

The  
**Amateur Athletic Union  
of Australia**

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CONSTITUENT ASSOCIATIONS:

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

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

at the

**TWENTY-FIRST CONFERENCE OF  
THE UNION**

held at

The University Club, 70 Phillip Street Sydney  
N.S.W.

On January 19th, 20th and 21st, 1949

A. J. HODSDON,  
Honorary Secretary-Treasurer

**THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF  
AUSTRALIA**

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNION**

held at

**SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES**

on

**JANUARY 19th, 20th and 21st, 1949**

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First Session.—Wednesday, January 19th, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Second Session.—Wednesday, January 19th: 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Third Session.—Thursday, January 20th: 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Fourth Session.—Thursday, January 20th: 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Fifth Session.—Friday, January 21st: 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Sixth Session.—Friday, January 21st: 2.00 p.m. to 3.15 p.m.

**FIRST DAY—JANUARY 19th**

**1.—ROLL-CALL OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATES**

There were present:—

Officers: President—H. R. Weir; Honorary Secretary-Treasurer—A. J. Hodsdon.

Delegates: A.A.A. of New South Wales—D. K. Donald, J. P. Metcalfe; Queensland A.A.A.—J. B. Barlow; D. Rees; South Australian A.A.A.—R. E. Graham, C. H. Morgan; Tasmanian A.A.A.—N. G. Hutton, J. Smith; Victorian A.A.A.—C. R. Aitken, L. B. Curnow; Western Australian A.A.A.—D. Rapley, F. T. Treacy.

[By permission of the Executive Committee of the Union, S. H. Suhan, of the Australian Universities' Sports Association, was allowed to attend the Conference as a visitor.

The rules of the University Club precluded Press Representatives from attending the Conference, and at

the end of each Afternoon Session the Press were apprised of matters deemed to be of news value by the Secretary-Treasurer].

## 2.—NOTICE OF CONFERENCE

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

## 3.—PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The President, in welcoming the Delegates, expressed pleasure that so many of those who had attended the 1948 Conference of the Union were again present.

The Union, he said, had passed through an eventful and important year in its history. There had been, firstly, the Australian Track and Field Championships of 1948, so admirably organised and conducted by the Victorian A.A.A., and which had attracted such great public support. The Victorian A.A.A. had further earned our congratulations for the splendid manner in which it had staged the 10,000 Metres Cross-Country Championship of Australia, including the selection of a true cross-country course. He made reference to the splendid assistance rendered by the Collingwood Harriers to the Victorian Association in connection with this event. The first 10,000 Metres Track Walking Championship of Australia, though well-handled by the Victorian A.A.A., could not be rated a success.

Next came the Games of the Fourteenth Olympiad, in which Australia's track and field athletes had done exceedingly well. Some had criticised the size of the Australian Olympic Team of 1948, but that Team, as a whole, had made an excellent showing, and the Athletics Section in particular had given a good account of itself. Mr. J. P. Metcalfe, as Athletics Sectional Manager, had done a fine job. In connection with the selection of the Team, the Union was much indebted to Mr. C. R. Aitken for his forthright but tactful work.

The President again referred to the disadvantage suffered by many of our athletes as a result of a complex

which favoured athletics coaches who were professional athletes. Some of our Olympic athletes had had to unlearn much of their athletic knowledge. He urged Constituent Associations to invoke the aid of thinking coaches, freed from the old-fashioned prejudices of the professional trainer. Scientific principles must be intelligently applied in the development of athletic talent.

Reference was made to the matter of International Tours. These had meant a great deal to the sport in attracting public support and in building up finance. But it would appear that we are headed for a period when it may be found that we are asking too much of our own leading athletes, and those of other countries, for them to remain true amateurs. International Amateur Athletics are in danger of heading the same way as so-called Amateur Tennis and Amateur Cricket. We must never get to the stage of conducting Athletics as a business. This does not signify, however, that we do not need to be business-like in our methods and administration. In this respect there have been, within the Union, numerous failures during the year to carry out the Union's own rules—a state of affairs which cannot be allowed to continue.

Constituent Associations were urged to continue to press their respective State Governments, and also Local Government Bodies, for the provision of improved facilities for athletics. Athletics remains a "Cinderella" sport in this country, and we must be insistent in our demands.

The President then spoke of the efforts that had been made, and were continuing, to secure the Olympic Games of 1956 for Melbourne. A great deal of excellent work had been done in this matter by the City of Melbourne and its Invitation Committee, and there was a reasonable chance that their efforts would be crowned with success. In such case, much responsibility will fall upon the A.A.U.

The President conveyed his thanks to Constituent Associations and the Members of the Executive for their co-operation during the year, and he also recorded his thanks to Mr. Hutton, as Vice-President, for his advice on a number of occasions.

Reference was made finally to the energy, enthusiasm and excellent work of the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer. In appointing Mr. Hodsdon to that position the Union had made, he said, a happy choice.

#### 4.—CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND OF CONSTITUTION AND GENERAL RULES

It was resolved that the Minutes of the 1948 Conference be taken as read, and—subject to the addition and corrections listed hereunder—confirmed.

(a) Addition.— Add to the last paragraph on Page 19: "It was resolved, after lengthy discussion of the question of Entertainments Tax, not to link any approach by the Union with an approach made by any professional body, it being felt by the Conference that the basis of the Union's approach is directly opposed to that of a professional body and that the conflict of principles would make an alliance embarrassing to the Union."

(b) Corrections: (1) Page 8—"Page 10" in the first paragraph should read "Page 16"; (2) Page 14—"2 minutes" in the first line should read "3 minutes;" (3) Page 18—"4 x 800 metres: 8 mins. 0.8 secs." should read "4 x 800 metres: 8 mins. 08 secs;" (4) Page 20—"tralian" in Section 15 should read "Australian."

It was further resolved that the Constitution Laws and General Rules of the Union, as adopted at the 1948 Conference, and as supplemented and modified by Mail Votes Nos. 1 and 3, be confirmed, subject to the following corrections:—(1) Page 7—Add in the second line, after the word competition, the following:—"obtains the permission of and"; (2) Page 16—Add in line 3 of paragraph 3, after the word compete, the following:—"in the event of which he is champion."

## 5.—MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 1948 CONFERENCE

Page 6 Standardised Programme for Australian Championship Meetings.—It was again reported that no action had been taken in this matter . . . **Union Handbook**.—This is reported upon under "A.A.U. Handbook" on Page 22 . . . **Australian Marathon Championship**.—This event is reported upon under "Australian Marathon Championship" on page 15.

Page 7: **Taxation**.—The matters of Sales Tax and Entertainment Tax are reported upon under "Taxation and Insurance" on page 21.

Page 8: **Food for Britain's Athletes**.—This is covered under the same heading on page 22.

Page 10: **Teachers of Physical Education and Payments for Broken Time**.—These matters are referred to under "Amateur Status" on page 7.

Shilston's One Hour Running Record (page 15), Keskinen's Decathlon Record, and Outstanding Applications for Record (page 16), and Record Certificates, and Revision of Application for Record Form (page 17) are dealt with under "Australian Records" on page 8.

## 6.—REPORT ON REGISTRATIONS

Actual Registrations for the Period of Nine Months ended the 31st December, 1948, together with those for the corresponding period of 1947, are set out hereunder:—

	31st Dec. 1948	31st Dec. 1947	Increase or Decrease	Increase or Decrease Per Cent.
A.A.A. of N.S.W.	1607	1247	360 I.	29 I.
Queensland A.A.A.	211	346	135 D.	39 D.
South Aust. A.A.A.	218	200	18 I.	9 I.
Tasmanian A.A.A.	115	70	45 I.	64 I.
Victorian A.A.A.	2751	2557	194 I.	8 I.
West. Aust. A.A.A.	403	346	57 I.	17 I.
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Actual Registrations for the Nine Months to the 31st December, 1948, plus Estimated Additional Registrations to the 31st March, 1949, are as under:—

	Actual to 31/12/48	Estimated Additional to 31/3/49	Total
A.A.A. of New South Wales	1607	200	1807
Queensland A.A.A. ....	211	50	261
South Australian A.A.A. ....	218	50	268
Tasmanian A.A.A. ....	115	50	165
Victorian A.A.A. ....	2751	100	2851
Western Australian A.A.A.	403	50	453
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	5305	500	5805

The report was adopted.

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that the Victorian A.A.A. had not paid Registration Dues in respect of Country Club Members, to whom it was customary to grant free registration. The A.A.A. of New South Wales, on the other hand had paid to the Union appropriate Registration Dues in respect of each such member. It was decided to advise the Victorian A.A.A. that the Union required payment of normal Registration Dues in respect of its Country Club Members and that this would apply to the 1947-48 period.

The question was raised by the Western Australian Delegates as to whether Officials were liable to levy. Leave was granted to move, and it was duly resolved "that the Secretary-Treasurer be instructed to advise all Constituent Associations that Registration Dues are payable in respect of all registered members, whether active competitors or not."

## 7.—EXECUTIVE REPORT

A report was presented of matters dealt with during the year by Mail Vote of the Executive Committee. This was received.

## 8.—AMATEUR STATUS

**Report of I.A.A.F. Amateur Status Commission:** A report by the Amateur Status Commission of the International Amateur Athletic Federation embodying a re-drafting of the present Amateur Status Rules of the Federation was tabled. It was indicated, however, that this Report had been referred back to the Commission with the request that further advice and suggestions be sought from National Bodies, and that the Report be, if necessary, re-drafted.

It was resolved to appoint a Sub-Committee of three to consider the Report of the I.A.A.F. Commission in detail, their findings to be referred for comment to Constituent Associations. The Sub-Committee is instructed to devote particular attention to (a) such a re-wording of Rule 5 as will make entirely clear the Amateur Status of Teachers of Physical Education and (b) the justification and desirability of Controlled Payments for Broken-Time.

**Reinstatements:** The action of the Executive in granting Reinstatement as Amateurs—for competition in Australia only—to the following persons was confirmed:

K. J. Cotter.—Recommended by the South Australian A.A.A., and effective as from July 16, 1948.

E. J. Stark.—Recommended by the Victorian A.A.A., and effective as from January 13, 1949.

W. Walker.—Recommended by the Western Australian A.A.A., and effective as from September 27, 1948.

**President's Ruling in the Case of G. Helyar:** G. Helyar, a Civil Servant employed by the Western Australian Government, and an active member of the Western Australian A.A.A., sought permission to accept payment for the reporting of Athletic Meetings for "The Sunday Times." Although Helyar is a member of the Australian Journalists Association and is accustomed to contribute other than Athletics Articles to "The Sunday Times," it was ruled by the President that he could not be deemed a journalist within the meaning of Clause



13(f) of the Constitution. Conference recorded its concurrence with this ruling.

### 9. AUSTRALIAN RECORDS

**M. Shilston's One Hour Running Record:** It was reported that the matter of the adjustments made by the Victorian A.A.A. to the distance run and time taken in connection with M. Shilston's One Hour Running Record on September 20, 1947, had been referred in July 1948 to the I.A.A.F. for an expression of opinion. The original communication had apparently been lost in transit, and the matter had been recently re-submitted to the Federation. This report was received.

**E. Keskinen's Decathlon Record:** It was advised that the Queensland A.A.A. had confirmed that this performance was in fact achieved over three days, and the action taken in deleting same from the A.A.U. List of Records Adopted was endorsed.

**Outstanding Record Applications:** It was advised that the Queensland A.A.A. had submitted to the Union the carbon copy of the letter which accompanied the completed Application for Record forms for the following performances when these were forwarded to the Union in January 1938:

**Hurdling:**

440 yards: 53.5 secs., P. F. Magee (N.S.W.) 11/12/37.

400 metres: 53.5 secs., P. F. Magee (N.S.W.) 11/12/37.

**Throwing:**

Hammer Throw: 145 ft. 2½ ins. K.W. Pardon (N.S.W.) 11/12/37.

The Executive Committee had recommended that, in view of the performances having been established at an Australian Championship Meeting, and in view also of the detail embodied in the covering letter referred to, these performances be adopted as Australian Records. It was resolved to adopt this recommendation.

**Record Certificates:** The action of the Executive in authorising the expenditure of up to £20/- on the design and drawing of a Record Certificate, and the

manufacture of printer's blocks for same was endorsed.

A drawing of the proposed Certificate was submitted to the Conference, and it was decided to accept the design.

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

**(a) Australian and Australian Native Records:**

**Running:**

1. 100 yards: 9.6 secs. J. F. Treloar (N.S.W.) 29/1/48—Sydney.
2. 100 metres: 10.5 secs., G. A. McLachlan (Qld.) 28/1/46—Brisbane.
3. 400 metres: 47.0 secs., M. J. Curotta (N.S.W.) 29/5/48—Sydney.

**Hurdling:**

4. 120 yards: 14.5 secs., C. R. Green (Vic.) 31/1/48—Melbourne.
5. 120 yards: 14.4 secs., R. H. Weinberg (Vic.) 31/1/48—Melbourne.
6. 440 yards: 53.5 secs., P. F. Magee (N.S.W.) 11/12/37—Brisbane.
7. 110 metres: 14.6 secs., R. H. Weinberg (Vic.) 29/5/48—Sydney.
8. 400 metres: 53.5 secs., P. F. Magee (N.S.W.) 11/12/37—Brisbane.

**Jumping:**

9. High jump: 6ft. 7½ins., J. A. Winter (W.A.) 28/2/48, Perth.

**Throwing:**

10. Hammer throw: 145ft. 2½ins., K. W. Pardon (N.S.W.) 11/12/37, Brisbane.

**Combined:**

11. Decathlon: 6678 pts. P. M. Mullins (N.S.W.) 13 & 14/3/48, Sydney.

[100 metres—11.4 secs., 735 pts.; broad jump—20ft. 6 ins., 613 pts.; shot put—43ft. 7½ins., 744 pts.; high jump—6ft. 2ins., 884 pts.; 400 metres—52.2 secs, 755 pts.; 110 metres hurdles—15.5 secs., 848 pts.; discus throw—115ft. 4 ins., 583 pts.; pole vault 11 ft. 6 ins., 692 pts.; javelin throw—156ft. 7ins., 546 pts.; 1500 metres—5mins. 24.8 secs., 288 pts.]

**Relay Running:**

12. 4 x 110 yds.: 41.6 secs. Australian Team, 28/2/48, Sydney.

[M. J. Curotta, T. Bruce, J. L. Bartram, J. F. Treloar].

13. 4 x 880 yards: 8mins. 03.6secs. Botany H. (N.S.W.) 6/3/48, Sydney.

[A. J. Bold, J. K. Schwede, W. Couell, T. P. Gleeson].

14. 4 x 100 metres: 42.0secs. Sydney University A.C. (N.S.W) 29/5/48, Sydney.

[J. H. Bullock, B. W. Noake, E. W. Carr, E. C. Campbell].

**(b) Australian Native Records:**

**Running:**

15. 440 yards: 47.6 secs., M. J. Curotta (N.S.W.) 21/2/48, Sydney.

16. 880 yards: 1min. 52.8secs., J. W. Ramsay (Vic.) 6/3/48, Melbourne.

17. 400 metres: 47.6secs., M. J. Curotta (N.S.W.) 21/2/48, Sydney.

18. 800 metres: 1min. 52.8secs., J. W. Ramsay (Vic.) 6/3/48, Melbourne.

**Throwing:**

19. Shot put 46ft. 0½ins., T. J. Evans (Vic.) 24/1/48, Melbourne.

20. Discus throw: 143ft. 9ins., Z. M. Marian (W.A.) 10/1/48, Perth.

21. Javelin throw: 183ft. 2½ins., B. W. Sheiles (N.S.W.) 11/1/47, Sydney.

**Relay Running:**

22. 4 x 110 yards: 42.4 secs., Sydney University A.C. (N.S.W.) 6/12/47, Sydney.

[E. C. Campbell, B. W. Noake, J. K. Morris, J. F. Treloar].

23. 4 x 110 yards: 42.3secs., Sydney University A.C. (N.S.W.) 31/1/48, Sydney.

[J. H. Bullock, E. C. Campbell, J. K. Morris, J. F. Treloar].

(c) **Australian Junior Records:**

**Running:**

24. 440 yards: 47.6secs., M. J. Curotta (N.S.W.) 21/2/48, Sydney.

25. 880 yards: 1min. 56.2secs., D. A. White (W.A.) 10/1/48, Perth.

26. 400 metres: 47.6secs., M. J. Curotta (N.S.W.) 21/2/48, Sydney.

27. 800 metres: 1min. 56.2secs., D. A. White (W.A.) 10/1/48, Perth.

28. 3,000 metres: 9mins. 14.0secs., G. Freeman (N.S.W.) 29/5/48, Sydney.

**Throwing:**

29. Discus throw: 128ft. 6ins., D. M. Kidd (W.A.), 28/2/48, Perth.

30. Javelin throw: 167ft. 3½ins., J. B. Barlow (Qld.) 26/5/34, Brisbane.

31. Hammer throw (12lbs.): 158ft. 6½ins., J. J. Frawley (Qld.) 30/1/48, Brisbane.

32. Hammer throw (12lbs.): 163ft. 0ins., H. S. Barker (N.S.W.) 13/3/48, Sydney.

**Relay Running:**

33. 4 x 110 yards: 44.0secs. Botany H. (N.S.W.) 25/2/48, Sydney.

[W. Rowlands, K. Watt, M. Matthew, K. W. Crowson].

34. 1 mile medley: 3mins. 41.4secs., Eastern Suburbs A.A.C. (N.S.W.) 29/3/47, Sydney.

[R. McWilliams, E. W. Carr, B. Cook, P. J. Heath.]

**Australian Records not Confirmed:** After lengthy discussion, it was resolved not to ratify the following performances as Australian Records, despite their accept-

ance by the Constituent Associations concerned as records for their respective States:—

**(a) Australian and Australian Native Records:**

1. 2 miles walk: 13mins. 37.2secs., G. C. Knott (Vic.)  
26/1/48, Melbourne.

**(b)...Australian Junior Records:**

2. 1 mile walk: 6mins. 36.4secs., D. M. Keane (W.A.)  
14/2/48, Perth

3. 1 mile walk: 6mins. 13.5secs., D. M. Keane (W.A.)  
28/2/48, Perth.

4. 2 miles walk: 15mins. 01.8secs., D. M. Keane (W.A.)  
10/1/48, Perth.

5. 2 miles walk: 13mins. 52.2secs., D. M. Keane (W.A.)  
21/2/48, Perth.

It was felt by the Conference that the above performances had been achieved during a period when a number of walking judges were confused as to the true effect and significance of the I.A.A.F. Definition of Walking.

**List of Australian Records:** A list of Australian Records as at the 31st March, 1948, issued in November by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, was, subject to the following adjustments, endorsed:—

(a) Deletion of the 1 mile walk and the 3 miles walk from Australian Records and Australian Native Records.

(b) Deletion of the Northern Suburbs A.A.C. (N.S.W.) performance of 44.1 secs. for the Junior 4 x 110 yards relay, and insertion in lieu thereof of the performance of 44.0 secs. by Botany Harriers (N.S.W.) on 29/3/48 (W Rowlands, K. Watt, M. Mathew, K. W. Crowson).

(c) Alteration of the date of the Junior 1 Mile Medley Relay Record from 29/3/48 to 29/3/47.

It was resolved that performances for events which are no longer recognised for records be retained on file by the Union, but be not published as records, and that such records be not available to be broken.

**Records for Acceptance on Statutory Declaration:**  
The Victorian Delegates intimated that a Statutory Declaration had been sworn by the Records Officer of the Victorian A.A.A. in reference to the following performances established under the auspices of that body and duly recognised as Victorian Records. It was indicated that the original completed Application for Record forms had been lost, and acceptance of the performances in question as Australian Records was sought on the basis of the said Statutory Declaration. It was resolved that, subject to actual receipt by the Union of the declaration in question, the request of the Victorian A.A.A. be referred to the Executive Committee of the Union with power to act.

The performances in question are:—

(a) Australian and Australian Native Records:

**Running:**

2 miles: 9mins. 27.8secs. W. F. Colman (Vic.) 7/3/33,  
Melbourne.

(b) Australian Native Records:

**Running:**

1 mile: 4mins. 16.8secs., G. I. D. Backhouse (Vic.)  
19/2/38, Melbourne.

**Throwing:**

Javelin throw: 184ft. 6½ins., G. A. Brondër (Vic.)  
30/1/32, Melbourne.

Upon attention being drawn to the fact that G. A. Brondër was not of Australian birth, the last-named performance was deleted.

## 10.—AUSTRALIAN TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Report on the 1948 Championships:** The Report of The Victorian A.A.A. on the 1948 Track and Field Championships of Australia was tabled. The Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to have copies of same made available to Constituent Associations.

**Matters Affecting the 1949 Championships:—The**

action of the Executive Committee in granting approval for the holding of the 1949 Championships on the 15th and 22nd January at the Sydney Cricket Ground was endorsed, as were also its further actions in (a) sanctioning the inclusion of the following N.S.W. Junior Championships as additional events on the programmes: January 15th—220 yards, 880 yards, 2 miles, 4 x 110 yards relay; January 22nd—100 yards, 440 yards, 1 mile; and (b) granting approval for the bringing to Australia for the Championships (and other meetings) of not more than three overseas athletes. [It was reported that L. La Beach of Panama, and H. H. McKenley of Jamaica, had accepted the invitation of the Union.]

**Allocation of the 1950 Championships:** It was resolved to confirm the allocation of the 1950 Track and Field Championships of Australia to the South Australian A.A.A.

**Australian Championship Profits:** It was resolved that, for the purpose of arriving at the amount payable to the Union from the profits of the Australian Track and Field Championships of 1949, the following be brought into account as championship income: (a) the amounts charged by the A.A.A. of New South Wales to other Constituent Associations and to the New Zealand A.A.A. for the appearances of L. La Beach and H. H. McKenley under their respective auspices; and (b) an amount of £50/-/- per athlete for each appearance of La Beach and/or McKenley within the jurisdiction of the A.A.A. of New South Wales, other than the Australian Championship Meetings.

## 11.—AUSTRALIAN CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

**Report on the 1948 Championship:** The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that the Report submitted by the Victorian A.A.A. on the 10,000 Metres Cross-Country Championship of 1948 did not comply with the requirements of General Rule 6 of the Union, and that the Victorian A.A.A. had been informed to that effect. It

was resolved that the Controlling Association be asked to submit a full report on the organisation and conduct of the meeting in accordance with General Rule 6, such report to be furnished within sixty days from the date of Conference.

**E. S. Marks Memorial Shield:** It was resolved to instruct the Executive to investigate ways and means of providing this shield, to obtain quotations of cost (if necessary), and to report to next Conference.

#### 12. AUSTRALIAN 10,000 METRES TRACK WALKING CHAMPIONSHIP

**Report on the 1948 Championship:** The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that, as in the case of the Cross-Country Championship, the report submitted by the Victorian A.A.A. upon the 10,000 Metres Track Walking Championship of 1948 did not conform to the requirements of General Rule 6 of the Union, and the terms of the resolution adopted in relation to the Cross-Country Championship Report were extended to cover this event also.

#### 13.—AUSTRALIAN MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIP

**Allocation of the 1949 Championship:** The matter of the confirmation of the allocation of the 1949 Marathon Championship to the Western Australian A.A.A. was deferred for consideration in conjunction with a relevant notice of motion submitted by the Victorian A.A.A.

#### 14.—OLYMPIC GAMES

**Executive Action in relation to the Olympic Games of 1948:** The action of the Executive in authorising the expenditure of approximately £200 of the Union's Olympic Fund in assembling and maintaining the Interstate Members of the Athletics Section of the 1948 Olympic Team in Sydney for several weeks prior to their departure for London was endorsed. It was resolved also to endorse the steps taken to effect the late inclusion of G. C. Knott (Victoria) and E. W. Carr (New South Wales) in the Olympic Team.



**Report of the A.O.F. Delegates:** It was resolved that the Report of the Union's Delegates to the Australian Olympic Federation (Messrs. L. B. Curnow and J. P. Metcalfe) be received.

The Report drew especial attention to efforts to secure the Olympic Games of 1956 for Melbourne and to proposed alterations to the Constitution of the Australian Olympic Federation.

The Conference resolved, in relation to the endeavours to have the 1956 Games allocated to Melbourne, heartily to endorse the actions of the Olympic Games Invitation Committee in its efforts to achieve this objective, and it was further resolved that, should these efforts be crowned with success, the Union pledges itself to the fullest support in making them a success.

It was further resolved: (1) That the Lord Mayor of Melbourne be communicated with and advised of the complete facilities, equipment and general requirements to enable the Athletics Section of the Games to be conducted successfully; (2) that, in respect of the Track and Field Events, the Union request that, when deciding upon the venue, full weight be given to the desirability of making permanent structures, if possible, for the future use and benefit of the sport; (3) that the Union recommend to the Lord Mayor of Melbourne that every endeavour be made to have Mr. Weir, as President of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia and a Member of the International Olympic Committee, accompany the Invitation Committee to the April Congress of the I.O.C.

The Conference resolved not to support the proposal for the amalgamation of the Australian Olympic Federation and the Australian British Empire Games Association, and it was decided to instruct the Delegates of the Union to the A.O.F. to oppose the Proposed Constitution as issued and to suggest that it be referred back to the Executive Committee of the A.O.F. for re-drafting.

**Report of Athletics Sectional Manager of Australian Olympic Team of 1948:** The Report of the Athletics Sectional Manager of the Australian Olympic Team of 1948 (Mr. J. P. Metcalfe) was tabled, and it was resolved to receive same and to record the very sincere thanks of the Union to Mr. Metcalfe for the excellent manner in which his duties had been discharged and for the comprehensive and informative report submitted by him. The Secretary-Treasurer was directed to extract from the Report those portions deemed to be of immediate interest, and to have same made available to Constituent Associations.

**Olympic Games of 1952:** Messrs. H. R. Weir, J. P. Metcalfe and A. J. Hodsdon, were appointed a Sub-Committee to discuss plans for the Olympic Games of 1952, especially in relation to (a) the development of athletic talent, and (b) the provision of finance, and to report to the next Annual Conference.

#### 15.—BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES

**Minutes of Meeting of the General Assembly of the British Empire Games Federation—August, 1948:** The Minutes of a Meeting of the General Assembly of the British Empire Games Federation, held in London on August 11th, 1948, were tabled, and these disclosed that the British Empire Games of 1950 would be held in February of that year at Auckland, New Zealand . . . . At the same meeting machinery had been set up to effect the formal recognition of British Empire Records in Athletics.

**Report of A.B.E.G.A. Delegates:** The Delegates of the Union to the Australian British Empire Games Association (Messrs. C. R. Aitken and A. J. Hodsdon) advised that no meeting of that body had been held since the last Annual Conference of the Union, but that it was proposed to convene a meeting in the near future—actually at the time and place of the next meeting of the A.O.F. The report was received.

## SECOND DAY — JANUARY 20th

**Closing of Entries:** It was resolved to instruct the Union's Delegates to the A.B.E.G.A. to press for a later closing date for entries than that proposed by New Zealand, namely, December 7th, such date to be not earlier than January 4th, 1950.

**Finance:** The matter of the raising of funds for the financing of the Athletics Team to the Empire Games of 1950 was referred to the Executive Committee of the Union for consideration after Conference.

**Selection Committee:** It was resolved that a Selection Committee of three be appointed to choose the Men's Athletics Team for the 1950 Empire Games and Messrs H. R. Weir, C. R. Aitken and J. P. Metcalfe were appointed.

**Selection Standards:** The fixing of Selection Standards for mens' events to govern inclusion in the 1950 Empire Games Athletics Team was delegated to the Selection Committee.

**Selection Tests:** It was resolved that the arrangement of special selection tests (if any) for Empire Games events not on the Australian Track and Field Championships programme be left to the Executive Committee of the Union with power to act.

**Appearance of Empire Athletes in Australia:** The matter of arranging for the appearance in Australia of Empire Athletes en route to or returning from the 1950 Games at Auckland was referred to the Executive Committee of the Union for action.

**Selection of Women Athletes:** It was resolved that the procedure followed in connection with the Selection of Women Athletes for the Olympic Games of 1948 be adhered to in connection with the British Empire Games of 1950—namely, that the Australian Women's A.A.U. submit its standards to the A.A.U. for approval, and that the actual selection and grading of the Women Athletes be effected by the Australian Women's A.A.U.

## 16.—AUSTRALIAN TEAM'S NEW ZEALAND TOUR

**Invitation of the New Zealand A.A.A.:** The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that an invitation had been received under date of January 26th, 1948, for the visit of a team of 6 or 8 Australian athletes to New Zealand on a competitive tour early in 1949. The action of the Executive Committee in accepting the invitation was endorsed. The Secretary-Treasurer reported having advised the New Zealand A.A.A. that it would suit the convenience of Constituent Associations for the team to depart from Australia about mid-February.

**Dates, Itinerary and Request for Manager:** It was resolved to endorse the action of the Executive Committee in approving of the dates and itinerary proposed by the New Zealand A.A.A. and in requesting that a Manager accompany the team at the expense of the New Zealand A.A.A.

**Selection of Team:** The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that the New Zealand A.A.A. had indicated that it desired the inclusion (if available) of the following: J. L. Bartram, M. J. Curotta, J. L. Marks, J. W. Ramsay, J. F. Treloar, R. H. Weinberg, J. A. Winter and either G.G. Avery or T. Bruce. Of these athletes Curotta, Marks, Weinberg and Avery only were understood to be available, and the New Zealand A.A.A. had indicated that it was prepared to leave the completion of the team to the Union, but had signified that E. W. Carr and D. A. White would be acceptable additions. The Conference resolved to delegate to the Empire Games Selection Committee the work of completing the team, the additional members to be named not later than January 22nd.

Discussion took place on the general question of the powers of the Union in the matter of the selection of athletes for competition overseas, and it was resolved that, before announcing the selection of an athlete or athletes for overseas competition, the Union must ascer-

tain from the Association or Associations concerned (a) whether each athlete whom it is desired to select is available and (b) whether the Association of which he is a member approves of his undertaking the tour.

**Appointment of Manager:** The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that, following the decision of the Executive Committee to request that a Manager accompany the team, he had invited Constituent Associations to make nominations for the position by December 31st. As this action had been taken without Executive authority, it was ruled that fresh nominations could be taken, and this resulted in the nomination of Mr. L. B. Curnow. Mr. R. E. Graham had been nominated in response to the earlier invitation. Mr. Graham was elected Manager of the team.

**Costume of Team:** It was resolved that, as the basis of the team was an invitation by the New Zealand A.A.A. to send certain named athletes, the team could not be properly ranked as a team representing Australia, and therefore could not be authorised to wear the Australian costume.

#### 17.—AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S A.A.U.

The following actions of the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer in relation to the Australian Women's A.A.U. were, by resolution of the Conference, endorsed:—

(a) The disbursement of one-third of the Union's share of the profits of the Australian Olympic and Combined Universities' Carnival on May 29th, 1948, to the A.W.A.A.U.

(b) A request to the A.W.A.A.U. that reinstatements as amateurs granted by that body be submitted to the A.A.U. for endorsement.

(c) A request for the submission annually by the A.W.A.A.U. of a List of Australian Records for Women for transmission to the International Amateur Athletic Federation and the British Empire Games Federation.

(d) The extending of an invitation on behalf of the

A.W.A.A.U. to Mrs. F. E. Blankers-Koen, through the Royal Netherlands A.A.A., for a competitive tour in Australia early in 1949.

(e) The extending of an invitation, on behalf of the New Zealand A.A.A. and through the A.W.A.A.U., to Miss S. B. Strickland for a competitive tour of New Zealand during February/March, 1949.

#### 18.—AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP PROFITS

There were tabled, in the form of an Executive Committee Report, proposals made by Constituent Associations—together with comments thereon by members of the Executive Committee—for the implementing of the resolution of the Perth Conference in regard to the distribution of a percentage of the profits of Australian Track and Field Championship Meetings to Associations whose teams were called upon to travel long distances to Championship Meetings.

It was decided to defer discussion on this Report until related Notices of Motion submitted by the Queensland and Western Australian Associations were being considered.

#### 19.—TAXATION AND INSURANCE

**Sales Tax:** The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that application had been made, under date of December 20th, 1948, to the Commonwealth of Australia for concessions in respect of Sales Tax on administrative stationery, publications, competition equipment and trophies. A reply was still awaited. The report was received.

**Entertainments Tax:** It was advised that no action had been taken in the matter of seeking a reduction of the Entertainment Taxes payable in respect of Amateur Sports Meetings. As indications were that further approaches to the Commonwealth Government would be ineffective, it was decided to allow the matter to remain in abeyance.

**Insurance:** It was reported that an enquiry had been addressed to Messrs. Harvey, Trinder & Co. as

to the cost of insurance cover for competitors and officials. The cost of such insurance, inclusive of £1000 indemnity in the event of death, would be in the vicinity of £1 per head per annum. It was decided to allow the matter to remain in abeyance.

#### 20.—FOOD FOR BRITAIN'S ATHLETES

**Result of 1948 Appeal:** It was advised that, as a result of the 1948 appeal, and inclusive of the Union's contribution, an amount of £405/11/5 had been received, and this had been expended upon the purchase and dispatch of 811 parcels to the Amateur Athletes of Great Britain. Many expressions of gratitude had been received, including one from the Amateur Athletic Association.

It was resolved to place on record the Union's appreciation of the able manner in which the Fund had been administered by the Victorian A.A.A., such appreciation to be conveyed in the form of a letter to that body.

**Future Policy:** It was resolved that the Food for Britain's Athletes' Appeal be continued along the same lines as in 1948, the Union to make such donation as the Conference may later determine.

#### 21.—A.A.U. HANDBOOK

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that the printing of a full A.A.U. Handbook, comprising the Constitution Laws and General Rules of the Union and the Competition Laws of the I.A.A.F. had been again deferred principally on the grounds (a) that the former would, at the first Conference following their adoption, probably require considerable adjustment and (b) that numerous alterations to the latter would be made at the 1948 Congress of the I.A.A.F. In the meantime the Constitution Laws and General Rules had been issued as a roneographed booklet, of which the full cost had been borne by the Union. The report was received and the action taken was endorsed.

## 22.—CONSTITUTION LAWS AND GENERAL RULES

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that, following the 1948 Conference, the Constitution Subcommittee of the Union had prepared General Rules covering:—(a) the Standard Sequence of Events at Australian Track and Field Championship Meetings; (b) the 10,000 Metres Track Walking Championship; and (c) the Marathon Championship. These were adopted, after adjustment, by Mail Vote of Constituent Associations, and are incorporated in the Union's temporary Handbook of Constitution Laws and General Rules.

Subsequent to the issue of the last-named, the Awards for Australian Championships were altered by a Mail Vote of Constituent Associations, and the text of the Amended General Rules is set out hereunder:—

Rule 16: There shall be awarded, for each Championship, the Gilded Bronze Medallion of the Union to the winner, the Silver-plated Bronze Medallion of the Union to the runner-up, and the Bronze Medallion of the Union to the athlete finishing in third place.

Rule 23: These shall be awarded, for each championship, the Gilded Bronze Medallion of the Union to the winner, the Silver-plated Bronze Medallion of the Union to the runner-up, and the Bronze Medallion of the Union to the athlete finishing in third place. The Silver-plated Bronze Medallion of the Union shall also be awarded to each of the four, five or six members, as the case may be, of the winning team and the Bronze Medallion of the Union shall be awarded to each of the four, five or six members, as the case may be, of the second team.

Rule 34: Same as Rule 16.

The report was received.



### 23.—COMPETITION LAWS

**Decathlon:** Advice received from the I.A.A.F. indicates that, in Decathlon Competitions, "the following day" means, for the purposes of International Competition and of Records, literally the next following day.

**Scoring Tables:** The Scoring Tables Commission of the I.A.A.F. is giving consideration to the whole subject of Scoring Tables for additional events, and it is expected that the events for which the Union has asked that Scoring Tables be prepared—namely, 200 metres hurdles, 3,000 metres walk and 10,000 metres walk—will be included.

**Definition of Walking and Interpretation of the Rules:** With the object of helping to resolve the current confusion as to the significance and effect of the I.A.A.F. Definition of Walking, there have been issued to Constituent Associations, as a circular letter, copies of a magazine article written by F. W. Blakemore, the leading English authority on this branch of athletics.

**Application for Record Form:** An amended Application for Record Form, prepared by the Constitution Sub-Committee of the Union, was submitted for approval. It was resolved that the draft, as submitted, be transmitted to Constituent Associations for examination and comment within sixty days.

**Amendments to I.A.A.F. By-Laws and Athletic Rules:** The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that a number of amendments had been made to the By-Laws and Athletic Rules of the International Amateur Athletic Federation at its 1948 Congress, and as these, in accordance with Law 57 of the Constitution, were immediately effective in Australia they had been circulated to Constituent Associations.

### 24.—OBSERVANCE OF UNION RULES

The President made reference to the repeated failure of some Constituent Associations to conform to the Union's own rules and regulations, and it was resolved

that all Constituent Associations be formally advised: (a) that the Union is greatly concerned at the looseness which, through this cause, is developing in the administration of its affairs; (b) that the Union particularly draws attention to the fact that, except in the case of one Constituent Association, the Notices of Motion submitted for discussion at the present Conference were received late; and (c) that Conference has given instructions that the rules and regulations of the Union must, in future, be strictly adhered to.

#### 25.—HONORARY TREASURER'S STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS

The Honorary Treasurer submitted an audited Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended the 31st December, 1948, and an audited Balance Sheet as at the 31st December, 1948. It was resolved that these be adopted.

The submissions above referred to are printed as an Appendix to these Minutes.

Discussion took place upon the payment of £52/10/- being arrears of I.A.A.F. Affiliation Fees for the War years 1939-45, payment of which sum is stated to have been demanded by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer of the Federation prior to the 1948 Congress. In view of the fact that representations had been made by letter to the I.A.A.F. during the year for some concession in respect of these amounts, and that the Union's communications had not been acknowledged, it was resolved to direct the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer to write to the Federation seeking the reasons for its high-handed action, and enquiring at the same time if the payment of the similar arrears of other National bodies had been likewise insisted upon.

#### 26.—REPORTS OF DELEGATES AND STANDING COMMITTEES

**Report of Delegates to Australian Olympic Federation:** This matter is dealt with under the heading of

Olympic Games on page 16.

**Report of Delegates to Australian British Empire Games Association:** This matter is dealt with under the heading of British Empire Games on page 17.

**Report of Delegate to I.A.A.F. Congress:** The Report of Mr. J. P. Metcalfe, the Union's Delegate to the Sixteenth Congress of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (London, August 9-10, 1948) was received and adopted. [As the substance thereof will be available in due course, in the Official Minutes of the Congress, it is deemed unnecessary to record same herein . . . . The amendments effected at the Congress to the By-Laws and Athletic Rules of the Federation were advised to Constituent Associations in a Circular Letter under date of 30th December, 1948.]

## 27.—REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

**Report of Olympic Selection Committee:** The Union's Olympic Selection Committee (Messrs. H. R. Weir, C. R. Aitken and J. P. Metcalfe) advised that its initial step in connection with the selection of the 1948 Olympic Team had been to formulate and publish a set of standards for the various Olympic events, and these were the basis of the subsequent selections. Each standard was intended to represent such a performance as might be expected from the athlete placing sixth at the Olympic Games. The standards were as follows: 100 metres 10.5s. (equivalent to 9.6s. for 100 yards); 200 metres—21.1s. (220 yards—21.2s.); 400 metres—48.1s. (440 yards—48.4s.); 880 metres—1m. 53.2s. (880 yards—1m. 54.0s.); 1500 metres—3m. 57s. (1 mile—4m. 14s.); 5,000 metres—14m. 45s. (3 miles—14m. 15s.); 10,000 metres—31m. 30s. (6 miles—30m. 30s.); marathon—2h. 36m. 30s.; 10,000 metres walk—46m.; 110 metres hurdles—14.6s.; 400 metres hurdles—53.1s. (440 yards hurdles—53.5s.); broad jump—24ft. 4ins.; hop, step and jump—49ft.; high jump—6ft. 4ins.; pole vault—13ft. 6ins.; shot put—50ft.; discus throw—

155ft.; javelin throw—220ft.; hammer throw—170ft.; decathlon—6800 pts.

The standards for the women's events, as determined by the Australian Women's A.A.U., were as follows: 100 metres—12.1s.; 200 metres—25.1s.; 80 metres hurdles—12.0s.; broad jump—18ft 1½ins., high jump—5ft. 2ins.; shot put—40ft.; discus throw—125ft.; javelin throw—135ft.; 400 metres relay—48.8s. In connection with the actual selection of women athletes, the Australian Women's A.A.U. had been made responsible for effecting its own rankings, and the Union Selectors had adopted same.

The co-ordination of the ranked athletes of the A.A.U. and of the A.W.A.A.U. into a common list had been effected by the Union's selectors, and this ranking had been well received in all quarters.

In the final ranking of the athletes from all sports by the A.O.F. Committee appointed for that purpose, the soundness of the Union's selections was recognised by the inclusion of no less than twelve male and female track and field representatives in the first group of thirty-four chosen. The Union was very ably represented on this Committee by Mr. Aitken.

It was resolved to adopt the report and to place on record the Union's appreciation of the Selectors' excellent work.

**Report of Constitution Sub-Committee:** Reference is made on page twenty-three to matters dealt with during the year by the Constitution Sub-Committee (Messrs. Weir, Metcalfe and Hodsdon).

## 28.—REPORTS OF CONSTITUENT ASSOCIATIONS

The Annual Reports for 1947-48 of the A.A.A. of New South Wales, the Queensland A.A.A., the South Australian A.A.A., the Tasmanian A.A.A., the Victorian A.A.A. and the Western Australian A.A.A. were tabled and received.

## 29.—OFFER OF "SPORTING OSCAR"

A letter from the Bristol-Myers Co. Pty. Ltd. of North Sydney, N.S.W., offering to present a "Sporting Oscar" to the Outstanding Athlete of the year in Amateur Athletics was before the Conference. It was indicated that the intention was to make such an award each year, and that there would be no monetary gain to the person receiving the award. It was resolved that the matter of the advertising associated with the matter be fully investigated and that the matter be then referred to the Executive with power to act.

## 30.—NOTICES OF MOTION BY CONSTITUENT ASSOCIATIONS

### (a) Tasmanian A.A.A.

The following motion was by permission of the Conference, withdrawn:

(a) **Australian Track and Field Championship of 1951:** That permission be granted for the Tasmanian A.A.A. to transfer the year in which the Australian Championships are to be held in Hobart from 1951 to 1953 as in this year Tasmania will celebrate its Sesqui Centenary:

### (b) Queensland A.A.A.

It was resolved:

(a) **Allocation of Australian Championship Profits:** That the matter of the allocation of finance to the States from Australian Championships be cleared up as soon as possible.

(b) **Assistance from National Fitness Movement:** That the Union again approach the Prime Minister with the object of securing financial assistance from the National Fitness movement.

(c) **Athletics Films:** That the matter of the purchase of athletics instructional films for the reference and information of Constituent Associations be left for individual action by each Association.

It was moved unsuccessfully:

(a) **Australian Sub-Junior Records:** That the Union

shall recognise as Australian Sub-Junior records performances registered by athletes under the age of seventeen years on the date of the performance for such events as the Union in Conference may from time to time determine.

(c) **Western Australian A.A.A.**

(a) **Officers, Delegates and Committees:** That the words "shall be in writing and" be added after the word "Union" in Law 20 of the Constitution.

(b) **Vacancies in Offices:** That the words "and shall be in writing" be added after the word "Associations" where first occurring in Law 21 of the Constitution.

(c) **Voting by Mail—Executive Committee:** That the words "and a copy of the question and the result of any mail vote of the Executive Committee shall be forwarded to each Constituent Association" be added at the end of Sub-section (c) of Law 42 of the Constitution.

(d) **Australian Records:** That the words "and any other event or events which the Union may desire to recognise from time to time" be added at the end of Law 54 of the Constitution.

(e) **Additional Events at Australian Championship Meetings:** That the words "in writing" be added after the word "Union" in Rule (4) of the General Rules.

(f) **Entries for Australian Championships:** That the words "must be in writing and" be added after the word "events" in Rule 5 of the General Rules.

(g) **Financial Statement of Championship Meetings:** That the words "and such Report shall contain a proper financial statement duly audited" be added at the end of Rule 6 of the General Rules.

(h) **Rules of Track and Field Championships:** That the words "and to each British Empire Games" be added to Rule 10 of the General Rules after the words "Olympic Games" where first occurring, and that the words "and where events to be contested at the Olympic Games or the British Empire Games are not included the Union, if it thinks fit, may conduct official tests

for such events" be added at the end of the same Rule.

It was moved unsuccessfully:

(a) **Conferences:** "That the words "twenty-eight" be deleted from Law 35 of the Constitution, and the words "seventy-two" be inserted in lieu thereof.

(b) **Track and Field Championships—Sequence of Events:** That Rule 11 of the General Rules be amended by deleting "1. Hammer Throw" and inserting "1. High Jump," and by deleting "4. High Jump" and inserting "4. Hammer Throw."

(c) **Awards for Track and Field Championships:** That the words "and shall be made available to the successful recipients at the conclusion of the meeting" be added at the end of Rule 16 of the General Rules.

(d) **Marathon Championship—Age of Contestants:** That Rule 31 of the General Rules be amended by deleting the word "eighteen" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "twenty-one."

It was resolved to defer consideration of the following motion for discussion, at a later stage in the proceedings, in conjunction with the matter of Australian Championship profits: "That the following new paragraph 31 (a) be added to the Constitution—'The Union shall set up and administer a Fund to assist financially Constituent Associations taking part in Australian Championship events.'"

(d). **Victorian A.A.A.**

It was resolved:

(a) **Australian Junior Records:** That Australian Junior records be recognised for the following events only:

Running: 100 yards, 220 yards, 440 yards, 880 yards, 1 mile, 2 miles; 100 metres, 200 metres, 400 metres, 800 metres, 1500 metres, 3,000 metres.

Walking: 1 mile, 2 miles; 1500 metres, 3000 metres.

Hurdling: 120 yards (3ft. 3in. and 3ft. 6in.), 220 yards (2ft. 6in.); 110 metres (3ft. 3ins. and 3ft. 6in.), 200 metres (2ft. 6ins.).

Jumping: Running broad jump, running hop, step

and jump, running high jump, pole vault.  
Throwing: Shot putt (12 lbs.), discus throw, javelin  
throw, hammer throw (12 lbs.).

Combined: Pentathlon:

Relay Running: 4 x 110 yards, 4 x 220 yards, 1 mile  
medley (880 yards, 440 yards, 220 yards, 220  
yards); 4 x 100 metres, 4 x 200 metres.

(b) **Marathon Championship:** "That Rule 9 of the  
General Rules be amended by deleting the word "and"  
after "440 yards relay" and adding the words "and  
Marathon' 'at the end of the rule.

[It was resolved, notwithstanding the above amend-  
ment to Rule 9, to confirm the allocation of the first  
Australian Marathon Championship to the Western  
Australian A.A.A., such race to be held in accordance  
with Law 51 of the Constitution, during the month of  
September, 1949.]

(c) **Standards for Events where no Record:** "That  
the following Rule 44 be added to the General Rules:  
'For each event for which Australian and Australian  
Native records can be granted, but for which no re-  
cord has been recognised by the Union, a standard  
shall be fixed, and such standard must be at least  
equalled before an application for a record will be con-  
sidered.'"

[Standards for events coming within the above cate-  
gory were adopted at the 1948 Conference of the Union,  
and are detailed in the Minutes of that Conference on  
pages 17-18.]

The following motions were, by permission of the  
Conference, withdrawn:—

(a) **Australian Records:** That Law 54 of the Con-  
stitution be amended by deleting the words "and for  
those events which are not in the World Record List  
but are included for the time being in the Track and  
Field Championships of Australia", and inserting in  
lieu thereof "together with the following events:—  
Running—5 miles; walking—1 mile and 3 miles; Pentath-



lon; Relay Racing—1 mile medley (880 yards, 440 yards, 220 yards, 220 yards)."

(b) **Conferences of the Union:** That the word "annually" be deleted from Law 34 of the Constitution, and the word "biennially" be inserted in lieu thereof.

(c) **Annual Track and Field Championships:** That re-consideration be given to the holding of annual Australian Track and Field Championships.

(d) **Executive Matters:** That a full report on Executive matters be forwarded to each State Association by the Secretary of the Union at least once each month.

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(e) **A.A.A. of New South Wales:**

It was resolved:—

(a) **Control of Athletes Registering in more than one State:** That the Union formulate rules governing the registration of athletes with more than one Constituent Association and the procedure for transfers from one Constituent Association to another, the drafting of such rules to be delegated to the Constitution Sub-Committee of the Union for subsequent submission by Mail Vote to Constituent Associations.

(b) **Federation of Amateur Sporting Bodies:** That the Conference is of the opinion that there is a need for an Australian Federation of Amateur Sporting Bodies, and will formulate a policy for Constituent Associations to follow in relation to such combined bodies in each State.

Constituent Associations were asked each to endeavour to have the principle of such a Federation freely discussed by and among the Amateur Sporting Associations in their respective States, and to report to the Union upon the response thereto.

(c) **Weights of Junior Discus and Javelin:** That the standard weight discus and javelin be used for junior events.

(d) **Closing of Entries for Australian Championships:** That General Rule 5 be amended by inserting, after the words "Championship Meeting," the words "unless a shorter period is specified by such Constituent Association."

(e) **Importation of Gear:** That the Union consider ways and means of importing athletic gear in bulk for Constituent Associations.

(f) **Amendments to Constitution:** That Law 59 of the Constitution be amended by adding, after the word "Proposed amendments", the words "to this Constitution."

(g) **Amendments to Rules and By-Laws:** That the following Law 59 (a) be added to the Constitution—"Laws 58 and 59 do not apply to Rules and By-Laws made hereunder."

(h) **Amendments to Constitution, General Rules or By-Laws:** That Law 60 of the Constitution be amended by adding, after the word "Constitution," the words "or Rules or By-Laws made thereunder."

The following motion was, by permission of the Conference, withdrawn:—That the Constitution be amended by the addition of Law 49A worded as follows—"The Blazer of the Union may be worn by the President and Honorary Secretary-Treasurer of the Union provided that the words "President" or "Honorary Secretary-Treasurer" 'as the case may be is added to the pocket thereof.

### 31.—AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP PROFITS.

After lengthy debate on the deferred subject of the proposal to allocate a proportion of the profits of Australian Track and Field Championship Meetings to Constituent Associations to assist them in the financing of their teams the following resolutions were adopted:

1. That a special Fund be created to provide assistance to constituent associations which send competitors to the Track and Field Championships of Australia.

2. That the sum of £200 be transferred to this fund and that at each subsequent conference a sum to be determined at that Conference shall be transferred thereto.
3. That the Executive set a standard of performances and that the sum available at credit of the fund be distributed upon the basis of the costs incurred by the respective Associations in transporting by air to and from a Track and Field Championship Meeting their athletes of approved standard.
4. That the percentage of allocation from Championship Profits in terms of General Rule be referred by Delegates to Constituent Associations with a recommendation that consideration be given to an increase.
5. That the matter of such percentage be placed on the next Conference agenda for discussion.

The motion in the name of the Western Australian A.A.A. proposing that "the Union shall set up and administer a Fund to assist financially Constituent Associations taking part in Australian Championship events" was, by permission of the Conference, withdrawn.

### 32.—FINANCIAL BUDGET

The following Budget of Income and Expenditure for 1949 submitted by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was adopted:—

	* Income	
Affiliation Fees	.....	£ 25
Registration Dues	.....	150
		£175
Deficiency	.....	71
		£246

\* Exclusive of the Union's Share of the Profits of the Track and Field Championships of 1949.

## Expenditure

	£
Affiliation Fees .....	12
Bank Charges .....	1
Cables .....	2
Depreciation .....	5
Duplicating, Printing and Stationery .....	75
Entertainment Expenses .....	5
Food for Britain .....	20
General Expenses .....	10
Honoraria .....	35
Library .....	5
Officers' Expenses (Reserve) .....	56
Postages and Telegrams .....	15
Telephone .....	5

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£246

### 33.—GENERAL BUSINESS

**Honorary Typiste:** It was resolved that a letter of thanks and appreciation, accompanied by a gift of £10, be sent to Mrs. J. Heeley who had acted as Honorary Typiste to the Union throughout the year.

**Pole Vault Championship, 1948:** It was resolved to request the Victorian A.A.A. to examine the Judge's Record Sheet for the Australian Pole Vault Championship of 1948 to verify the correctness or otherwise of the announced placings.

**5 Miles Record:** A motion by the Western Australian A.A.A. Delegates seeking the inclusion of the 5 miles run in the list of events for which Australian Records can be granted was lost.

**Congratulations to Olympic Finalists:** The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was directed to send a letter of congratulation from the Union to each male athlete who had reached an Olympic Final at the Olympic Games of 1948

**Food for Britain's Athletes:** It was resolved to authorise the disbursement of a sum of £20/-/- from

the Union's moneys as a donation to the 1949 Food for Britain's Athletes' Appeal.

**Alterations to Constitution Laws and General Rules:** The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to prepare for issue to Constituent Associations a complete summary of all amendments and additions made to the Constitution Laws and General Rules of the Union since their issue in booklet form in September, 1948.

**Membership of the Union:** To conform with the requirements of Law 2 of the Constitution, it was resolved that 'the Union shall consist of the Amateur Athletic Association of New South Wales, the Queensland Amateur Athletic Association, the South Australian Amateur Athletic Association, the Tasmanian Amateur Athletic Association, the Victorian Amateur Athletic Association and the Western Australian Amateur Athletic Association.

**Team for New Zealand—Manager's Expense Allowance:** It was resolved that the Manager of the Team for New Zealand be granted all allowance of up to £10/-/- for out-of-pocket expenses.

**Standard Opening Ceremony for Track and Field Championships:** The President and Honorary Secretary-Treasurer were appointed a Sub-Committee to formulate a Standard Opening Ceremony for future Australian Track and Field Championship Meetings for submission to the Executive Committee which is authorised to act in the matter.

**Overseas Representatives:** It was resolved to record the Union's appreciation of the services rendered during the year by its representatives in Great Britain and the United States—Lieut.-Col. D. R. Jackson and Mr. P. F. Magee. Unfortunately Lieut.-Col. Jackson had now returned to Australia, but Mr. Magee was still attached to the Staff of the Australian Embassy at Washington.

### 34.—ELECTION OF OFFICERS, DELEGATES AND COMMITTEES

Officers: Messrs. N. G. Hutton (Tasmania) and H. R. Weir (New South Wales), who were nominated for the office of President, withdrew temporarily from the meeting, and Mr. D. K. Donald (New South Wales) was voted to the chair. Mr. Weir was re-elected.

Messrs. C. R. Aitken (Victoria), N. G. Hutton (Tasmania) and H. R. Walsh (South Australia) and Sir T. Meagher (Western Australia) were nominated for the office of Vice-President. An exhaustive ballot was conducted, and Mr. Hutton was re-elected.

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

Delegates: Messrs. L. B. Curnow (Victoria), J. P. Metcalfe (New South Wales) and H. R. Walsh (South Australia) were nominated as Delegates to the Australian Olympic Federation, and Messrs. Curnow and Metcalfe were re-elected.

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

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

Special Committees: Messrs. H. R. Weir, J. P. Metcalfe and A. J. Hodsdon were re-elected to the Constitution Sub-Committee, and Messrs. D. K. Donald, J. P. Metcalfe and A. J. Hodsdon were appointed to the Amateur Status Sub-Committee.

### 35.—APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR AND TRUSTEES

Auditor: Mr. G. Carruthers (New South Wales) was re-appointed Honorary Auditor.

Trustees: Mesrs. H. R. Weir and A. J. Hodsdon were appointed Trustees to the Union.

### 36.—FIXING OF HEADQUARTERS

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

### 37.—MINUTES OF CONFERENCE

It was resolved that the Minutes of this Conference be printed for circulation to Constituent Associations.

### 38.—APPRECIATION

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

The President thanked the Delegates for their co-operation throughout the Conference.

The President proposed, and it was unanimously resolved that a vote of thanks be recorded and conveyed to the University Club for the use of their premises for the holding of the Conference.

### 39.—CLOSURE

The President declared the Conference closed at 3.15 p.m. on Friday, 21st January, 1949.

# THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA

Income and Expenditure Account for Year ended 31st Dec., 1948.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME					
		£	s	d			£	s	d
Affiliation Fees:					Affiliation Fees of Constituent				
Australian Olympic Federation				2	Associations .....				18
International Amateur Athletic Federation 1939/1945 incl. ....	52	10	0		Registration Dues from Constituent Associations:				
1948 .....	7	10	9	60	A.A.A. of New South Wales .....	48	19	0	
Bank Charges .....				1	Queensland A.A.A. ....	5	7	6	
Cables .....				5	South Australian A.A.A. ....	7	10	0	
Depreciation:				9	Tasmanian A.A.A. ....	4	10	6	
Championship Medallion Dies .....	2	10	0	4	Victorian A.A.A. ....	63	11	0	
Typewriter .....	2	0	0	10	Western Australian A.A.A. ....	11	4	0	139
Duplicating, Printing & Stationery:					Profits from Australian Championships, 1948 .....				415
Minutes of 1948 Conference .....	24	5	0	38	Interest on Treasury Bonds .....				5
Sundries .....	64	7	11	12	Profits from Sale of Publications .....				2
Entertainment Expenses .....				2	Donations to Food for Britain's Athletes:				7
Food for Britain's Athletes:					A.A.A. of New South Wales .....	134	2	2	
Donations as per contra .....	385	9	5	405	South Australian A.A.A. ....	2	2	0	
A.A.U. Contribution .....	20	2	0	11	Tasmanian A.A.A. ....	5	0	0	
General Expenses .....					Victorian A.A.A. ....	216	2	3	
Library .....				14	Western Australian A.A.A. ....	23	3	0	
Officers Expenses to 1948 Conference:				3	New South Wales Women's A.A.A. ....	5	0	0	385
President .....	21	2	7	7					9
Hon. Treasurer .....	39	10	0						5
Hon. Acting Secretary .....	18	11	0						
Postages and Telegrams .....				17					
Selectors' Expenses:									
C. R. Aitken .....				11					
Telephone—Local and Trunk Calls .....				4					
Trophies:									
Australian Championships, 1947 .....	10	5	6	25					
Record Certificates .....	15	0	0	5					
Surplus for year—Transferred to Accumulated Fund .....				233					
				11					
				3					
				<b>£965</b>					<b>£965</b>
				4					4
				10					10



**THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA**  
**OLYMPIC FUND**

EXPENDITURE						INCOME
Balance as at 1st January, 1948				362	8	Olympic Team Expenses
Share of Profits of Olympic and Combined Universities Meeting of 29th May, 1948						204 7 7
Less Amount paid to A.W.A.A.U.	14	14	0			Balance as at 31st December, 1948
Donation by W.A.A.A.A.	5	0	0	9	14	172 14 11
				0	0	
				5	0	
				0	0	
				£377	2	£377 2 6
				6		

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT THE 31st DECEMBER, 1948**

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s	d	£	s	d	
Olympic Fund				172	14	11	Cash:
Trophies Outstanding				15	0	0	Commonwealth Bank of Australia
Affiliation Fees Prepaid				6	6	0	On Hand
Accumulated Fund:							3 7 6
Balance as at 1st January, 1948	209	19	7				850 15 0
Surplus for year transferred from Income and Expenditure Account	233	11	3	443	10	10	Debtors:
							Australian Olympic Federation
							P. F. Magee
							New Zealand A.A.A.
							Victorian A.A.A.
							2 2 0
							5 0 3
							55 0 0
							2 11 0
							64 13 3
							Accruals:
							Registration Dues
							Stocks and Equipment:
							Medallions and Medallion Cases
							Medallion Dies
							Stationery
							Publications
							Typewriter
							68 17 6
							22 10 0
							9 12 0
							1 11 6
							17 0 0
							119 11 0
							£637 11 9
							£637 11 9

ARTHUR J. HODSDON,  
Hon. Secretary-Treasurer.

I have examined the Books of Account and relative documents of the Amateur Union of Australia and certify that the above Balance Sheet and the accompanying Income and Expenditure Account correctly set out the financial position of the Union at 31st December, 1948.

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

11th January, 1949.