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THE
Amateur Athletic Union
of Australia

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS:

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

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
of
THE BOARD OF CONTROL
at the
18th BIENNIAL CONFERENCE
held at
SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES
on 8th and 11th FEBRUARY, 1938.

H. R. WEIR, Hon. Secretary.

**THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF
AUSTRALIA.**
MEETING OF THE FULL BOARD OF CONTROL,
held at
SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES,
on
TUESDAY, 8th FEBRUARY, at 9.30 a.m.,
and
FRIDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1938, at 9.30 a.m.

There were present:—

Messrs. R. P. Heathwood and A. J. Hodsdon, New South Wales.

Messrs. G. E. Langford and H. W. Mackinlay, Victoria.

Messrs. D. S. Carter and G. R. Cook, Queensland.

Messrs. G. P. Skeels and T. Hantke, Western Australia.

Messrs. W. E. Mackay and E. Jolly, South Australia.

Messrs. N. G. Hutton and F. Rose, Tasmania.

Mr. H. R. Weir (Hon. Secretary) and Mr. R. P. Heathwood (Hon. Treasurer).

In the absence of the President, the Hon. Secretary formally declared the Conference open at 9.30 a.m.

After delivering apologies and a message from the President (Mr. A. G. Fenner), the Hon. Secretary invited the assembled delegates to appoint a Chairman from their numbers in accordance with the Constitution.

Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.) was nominated by Messrs. N. G. Hutton and F. Rose (Tasmania).

Mr. D. S. Carter (Q.) was nominated by Messrs. G. R. Cook (Q.) and A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.).

On a ballot being taken, Mr. G. E. Langford was duly elected and immediately took the chair, returning thanks for his election.

Minutes of Previous Board Meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the full Board of Control, held at Hobart, Tasmania, on 17th January, 1936, were taken as read, and adopted on the motion of Mr. D. S. Carter (Q.), seconded by Mr. R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.).

Minutes of Executive.

The minutes of the Executive for the two years ending 7th February, 1938, were laid on the table and the report submitted by Executive was adopted on the motion of Messrs. W. E. Mackay (S.A.), and G. P. Skeels (W.A.).

Correspondence.

The Hon. Secretary read letters from the A.A.A. of New South Wales, Tasmanian A.A.A., Western Australian A.A.A., South Australian A.A.A., Victorian A.A.A., and Queensland A.A.A., announcing appointment of delegates to the Conference.—Received.

From the International Amateur Athletic Federation, re British Amateur Athletic Association.—Received.

From I.A.A.F., informing Union of suspension of Federacion Athletica de Bolivia.—Received.

From Western Australian A.A.A., requesting permission for the British, South African, Rhodesian and Ceylon Empire Games Teams to compete at Perth, on 28th February, 1938.—Sanction granted.

From the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, requesting that invitations to athletes to compete in U.S.A. be not considered official unless tendered by the controlling body, and alternatively, invitations to American athletes to tour Australia be made to the A.A.U. of U.S.A.—Agreed to co-operate.

From New Zealand A.A.A. forwarding Annual Report and Balance Sheet for season ending 1937-38.—Received.

From I.A.A.F., re suspension of the National Athletic and Cycling Association of Ireland, and provisional recognition of The Irish Amateur Athletic Union.—Received.

From I.A.A.F., notifying Union of Congress to be held at London, in March, 1938.—Received and resolved.

On motion of Messrs. D. S. Carter (Q.), and A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.), that in view of the importance of the Congress, the Union endeavour to be represented, and if not possible at this Conference, the matter be left in the hands of the Hon. Secretary.

From I.A.A.F., re issue of licenses by National Amateur Athletic and Cycling Association.—Received.

From I.A.A.F., re suspension of Juan Carlos Zabala.—Received.

From I.A.A.F., re lengths of runways for field games.

On motion of Messrs. N. G. Hutton (Tas.) and W. E. Mackay (S.A.), it was resolved that President, Hon. Secretary, Messrs. R. P. Heathwood and L. J. Drake, be appointed a Sub-Committee to draft a reply to the Federation.

Hon. Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure.

The Hon. Treasurer submitted a Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, which, on the motion of Messrs. D. S. Carter (Q.) and G. R. Cook (Q.), was adopted.

On the motion of Mr. N. G. Hutton (Tas.), seconded by Mr. F. Rose (Tas.), it was resolved that a total amount of £20 be and it is hereby

levied by the Union from the affiliated Associations for each of the two ensuing financial years, under Section 7 of the Union handbook, in the following proportions:—New South Wales, £5; Victoria, £5; Queensland, £2/10/-; South Australia, £2/10/-; Western Australia, £2/10/-; Tasmania, £2/10/-.

It was further resolved, on the motion of Messrs. W. E. Mackay (S.A.) and E. E. Jolly (S.A.), that incoming Executive be instructed to consider question of finance on a major scale.

It was also resolved, on the motion of Messrs. N. G. Hutton (Tas.) and E. E. Jolly (S.A.), that the Hon. Secretary be directed to take a mail vote of State Associations as soon as possible, to amend Rule 11, page 13, paragraph 4, by deleting the words "when the net profits exceed £100, 10 per cent." and substituting the words "25 per cent." It was further resolved to inform State Associations that Conference strongly recommends the adoption of the mail vote.

Election of President.

The Hon. Secretary announced that the retiring President (Mr. A. G. Fenner) was not seeking re-election for business reasons.

The Chairman eulogised the wisdom and work of the President during his term of office, and it was resolved, on the motion of Messrs. D. S. Carter (Q.) and R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.), to place on record regret that Mr. Fenner had seen fit not to seek re-appointment, and to record the appreciation of Conference for his valuable services.

Mr. G. E. Langford (Vic.) was proposed by Mr. W. E. Mackay (S.A.), seconded by Mr. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.). Mr. D. S. Carter (Q.) was proposed by Mr. R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.), seconded by Mr. G. R. Cook (Q.), but declined nomination.

Mr. G. E. Langford was thereupon unanimously elected President.

Election of Hon. Secretary.

Mr. H. R. Weir (Vic.) was proposed by Mr. H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.), seconded by Mr. E. E. Jolly (S.A.).

Mr. R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.) was proposed by Mr. G. R. Cook (Q.), seconded by Mr. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.).

A ballot was taken and Mr. H. R. Weir declared elected.

Election of Hon. Treasurer.

Mr. R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.) was unanimously re-elected on the motion of Messrs. G. R. Cook (Q.) and F. Rose (Tas.).

Election of Executive.

The following delegates were duly declared elected as members of the Executive:—Messrs. D. S. Carter (Q.), W. E. Mackay (S.A.), H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.), T. Hantke (W.A.), A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.), N. G. Hutton (Tas.).

Headquarters.

On the motion of Messrs. D. S. Carter (Q.) and E. E. Jolly (S.A.), the Headquarters of the Union for the ensuing two years were fixed at the Amateur Sports Club of Victoria, 343 Little Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria.

Election of Hon. Auditor.

On the motion of Mr. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.), seconded by Mr. W. E. Mackay (S.A.), Mr. G. Carruthers was unanimously elected Hon. Auditor.

Australian Olympic Federation.

Messrs. G. E. Langford and R. P. Heathwood

were elected delegates to the Australian Olympic Federation.

Australian British Empire Games Association.

Messrs. H. R. Weir and A. J. Hodsdon were elected delegates to the Australian British Empire Games Association.

Records.

The following performances were adopted as the best on record for Australia, on the motion of Messrs. W. E. Mackay (S.A.), and A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.) :—

440 Yards Hurdles: 53-9/10 seconds.—A. J. Watson, at Olympic Park, Melbourne, on 29th February, 1936.

220 Yards Running (Circular Course): 21½ seconds.—H. S. Yates and T. E. Hampson, at Olympic Park, Melbourne, on 29th February, 1936.

880 Yards and 800 Metres Running: 1 minute 55 seconds.—G. I. D. Backhouse, at North Hobart Oval, Hobart, on 18th January, 1936.

200 Metres Running: 21½ seconds.—R. W. Moffatt, at Adelaide Oval, Adelaide, on 27th January, 1936.

1,000 Metres Walking: 3 minutes 55-1/5 seconds.—W. B. Marston, at Adelaide Oval, Adelaide, on 27th January, 1936.

5,000 Metres Walking: 22 minutes 54-2/5 seconds.—W. B. Marston, at Adelaide Oval, Adelaide, on 25th January, 1936.

1,500 Metres Running: 3 minutes 59-1/5 seconds.—G. I. D. Backhouse, at Adelaide Oval, Adelaide, on 25th January, 1936.

5,000 Metres Running: 15 minutes 32-4/5 seconds.—W. Weightman, at Adelaide Oval, Adelaide, on 27th January, 1936.

Pole Vault: 13 feet 3¼ inches.—F. I. Woodhouse, at Adelaide Oval, Adelaide, on 27th January, 1936.

5 Miles Walking: 37 minutes 7 seconds.—J. Mulcahy, at Richmond Racecourse, Melbourne, on 8th August, 1931.

10 Miles Walking: 1 hour 18 minutes 47 seconds.—J. Mulcahy, at Richmond Racecourse, Melbourne, on 20th June, 1931.

It was unanimously decided, on the motion of Messrs. D. S. Carter (Q.) and A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.), that in future all record times be shown in decimal points.

Report of Executive on Reinstatements Granted during Years 1936-1938.

The following applications for reinstatement were granted by the Executive for Australian competition only:—

Recommended by Victorian A.A.A.—Graham Krookos, Bellerive Park, Vic.; A. L. Johnston, Shepparton, Vic.; William McCombie, Caulfield, Vic.; A. W. Pearce, Barmah, Vic.; A. H. Scott, Melbourne, Vic.; J. Kane, Brunswick West, Vic.; V. E. Byrne, Bendigo, Vic.; M. Murnane, Beac, Vic.; H. T. Salmon, Beac, Vic.; R. McF. Cameron, Glenhantly, Vic.; C. E. Hanking, West Preston, Vic.

Recommended by South Australian A.A.A.—E. G. Kelly, Clare, S.A.; Kevin Kain, Booborowie, S.A.; R. G. Thatcher, Norwood, S.A.; G. W. T. Cherry, Peterborough, S.A.; J. L. Cherry, Peterborough, S.A.

The following recommendations for reinstatement were considered by Executive, and refused:—

Recommended by New South Wales A.A.A.—C. R. Penny, Broken Hill, N.S.W.; R. W. Byrne, Broken Hill, N.S.W.

Recommended by South Australian A.A.A.—J. R. Burton, Jamestown, S.A.

Received and Confirmed.

Cross Country Championship of Australia.

The Hon. Secretary read and tabled a report from the President (Mr. A. G. Fenner), who was appointed to represent the Union, upon the conduct of the Cross Country Championship of Australia, held at Adelaide, in August, 1937.

On the motion of Messrs. D. S. Carter (Q.) and R. G. Cook (Q), it was resolved to receive the report and to congratulate the South Australian A.A.A. on the excellent management of the race.

British Empire Games.—Sydney, 1938.

The Hon. Secretary tabled minutes of proceedings of meetings of Executive and the organising council relative to preparations for the British Empire Games of 1938.—Received.

Pre-Games Appearances.—Mr. W. E. Mackay (S.A.) complained that although permission had been refused by the organising council for the competition of British athletes in Adelaide, visiting athletes had actually competed in events at Sydney prior to the Games.

Mr. R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.) explained that competition had been arranged by his Association at the express request of the Organising Council.

Mr. W. E. Mackay (S.A.) moved and Mr. E. E. Jolly (S.A.) seconded that the Union shall at all times retain full and complete control over all overseas athletes visiting and competing in Australia.—Motion lost, 9 votes to 2.

For.—W. E. Mackay (S.A.), E. E. Jolly (S.A.);
Against: N. G. Hutton (Tas.), F. Rose (Tas.), G. P. Skeels (W.A.), T. Hantke (W.A.), H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.), A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.), R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.), D. S. Carter (Q.), G. R. Cook (Q.).

Marathon.—Acting upon complaints made by Messrs. W. E. Mackay (S.A.) and E. E. Jolly, regarding lack of provision for refreshments and water for Australian competitors during the progress of the race, it was unanimously resolved that the Union call for reports from Marathon Controller, and Sectional Team Manager.

Section Team Manager.—On the motion of Messrs. H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.) and W. E. Mackay (S.A.), it was unanimously resolved that the Union endeavour to have the whole of the out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Sectional Team Manager paid by the Australian British Empire Games Association.

Uniforms.—It was unanimously decided, on the motion of Messrs. W. E. Mackay (S.A.) and G. R. Cook (Q.), that a letter of protest be sent to the Australian British Empire Games Association on the quality and cut of uniforms supplied to members of the Australian Team.

Films.—It was unanimously decided that the Union make available films of the British Empire Games of 1938 to State Associations, the cost of transport, insurance, etc., to be borne by State Associations.

Blazers.—On the motion of Messrs. H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.) and W. E. Mackay (S.A.), it was resolved unanimously that this Union authorises members of the athletic section of the British Empire Games Team to obtain Australian blazers if they so desire, at their own expense.

Olympic Games, Tokyo, 1940.

The Hon. Secretary tabled bulletins issued by the Organising Committee at Tokyo, featuring preparations for the 12th Olympic Games, which were received.

Selection.—On the motion of Mr. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.) and D. S. Carter (Q.), it was unanimously resolved that the Union now appoint a Selection Committee of three, representative of three States and to include the athletic member of the A.O.F. Selection Committee, to assess and prepare for submission to the A.O.F., the claims of Australian athletes for inclusion in the Australian Olympic Team of 1940, and that the athletic selector on the Olympic Selection Committee be directed to adhere as far as practicable to the order so determined.

For the position of athletic representative on the Selection Committee to be appointed by the Australian Olympic Federation, two nominations were received:—Mr. H. R. Weir (Vic.), nominated by

Mr. W. E. Mackay (S.A.), seconded by Mr. D. S. Carter (Q.); Mr. R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.), nominated by Mr. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.), seconded by Mr. G. R. Cook (Q.).

A ballot was taken, and Mr. H. R. Weir duly declared elected.

In completion of the Committee, Mr. R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.), nominated by Messrs. E. E. Jolly (S.A.) and A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.), and Mr. W. E. Mackay (S.A.), nominated by Messrs G. R. Cook (Q.) and G. P. Skeels (W.A.), were duly declared elected.

Standards.—On the motion of Messrs. W. E. Mackay (S.A.) and H. W. Mackinlay (V.), it was unanimously resolved that standards be set by the Selection Committee and the Australian Olympic Federation be advised accordingly.

Australian National Games.

Consideration was given to the following resolution of the Australian Olympic Federation:—

“That national controlling Unions be requested to take steps that the Australian National Championships shall take place at the time and be coincident with the Australian National Games, and that the whole of the Australian National Championships be held in the city in which the Australian National Games are to be conducted. That such events be a test for Olympic selection, and that no competitor without reasonable excuse will be eligible for Olympic selection unless he competes in such events.”

After discussion, Mr. D. S. Carter (Q.) moved, Mr. G. R. Cook (Q.) seconded, that the foregoing resolution be carried into effect.

Mr. H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.) moved an amendment, seconded by Mr. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.), that the Australian Olympic Federation be asked to forthwith allocate a roster of Australian national games for a period of years, and in the meantime, the Union withholds action. Amendment carried by 9 votes to 2.

For: A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.), R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.), W. E. Mackay (S.A.), E. Jolly (S.A.), G. P. Skeels (W.A.), T. Hantke (W.A.), N. G. Hutton (Tas.), F. Rose (Tas.), H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.). Against: D. S. Carter (Q.), G. R. Cook (Q.).

Women's Athletics.

As the result of the decision of International Amateur Athletic Federation Congress, held in Berlin, on 11th August, 1936, to resume control of women's athletics throughout the world, the Hon. Secretary reported having sought a ruling from the Federation regarding the policy to be adopted by the Union, to which the Federation replied suggesting that Union should continue to allow Women's Union to perform the work as hitherto, the Union only to retain the international responsibility and the highest control.

On the motion of Messrs. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.) and N. G. Hutton (Tas.), it was unanimously resolved that the Union adopt the suggestion of the International Federation.

Olympic Levy.

The Hon. Secretary read and tabled bulletins issued by Australian Olympic Federation, containing details of amounts received from constituent bodies in accordance with Olympic levy.

On the motion of Messrs. N. G. Hutton (Tas.) and T. Hantke (W.A.), it was unanimously resolved that the Hon. Treasurer be directed to communicate with State Associations, and request them to remit amounts of levy now due and payable.

Revision of Competition Laws as passed by the Congress of the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

On the motion of Mr. N. G. Hutton (Tas.), seconded by Mr. W. E. Mackay (S.A.), the following amend-

ments to Racing Laws and Competition Rules revised and adopted by the Congress of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, held at Berlin, on 11th August, 1936, were adopted by the Union:—

FIELD JUDGES.

Rule 8, paragraph 2, page 19.—Delete and substitute the following:—

The Field Judges shall judge, measure and record each trial of each competitor in all events in which the results are determined by distance or height.

Their decision as to the performance of each man shall be final and without appeal.

JUDGE OF WALKING.

Rule 13, page 21.—Delete and substitute:—

The Judge or Judges of walking shall determine the fairness or unfairness of walking in accordance with the Walking Rules (Rule 62), and any of them may caution, and after one caution, disqualify a competitor; they shall, however, immediately disqualify any competitor when walking unfairly during the last 40 metres or 440 yards of a race, and their decisions shall be final and without appeal.

PRESS STEWARDS.

Rule 16, page 21.—Delete and substitute:—

The Press Steward shall obtain from the Manager of the Meeting the names of all starters in each event, the names of all point winners and the times or distances of each winning or record performance, and shall keep the press thoroughly informed of all occurrences at the meeting.

OFFICIAL SURVEYOR.

Rule 17, page 21.—Delete word "games" in last line and substitute "meeting."

TIES.

Rule 37, page 27.—Delete and substitute the following:—

In all contests where results are determined by measurements of height or distance, ties for first and other places shall be decided as follows:—

If two or more competitors tie in the standing or running high jump or in the pole vault—

- (a) The competitor with a lesser number of trial jumps at the height at which the tie occurs, shall be declared the winner;
- (b) If the tie still remains, the competitor with the lowest number of failures throughout the competitions shall be declared the winner.
- (c) If the tie still remains, the competitor with the lowest number of attempts throughout the competitions shall be declared the winner.
- (d) 1. If the tie still remains, and if it concerns the first place, an additional trial at the height failed at shall be allowed, and if no result, the bar shall be lowered to the previous height cleared, and one more trial allowed. The bar shall then be raised or lowered until the tie is decided.
2. If the tie remains but does not concern the first place, the competitors tying shall be given the same place in the competitions.

In the case of a tie in any field event for distance, an additional trial shall be given to decide the ties.

In case of a tie in any field event, the subsequent performances only determine the relative position of those who are competing to decide the tie.

In the case of a dead heat in any track event, the competitors shall not be allowed to divide the prize or points, or to toss for them, but must compete again at a time and place appointed by the Referee.

STARTING ORDER.

Rule 24, page 24, paragraph 1.—Delete “the order of the competitions,” and substitute “the stations of the competitors.”

Add the following paragraph:—

“shall allow the competitor to make his trials in an order other than that of the programmes.”

WEIGHT EVENTS.

Rule 27, page 24.—Delete. (See Rule 45).

TRACKS AND LANES.

Rule 35, paragraph 1.—Delete “racing” and insert “running.”

JUMPING EVENTS.

Rule 38, page 28.—Delete and substitute the following rule:—

In the running and standing high jump and in the pole vault a competitor may commence at any height above the minimum height, and may jump at his own discretion at any subsequent height. Three consecutive failures, regardless of height, disqualify from further jumping.

Dislodging the bar in the course of a jump or passing the plane of the uprights shall count as a trial. In the Broad Jumps and in the Hop, Step and Jump, each competitor shall be allowed three trials, and the six best shall be allowed three more trials. In all jumping events each competitor shall be credited with the best of all his jumps subject to the conditions relating to ties. The employment of weights or grips of any kind (grips of cork included) is forbidden.

The take-off ground about the jump must be level.

A competitor may place marks for his take off and a handkerchief on the cross bar for sighting purposes.

RUNNING HIGH JUMP.

Rule 39.—Delete second paragraph.

POLE VAULT.

Rule 41, page 30, paragraph 1.—Delete the words:—

“but any competitor shall be allowed to dig a hole not more than one foot in diameter at the take-off in which to plant his pole. A wooden box or step board sunk in the ground shall be allowed.”

RUNNING HIGH JUMP.

Rule 42, paragraph 1.—

Delete from the words “each competitor” to “his jumps” occurring in the last line.

Paragraph 3.—Delete “joist” in the first line and substitute “board.”

Delete “6 millimetres ($\frac{1}{4}$ inch)” in fifth line and substitute “12 millimetres ($\frac{1}{2}$ inch).”

THROWING EVENTS IN GENERAL.

Rule 45, paragraph 7.—Delete.

Paragraph 8.—Delete.

Add the following paragraph:—

“when throwing the hammer, ordinary gloves for the protection of the hands are permitted.”

THROWING THE HAMMER.

Rule 53, page 35.—Add the following paragraph:—

It shall not be considered a foul throw if the head of the hammer touches the ground when competitor makes the preliminary swings. But if he, after having so touched the ground, stops throwing so as to begin the trial again, this shall count as a trial throw without trial.

110 METRES HURDLE RACE.

Rule 54, page 36, paragraph 2.—Last line:—

Alter 46 feet to 15 yards.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR OFFICIAL IMPLEMENTS AND APPARATUS.

VAULTING POLE—Construction—Page 64, paragraph 1.

Delete "either of wood or bamboo" and insert "of any material."

JAVELIN—Weight—Page 65:—

Delete (1.6 lbs.) and insert (1 lb. 12½ ozs.).

DISCUS—Weight—Page 65:—

Delete (4 lbs. 6.4 ozs.) and insert (4 lbs. 6-2/5 ozs.).

HAMMER—Handle—Page 67, fourth line:—

Delete .102 inch and insert 1/10 inch.

Grip:—Delete from "a competitor" occurring in third line to "hammer" in last line.

CIRCLES—Measurements, Metal—Page 68:—

Delete "6.35 millimetres and 76.199 millimetres" occurring in second last line and insert "6 millimetres and 76 millimetres" respectively.

HURDLES—Construction—Page 69:—

Delete and substitute the following:—

The hurdle shall be made of wood or metal and shall consist of two bases and two uprights supporting a rectangular frame reinforced by one or more cross-bars, the uprights to be fixed at the extreme end of each base. The hurdle shall be of such a design that a force of at least 3.6 kilogrammes (8 pounds) applied to the centre of the top edge of the cross bar is required to overturn it. The hurdle may be adjustable in height but shall be rigidly fastened at the required height for each event.

In case the counterweights of the bases are not adjustable, the adjustable hurdle shall be constructed in such a way that the force required to overturn the

hurdle when adjusted in its highest position (1.06 metres), 3 feet 6 inches, shall be at least 3.6 kilogrammes (8 pounds).

Measurements—Amend width to 1.20 metres (3 feet 11 inches); amend weight to 10 kilogrammes (22 lbs. 3½ ozs).

Add the following:—

The extreme length of base shall be 70 centimetres (27½ inches).

RELAY BATON—Construction—Page 70:—

Delete the word "lute" and insert "tube."

Measurement—Alter 11.81 inches to read 1 foot.

Weight—Alter weight 509 grammes (1.769 ozs.) to read 50 grammes (1¾ ozs.); alter circumference from 120 millimetres (4.724 inches) to read 120 millimetres (4¾ inches).

QUESTIONS CIRCULATED TO MEMBERS BY THE INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR ATHLETIC FEDERATION.

- (a) Have you any objections against the introduction of a 10,000 metres walking race on the track at the Olympic Games?

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.), seconded by Mr. R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.), to reply that Union has no objections, Eight votes to three.

For: R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.), A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.), W. E. Mackay (S.A.), E. Jolly (S.A.), H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.), G. P. Skeels (W.A.), T. Hantke (W.A.), F. Rose (Tas.). Against: N. G. Hutton (Tas.), D. S. Carter (Q.), G. R. Cook (Q.).

- (b) If such a race will be arranged, will your Association send any representatives to take part?

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.), seconded by Mr. W. E. Mackay (S.A.), to reply that we are unable to say at this juncture.

Congress of I.A.A.F., Berlin, 1936.

The Hon. Secretary tabled and read extracts from minutes of proceedings of Congress of International

Amateur Athletic Federation, held at Berlin, on 10th and 11th August, 1936.—Received.

Congress of I.A.A.F., London, 1938.

The Hon. Secretary read and tabled agenda for consideration of International Amateur Athletic Federation, to be held in London in March, 1938.

It was resolved unanimously on the motion of Mr. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.), seconded by Mr. W. E. Mackay (S.A.), that the Union request the I.A.A.F. to interpret Rules 5 and 21 wherein the power to draw stations for track events is given to (a) Clerk of Course (Rule 5), (b) the authorities conducting the meeting (Rule 21), (c) the competitors (Rule 21).

It was further unanimously resolved, on the motion of Messrs. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.) and F. Rose (Tas.), to request the Federation to substitute 1,500 metres walk for 1,000 metres walk on the list of events for which records can be granted.

Track and Field Championships of Australia.

The representative appointed by the Union (Mr. G. E. Langford) submitted a report on the Track and Field Championships of Australia, held at Brisbane, Queensland, on 4th and 11th December, 1937, which, on the motion of Messrs. W. E. Mackay (S.A.) and T. Hantke (W.A.), it was decided to receive.

It was resolved, on the motion of Messrs. H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.) and T. Hantke (W.A.) to convey appreciation to the Queensland A.A.A. for the able manner in which the Track and Field Championships of Australia were conducted.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

Amateur Definition.

Mr. T. Hantke (W.A.) moved, Mr. H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.) seconded:—

“That Section 2 (d) (exceptions) of Rule 8 be amended by adding after the word ‘Trainees’ the words ‘or police’ and after the word ‘military’ the words ‘or police.’”

Lost. Eight votes to four.

For: G. P. Skeels (W.A.), T. Hantke (W.A.), H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.), G. E. Langford (Vic.).
Against: R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.), A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.), W. E. Mackay (S.A.), E. Jolly (S.A.), D. S. Carter (Q.), G. R. Cook (Q.), F. Rose (Tas.), N. G. Hutton (Tas.).

QUEENSLAND AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

Track and Field Championships of Australia.

Mr. D. S. Carter (Q.) moved, Mr. G. R. Cook (Q.) seconded:—

“That the metric system be adopted for National Championship Meetings, and the programmes run as nearly as possible to Olympic conditions and standards.”

Lost. Six votes to four.

For: D. S. Carter (Q.), G. R. Cook (Q.), A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.), R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.).
Against: G. P. Skeels (W.A.), T. Hantke (W.A.), H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.), W. E. Mackay (S.A.), E. Jolly (S.A.), G. E. Langford (Vic.).

Costume.

Mr. D. S. Carter (Q.) moved, Mr. N. G. Hutton (Tas.) seconded:—

“That the Executive Committee be requested to frame a regulation to control costumes and to ask State Associations to enforce the rules strictly.”

Carried unanimously.

Records.

Mr. D. S. Carter (Q.) moved, Mr. G. R. Cook (Q.) seconded:—

“That Conference discuss the ruling of the President that a record can be recognised if established in an event promoted and controlled by a club affiliated to a State Association, such an event not being an open one and sanctioned by a State Association.”

The Chairman ruled that ruling was a correct one, having been given strictly in accordance with Rule 1 (b) of the rules bearing on records, page 55 of the Handbook.

Amateur Status.

“That Conference discuss the ruling of the Executive to the effect that an amateur would not infringe his status by investing capital in and becoming a part proprietor of a company engaged in the promotion of professional boxing contests as a means of pecuniary gain.”

The Chairman ruled that the decision was given strictly in accordance with the rules of the Union.

The Officers of the Union and the Executive Committee.

Mr. N. G. Hutton (Tas.) moved, Mr. D. S. Carter (Q.) seconded:—

“At each Biennial Conference, the full Board of Control shall appoint the Officers of the Union.

“The Officers of the Union shall be a President, an Hon. Secretary and an Hon. Treasurer, each of whom shall hold office until the next Biennial Conference or until his successor is elected.

“None of these three officers is entitled, by virtue of his office, to a deliberative vote at the Biennial Conference, but each may act and vote as a delegate, if appointed to do so by an affiliated Association. In cases of equality of voting at the Biennial Conference, the President shall have a casting vote.

“The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers of the Union and one member of each Association affiliated with the Union.

“The Officers of the Union, however, shall not have a deliberative vote. In the event of equality of voting by the

State members, the President shall have a casting vote. The State members shall be appointed by the Biennial Conference of the full Board of Control.

"During the intervals between Biennial Conferences the Executive Committee shall have authority to exercise all the powers vested in the Union. Every action taken by the Executive Committee pursuant to this rule shall be reported by such Committee to the next Biennial Conference.

Carried unanimously.

Voting of Delegates.

Mr. D. S. Carter (Q.) moved, Mr. G. R. Cook (Q.) seconded:—

That the Constitution—Clause 4, page 6—be amended by adding after: "At every such meeting each affiliated Association shall be entitled to be represented by two delegates, each having one vote," the addition of "in the event of one delegate only attending he shall be entitled to exercise two votes."

Motion carried. Ten votes to two.

For: A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.), R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.), G. P. Skeels (W.A.), T. Hantke (W.A.), W. E. Mackay (S.A.), E. Jolly (S.A.), F. Rose (Tas.), N. G. Hutton (Tas.). Against: G. E. Langford (Vic.), H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.).

VICTORIAN AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

Writing for the Press.

Mr. H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.) moved, Mr. R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.) seconded:—

"That Rule 8, Section 1 (k), which reads as follows, be rescinded:—'Writing or lecturing or broadcasting upon athletics or athletic competitions for payment, unless he can prove that such writing, lecturing and broadcasting furnishes the main source of his livelihood.'"

Carried. Nine votes to two.

For: H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.), R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.), A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.), W. E. Mackay

(S.A.), E. Jolly (S.A.), G. P. Skeels (W.A.), T. Hantke (W.A.), N. G. Hutton (Tas.), F. Rose (Tas.).
Against: D. S. Carter (Q.), G. R. Cook (Q.).

Cross-Country Championship of Australia.

On the motion of Mr. H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.), seconded by Mr. W. E. Mackay (S.A.), it was unanimously resolved:—

“That Rule 12, Section 8, be rescinded, and the following substituted:—‘A team representing an individual State shall not exceed six (6) representatives in number, the first four (4) to count for places. In the event of a State not being able to enter a team, individual representatives from that State may start, but their placings shall not count for points.’”

AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

CANBERRA A.A.C.

It was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Mr. H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.), seconded by Mr. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.), that the provisions of resolution of Hobart Conference (see page 18, Minutes Conference, 17/1/36) be continued for review at 1940 Conference.

Teams Events.

Mr. R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.) moved, Mr. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.) seconded:—

“That Rule 58 (Pages 38 and 39, A.A.U. Handbook) be amended by deleting the fourth paragraph and substituting in lieu thereof the following:—‘In case of a tie on points, the team whose last scoring individual member finished nearest to first place shall be the winner.’” (Note.—See Rule 47, I.A.A.F. Handbook, and the A.A.U. Minutes, Adelaide, 1934, Page 22.)

Carried unanimously.

World Record—J. P. Metcalfe.

Mr. H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.) moved, Mr. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.) seconded:—

“That the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia obtain the I.A.A.F. Record Plaque for presentation to Mr. J. P. Metcalfe, in recognition of his world record of 51 feet 9-3/8 inches for the Running Hop, Step and Jump, established on 12th December, 1935.”

Carried unanimously.

Records.

Mr. R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.) moved, Mr. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.) seconded:—

“That Rule 1 (Page 55, A.A.U. Handbook) be amended by the inclusion of the following words after the word ‘event,’ on the fifth line:—‘Provided, however, that in the case of the Interclub Competitions conducted by State Associations, the inclusion of the names of the competitors in the printed programme shall not be required.’”

Carried unanimously.

At this stage, Conference adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on Friday, 11th February, 1938.

SECOND SESSION.

Conference resumed sitting on Friday, 11th February, 1938, at 9.30 a.m.

Records.

Mr. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.) moved, Mr. R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.) seconded:—

“That the Union shall recognise and maintain the following two sets of Australian records in respect of all events for which the I.A.A.F. will grant world records:—

“(1) Australian residential records made in Australia by athletes who at the time are members of State Associations or affiliated bodies.

“(2) Australian open records, i.e., records made in Australia, whether by members of State Associations or affiliated bodies or by visiting athletes.”

Definition of Resident.—A native-born Australian or a British subject whose residence in Australia before and/or after the performance extends over a period of at least six calendar months.

Carried unanimously.

Invitation to Overseas Athletes.

On the motion of Mr. R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.), seconded by Mr. H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.), it was unanimously resolved:—

“That the Amateur Athletic Association of New South Wales be granted permission to negotiate for a visit by overseas athletes during the 1938-1939 track season, and that such permission include the right to seek the co-operation of New Zealand and such of the State Associations as may be interested in the venture.”

Mr. T. Hantke (W.A.) enquired if the Union has any jurisdiction over any international invitation which may be issued to Miss D. Norman (W.A.).

Mr. N. G. Hutton (Tas.) asked whether the invitation, if received, would be transmitted through the State Association.

The President answered both questions in the affirmative.

Time Trials Against Professionals.

Mr. R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.) moved, Mr. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.) seconded:—

“That the following motion (Adelaide, 1936) be and the same is hereby rescinded:—“That no member of any affiliated Association can take part in any time trial against a professional.”

On the amendment of Mr. H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.), seconded by Mr. W. E. Mackay (S.A.), it was unanimously agreed that the resolution be referred to State Associations for consideration, and placed on the agenda for the next Conference of the Union.

Australian Track and Field Championships.

Mr. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.) moved, Mr. R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.) seconded:—

- (1) "That the following Track and Field Championships of Australia roster, which incorporates the existing one, be adopted for the 10-year period, 1939-48 (inclusive):—

1939	Melbourne.	1944	Sydney.
1940	Perth.	1945	Melbourne.
1941	Sydney.	1946	Adelaide.
1942	Melbourne.	1947	Sydney.
1943	Brisbane.	1948	Hobart."

- (2) (a) "That one-half of the nett profits of the meetings of 1939, 1941, 1945 and 1947, after deduction of the percentage due to the Union, be set aside and paid into the funds of the Union for distribution to Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania and Western Australia."

- (b) "That one-half of the nett profits of the meeting of 1943, after deduction of the percentage due to the Union, be paid into the funds of the Union for distribution to South Australia, Tasmania and Western Australia."

- (3) That the basis of distribution of the proportion of nett profits above referred to be:—

- (a) "One-third of the profits of each meeting referred to in 2 (a) and (b) be allocated to the respective States in proportion to the amount of the Olympic levy paid by each in the preceding two years."

- (b) "The balance of the profits referred to be allocated to the respective States in proportion to the number of athletes sent to the Championship meeting by a State, multiplied by the distance from the capital city of each such State to the capital city of the State in which the meeting is held."

Motion lost. Seven votes to four.

For: R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.), A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.), G. P. Skeels (W.A.), T. Hantke (W.A.).
Against: W. E. Mackay (S.A.), E. Jolly (S.A.), H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.), D. S. Carter (Q.), G. R. Cook (Q.), N. G. Hutton (Tas.), F. Rose (Tas.).

TASMANIAN AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

Revised Hand Book.

On the motion of Mr. N. G. Hutton (Tas.), seconded by Mr. F. Rose (Tas.), it was unanimously resolved:—

“That the Union issue, as early as finance will allow, a revised edition of the Handbook.”

It was further resolved, on the motion of Messrs. W. E. Mackay (S.A.) and D. S. Carter (Q.), that the printing or multigraphing of the handbook be left in the hands of the Hon. Secretary for investigation.

Government Assistance.

It was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Mr. F. Rose (Tas.), seconded by Mr. N. G. Hutton (Tas.):—

“That each State Association and the Union approach the various State Governments and the Commonwealth, urging that athletics should be considered a matter for national assistance and a consideration of the first national importance.”

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

Consideration of Status of C. G. Duncan.

- (2) “That the Conference give a ruling as to whether or not C. G. Duncan has infringed his status, such ruling to be given in accordance with the facts of the case as submitted herewith.”

After careful examination of the statutory declarations and documents submitted by the South Australian A.A.A., it was resolved, on the motion of Mr. D. S. Carter (Q.), seconded by Mr. H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.), that the Union rule that by receiving remuneration Mr. Duncan has infringed his status.—Five votes to two.

For: D. S. Carter (Q.), G. R. Cook (Q.), F. Rose (Tas.), H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.), A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.). Against: R. P. Heathwood (N.S.W.), G. P. Skeels (W.A.).

Messrs. N. G. Hutton (Tas.), T. Hantke (W.A.), W. E. Mackay (S.A.), E. Jolly (S.A.), did not vote.

Australian Olympic Team.

It was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Mr. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.), seconded by Mr. H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.), that the Union delegates to the Australian Olympic Federation be instructed to move, at the next meeting of the Federation, that the resolution requiring the Victorian A.A.A. to pay £50 towards the expenses of athletes competing at the British championships be rescinded, or, failing that, the amount be credited to the Victorian A.A.A. as Olympic levy.

British Empire Games.

Marathon.—The Hon. Secretary read reports submitted by Mr. F. J. O'Rourke, Chief of Marathon and the Sectional Team Manager (Mr. W. E. Painter), regarding the arrangements for and conduct of the Marathon.

It was unanimously agreed to receive the reports.

Hammers.—Mr. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.) reported that four hammers had disappeared at the conclusion of the Games.

It was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Messrs. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.) and D. S. Carter (Q.), to make an official report to the organising council and managers of teams.

Australian Track and Field Championships.

It was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Messrs. A. J. Hodsdon (N.S.W.), seconded by Mr. H. W. Mackinlay (Vic.), that this Conference

recommends to State Associations the desirability of commencing and concluding the Track and Field Championships of Australia within four days.

Appreciation.

On the motion of Mr. D. S. Carter (Q.), seconded by Mr. W. E. Mackay (S.A.), it was resolved to express confidence in the President and Hon. Secretary, and appreciation and congratulations on the manner in which the Conference had been conducted.

The President then declared the Conference closed.

THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FROM 18th JANUARY, 1936, TO 31st DECEMBER, 1937.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
To Balance Brought Forward	£12 3 6	By Typing, Duplicating, Postage, etc.	£12 10 7
.. Subscriptions (1936 and 1937)—		.. Subscriptions—	
New South Wales	£8 8 0	International Amateur Athletic Federation (1935 to 1938)	£11 0 0
Victoria	8 8 0	Australian Olympic Federation (1936-1937)	2 2 0
Queensland	8 8 0	British Empire Games Association (1935-1936)	4 4 0
South Australia	8 8 0		
Tasmania	8 8 0	.. Invitation to U.S.A. Athletes on behalf of the A.A.A. of N.S.W.	10 0 0
Western Australia	8 8 0	.. Olympic Levy	73 2 0
	50 8 0	.. Executive Meeting, 12/3/36	1 0 0
.. Olympic Levy Collections	77 17 0	.. Hobart Conference, 1936—	
.. Sale of Handbooks	1 0 0	Agenda	£4 1 5
.. A.A.A. of N.S.W.—Advances for Cables, etc., Invitation to U.S.A. Athletes	10 0 0	Minutes	9 17 8
			13 19 1
		.. Bank Charges and Exchange	1 12 0
		.. Balance, being Cash at Bank	21 17 7
	£151 8 6		£151 8 6

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1937.

LIABILITIES.	ASSETS.
Reserve for Officers' Expenses (vide Rule 7)	Cash at Bank
Olympic Levy	Sundry Debtors—
Australian British Empire Games Association—Subscription 1937	Tasmanian A.A.A. (Handbooks)
Messrs. Stott & Hoare, Melbourne—Typing, etc.	Victorian A.A.A. (Handbooks)
Sundry Expenses—Officers	
	Subscription Paid in Advance (I.A.A.F.)
	Balance, being Excess of Liabilities over Assets
£70 4 8	£21 17 7
	£0 6 0
	1 4 0
	1 10 0
	2 10 0
	44 7 1
	£70 4 8

I have examined the books, vouchers and bank passbook of the A.A.U. of A., and in my opinion the above statements give a true and correct position of the affairs of the Union.—E. A. FOSKETT, A.C.J.S., Hon. Auditor, Sydney, 4/2/1938.

R. P. HEATHWOOD, Honorary Treasurer.

Statement received and adopted.—G. E. LANGFORD, Chairman, 8/2/1938.