.A.U.; (3) State Representation on A.B.C.G.A. (page 26) - It was pointed out that the matter of State Representation on the A.B.C.G.A. would come before Conference in connection with a Tasmanian notice of motion.

Report of A.B.C.G.A. Delegates: The Secretary-Treasurer reported that no meeting of the Council of the Australian British Commonwealth Games Association had been held since September 1972, but that as A.A.U. Member of the Association's Executive Committee he had attended meetings in December 1972 and in July and December 1973. The latter two meetings had been mainly concerned with details of arrangements in connection with Australia's Team to the Christchurch Games. Mr. McDonald, the Union's other Delegate to the Association, asked that his concern be recorded that, with the Christchurch Games scheduled for January 1974, no full meeting of the Association had been held in 1973.

Report on Selection Trials: A Report by the A.A.A. of New South Wales on the 20 Miles Walk Selection Trial at Canberra on September 22nd 1973 was tabled and was received. Mr. Lee, as Secretary of the A.A.A. of New South Wales, apologised for the absence of a report on the Track and Field Trials at Sydney on October 27-28, 1973, and promised that this would be forwarded at an early date.

Reports on Australia's Participation in Athletics at the X British Commonwealth Games 1974: (1) General Manager's Report - The Secretary-Treasurer informed the Conference that the Report of the Team's General Manager on Australia's participation in the X British Commonwealth Games at Christchurch,

New Zealand from January 24th to February 2nd 1974 had not yet been finalised. (2) Reports of Athletics Manager and Assistants - Mr. Durie, the Athletics Manager, informed the Conference that a short report had been submitted by him to the General Manager for inclusion in his Report, and that a full Report on Australia's participation in Athletics would be submitted in due course to the Union. He then gave a brief verbal account of his Team's participation in the Games and concluded by thanking the Union for having entrusted the Team to his care. Mr. McDonald moved that the Union's thanks and congratulations to the Team's management be placed on record, and this was carried with acclamation.

XI British Commonwealth Games - Montreal 1978: The Secretary-Treasurer informed the Conference that the actual dates of the XI Commonwealth Games at Montreal in 1978 had yet to be announced.

Australian British Commonwealth Games Association - State representation: It was successfully moved by the Tasmanian A.A.A. that the Union support the following motion adopted at a conference of representatives of the Australian British Commonwealth Games Association and its State Divisions held at Melbourne in February 1973: "That this meeting of representatives of State Division of the Australian British Commonwealth Games Association request that body to take appropriate steps to amend its Constitution so that each State Division has a representative with voting power in the Association, and that in the event of this request being refused, this meeting feels that National Controlling Bodies should be responsible for fund-raising; and that the Union instructs its Delegates to the Australian British Commonwealth Games Association to place this motion before the next meeting of the Association".

The Secretary-Treasurer was asked to endeavour to obtain copies of the Constitution of the Australian British Commonwealth Games Association for circulation to Member Associations.

24. SOUTH PACIFIC & ASIAN GAMES

V South Pacific Games - Guam 1975: The Conference was informed that the V South Pacific Games at present were scheduled for August 9-22 at Guam, but there was a distinct possibility that they would not be so held because of organisational difficulties.

VII Asian Games - Teheran 1974: The Secretary-Treasurer informed the Conference that, although the VII Asian Games were scheduled for September 1-16 at Teheran, there was conflict over the eligibility of the Peoples Republic of China to participate.

(End of Third Session)

25. AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S A.A.U.

The Secretary-Treasurer informed the Conference that a letter had been received from the Australian Women's A.A.U. requesting that in Australian Teams which included women athletes the Assistant Manager-Women should have charge of women athletes in other than matters pertaining to competition and training. As the President and Secretary of the A.W.A.A.U. were expected to attend the forthcoming Championships as guests, it was agreed that Messrs Kitken and Hodsdon should discuss this matter with them, and report back to next Union Conference.

A further letter from the A.W.A.A.U. raised several matters in connection with mixed teams of men and women athletes. These were resolved as follows: (1) it was agreed that the A.W.A.A.U. should assume, as a general policy, responsibility for the outfitting of women athletes; (2) it was pointed out that a suggestion that two track suits be provided for women athletes, though desirable, was not always practicable; (3) it was felt that a suggestion that Australian Teams be selected 6-8 weeks before the closing of entries was not always practicable, but that further discussion with the A.W.A.A.U. on its proposal was warranted; (4) it was agreed that the inclusion of a woman in any future Commonwealth Games Advance Party was desirable and should be sought by the Union.

It was agreed also to discuss further with the A.W.A.A.U. a suggestion that, if (in a Team such as that for a Pacific Conference Games) the Women's Union undertook to outfit the women members, the cost of such outfitting should be allowed against any fund-raising quota.

26. UNION PUBLICATIONS

Matters Arising from 1973 Conference: A.A.U. Almanac-Pollard Publishing Co. offer (page 28) - The Secretary-Treasurer informed the Conference that the offer of the Pollard Publishing Co. to publish an enlarged Almanac of Records and Results had not yet developed as had been hoped, and that the 1973 edition of the Almanac has been published along the lines of previous ones.

Handbook of Constitution Laws & General Rules: It was agreed that the practice of re-publishing biennially the Handbook of Constitution Laws and General Rules be maintained. The next edition would be published accordingly in 1975.

Almanac of Records & Results: It was agreed that the 1974 edition of the Almanac of Records and Results should be published in the normal format.

Minutes of Conference: It was agreed that the Minutes of the 1974 Conference would be published in the normal format. In addition, copies of the Draft Minutes, as prepared by the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer are to be circulated to Delegates and Associations as soon as possible after Conference, but with the understanding that such draft would be subject to correction.

Results of Past Championships, Etc.: The Secretary-Treasurer informed the Conference that it was still hoped, in collaboration with the Pollard Publishing Co. to publish at a future (though as yet undetermined) date a Handbook of the results of past championships, the progression of records, all-time ranking lists and other data.

27. FINANCIAL REPORTS & BUDGET

Financial Statements for 1973: Audited Statements of Income and Expenditure covering, in addition to General Funds, the Ronald W. Clarke Foundation and the Pacific Conference Games Fund, for the year ended 31st December, 1973 were submitted to the Conference. Also presented was a Consolidated Balance Sheet as at the 31st December 1973. It was resolved that these various statements be received and adopted.... A vote of thanks to Mr. V.J. Plummer for his work in auditing the accounts was also recorded.

(The statements referred to are printed at the end of these Minutes).

Financial Budget for 1974: The following Budget of General Income and Expenditure for 1974 was adopted.

| <u>Income</u> | | <u>Expenditure</u> | |
|-------------------|--------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Affiliation Fees | \$ 151 | Affiliation Fees | \$ 280 |
| Registration Dues | 1172 | Cables & Telegrams | 75 |
| Interest | 1090 | Coaching & Official's | |
| Sundries | 800 | Committees | 100 |
| | | Depreciation | 28 |
| | | Duplicating & Stationery | 510 |
| | | Entertainment & Goodwill | |
| | | Expenses | 150 |
| | | General Expenses | 450 |
| | | Honoraria | 1250 |
| | | Insurance | 35 |
| | | Library | 100 |
| | | Postages | 275 |
| | | Telephone | 400 |
| | | Trophies | 20 |
| | | Typing Service | 675 |
| | | Officers' Expenses Fund | 350 |
| | | Selectors' " " | 300 |
| | | Congress Delegates Fund | 350 |
| | | | <u>\$5348</u> |
| | | Surplus | 865 |
| | | | <u>\$ 6213</u> |

In appreciation of their work during the year, the Secretary-Treasurer and the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer were granted honoraria of \$1000 and \$250 respectively.

Registration Dues: The Secretary-Treasurer successfully moved that the words "thirty-five cents" in the first paragraph of Law 147 be amended to "fifty cents".

Annual Conference-Expenses: It was resolved on a motion by the Secretary-Treasurer to amend Law 155 by deleting "and" before "the Secretary-Treasurer" and by adding after "the Secretary-Treasurer" the words "and the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer".

28. REPORTS OF DELEGATES & STANDING COMMITTEES

Reports of the Union's Delegates to the 3rd Congress of the Oceania Group of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (held at Christchurch in January 1974) and to a Meeting of the Pacific Conference Games Permanent Council (held at Toronto in June 1973) had already been before the Conference, as had "nil" Reports, due to the fact that no Meetings had been held since last A.A.U. Conference from the Delegates to the Australian Olympic Federation and the Australian Commonwealth Games Association.

Reports had been received also from the following Standing Committees: Constitution and Rules Committee, Officials Committee, Selection Committee and Technical Committee, but no Reports were to hand from the Coaching Co-Ordinating Committee, the Scoring Tables and Standards Committee or the Walking Committee.

The Reports of the Technical Committee, the Officials' Committee and the Selection Committee, had already been before the Conference under appropriate headings.....Mr. McDonald spoke at some length on the Report of the Constitution and Rules Committee in regard to Investigations and Appeals, and remarked that appropriate amendments to the Union's present laws in this field would come before the present Conference at a later stage.

There was further discussion of I.A.A.F. Technical Rule dispensations for Australian Conditions. Rule 175-1 (Triple Jump) requiring the take-off board to be 13 metres, instead of 12 metres as previously, from the landing area was the subject of discussion, and it was agreed that, for the time being, at least, there should be a dispensation retaining the old figure of 11 metres, except of course for Australian Championships and State Open Championships..... It was resolved that the report on track and plinth markings be referred to State

Technical Committees for suggestions, which should be forwarded to the Convenor of Technical Committee, Mr. L.D. Curnow.

29. REPORTS OF MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that the Annual Reports for 1972-73 of all Member Associations had been received and were held on file.

30. CORRESPONDENCE

(1) A letter was tabled from the A.A.A. of New South Wales enclosing criticism by the Sydney University A.C. of the elimination of walking events from the programme of the Olympic Games, and a similar letter from the South Australian A.A.A. was also tabled. It was mentioned that this matter was the subject of a Notice of Motion by Victoria already debated by the Conference. (2) A request was received from the Australian Universities Sports Association for permission to hold an Australian Universities Marathon Championship in conjunction with the Union's event. It was resolved to advise the applicant, that, as there was a rigid qualifying standard for the national title race, such permission could not be granted, but that application to the appropriate State Association in any year could provide a suitable alternative. (3) A letter was read from Mrs. Shirley Harris, daughter of the late A.W. Winter (the Olympic hop, step and jump champion of 1924) offering an annual trophy for award to the winner of each years Australian Triple jump championship. It was resolved to advise Mrs. Harris that her offer was greatly appreciated, but that it was not the policy of the Union to accept special trophies for individual events, and a precedent cannot be established. It was decided however, to suggest to Mrs. Harris that her offer be made to the A.A.A. of New South Wales for consideration by that body at its level. (4) A letter was tabled from Dr. T. Mullins arising from action taken in regard to the amateur status of G. Farmer, and the action of the Secretary-Treasurer in referring Dr. Mullins' allegations to the A.A.A. of New South Wales and the Australian Women's A.A.U. was endorsed. (5) A letter was tabled from the Shell Company of Australia acknowledging receipt from the Union of copies of the results of the Sub-Junior Interstate Correspondence Match, and advising that copies of same had been forwarded to the Company's head office in Melbourne and to its branches in other States.

31. NOTICES OF MOTION

Records Committee: The Victorian A.A.A. was permitted to withdraw its notice of motion that the following Law 128 (cc) be adopted: "A Records Committee of three members, all of whom shall be resident in the same State and none of whom need be Conference Delegates, whose duty it shall be to examine applications for Australian records and to report upon them to the Secretary-Treasurer."

Absence of Secretary-Treasurer & Assistant Secretary-Treasurer: The Secretary-Treasurer moved successfully that Law 114 be amended by substitution of the words "and the Secretary-Treasurer" for "in consultation with the Vice-Presidents".

Investigations: The Secretary-Treasurer successfully moved, on behalf of the Constitution and Rule Committee, that Law 163(b) be amended by deleting the word "Union" and substituting the words "Secretary-Treasurer".

The Secretary-Treasurer further moved successfully, on behalf of the Constitution and Rules Committee, that sub-clauses (iv) and (v) of law 163(d) be renumbered (v) and (vi), and that the following new Sub-Clause (iv) be inserted: "If, during the course of an investigation, it is considered by the Committee to be desirable to take and receive any evidence orally, it shall request the Secretary-Treasurer to require any person or persons to attend before the Committee at a time and place to be nominated in order that such evidence may be taken. The person, Club or Association against who the allegation is made shall be entitled to be present and or represented before the Committee at the time such evidence is to be taken, and shall be notified accordingly by the Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer shall inform any person, Club or Association that he or it has the right to be represented at the hearing by another member of his Club or Association or any other person."

Amendments to Constitution Laws and General Rules: It was resolved, on motions by the Victorian A.A.A. that Laws 186 and 189 be rescinded.

Investigations: The Victorian A.A.A. successfully moved that paragraph 2 of the Investigation Procedure applicable to Member Associations, as laid down by the Union's 1957 Annual Conference, be amended to the following: "The Secretary shall refer all investigations to the Executive Committee which for the purpose shall constitute an Investigation Committee, or to such other Standing Committee as may be expressly appointed for the purpose."

32. CONFERRING OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP & MERIT AWARDS

The Secretary-Treasurer advised that nominations had been received from the Victorian A.A.A. for the conferring of Life Membership on Mr. G.H. Gardiner, and from the Queensland A.A.A. and the Victorian A.A.A. for the conferring of Merit Awards on Messrs. E. Goodwin and E. Moore respectively. Secret ballots were held, and the President then announced that Life Membership and Merit Awards had been conferred as nominated.... It was resolved that Merit Awards would be listed in future editions of the Union Handbook.

33. GENERAL BUSINESS

Special Committee appointed to examine Union Administration: It was reported to the Conference that the Ad Hoc Committee appointed on the previous day had met during that evening and that it had resolved to recommend to the Conference that a Special Committee be appointed with the following Terms of Reference:

(1) To examine the feasibility of a three-tiered structure of the Union: (i) an Executive Committee of three Members; (ii) a Standing Committee replacing the present Executive Committee; (iii) the Annual Conference.

(2) To examine ways and means of administering the following facets of Union affairs and to suggest how responsibility for them should be apportioned: (i) International Affairs - (a) International Amateur Athletic Federation; (b) International Olympic Committee; (c) Oceania Group of the International Amateur Athletic Federation; (d) Australian Olympic Federation and Australian Commonwealth Games Association; (e) South Pacific Games; (f) Pacific Conference Games; (g) International Tours; (h) Accreditations; (i) Scholarships. (ii) Domestic Administration - (a) Standing Committees; (b) Publications; (c) Contact with Government - Federal, State and Municipal; (d) Member Associations and Australian Women's A.A.U.; (iii) Annual Conference - (a) Notices of Motion; (b) Agenda; (c) Minutes; (iv) Promotion and Education; (v) Australian Championships.

(3) To consider whether the Union would be best served by: (i) an Honorary Secretary as at present; or (ii) a permanent Salaried Secretary with complete executive powers; or (iii) an Honorary Secretary elected by the Annual Conference supplied by a permanent Salaried Executive Officer.

(4) To examine the desirability of dividing the responsibilities of Secretary and Treasurer.

(5) To examine the feasibility of the establishment of a permanent paid Secretariat for the Union.

(6) To consider whether the Standing Committees should be given more executive authority.

(7) To consider any other aspects of the administration of the Union which the Committee considers relevant.

(8) To make recommendations about the financing of the proposals.

(9) To make recommendations about relevant amendments to the Constitution of the Union.

It was resolved that the terms of reference and recommendations as above outlined be adopted. It was further resolved that the Special Committee be five in number. The following Committee was then duly elected: Messrs. C.D. Lee (Convener), G.T. Briggs, A.J. Hodsdon, A.L. Morrison and F.T. Treacy.

It was resolved that the Special Committee should meet within three months at the expense of the Union in either Sydney or Melbourne. The matter of a Conference or otherwise to deal with the Special Committee's firm recommendations was left at the discretion of the President and Secretary-Treasurer.

Format of Programme for Australian Track & Field Championships: It was resolved that the size of the programme for Australian Track and Field Championships be that recommended by Mr. Briggs, namely, A or Octavo, and that the matter of its contents be placed for consideration on the Agenda of the Conference of Secretaries:

34. ELECTION OF OFFICERS, DELEGATES & COMMITTEES

Officers: Mr. C.R. Kitken (South Australia) was re-elected unopposed to the office of President..... Messrs. T.C. Blue (Queensland), V.J. Chalwin (New South Wales), J.W. Cook (Queensland), J.K. Faulkner (South Australia), A.W. McDonald (Victoria) and F.T. Treacy (Western Australia) were nominees for the positions of Vice-Presidents, and Messrs. Blue and McDonald were elected..... Messrs. A.J. Hodsdon and C.D. Lee, both of New South Wales were unopposed for the offices of Honorary Secretary-Treasurer and Honorary Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, and were duly re-elected to those positions.

As Mr. Blue indicated that he did not wish to be named Senior Vice-President, the President designated Mr. A.W. McDonald for that position.

It was resolved that a Mail Vote would be conducted to the effect that Officers of the Union will hold office until the thirtieth day of April of the year following the year of appointment.

Delegates: Messrs. L.G. Curnow (Victoria) and A.J. Hodsdon (New South Wales) were re-elected Delegates to the Australian Olympic Federation and to the Pacific Conference Games Permanent Council. Messrs. A.J. Hodsdon (New South Wales) and A.W. McDonald (Victoria) were re-elected Delegates to the Australian Commonwealth Games Association.

Executive Committee: The following were elected to the Executive Committee: Messrs. J.D. Bailey (Queensland), G.T. Briggs (Tasmania), L.G. Curnow (Victoria), R.M. Durie (New South Wales), E.R. Graham (South Australia) and F.T. Treacy (Western Australia).

Coaching Co-Ordinating Committee: Messrs. J.H. Schubert, G. Shaw and R.H. Weinberg, all of Victoria, were appointed to the Coaching Co-Ordinating Committee; Convenor: Mr. Schubert.

Constitution & Rules Committee: Messrs. J.C. Draper, A.W. McDonald and A.L. Morrison were appointed to the Constitution and Rules Committee - Convenor: Mr. Morrison.

Officials Committee: Messrs. M.R. Aitken (South Australia), G.T. Briggs (Tasmania), H. Crane (Queensland), L.G. Curnow (Victoria), T. King (Western Australia) and H.L. Ralph (New South Wales) were appointed to the Officials Committee. Convenor: Mr. Curnow.

Scoring Tables & Standards Committee: Messrs. R. Hood, R. Morris and N.J. Ruddock, all of Tasmania, were appointed to the Scoring Tables and Standards Committee. Convenor: Mr. Ruddock.

Technical Committee: Messrs. L.G. Curnow, J.L. Patching and K.L. Taggart, all of Victoria, were appointed to the Technical Committee. Convenor: Mr. Curnow.

Walking Committee: Messrs. S. Bray (Queensland), D.M. Keane (Western Australia), J.S. McDougall (New South Wales), A.E. Robinson (Victoria), V.B. Sharp (South Australia) and G.A. Wise (Tasmania) were appointed to the Walking Committee. Convenor: V.B. Sharp.

Selection Committee: Messrs. E.J. Digby (Queensland), F.J. Day (Western Australia), P. Jenés (Victoria) and H.L. Ralph (New South Wales) were nominees for the vacancy on the Selection Committee occasioned by the expiration of Mr. Jenés

one-year term of office. Following a secret ballot, Mr. Jenés was declared re-elected.

35. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR & TRUSTEES

Auditor: Mr. V.J. Plummer (New South Wales) was re-appointed Honorary Auditor.

Trustees: Messrs. C.W. Aitken (South Australia) and A.J. Hodsdon (New South Wales) were re-appointed Trustees to the Union, including the R.W. Clarke Foundation and the Pacific Conference Games Fund.

36. ADDITIONAL CHEQUE SIGNATORY

Mr. C. D. Lee (New South Wales) was appointed to act as additional cheque signatory in the absence of either the President or the Secretary-Treasurer.

37. FIXING OF HEADQUARTERS

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

38. CLOSURE

Mr. McDonald, on behalf of the Officers and Delegates, thanked the President for the admirable way in which he had chaired the Conference.

The President, in reply, thanked the Delegates for their interest in the affairs of the Conference and for their forbearance. He also thanked the Victorian A.A.A. for its arrangements and hospitality.

The Conference closed at 8.35 pm.

Arthur J. Hodsdon
Honorary Secretary-Treasurer

THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1972
 (1) General Fund

| <u>1972</u> | <u>Expenditure</u> | | <u>1972</u> | <u>Income</u> | |
|-------------|---|-----------|-------------|---|----------|
| | <u>Affiliation Fees:</u> | | | <u>Affiliations Fees:</u> | |
| p 215 | International Amateur Athletic Federation | \$ 185.51 | \$ 60 | Member Association | \$ 60.00 |
| 35 | Pacific Conference Games Council | 79.14 | 105 | Australian Women's AAI | 105.45 |
| 4 | Australian Olympic Federation | 4.20 | | <u>Registration Dues:</u> | |
| 11 | Australian Commonwealth Games Association | 10.50 | 1240 | AAA of NSW | 1153.20 |
| | <u>I.A.A.F. Council Expenses:</u> | | 319 | Queensland AAA | 306.25 |
| - | Air Travel | 877.00 | 268 | South Australian AAA | 252.70 |
| 92 | Accommodation & Sundries | 144.85 | 186 | Tasmanian AAA | 201.60 |
| | | 1021.85 | 2132 | Victorian AAA | 1964.20 |
| | <u>I.A.A.F. Oceanic Group Expenses:</u> | | 294 | Western Australian AAA | 291.20 |
| 40 | Administration Levy | 40.00 | | <u>I.A.A.F. Subsidy:</u> | |
| 400 | <u>I.A.A.U. Special Funds:</u> | | 794 | re Council Expenses: | 656.00 |
| | I.A.A.F. Congress Delegates Expenses | 400.00 | 900 | Interest | 986.72 |
| 350 | Officers Conference Ex. | 300.00 | 64 | <u>Share of Profits of Australian Track & Field Championships 1972:</u> | 305.79 |
| 200 | Selectors Expenses | 350.00 | | <u>Fines & Reinstatement Fees:</u> | 86.00 |
| | | 1050.00 | 146 | <u>Publication Sales:</u> | |
| | <u>Team & Athletes Expenses:</u> | | 1 | Almanac | 134.90 |
| 11 | Athletes from Overseas | - | 1326 | Handbook | 123.20 |
| 46 | Athletes to Overseas | 23.98 | | Other | 2225.51 |
| 427 | Olympic Team of 1972 | - | | <u>Team & Athletes Expenses:</u> | |
| .. | Commonwealth Games Team of 1974 | 420.14 | 54 | Olympic Team of 1972 | 120.23 |
| | (including Select Trials) | 444.12 | | <u>Sundry Income:</u> | 171.10 |

| <u>Special Committee's Expenses:</u> | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 4 | Coaching Committee | 62.00 |
| - | Officials Committee | <u>565.08</u> |
| | | 627.08 |
| <u>General Administration:</u> | | |
| 66 | Cables & Telegrams | 16.08 |
| 15 | Depreciation | 27.65 |
| | Duplicating, Typing & Stationery: | |
| 76 | Minutes of 1973 | |
| | Conference | 71.56 |
| 520 | Typing Service | 587.70 |
| 396 | Sundries | <u>368.40</u> |
| | | 1027.66 |
| 171 | Entertainment & | |
| | Goodwill Exps. | 120.40 |
| | General Expenses: | |
| 65 | Almanac - | |
| | Comp. Issues | 66.38 |
| 286 | Sundries | <u>322.22</u> |
| | | 388.60 |
| 1000 | Honoraria | 1250.00 |
| 28 | Insurance | 20.10 |
| 80 | Library | 67.10 |
| 202 | Postages | 213.99 |
| | Publication Costs: | |
| 125 | Almanac | 130.71 |
| - | Handbook | 105.68 |
| 857 | Other | <u>1225.11</u> |
| | | 1462.50 |
| 324 | Telephone | 337.58 |
| 31 | Trophies, Record Certificates | |
| | & Plaques | <u>5.74</u> |
| | | 4945.40 |
| <u>35127</u> | | <u>\$8407.80</u> |
| | <u>Surplus for Year</u> | |
| 1962 | transferred to Accumulated Fund | <u>737.25</u> |
| <u>\$8089</u> | | <u>\$9145.05</u> |

\$8089

\$9145.05

THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1973

(2) Pacific Conference Games Fund

| <u>Expenditure</u> | |
|--|-------------------|
| Accommodation Costs - Internal | \$ 898.48 |
| External | 466.77 |
| Cables, Postages & Telephone | 398.43 |
| Duplicating, Printing & Secretarial Service | 280.58 |
| Entertainment & Goodwill Expenses | 154.70 |
| General Expenses | 118.69 |
| Meal Supplements | 103.16 |
| Medical Attention & Supplies | 83.31 |
| Outfitting - Competition | 1747.00 |
| do - General | 4934.84 |
| Travel Costs - Internal | 1437.15 |
| do - External | 8.79 |
| | <u>\$10631.90</u> |
| <u>Surplus for Year</u> | |
| Transferred to Accumulated Fund | 1464.34 |
| | <u>\$12096.24</u> |

| <u>Income</u> | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| <u>States Special Levys:</u> | |
| New South Wales | \$ 3000.00 |
| Queensland | 600.00 |
| South Australia | 1200.00 |
| Tasmania | 600.00 |
| Victoria | 5700.00 |
| Western Australia | <u>900.00</u> |
| | \$ 12,000.00 |
| <u>Interests:</u> | 96.24 |
| | <u>\$ 12,096.24</u> |

THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st DECEMBER, 1973

(1) General Fund

| <u>Liabilities</u> | | | <u>Assets</u> | |
|--|------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| <u>Sundry Creditors & Liabilities</u> | | \$ 134.95 | <u>Cash:</u> In Hand | \$711.60 |
| <u>Congress Delegates Expenses Fund:</u> | | | Bank of NSW-Epping | 218.96 |
| Balance as at 1.1.73 | \$ 1215.20 | | <u>Sundry Debtors:</u> | \$930.56 |
| Budget Allocation for 1973 | 400.00 | 1615.20 | <u>Accruements:</u> | 437.25 |
| <u>Officers' Conference Expenses Fund:</u> | | | Registration Dues | \$974.60 |
| Balance at 1.1.73 | 562.31 | | Interest | 381.76 |
| Budget Allocation for 1973 | 300.00 | | <u>Investments:</u> | 4356.36 |
| | 862.31 | | Bank of N.S.W.-Interest | |
| Sydney Conference 1973 | 219.60 | 642.71 | Bearing Deposits | 8500.00 |
| <u>Selectors' Expenses Fund:</u> | | | H.W.S. & D. Bd. of NSW- | |
| Balance at 1.1.73 | 583.22 | | Debentures | 9000.00 |
| Budget Allocation for 1973 | 350.00 | | Commonwealth of Australia | |
| | 933.22 | | Special Bonds | 2000.00 |
| Sydney Meeting - March | | | <u>Stocks:</u> | 1950.00 |
| 1973 | 367.28 | | <u>Equipment:</u> | 2295.21 |
| do October 1973 | 158.83 | 407.11 | | 90.00 |
| <u>Accumulated Funds:</u> | | | | |
| Balance at 1.1.73 | 24072.16 | | | |
| Surplus for Year transferred | | | | |
| to l. & E. A/c | 737.25 | | | |
| | | 24809.41 | | |
| | | <u>\$27609.38</u> | | <u>\$27609.38</u> |

(2) Pacific Conference Games Fund

| | | | | |
|--|-----------|----------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| <u>Sundry Creditors & Liabilities:</u> | | \$722.14 | <u>Cash:</u> Bank of NSW - Epping | 443.27 |
| <u>Accumulated Funds:</u> | | | <u>Sundry Debtors:</u> | 111.16 |
| Balance at 1.1.73 | \$1026.69 | | <u>Accruements:</u> Interest | 158.74 |

(2) Pacific Conference Games Fund (Cont.)

| | | | |
|---|----------------|---|----------------|
| Surplus for year transferred from I.&E. A/c 1464.3i | 3291.03 | <u>Investments:</u> Bank of NSW - Interest Bearing Deposits | 3300.00 |
| | <u>3403.17</u> | | <u>4013.17</u> |

(3) Ronald W. Clarke Athletic Foundation

| | | | |
|--|--------------------|---|--------------------|
| <u>Sundry Creditors & Liabilities:</u> | \$ 139.75 | <u>Cash:</u> Bank of NSW - Epping | \$ 444.89 |
| <u>International Tours Fund:</u> | | <u>Accruments:</u> Interest | 63.05 |
| Balance at 1.1.73 | \$576.33 | <u>Investments:</u> | |
| Interest for Year | 149.45 | Bank of NSW - Interest Bearing Deposits | 7000.00 |
| | 7258.78 | M.W.S. & D. Bd. of NSW Debentures | 21500.00 |
| Subsidy D. Stokes | 250.00 | | 28500.00 |
| Bank Charge | 3.25 | | |
| | 259.25 | | |
| <u>Trust Fund:</u> | 7005.53 | | |
| | 22433.66 | | |
| | <u>\$ 29576.94</u> | | <u>\$ 29578.94</u> |
| | \$ 61,201.49 | | \$ 61,201.49 |

Having examined the Books of Account and Vouchers of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia for the year Ended 31st December, 1973, I report that I have obtained all the information and explanations required by me. In my opinion the above Balance Sheet and supporting Income and Expenditure Accounts are properly drawn so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Union's affairs.

V. John Plummer
Chartered Accountant
Registered under the Public
Accountants Act 1945, as amended.

22nd March, 1974

APPENDIX "A"
SUMMARY OF REGISTRATIONS
1947-48 to 1973-74

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(a) ACTUAL NUMBERS:

| | <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> |
|---------|---------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1947-48 | 1586 | 350 | 282 | 136 | 2637 | 391 | 5381 |
| 1948-49 | 1817 | 390 | 324 | 157 | 2885 | 461 | 6034 |
| 1949-50 | 1925 | 301 | 266 | 115 | 2864 | 485 | 5956 |
| 1950-51 | 1682 | 450 | 310 | 136 | 2491 | 500 | 5569 |
| 1951-52 | 1572 | 325 | 330 | 103 | 2446 | 495 | 5271 |
| 1952-53 | 1601 | 371 | 302 | 177 | 2521 | 548 | 5540 |
| 1953-54 | 1640 | 316 | 271 | 119 | 2224 | 500 | 5273 |
| 1954-55 | 1349 | 317 | 300 | 152 | 2649 | 474 | 5241 |
| 1955-56 | 1474 | 334 | 284 | 189 | 2967 | 572 | 5620 |
| 1956-57 | 1732 | 407 | 301 | 219 | 3471 | 449 | 6599 |
| 1957-58 | 1977 | 416 | 345 | 309 | 4264 | 689 | 8500 |
| 1958-59 | 1819 | 364 | 544 | 330 | 4190 | 779 | 8626 |
| 1959-60 | 1822 | 801 | 502 | 383 | 4190 | 817 | 8515 |
| 1960-61 | 2213 | 833 | 521 | 344 | 3696 | 787 | 8460 |
| 1961-62 | 2052 | 908 | 608 | 358 | 3607 | 860 | 8393 |
| 1962-63 | 2032 | 1042 | 639 | 501 | 3857 | 1082 | 9153 |
| 1963-64 | 2307 | 1001 | 800 | 456 | 3994 | 1054 | 9820 |
| 1964-65 | 3162 | 1038 | 850 | 627 | 4258 | 911 | 10846 |
| 1965-66 | 3283 | 1121 | 925 | 463 | 4281 | 747 | 10817 |
| 1966-67 | 3474 | 700 | 1064 | 503 | 4694 | 648 | 11085 |
| 1967-68 | 3847 | 1034 | 1120 | 687 | 5276 | 694 | 12658 |
| 1968-69 | 4725 | 964 | 1013 | 696 | 5920 | 879 | 14267 |
| 1969-70 | 4748 | 1180 | 1061 | 753 | 5837 | 880 | 14459 |
| 1970-71 | 4700 | 1085 | 1003 | 816 | 5650 | 873 | 14127 |
| 1971-72 | 4618 | 1091 | 915 | 668 | 6055 | 909 | 14256 |
| 1972-73 | 4808 | 1258 | 949 | 820 | 6117 | 929 | 14879 |
| 1973-74 | 4113 | 1276 | 837 | 838 | 5630 | 846 | 13642 |

(b) PERCENTAGES:

| | <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> |
|---------|---------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1947-48 | 29.4 | 6.5 | 5.2 | 2.5 | 49.0 | 7.4 | 100.0 |
| 1948-49 | 32.3 | 5.1 | 4.5 | 1.9 | 48.1 | 8.1 | 100.0 |
| 1949-50 | 30.1 | 6.5 | 5.4 | 2.6 | 47.8 | 7.6 | 100.0 |
| 1950-51 | 30.1 | 8.5 | 5.4 | 2.3 | 44.6 | 9.0 | 100.0 |
| 1951-52 | 29.7 | 6.2 | 5.3 | 2.0 | 45.4 | 9.4 | 100.0 |
| 1952-53 | 28.8 | 6.7 | 5.5 | 3.2 | 45.9 | 9.9 | 100.0 |
| 1953-54 | 31.1 | 6.0 | 5.2 | 2.3 | 46.0 | 9.4 | 100.0 |
| 1954-55 | 25.6 | 6.1 | 5.7 | 2.9 | 50.6 | 9.1 | 100.0 |
| 1955-56 | 25.4 | 5.7 | 4.9 | 3.2 | 51.0 | 9.0 | 100.0 |
| 1956-57 | 25.6 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 3.2 | 52.6 | 6.8 | 100.0 |
| 1957-58 | 23.3 | 9.6 | 5.2 | 3.6 | 50.2 | 8.1 | 100.0 |
| 1958-59 | 21.1 | 11.2 | 6.3 | 3.8 | 48.6 | 9.0 | 100.0 |
| 1959-60 | 21.4 | 9.4 | 5.9 | 4.5 | 49.2 | 9.6 | 100.0 |
| 1960-61 | 26.1 | 10.6 | 6.1 | 4.2 | 43.7 | 9.3 | 100.0 |
| 1961-62 | 24.4 | 10.8 | 7.3 | 4.3 | 43.0 | 10.2 | 100.0 |
| 1962-63 | 22.2 | 11.4 | 7.0 | 5.5 | 42.1 | 11.8 | 100.0 |
| 1963-64 | 24.3 | 10.7 | 9.0 | 4.7 | 40.7 | 10.7 | 100.0 |
| 1964-65 | 29.1 | 9.6 | 7.8 | 5.8 | 39.3 | 8.4 | 100.0 |

(b) PERCENTAGES:

| | <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> |
|---------|---------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1955-66 | 30.4 | 10.4 | 8.5 | 4.2 | 39.6 | 6.9 | 100.0 |
| 1966-67 | 31.4 | 6.3 | 9.6 | 4.5 | 42.3 | 5.9 | 100.0 |
| 1967-68 | 30.4 | 8.2 | 8.8 | 5.4 | 41.7 | 5.5 | 100.0 |
| 1968-69 | 33.1 | 6.7 | 7.1 | 4.9 | 42.0 | 6.2 | 100.0 |
| 1969-70 | 32.8 | 8.2 | 7.3 | 5.2 | 40.4 | 6.1 | 100.0 |
| 1970-71 | 33.2 | 7.7 | 7.1 | 5.0 | 40.0 | 6.2 | 100.0 |
| 1971-72 | 32.4 | 7.7 | 5.4 | 4.7 | 42.5 | 6.4 | 100.0 |
| 1972-73 | 32.3 | 8.5 | 6.4 | 5.5 | 41.1 | 6.2 | 100.0 |
| 1973-74 | 30.2 | 10.1 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 41.3 | 6.2 | 100.0 |

APPENDIX "B"
ANALYSIS OF REGISTRATIONS 1973-74

| | <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> |
|---|---------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| <u>Athletes:</u> | | | | | | | |
| Senior (over 19 yrs) | 1014 | 243 | 363 | 100 | 2107 | 241 | 4076 |
| Junior (Under 19 yrs & over 17 yrs) | 278 | 108 | 89 | 45 | 552 | 66 | 1136 |
| Sub-Junior (Under 17 yrs & over 12 yrs) | 1630 | 486 | 248 | 381 | 2501 | 364 | 5673 |
| | 2922 | 837 | 700 | 495 | 5240 | 691 | 10885 |
| <u>Officials</u> | 309 | 112 | 46 | 70 | 390 | 116 | 1045 |
| | 3231 | 949 | 748 | 565 | 5630 | 807 | 11930 |
| <u>Athletes:</u> | | | | | | | |
| Juvenile (Under 12 yrs) | 662 | 429 | 89 | 273 | - | 39 | 1712 |
| <u>Total Registrations</u> | 4113 | 1378 | 837 | 630 | 5630 | 846 | 13642 |
| Number of Clubs | 76 | 32 | 19 | 11 | 101 | 14 | 253 |
| Average Membership per Club | 54 | 43 | 44 | 76 | 56 | 60 | 54 |

APPENDIX "C"
THE RONALD W. CLARKE ATHLETIC FOUNDATION

At the 1973 Annual Conference of the Union Vice-President Allan W. McDonald, B.A., L.I.O., was asked to advise the Union of his views as to how the income of the Ronald W. Clarke Athletic Foundation could be properly applied, and to suggest some guidelines to help Trustees of the Fund when considering applications for grants to be made from it.

The Report of Mr. McDonald was tabled, considered and

thereafter adopted in full at the 1974 Conference of the Union, and its directly relative parts are quoted below:

"It is my view that the Trustees of the Union in administering the Fund should have regard to the following matters -

1. It is the income from the trust fund which may be used to assist athletes to obtain overseas competitive experience and accordingly the corpus of the Fund should not be used or resorted to.
2. The Income of the Fund may be used to provide the means of giving athletes overseas competitive experience between Olympic and British Empire and Commonwealth Games. Accordingly, the income cannot be used to assist in financing athletes to take part at either the Olympic Games or the British Empire and Commonwealth Games.
3. The income of the Fund may be used to provide the means of giving athletes overseas competitive experience. Accordingly, the income from the Fund cannot be used to assist athletes to obtain competition within Australia.
4. There is no age limit or similar qualifying limit placed on those athletes to whom assistance can be provided. The Fund is to be used exclusively, "to assist Australian athletes both men and women to develop their abilities by providing the means of giving them overseas competitive experience". Accordingly, those athletes who may be assisted by receiving grants from the Fund may not necessarily be young athletes. It is open to the Trustees to grant assistance to an athlete who may be regarded as a senior athlete or a mature or adult person or one who can be no longer regarded as young. The only criteria is that the income from the Fund is to be used to assist an athlete to develop his abilities by giving him overseas competitive experience. It follows from this that grants to be made from the Fund can be made to athletes who have previously had overseas competitive experience so long as it is considered by the Trustees, that such athletes would be likely to develop their abilities by participating in overseas competitive experience. It follows from this that if it was considered that overseas competitive experience would not develop the athletic ability of the particular athletes, then he would not be entitled to receive assistance from the Fund.
5. Assistance from the Fund can be granted to both male and female Australian athletes.
6. The Fund could properly be used to assist individuals or to assist Australian athletes both men and women who may be competing as a team in overseas competition. Accordingly

income from the Fund could be used to assist to finance a team of Australian athletes to take part in such competition such as the Pacific Conference Games as long as it was considered by the Trustees that such athletes would develop their athletic abilities by such overseas competitive experience. Similarly, the Fund could be used to assist to finance a team of athletes to take part in competition in a country in the Pacific area such as New Zealand.

"Notwithstanding the last paragraph that I have referred to and numbered 6, I am of the view that the income from the Fund should not be used to assist to finance teams of Australian athletes, except perhaps only as a last resort. I am of the view that it was the intended spirit of the Foundation to assist individuals to obtain such overseas competitive experience, rather than to assist in the financing of teams. The performances for which the Fund was established to commemorate, were those of a person who was in the large competing (sic) overseas as an individual rather than a member of an Australian team.

"For the purpose of administering the Fund in the future, I set out hereunder what I consider may be an appropriate procedure-

- (a) If the Trustees of the Union agree with my views as expressed above, then these would be made known to constituent Associations so that these matters may be clearly understood and recognised by the Officers of various constituent Associations.
- (b) When an individual wishes to apply for a grant from the Fund, such application should be made to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Union and if practicable in writing.
- (c) That except in exceptional cases, applications should be made by an individual through his constituent Association. The application should state -
 - (i) the overseas competitive experience which the athlete wishes to participate in;
 - (ii) his last three performances in his particular event;
 - (iii) details of his last three performances in his particular event;
 - (iv) details of his last three best performances in his particular event;
 - (v) The view of his coach as to whether and how overseas competitive experience at that time would assist the athlete to develop his abilities;
 - (vi) the view of the Executive of the athlete's Association as to whether the intended overseas competition would assist the athlete to develop his abilities;

- (d) The matters set out in the application should be regarded by the Trustees when exercising their discretion in determining whether a grant should be made.
- (e) Upon the Secretary-Treasurer receiving an application, he should by telephone communicate with the Chairman of the Selectors of the Union to obtain his views and if it is the opinion of that person that the intended overseas athletic competition would assist the applicant to develop his athletic abilities, then that matter should be taken into account by the Trustees when exercising their discretion. If however, the Chairman of Selectors expresses a contrary view, then the views of the other two selectors should be sought.
- (f) Determination of the application should be made by the Trustees as soon as practicable after receiving the application.
- (g) Except in special cases the application of an athlete should be made before he journeys overseas. A special case may be where he had participated in certain overseas athletic competition and he has the opportunity of competing in further competition, which he did not anticipate or foresee prior to leaving to travel overseas.
- (h) Applications for assistance can be made only prospectively and not retrospectively, or in other words, an application will not be considered for assistance after the athlete had participated in the particular overseas competition.
- (i) It is open to an Australian athlete to make application for assistance from the Fund if he is at the time temporarily residing out of Australia.

"In considering the above matters, I should also state that I gave consideration to two further matters. The first was whether it would be practicable and advantageous for the Trustees to establish a policy of naming an athlete or a number of athletes in rank order, to whom a particular grant should be made each year. For example, by the Trustees nominating a particular athlete to whom a grant of a particular sum from the fund is to be made to enable him to obtain overseas competitive experience, but in the event of him not taking up the grant, then the invitation being extended to the other named athletes in order of their ranking. Although I considered that there were certain merits to the idea of it being known that a substantial Foundation grant was to be made to a selected athlete each year, I finally considered that it would be difficult to administer in practice and it would probably lead to situations which may discredit the Foundation. Secondly, I considered

whether it would be advantageous to having a set closing day for applications. For example, one month after the National Titles. Although I can see many advantages in such a procedure being established, thereby for example enabling the Trustees to consider the merits of various applications in relation to each other, I finally concluded that this could deprive an athlete of being able to make application for assistance to compete overseas when he may not have known of the opportunity arising prior to the closing date of applications. This in my view would be contrary to the intended spirit of the Foundation.

"The final matter that I gave consideration to was to whether the amount of the grants should be fixed and thereby applicants would know, or could anticipate, the amount of the assistance that may be granted to them. I see considerable merit in this, however, I believe that this matter can only best be considered and determined by the Trustees, having regard to their experience in the administration of the Fund and taking into account its annual income and the average number of applications received each year for assistance. I believe that I cannot properly express a view on this matter."