

THE
Amateur Athletic Union
of Australia

CONSTITUENT ASSOCIATIONS:

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

Minutes of Proceedings
at the
Twenty-Second Conference
of the Union

held at

The Oriental Hotel, Rundle Street, Adelaide,
South Australia.

On December 29th and 30th, 1949.

A. J. HODSDON,
Honorary Secretary-Treasurer

THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNION

held at

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

on

DECEMBER 29th, and 30th, 1949.

First Session.—Thursday, December 29th, 9.45 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Second Session.—Thursday, December 29th, 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Third Session.—Friday, December 30th, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Fourth Session.—Friday, December 30th, 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

FIRST DAY—DECEMBER 29th.

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.—F. Chatto, R. E. Graham; Tasmanian A.A.A.—N. J. Ruddock; Victorian A.A.A.—C. R. Aitken, L. B. Curnow; Western Australian A.A.A.—D. C. Rapley, F. T. Treacy.

An apology for absence was conveyed to the Conference by Mr. Ruddock on behalf of the Vice-President of the Union, Mr. N. G. Hutton. Mr. Hutton sent his good wishes for a successful Conference.

It was resolved to allow the representatives of the Press to be present throughout the Conference, subject to the meeting going into Committee whenever it was deemed desirable so to do. The Press representatives gave assurances that this requirement would be observed.

Mr. D. K. Donald was appointed Vice-Chairman to the Conference.

2.—NOTICE OF CONFERENCE.

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

3.—PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The President addressed the Conference in the following terms:—

I bid you welcome to the Twenty-Second Conference of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia, and again I am delighted to see assembled here this morning so many delegates who were present at Perth 1947, Melbourne 1948, and at Sydney in January of this year, and who, on those occasions, contributed so much to our deliberations. I am sorry that the Vice-President, Mr. Hutton, who for many years, so ably represented Tasmania at the Conference Table is unable to attend, but to you Mr. Ruddock, I extend a very warm welcome and trust you will find the proceedings of Conference both interesting and instructive.

I am sure you will return to your home State with a full and complete appreciation of the work of the Conference and the problems which confront the Union in its administration.

Since we last met in Sydney last January, much water has run under the Bridge and progress has been made in amateur athletics throughout Australia.

I am sorry however, that some of the water to which I have just referred was distinctly muddy and in this respect, I shall have something more to say at a later and perhaps more appropriate moment.

The most momentous happening of the year was, of course, the decision of the International Olympic Committee of which I am a member, to celebrate the Olympic Games at Melbourne in 1956.

Much of the credit for the notable achievement of securing the Games for Australia must be given to these public spirited and influential citizens of Melbourne who worked so hard and so enthusiastically in the preparation of the invitation which was presented to the International Olympic Committee in session at Rome in April of this year.

The case for Melbourne was beautifully and artistically prepared and was presented to the I.O.C. with great dignity and in a most intelligent fashion.

Since this historic decision, the Australian Olympic Federation, having been entrusted with the responsibility of organising and preparing for the Games of 1956, has appointed an Organising Committee consisting of members of the Federation, representatives of the Common-

wealth and State Governments, the Melbourne Invitation Committee and of the Municipal Association of Victoria.

The Organising Committee, under the chairmanship of the Hon. Sir Frank Beaurepaire, M.L.C. is already at work tackling the many problems which lie before us in the efficient and successful preparation for the conduct of the Games.

Your Union has been particularly honoured in that Mr. C. R. Aitken and myself are members of the Organising Committee. Mr. Aitken, I feel sure, will fully support me when I say that a gigantic task lies ahead of us, and although we have six years in which to do the job, that will be little enough time.

We will most certainly need the co-operation and help of everyone, not only in Melbourne, but throughout the nation.

There has been much controversy in Melbourne of which you have no doubt read in your own press respecting the probable site for the main Stadium.

It was all premature as I was forced to point out in my capacity as Vice-Chairman of the Australian Olympic Federation and had it been confined to our own country, it would not have done much harm.

Unfortunately, however in the Olympic sphere, the eyes of the world are on us, and will be until 1956, and so this controversy, much exaggerated, was displayed prominently throughout the world and did us much damage to such an extent that members of the I.O.C. including the President, began to wonder whether the Rome decision had been wise. However, my colleague, Sir Harold Luxton, and I, have been able to reassure them that, only in the minds of a section of the press, did any lack of harmony exist and that Melbourne, in characteristic British fashion, could be depended upon to deliver the goods.

In my efforts to keep the business on the rails, I apparently made enemies, with the result that I was made the victim of a most unworthy and unwarranted attack on my personal reputation.

At a later stage in the proceedings, I will deal with this aspect as I feel that it is only right that you gentlemen should be made aware of the facts which were for obvious and ulterior motives, grossly distorted.

In my opening remarks, I said that progress had been made during the past year.

I am, however, not at all satisfied that the amount of progress made is by any means sufficient.

In my address to you last January, I drew attention to the registered membership strength of the Union which, in some States, is deplorably low, and I am sorry to say that since that occasion, the figures which you have before you do not reveal any appreciable improvement.

I know that, in some respects, you are hampered by lack of proper facilities so necessary in the development of amateur athletics in your States, but the question arises, are you doing all that can be done to rectify the position?

I am particularly concerned at the financial drift which I have closely observed in some quarters, and which I am reliably informed, is affecting most, if not all, Constituent Associations.

In keeping with the present day inflationary conditions, it is not surprising that costs of administration, representation, promotion and development of the sport, display a continuously upward trend.

It would seem to me, therefore, that to cope with this situation, the greatest economy is called for in the spending departments and a complete review and perhaps re-adjustment of present methods of revenue, designed to balance the Budget.

I observe, however, a tendency to further increase the financial responsibility of State Associations by a clamour for more and more additional championships and records of varying descriptions without much corresponding thought as to whether in the general interest and development of the sport, the inevitably additional expenditure is worth-while. For example it is clear that there is an ever increasing demand for more National Championships (track and field, walking and cross country, etc.), categories of records certificates, all of which are costing Constituent Associations and the Union, more and more money.

It is beyond question that all State Associations are feeling the strain of representation at the various National Championships.

Great difficulty is being experienced in raising the necessary finance for the British Empire Games.

I have always doubted the wisdom of annual championships which are proving a very great strain on all States.

There is I may say, a very definite school of thought

that the money required each year to provide adequate representation at National Championships and the like, could be put to much better use in the formation and development of amateur Athletics within the respective States. Whilst I do not for one moment suggest that we should discontinue the conduct of National championships or the granting of records, etc., I do feel that care must be exercised to see that we do not extend our operations unnecessarily or without the possibility of some definite benefit accruing to the sport is general.

I am firmly of opinion that such items as Club subscriptions, affiliation fees, registration fees, admission charges should be reviewed and if necessary, stepped up in keeping with the times in order to keep pace with spiralling costs.

You cannot hope to remain solvent if you keep your prices at pre-war levels, whilst your expenses are soaring as they are at present. That is not good business, and I submit is something well worth examining in the immediate future.

At the last conference, I also referred to what I described as an unfortunate complex which in my opinion, was having a damaging effect on the proper development of our athletes, and that was the influence of the professional coach or trainer.

My opinion was fully justified by the experience of our athletes at the Olympic Games in London last year in as much as several of them had to unlearn much that they had been taught in Australia by these self-styled experts.

In this connection, it is worthy of note that the governing body of professional athletes in Victoria has quite recently cast out some of the archaic methods in use for so many years, and has begun to adopt several of our practices in the conduct of their Sports Meetings.

The recent visits of Lloyd la Beach and Herb. McKenley revealed to us, and to them many lessons and our professional friends have been quick to learn. I sound a note of warning that we must all strive to develop our activities in all directions and to increase our sphere of influences, otherwise we may be left behind in the race for supremacy. In my address to you each year, I endeavour to be constructive in my remarks, and if at times I may appear to be critical, I ask you to forgive me, but at all times, believe me, I endeavour to earnestly place before you the position as I see it so that you may

perhaps be guided in your deliberations which I trust will have a beneficial effect on the sport of amateur Athletics in this country.

Gentlemen. I thank you for your patience, and I now declare the Conference open. Let us, therefore, proceed to the business of the day.

4.—CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 21st CONFERENCE

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Twenty-First Conference be taken as read, and—subject to the insertion of the words "It was resolved" immediately under "(c) Western Australian A.A.A." on page 29—confirmed as a true record.

5.—MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 21st CONFERENCE

Page 5: Standardised Programme for Australian Championship Meetings. It was again reported that no action had been taken in this matter, but attention would be given thereto within the coming year.

Page 26: I.A.A.F. Congress of 1948.—A copy of the Minutes of the Congress has been sent to each Constituent Association and to each Executive Member.

Page 28: Assistance from National Fitness Movement.—It is anticipated that the President and the Secretary-Treasurer will have an opportunity at an early date of meeting a high-ranking officer of the Commonwealth National Fitness Branch.

Page 33: Federation of Amateur Sporting Bodies.—There have been no developments in this matter.

Page 33: Importation of Athletic Equipment.—No action has been taken in this matter.

Page 35: Pole Vault Championship of 1948.—No reply to the Union's enquiry has been received from the Victorian A.A.A.

Page 35: Congratulations to Olympic Finalists.—A suitable letter was sent to each Australian Athlete who was a finalist at the Olympic Games of 1948.

Page 36: Alterations to Constitution and General Rules of the Union.—These were issued in the form of a Circular Letter.

Other matters arising from the Minutes of the 21st Conference are referred to under the appropriate headings.

6.—REPORT ON REGISTRATIONS.

Actual Registrations for the period of eight months to the 30th November, 1949, together with estimated additional registrations for the month of December, 1949, are tabulated below, and the actual registrations for the nine months to the 31st December, 1948, are added for comparison:—

	8 months to 30/11/49.	Month of Dec. 1949.	Total	9 months to 31/12/48	Increase or Decrease	Increase or Decrease %
A.A.A. of New South Wales	1629	75	1704	1642	62	4
Queensland A.A.A.	287	40	327	211	116	55
South Australian A.A.A.	215	50	265	218	47	22
Tasmanian A.A.A.	33	40	73	115	(37)	(32)
Victorian A.A.A.	2401	250	2651	2751	(100)	(4)
Western Australian A.A.A.	382	50	432	403	29	7
	4952	505	5457	5340	117	2

Actual Registrations for the Eight Months to the 30th November, 1949, plus Estimated Additional Registrations to the 31st March, 1950, are as under:—

	8 months 4 months		Total	1948-49	1947-48
	to 30/11/49	to 31/3/50			
A.A.A. of N.S.W.	1629	250	1879	1817	1586
Queensland A.A.A.	287	90	377	390	350
South Australian A.A.A.	215	100	315	324	282
Tasmanian A.A.A.	38	110	148	157	136
Victorian A.A.A.	2401	350	2751	2885	2637
West Australian A.A.A.	382	100	482	461	391
	4852	1000	5952	6034	5382

The report was adopted.

The Conference was informed that Registration Dues owing by the Victorian A.A.A. for 1947-48 and 1948-49 for Country Club Members had been paid, and also that the A.A.A. of New South Wales had made contribution in respect of Registered Officials for the same two periods.

7.—EXECUTIVE REPORT

The following matters not elsewhere recorded in these Minutes were dealt with during the year by Mail Vote of the Executive Committee:

(a) It was resolved to pay from Union Funds the cost of luncheons in connection with the 1949 Conference.

(b) It was resolved to approve necessary expenditure in blocks for a Xmas Greeting Card, and on the printing of cards therefrom.

Other matters dealt with during the year by Executive Mail Vote are referred to under the following headings: (a) Amateur Status; (b) Australian Records; (c) Australian Track and Field Championships; and (a) British Empire Games.

8.—AMATEUR STATUS.

Report of Union Sub-Committee on I.A.A.F. Amateur Status Proposals: The Report of the Special Sub-Committee of the Union (Messrs. D. K. Donald, A. J. Hodsdon and J. P. Metcalfe) appointed at the 1949 Conference to examine and report upon the Proposals of the Amateur Status Commission of the I.A.A.F. for Amendment of the existing Amateur Status Law was tabled. It was decided to defer consideration thereof until the Second Day of the Conference in order that the Delegates might have the opportunity of studying same, and it was arranged that sufficient copies would be typed to enable one to be made available to each Delegate.

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

R. R. D. Walker.—Submitted by the Western Australian A.A.A., and effective on May 17, 1949.

R. L. Emes.—Submitted by the South Australian A.A.A., and effective on May 28, 1949.

J. F. Pretty.—Submitted by the Victorian A. A. A., and effective on May 28, 1949.

H. A. Thaggard.—Submitted by the Queensland A.A.A., and effective on November 21, 1949.

9.—AUSTRALIAN RECORDS.

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

(a) Australian Open Records:

Running:

- 100 yards: 9.5 secs., by Lloyd B. La Beach (Panama) on January 29, 1949, at St. Kilda Cricket Ground, Victoria.
- 220 yards (200 metres): 21.2 secs., by Lloyd B. La Beach (Panama) on January 2, 1949, at Sydney Cricket Ground, N.S.W.
- 220 yards (200 metres): 21.0 secs., by Herbert H. McKenley (Jamaica) on January 22, 1949, at Sydney Cricket Ground, N.S.W.

Hurdling:

- 120 yards: 14.4 secs. by Peter J. Gardner (Victoria) on January 15, 1949, at Sydney Cricket Ground, N.S.W.
- 120 yards: 14.1 secs., by Peter J. Gardner (Victoria) on January 29, 1949, at St. Kilda Cricket Ground, Victoria.
- 220 yards (200 metres): 24.2 secs., by Geoffrey C. Goodacre (N.S.W.) on January 15, 1949, at Sydney Cricket Ground, N.S.W.
- 220 yards (200 metres): 24.0 secs., by Kenneth L. Doubleday (Victoria) on January 29, 1949, at St. Kilda Cricket Ground.

Throwing:

- Discus Throw: 152 ft. 10½ ins. by Ian M. Reed (Victoria) on February 12, 1949, at Olympic Park, Victoria.

Relay Running:

- 4 x 110 yards: 41.6 secs. by Victorian A.A.A. (William J. Dunne, Ronald W. Watt, Edwin I. Gillon, John L. Bartram) on January 22, 1949, at Sydney Cricket Ground, N.S.W.
- 4 x 1 Mile: 18m. 16.4 secs. by Botany H. N.S.W. (John K. Schwede, James P. Gleeson, Ronald Mitchell, John Cotton) on February 26, 1949, at Sydney University Oval, N.S.W.
- 1 Mile Medley: 3m. 26.2 secs. by Victorian A.A.A. (John L. Marks, Reginald D. McRae, Ronald W. Watt, John L. Bartram) on January 22, 1949, at Sydney Cricket Ground.

(b) Australian Native Records:

Running:

- 220 yards (200 metres): 21.1 secs. by John L. Bartram (Victoria) on January 22, 1949, at Sydney Cricket Ground, N.S.W.

Hurdling:

120 yards: 14.4 secs. by Peter J. Gardner.*

120 yards: 14.1 secs. by Peter J. Gardner.*

220 yards (200 metres): 24.2 secs. by Geoffrey C. Goodacre.*

220 yards (200 metres): 24.0 secs. by Kenneth L. Doubleday.*

Throwing:

Shot Put: 46ft. 6¼ ins. by John W. Butters (N.S.W.)
on January 8, 1949 at Sydney Cricket Ground, N.S.W.

Discus Throw: 147 ft. 2½ ins. by Ian M. Reed (Victoria)
on January 8, 1949, at Olympic Park, Victoria.

Discus Throw: 152ft. 10½ins. by Ian M. Reed.*

Javelin Throw: 194ft. 2½ins. by Roy L. Parr (N.S.W.) on
January 12, 1949, at Manly Oval, N.S.W.

Hammer Throw: 157ft. 11ins. by Keith A. Allen (Western
Australia) on December 11, 1948, at Leederville Oval,
Western Australia.

Relay Running:

4 x 110 yards: 41.6 secs. by Victorian A.A.A.*

4 x 1 mile: 18 mins. 16.4 secs., by Botany H. (N.S.W.*)

1 Mile Medley: 3 mins. 26.2 secs. by Victorian A.A.A.*

* For further details see under "Australian Records."

(c) Australian Junior Records:**Hurdling:**

220 yards: (200 metres): 24.9 secs. by George V. Gedge
(N.S.W.) on March 5, 1949, at Sydney University Oval,
N.S.W.

Walking:

1 mile: 6mins. 48.6 secs. by Donald M. Keane (Western
Australia) on February 12, 1949, at Leederville Oval,
Western Australia.

2 miles: 14mins. 17.8 secs., by Donald M. Keane (Western
Australia) on February 26, 1949 at Leederville Oval,
Western Australia.

Throwing:

Hammer Throw: 167 ft. 1¾ ins. by Thomas L. Mullins
(N.S.W.) on March 19, 1949, at Henson Park, N.S.W.

Relay Running:

4 x 110 yards: 43.9 secs. by St. Joseph's College, N.S.W.
(John P. Kelly, William J. Schneider, Michael Kerwin,
Richard O'Riordan) on October 2, 1948, at Sydney
Cricket Ground.

- 4 x 110 yards: 43.4 secs. by St. George A.A.C., N.S.W. (Thomas O'Reilly, George V. Gedge, Ronald J. Estella, Thomas Gleeson) on January 15, 1949, at Sydney Cricket Ground, N.S.W.
- 4 x 110 yards: 43.4 secs. by Young Christian Workers A.A.C. (William de Gruchy, John E. O'Connell, Graham T. Ward, Thomas F. Meagher) on March 12, 1949 at Leederville Oval, Western Australia.
- 4 x 220 yards: 1 min. 29.7 secs. by Young Christian Workers A.A.C., Western Australia (William de Gruchy, Graham T. Ward, Laurence J. Howard, Thomas F. Meagher) on January 3, 1949, at Leederville Oval, Western Australia.

Included above are the records of W. F. Coleman for 2 miles and G. I. Backhouse for 1 mile, which it was agreed at the 1949 Conference of the Union to accept upon the basis of Statutory Declarations by the Records Officer of the Victorian A.A.A.

It was advised that the Executive Committee had decided not to recognise M. Shilston's One Hour Running Record, as the I.A.A.F., to which the case had been submitted, held the view that the athlete's time and the distance run should not be adjusted in the way proposed by the Victorian A.A.A. This action was endorsed by the Conference.

Application for Record Form: It was reported that after amendment in response to suggestions made by Constituent Associations, the Union's new Application for Record Form had been printed. The form was confirmed by the Conference.

Certificates for Australian Records: It was reported that there had been printed, from the design approved by the 1949 Conference, three types of Certificates to cover Australian Records (blue and gold), Australian Native Records (green and gold) and Australian Junior Records (maroon and gold). This action was endorsed, and it was decided that a performance which ranks as both an Australian Record and an Australian Native Record, shall entitle the athlete to two separate certificates. The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that, subject to this decision, all certificates believed to be outstanding had been lettered, signed and distributed to Constituent Associations—in the case of Visiting Athletes from other countries to their respective National Associations. So far as could be ascertained no certifi-

cates had been issued since about 1932, and the number recently distributed totals 390.

10.—AUSTRALIAN TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Report on 1948 Championships: It was advised that certain details omitted from the Victorian A.A.A.'s Report on the 1948 Championships had been recently furnished, and the Secretary was instructed to have copies of the complete report circulated to Constituent Associations.

Report on 1949 Championships: The Report of the A.A.A. of New South Wales on the 1949 Championships was tabled. The Secretary reported that this had been submitted many months later than the date provided in the General Rules of the Union. It was indicated that, in order to save expense, extra copies of the report had, by arrangement with the A.A.A. of New South Wales, been made for circulation to Constituent Associations.

Executive Report on 1950 Championships: The action of the Executive Committee in granting approval for the holding of the 1950 Championships on December 31st, 1949, and January 2nd, 1950, at Adelaide Oval was endorsed, as was also its further action in sanctioning the holding of the following, South Australian Junior Championships as additional events on the programme: December 31—220 yards, 880 yards, 4 x 110 yards relay; January 2—100 yards, 440 yards, 1 mile, 120 yards hurdles.

Executive Report on Team Fund: It was reported that, to implement the resolution of the 1949 Conference, creating a Team Fund for distribution to Constituent Associations the following regulations had been framed and had been approved by the Executive Committee:

(a) That the fund for the time being shall be distributed to the Constituent Associations in the same proportions as the respective costs to those Associations of return air fare in transporting their athletes of the Standard approved by the Union to and from a Track and Field Championship Meeting on the basis of athletes actually sent by such Associations.

(b) That, in arriving at such proportions, no athlete sent only as a relay competitor and one athlete only sent for any one individual championship event from each Association shall be considered.

(c) That there shall be two sets of standards, one for an Association whose team of athletes reaching the standards, and actually sent to the particular championship meeting, does not exceed ten, and a higher set of standards for an Association whose team of athletes reaching the standards, and actually sent, is in excess of ten.

(d) That the standards shall be the following:—

Event	Lower Standard	Higher Standard
100 yards	10.2s.	10.0s.
220 yards	23.0s.	22.4s.
440 yards	53.0s.	51.0s.
880 yards	2m. 04.0s.	2m. 00.0s.
1 Mile	4m. 40.0s.	4m. 30.0s.
3 Miles	15m. 45.0s.	15m. 20.0s.
2 Miles Walk	15m. 15.0s.	14m. 50.0s.
120 yards Hurdles	16.0s.	15.6s.
220 yards Hurdles	26.6s.	25.6s.
440 yards Hurdles	58.5s.	57.0s.
Broad Jump	21ft. 6in.	22ft. 0in.
Hop, Step & Jump	45ft. 0in.	46ft. 0in.
High Jump	5ft. 9in.	5ft. 11in.
Pole Vault	10ft. 6in.	11ft. 0in.
Shot Put	38ft. 0in.	40ft. 0 in.
Discus Throw	110ft. 0in.	120ft. 0in.
Javelin Throw	155ft. 0in.	165ft. 0in.
Hammer Throw	110ft. 0in.	120ft. 0in.
Marathon	3hr. 0min.	2 hr. 50mins.

(e) That each Association shall guarantee to the Union that each athlete in respect of whom contribution from the Fund is claimed has attained the appropriate Standard set for his particular event.

It was resolved, subject to adjustment of the standards, to adopt the Report. The standards were amended by acceptance of the list of Higher Standards as the list of Lower Standards, and by the adoption of the following list of Higher Standards:—

100 yards	9.9s.	Broad Jump	22ft. 6ins.
220 yards	2.20s.	Hop, Step & Jump	47ft. 0ins.
440 yards	49.0s.	High Jump	6ft. 0ins.
880 yards	1m. 58.0s.	Pole Vault	11ft. 9ins.
1 mile	4m. 25.0s.	Shot Putt	43ft. 0ins.
3 miles	15m. 00.0s.	Discus Throw	130ft. 0ins.
2 miles walk	14m. 30.0s.	Javelin Throw	175ft. 0ins.
120 yards Hurdles	15.0s.	Hammer Throw	135ft. 0ins.
220 yards Hurdles	25.0s.	Marathon	2 hrs. 45 mins.
440 yards Hurdles	56.0s.		

It was decided that the Amended Standards would apply to the distribution to be made from the Fund in respect of the 1950 Championships.

Executive Report on Opening and Closing Ceremonies:

It was advised that the Sub-Committee appointed at the 1949 Conference* to formulate Standard Opening and Closing Ceremonies for Australian Track and Field Championship Meetings had prepared the following, which had been approved by the Executive Committee:—

“At each Australian Track and Field Championship meeting there shall be held an opening and a closing ceremony. These ceremonies shall be carried out, so far as is practicable, in accordance with the following:

(a) **Opening Ceremony.**—The championships shall be opened by the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, if he is available; or, in his absence by the Governor of the State in which the championships are to be held; or in the absence of both the Governor-General and the State Governor, by the Lord Mayor of the capital city in which the championships are to be held.

The Governor-General, Governor or Lord Mayor, as the case may be, shall be received at the entrance to the arena by the President of the Union, who shall present his colleagues. The two Presidents shall conduct the Governor-General, Governor or Lord Mayor, as the case may be, to the dais on the arena where, in the case of the Governor-General or State Governor, he shall be greeted by the National Anthem, played if possible by a band. In the case of the Lord Mayor, the National Anthem shall not be played.

The Officers of the Union and of the Constituent Association controlling the championships shall form themselves respectively to right and to left of the Governor-General, State Governor or Lord Mayor, as the case may be. The President of the Host State shall advance and make a brief speech at the end of which he shall ask the Governor-General, State Governor or Lord Mayor, as the case may be, to proclaim the championships open. The latter shall then say: “I proclaim open the Australian Track and Field Championships of 19—.” Immediately, the Australian flag shall be raised slowly to the mast-head.

The taking of the Oath of Amateurism on behalf of the athletes shall follow. A representative of the Host

Association shall advance to the dais, followed by one representative of each other Constituent Association. He shall pronounce in a loud voice the following oath: 'We swear that we will take part in the Australian championships in loyal competition, respecting the regulations which govern them and desirous of participating in them in the true spirit of sportsmanship, for the honour of our State and for the glory of sport.'

The band shall play—'Advance Australia Fair,' and this shall conclude the ceremony.

(b) **Closing ceremony.**—The closing ceremony shall take place on the arena after the last event. The President of the Union, after having presented the Richard Coombes Shield to the Captain of the Winning Team, shall pronounce the closing of the championships in these words: 'In the name of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia, after having offered to the _____ Amateur Athletic Association, our thanks for the manner in which the championships have been organised and carried out, I proclaim the closing of the meeting, and call upon the Chosen Athletes of all Constituent Associations to assemble in one year's time at _____ for the purpose of again celebrating the Track and Field Championships of Australia.'

The band shall immediately play the National Anthem, and the Australian flag shall be slowly lowered."

Subject to addition of the following after the word "band" in the penultimate line of Paragraph 2, Section (a), the Report was adopted: ". . . and the Union Jack broken from the masthead. Details as to correct Vice-Regal procedure shall be discussed with the appropriate Authorities."

Allocation of the 1951 Championships: It was resolved to confirm the allocation of the 1951 Track and Field Championships of Australia to the Tasmanian A.A.A.

A tentative proposal for the holding of the First Day's Programme at Hobart and the Second Day's Programme at Launceston was discussed by the Conference, and it was resolved to indicate to the Tasmanian A.A.A. that the Union desired that the 1951 Championships be held at one centre.

Expenses Chargeable to Championship Meetings:—The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer requested consideration by the Conference of what expenses are to be considered legitimate charges against an Australian Championship Meeting for the purpose of determining the amount

payable to the Union from the profits thereof. A Sub-Committee consisting of Messrs. C. R. Aitken, A. J. Hodsdon and F. T. Treacy was appointed to consider the matter with an instruction to report back, at a later stage, to the Conference.

The Report of the Sub-Committee was later submitted to the Conference. It pointed out the impracticability, without careful examination of past Championship Accounts and reference to relevant vouchers, of drawing up a Pro-Forma Statement to cover Championship Meetings, and recommended that the whole matter be referred to the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer and the Honorary Auditor of the Union for investigation and report to the Executive Committee. This recommendation was adopted.

11.—AUSTRALIAN CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Report on the 1948 Championship: It was advised that, since the 1949 Conference, the Victorian A.A.A. had submitted a full report on the 1948 Cross-Country Championship of Australia. The Secretary was instructed that this report need not be reproduced for general circulation.

Allocation of the 1950 Championship: It was resolved to confirm the allocation of the 1950 Cross-Country Championship of Australia to the A.A.A. of New South Wales.

E. S. Marks Memorial Shield: It was resolved in relation to the E. S. Marks Memorial Shield: (a) to accept the design and quotation (£35 plus Sales Tax) submitted by Messrs. Stokes & Son Pty. Ltd. of Melbourne; (b) to cover the cost thereof by contributions of £10 each from the A.A.A. of New South Wales and the Victorian A.A.A., and of £5 each from the remaining Associations; and (c) to award the trophy retrospectively to the 1948 Championship. The Secretary-Treasurer was authorised to discuss with the manufacturer the desirability and cost of substituting side-panels for the small shields provided to record the names of the successive holders.

12.—AUSTRALIAN 10,000 METRES WALKING CHAMPIONSHIP

Report on the 1948 Championship: The Secretary-Treasurer advised that, since the Union's 1949 Conference, the Victorian A.A.A. had submitted a full report on the

1948 10,000 Metres Track Walking Championship of Australia. It was decided that the report need not be reproduced for general circulation.

Allocation of the 1950 Championship: It was resolved to confirm the allocation of the 1950 10,000 Metres Track Walking Championship of Australia to the A.A.A. of New South Wales.

13.—AUSTRALIAN MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIP

Report on the 1949 Championship: The Report of the Western Australian A.A.A. on the Australian Marathon Championship of 1949, was received and adopted. The Controlling Association was congratulated by the President upon the able manner in which the championship had been organised and upon the excellence of the covering report.

14.—OLYMPIC GAMES.

Report of Athletics Sectional Manager of the Australian Olympic Team of 1948: The Secretary-Treasurer advised that the direction of the 1949 Conference to have reproducted for circulation to Constituent Associations those portions of Mr. Metcalfe's Report deemed to be of immediate interest, would be carried out in the near future.

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

The Report disclosed that the Australian National Fitness authority had been offered Associate Membership by the A.O.F., and that the latter had recommended to State Olympic Councils the taking of similar steps in relation to their respective State National Fitness bodies. . . . In regard to the Olympic Games of 1956, it was advised that the Organising Committee of 13 members appointed by the Federation included Mr. H. R. Weir, the President of the Union, and Mr. C. R. Aitken, of the Victorian A.A.A. . . . The Report requested that the Conference give consideration to: (a) the most suitable time of the year for the holding of the Track and Field Section of the Olympic Games of 1956; and (b) the attitude of the Union to Track and Field Competitions between Australians and Japanese before a peace treaty is signed. It was resolved, in regard to (b), that no action be taken. Item (a) is referred to below under the heading, "Olympic Games of 1956."

Olympic Games of 1952: The Sub-Committee appointed at the 1949 Conference to formulate plans for the Olympic Games of 1952, reported as follows: (a) Raising of Funds—no definite recommendations can be made at the present time. There appear to be substantially no means of raising moneys other than by public appeal. The results of the efforts to raise funds for the British Empire Games Teams show that to leave the raising of moneys to the National Unions and their State Associations, is ineffective; (b) Development of Athletes—This appears to be a matter for Constituent Associations. The Report was received, and the Sub-Committee was instructed to continue its investigations and to report to the 1951 Conference.

Olympic Games of 1956: In response to a request by the Australian Olympic Federation for urgent advice of the views of the Union as to the best month or months for the holding of the Olympic Games of 1956 in Melbourne, it was resolved to advise as follows:—(a) The months most suitable to Australia from the point of view of the preparation of its athletes, the weather conditions prevailing in Melbourne, and the condition of Melbourne tracks is January and February; (b) Because of the prevailing weather conditions in Melbourne during the months of April to August inclusive, it is the view of the Union that the Games should not be held during these months; (c) It is the Union's attitude that the interests of the major Northern Hemisphere Countries are paramount to our own. The pre-Games training periods available to such countries, in view of the weather conditions there, should be carefully considered.

It was agreed that at this stage, the Union should make no representations in regard to the venue of the Track and Field events of the 1956 Games, but it was resolved that a Union Sub-Committee of three be appointed forthwith to compile technical and other data in relation to the construction and lay-out of tracks, and the specifications of arena equipment. Messrs L. B. Curnow, S. A. Embling and C. W. H. Grant were appointed members of the Sub-Committee.

(End of First Session of the Conference.)

15.—BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES.

Reports of Delegates to Australian British Empire Games Association and of the Union's Representative on the Association's Executive Committee: Messrs. C. R.

Aitken and J. P. Metcalfe—the latter acting in place of Mr. A. J. Hodsdon—had attended a Meeting of the Australian British Empire Games Association at Melbourne on February 5th, 1949. They reported: (1) that the estimated average cost per person to be sent from Australia to the British Empire Games of 1950 at Auckland was £100; (2) that the subsidy of £A2136 granted by the New Zealand Organising Committee to help finance the Australian Team would be supplemented by appeals to the Commonwealth and State Governments for assistance and by a General Public Appeal; (3) that the basis adopted for the apportionment of available funds between the several sports allocated 40/147 of the total sum to Athletics, including Women's Athletics; (4) that one Sectional Manager for each sport would be allowed to be financed from that sport's allocation. The respective Unions were to be allowed to make their own appeals for funds after closing of the General Public Appeal.

Mr. A. J. Hodsdon, as A.A.U. Member of the A.B.E.G.A. Executive Committee, reported that the amounts realised were below what was originally hoped and that the amount available to Athletics (including Women's Athletics) would cover the cost of only 32 athletes. It was reported also that, as a result of representations made by the A.B.E.G.A. to the New Zealand Organising Committee, the closing date of entries had been extended to January 7th, 1950. There had been no development in the plan for formal recognition of British Empire Records in Athletics.

The reports of the Delegates, and of the Executive Member, were received and adopted.

Executive Report: It was reported that the following matters in relation to the British Empire Games of 1950, had been dealt with during the year by Mail Vote of the Executive Committee:—

- (1) **Allocation of Funds to the Australian Women's A.A.U.**—It was resolved to re-allocate to the Australian Women's A.A.U., for the financing of its athletes to the British Empire Games of 1950, one-quarter of the total sum allocated to the A.A.U. by the A.B.E.G.A. The selection and ranking of women athletes would then be done, in accordance with the decision of the 1949 Conference, by the A.W.A.A.U.
- (2) **Selection and Financing of the Male Section of the Team:** It was resolved—

- (a) That the Union's Selection Committee be requested to set a standard for each event.
 - (b) That the Selection Committee be asked to name in order of merit for each event, those athletes who have reached the standards set.
 - (c) That the Selection Committee be asked to select from the above lists a Team which, with a Manager, will absorb the total available funds. (Total available funds will comprise—(1) the amount allocated to the Union by the A.B.E.G.A. less the proportion re-allocated to the A.W.A.A.U.; and (2) the moneys (if any) contributed from Union funds, including sums raised for this purpose by quota levies (if decided upon by the Union), or otherwise.)
 - (d) That any other athlete named by the Selection Committee as reaching the standard set may be added to the team at the expense of his Constituent Association, provided such Association has met all obligations imposed by the Union to raise funds for the selected team.
 - (e) That an athlete named by the Selection Committee as having reached the standard set may be added to the team at his own expense.
 - (f) That no athlete may be added to the selected team so as to increase the total representations in any event beyond the number permitted to compete in that event, and no athlete may be added to the team for an event ahead of an athlete with a higher ranking for that event unless the athlete of higher ranking is unavailable or cannot be financed.
- (3) **Nomination for General Manager of the Australian Team:** Constituent Associations were invited to submit nominations for the position of General Manager of the Australian team. Messrs. G. Carruthers (N.S.W.) and S. A. Embling (Victoria) were nominated, and it was decided, following a Mail Vote of the Executive Committee, to submit the nomination of Mr. Embling to the A.B.E.G.A.
- (4) **Appointment of Athletics Sectional Manager:** Constituent Associations were invited to submit nominations for the position of Athletics Sectional Manager of the Australian team. Messrs. G. Carruthers (N.S.W.), L. B. Curnow (Victoria), C. H. Morgan

(S.A.) and F. T. Treacy (W.A.) were nominated, and Mr Curnow was appointed on the casting vote of the President after a Mail Vote of the Executive Committee.

- (5) **Nominations for Sports Officials:** Constituent Associations were invited to submit nominations for Sports Officials, and it was resolved to nominate the following, all from N.S.W.: F. E. Andrews, N. J. Dickinson, R. McLeod, M. J. Moroney and W. J. Treloar.
- (6) **Special Trials:** Approval was given for the holding of an Empire Games 6 Miles Trial at Adelaide, January 3, 1950.
- (7) **International Meetings:** Permission was granted to the Victorian A.A.A. and the A.A.A. of N.S.W. to organise International Meetings featuring Empire Games Athletes on Feb. 18, and Feb. 25, 1950.

The report was received and adopted. Discussion ensued on the position created by the fact of there being available sufficient funds to fully finance only twenty-three athletes and a sectional manager. A motion proposing the selection of a fully representative team with distribution of the available funds equally among those selected was lost, and it was then resolved that the team be selected in accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee.

Report of Selectors: The Union's Selection Committee (Messrs. H. R. Weir, C. R. Aitken and J. P. Metcalfe) advised having fixed the following standards to govern selection to the British Empire Games Team of 1950.

100 yards	9.9s.	440 yards Hurdles	55.0s.
220 yards	21.8s.	Broad Jump	23 ft.
440 yards	49.0s.	Hop, Step & Jump	47 ft.
880 yards	1m. 57.0s.	High Jump	6ft. 2 ins.
1 mile	4m. 22.0s.	Pole Vault	12 ft. 3 ins.
3 miles	14m. 50.0s.	Shot Putt	45 ft.
6 miles	31m. 45.0s.	Discus Throw	135 ft.
Marathon	2h. 45m.	Javelin Throw	175 ft.
120 yards hurdles	14.8s.	Hammer Throw	140 ft.

The report was received.

Report on Plan to Raise Additional Funds: The Secretary advised that, in anticipation that the efforts of the A.B.E.G.A. to raise funds for the despatch of the Aus-

tralian Team to the British Empire Games might not yield a sufficient allocation to the Union to send a full team, an attempt was made to secure agreement between Constituent Associations as to what would be an equitable basis upon which to allocate any additional funds to be raised. However, no agreement was reached. The report was received.

16.—AUSTRALIAN TEAM'S NEW ZEALAND TOUR

Report of Team Manager: The Report of Mr. R. E. Graham, Manager of the Australian Team which toured New Zealand in February/March, 1949, was tabled. It revealed that the tour had been athletically and socially successful, though adverse weather had entailed a financial loss to the New Zealand A.A.A. . . . An embarrassing situation had been created by the circumstance of E. W. Carr, senior, travelling with the team and giving the impression on a number of occasions, that he was an official thereof. So far as the A.A.U. was concerned, he enjoyed no such standing, and it was resolved that the New Zealand A.A.A. be informed that the Union was in no way responsible for what had happened, but was at the same time much concerned that embarrassment had been caused to the officials of the New Zealand A.A.A. and to its own Manager. On a future occasion such steps as were practicable would be taken to ensure that a similar situation did not again arise.

The Report of the Manager was adopted and it was resolved that appreciation be recorded of the able manner in which the team had been managed. It was further resolved to grant to the Manager an additional sum of £10 to cover out-of-pocket expenses incurred by him.

17.—CANTERBURY (N.Z.) CENTENNIAL GAMES

It was advised that correspondence received from the Christchurch (N.Z.) Centennial Committee indicated that a team of Australian athletes would be invited to take part in the Canterbury Centennial Games in December, 1950/ January, 1951. The Conference took a favourable view of the proposal, and the Executive Committee was empowered, upon receipt of an invitation through the correct channels, to take appropriate action thereon.

18.—THE MILOCARIAN TROPHY COMPETITORS

The Conference was invited to consider whether the principles embodied in the Milocarian Trophy Competitions of the English A.A.A. could be advantageously

applied among Australian schools and/or clubs. It was decided to take no action for the time being.

19.—TAXATION.

Sales Tax: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that such publications as Minutes of Proceedings and Annual Reports of Amateur Athletic bodies were exempt from Sales Tax under Item 51(1) of the First Schedule to the Sales Tax Act, 1935-48.

Entertainments Tax: The Secretary-Treasurer reported that by virtue of amendments to the Entertainments Tax Assessment Act which came into operation on February 16, 1949, it is now provided: (a) That "live show" rates of tax shall apply to games or sports in which human beings are the sole participants and which are conducted by a society, institution or committee not established or carried on for profit. (Entertainments of the kind commonly referred to as "live shows" are granted, under Section 5 of the Act, a lower rate of tax); and (b) that payments not exceeding 1/3 for admission to all "live show" entertainments are now exempt from tax.

20.—FOOD FOR BRITAIN'S ATHLETES.

It was reported that all Constituent Associations had shown a lack of interest in the Union's Food for Britain's Athletes Appeal, and it was agreed that same should be discontinued.

21.—UNION HANDBOOK.

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that, though work upon the long-overdue revised A.A.U. Handbook of Constitution Laws and General and Competition Rules had not progressed to the stage of printing, it would definitely be published during 1950.

Each Constituent Association is to be asked to give an estimate of the number required by it.

22.—UNION ALMANAC.

The Conference was asked to consider whether publication should be undertaken of an Annual Almanac of records, championship results and the like. It was decided that, on account of the expense involved, this should not be attempted for the time being.

23.—CONSTITUTION LAWS AND GENERAL RULES

Athletes Transferring from One Jurisdiction to another: Pursuant to an instruction given at the 1949 Conference, the Constitution Sub-Committee submitted the follow-

ing draft rule to cover the case of an athlete transferring from one jurisdiction to another:

"An athlete wishing to become a member of an Athletic Club within the jurisdiction of a Constituent Association, being or having previously been a member of an Athletic Club outside such jurisdiction shall supply to such Association, and such Association shall require from him a declaration stating the Athletic Club outside such jurisdiction to which he belongs or last belonged, together with a letter from the Constituent Association, or the body recognised by the Union as the Governing Body of Amateur Athletics in the country within whose jurisdiction such athlete is or was last a member of an Athletic Club, stating that he is an amateur of good standing."

The rule, as above set out, was adopted with the addition, at the end, of the following words: "and until this is done such athlete shall not compete."

It was resolved to seek guidance from the I.A.A.F. on the administration of Rule 9 (5) in relation to an athlete from a country where his athletic body no longer exists, and that in the meantime an athlete referred to in the above rule, having been a member of an organisation in a country in which no governing body is now recognised by the I.A.A.F., shall be required by the Union to make a statutory declaration that he is an amateur of good standing and that he shall be permitted, upon supplying same, to compete in amateur athletics within the Union's jurisdiction until such time as information is received by the Union entitling the Union to debar him from competition.

With regard to the registration of an athlete with more than one Constituent Association, the Sub-Committee expressed the view that no rule is necessary. Provided that Certification of Amateur Status is submitted before an athlete from one jurisdiction competes within another jurisdiction, there would appear to be no objection to his acquiring simultaneous membership of clubs within two or more jurisdictions. This would not remove the power of a particular jurisdiction to frame such rules as are deemed necessary to govern eligibility for its own competitions. The Conference recorded its concurrence with the views of the Sub Committee.

Olympic and Empire Games Tests: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that during the year General Rule 10 had been amended by Mail Vote of the Con-

stituent Associations by adding at the end the following: "The words 'the official Test' shall be construed to mean that the Australian Championship Meeting shall be the main indication to the Selection Committee as to personnel and grading in the selection of teams, but not to mean that it has no discretion in particular cases."

24.—FEDERATION OF AMATEUR SPORTING BODIES

In the absence of reports from Constituent Associations of activity in regard to the proposal for the formation of an Australian Federation of Amateur Sporting Bodies, the Conference resolved that the matter be not further discussed for the time being.

25.—OBSERVANCE OF UNION RULES

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that, despite discussion on the subject at the last Annual Conference, some Constituent Associations had again failed repeatedly to conform to the rules and regulations of the Union, and advised that concessions could not continue to be made to those who offended.

26.—CONFERENCE AGENDA.

The Conference expressed concurrence in a suggestion of the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer that in drafting the Agenda for future Conferences, consideration be given to the grouping of Notices of Motion under appropriate subject headings, e.g. Australian Records, Olympic Games, etc.

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27.—ATHLETES COMPETING IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

It was resolved to permit J. Mahoney, a member of the N.S.W. team, to represent that State at the Australian Championships upon the basis of a cable only from the New Zealand A.A.A. to the Union certifying the athlete to be an amateur of good standing and permitted to compete. This concession to Mahoney and to the A.A.A. of N.S.W. is not to be regarded as establishing a precedent.

It was further resolved that the Union state a case to the I.A.A.F., with special reference to the Mahoney case, on the correct interpretation of Sub-Sections 5 and 6 of Rule 9 of the Federation By-Laws.

28.—HONORARY TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

The Honorary Treasurer submitted an audited Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year Ended December 31st, 1949, and an audited Balance Sheet as at December 31st, 1949. It was resolved that these be adopted.

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

It was resolved to grant an honorarium of £50 to the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer in appreciation of his services during the year.

29.—REPORTS OF CONSTITUENT ASSOCIATIONS

The Annual Reports for 1948-49 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.

30.—NOTICES OF MOTION BY CONSTITUENT ASSOCIATIONS.

(a) Queensland A.A.A.

It was moved unsuccessfully:—

(a) Profits from Australian Track Championship Meetings: That General Rule No. 13 be amended by substituting the words "seventy-five" for the words "twenty-five" and adding, at the end, the following sentence: "In the latter case, the Union shall divert sixty-six and two-thirds per cent. of such monies received by it to a special fund to provide assistance to Constituent Associations which send competitors to the Track and Field Championships of Australia."

(b) Australian Track Championships—Events: That General Rule No. 9 be amended by deleting the words "2 miles walk" and inserting in their place the words "6 miles." (A consequential motion designed to amend the standard sequence of events was withdrawn.)

(b) Western Australian A.A.A.

It was resolved:—

(a) Australian Athletic Teams — Method of Appoint-

ment of Manager: That the following new paragraph, to be numbered 49 (a), be added to the Constitution: "Nominations for the position of Manager of an Australian Athletic Team taking part in Athletic Meetings held either in Australia or overseas, shall be called from Constituent Associations, who shall have the right to submit the nomination of one person. Such applications must be in writing and shall close with the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer forty-two days prior to the date of selection, which shall be decided by a Mail Vote taken from the Constituent Associations at least forty-two days prior to the Meeting being held in Australia or the anticipated date of departure for overseas."

(b) Cross Country Championship of Australia: That Law No. 51 be amended by deleting the words "and a Marathon Championship of Australia during the month of September, one in each year, but not both in the same year," by and adding the word "biennially" after the word "held."

(c) Allocation of Australian Championships: That Law No. 53 be amended by deleting the words "and whichever contest is due to be held next of the 10,000 Metres Cross-Country Championship of Australia and the Marathon Championship of Australia to a Constituent Association," and by adding, after "allocate," the words "to a Constituent Association," and, at the end, the following: "and also the next 10,000 Metres Cross-Country Championship of Australia, provided the latter was not allocated at the previous Conference."

(d) Track and Field Championships of Australia: That General Rule No. 11 be amended by adding "1. Marathon" immediately below the words "Second Day" and re-numbering the remaining events.

(e) Olympic and Empire Games Official Tests: That General Rule 10 be amended by inserting the following sentence between the first and second sentences: "The Union shall decide at the Annual Conference where and when such events will take place."

(f) Marathon Championship of Australia: That General Rule No. 29 be amended by deleting the words "retaining any profits or bearing any loss."

(g) Olympic and British Empire Games Finance: That the Union give consideration to ways and means of creating a Reserve Fund to form the nucleus of provid-

ing funds towards financing teams taking part in future Olympic Games and British Empire Games, and that Constituent Associations be invited to submit suggestions, same to be minuted back to the States for consideration.

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

(a) **Marathon Championship of Australia:** That the following new General Rule, to be numbered 37(a), be added to the General Rules: "Each Constituent Association may enter six representatives, of whom three shall be named as emergencies, but no more than three representatives from each Constituent Association may compete in the Marathon Championship."

(b) **Mail Votes:** That between Conferences, the Union refer more matters requiring attention to the Constituent Associations for consideration, and only such matters considered urgent be dealt with by the Executive Committee.

(c) **Victorian A.A.A.**

It was resolved:—

(a) **Jury at Australian Championship Meetings:** That a new law be added to the Constitution, to be numbered 61 and to read as follows:

(1) A Jury comprising five members, two of whom shall be the Referee and Manager of the Championship meeting concerned shall be appointed by the Executive of the Union. Not more than two members of the Jury shall be from any one Constituent Association. Nominations shall be called for from Constituent Associations three months before the Championship Meeting, such nominations to be accompanied by the full qualifications of the nominee. Conference delegates shall not be appointed to the Jury.

(2) The Jury shall assemble at the venue of the Meeting at least three clear days prior to the date of the first day of the Championships.

(3) At its first meeting the Jury shall elect a Chairman from amongst its members, such Chairman having only a deliberative vote.

(4) The duties of the Jury shall be:—

(a) To ensure that all technical arrangements for the conduct of the Track & Field Championships of Australia, or any other Meeting which may be delegated to it by the Union, have been properly carried out.

(b) To ensure that the ground is properly laid out and correctly marked and measured and in good order.

- (c) To ensure that the equipment, implements and facilities are in accordance with the specifications and standards laid down by the Union.
- (d) If necessary to receive and decide Protests in accordance with Rule No. 25 of the I.A.A.F. Handbook.
- (e) In general to ensure that the Championships will be conducted in accordance with Rules of the A.A.U. of Australia and/or I.A.A.F.

(b) Applications for Australian Records: That General Rule No. 40 be amended by deleting the word "three" and substituting therefor the word "six."

(c) Interpretation of Starting Rules: That, in order to secure uniformity in starting throughout Australia, the Union include the following as an Appendix to its Competition Rules:—

"It is, of course, realised that all Constituent Associations are bound by the I.A.A.F. Rule as to the "Starter" but this rule is not generally known in all its ramifications and it is considered that to emphasise it as suggested, would be helpful not only to officials, but to athletes generally.

The "Interpretations" have been compiled after much overseas correspondence, research and a close study of the methods of other national bodies.

- (a) When the Starter has actually fired and recalled the runners (a faulty start), it is at the Starter's discretion whether he warns (and at the second offence disqualifies) a competitor or competitors. This discretion should be exercised on the principle that if, in the Starter's opinion, an athlete has endeavoured to obtain an unfair advantage, he should warn that athlete and treat it as a "false" start against that competitor. In other cases, no athlete should be penalised and the starter should indicate that he is not satisfied with the start and that it will be tried again, making no mention of whom he thinks may have beaten him.
- (b) When the Starter has not fired he must warn, i.e. must "name" a competitor who has, or competitors who have "broken;" indicating the lane in which he, or they are running, e.g. "No. 4 lane—one break"; or "Nos. 1 and 4 lanes—one break each." If thought more definite, he may indicate the competitor's number, "No. 24—one break," or "Nos. 24 and 543—one break each," as the case may be. It might be that No. 543 "pulled off the mark" the other runners and,

in such a case, it is absolutely at the discretion of the Starter which runners he warns. Normally, however, only the competitor or competitors to blame should be warned.

- (c) At the second warning the Starter must disqualify. He has no option. He should, however, be very careful to see that those he has warned once, understand that they have been warned, and will be disqualified if they "break" again.
- (d) After the command "On your marks" a considerable length of time—perhaps ten seconds — should be allowed to elapse before the command "Set" is given. This is to enable all competitors to get comfortably into position, place their feet, hands and fingers behind the line, and become motionless.
- (e) The length of time for which the runners stay in the "set" position is until the Starter is satisfied that they are steady on their marks. The Starter waits until all are properly "set," comfortable and quite still. A Starter is forbidden to fire if any competitors are moving their bodies—all must be quite motionless. (Hence the "faulty" start mentioned in Rule 7—The interval taken for athletes to become steady varies between 8 and 2 seconds).
- (f) If at any time, either while "on the mark" or "set," the competitors appear to be uncomfortable or shaky, the Starter should give the command, "Stand up," and go through the whole procedure again from the beginning. (It will be found an advantage if all competitors are lined up a yard or so behind their "blocks" or "holes" and told to walk forward together at the command "On your marks.")

(d) **Measurement of Wind Velocity:** That at all Australian Track and Field Championships and attempts on Track and Field Records, a Wind Velocity Measuring Instrument approved by the local University or other approved authority, and in charge of an experienced operator be available on the arena, for use in connection with Applications for Records.

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(e) **Flagging of Tracks:** That a new Rule be added to the General Rules, to be numbered 45, and to read as follows: "In the case of a running track without a raised border, flags shall be placed at intervals of five yards

on the inner edge of the track and the track shall be measured twelve inches from the inner edge."

(Arising from the above it was further resolved to address a letter to the I.A.A.F. seeking information as to what might be the attitude of that body in relation to a world record established on a circular track without raised border.)

(f) Penalties for False Starts: That the following Rule, which apparently was inadvertently omitted when the new General Rules were framed, be re-instated and that it be numbered Rule 47: "Penalties for false starts in handicaps shall be inflicted by the starter as follows:

In races up to and including 220 yards, the competitor shall be put back one yard for the first false start; in races over 220 yards and including 440 yards, 2 yards for the first false start; in races over 440 yards and including 880 yards, three yards for the first false start; and in races over 880 yards, five yards for the first false start. In all cases the second false start shall prevent the competitor from competing in that event. In relay races, the penalty shall be according to the distance the offending competitor is to race.

"The Starter shall also disqualify for that event any competitor who attempts to advance himself from his mark, as prescribed in the official programme, after he has given the warning "On your Marks" or "Set."

(g) Australian Track and Field Championships, Adelaide, 1949-50: That the Australian Track and Field Championship to be held at Adelaide on December 31, 1949 and January 2, 1950, be known as the Australian Track and Field Championships of 1950.

(h) Photo-finish and Electrical Timing Apparatus: That full details be obtained by the Union of photo-finish and electrical timing apparatus and the President and Honorary Secretary-Treasurer be given power to approach the Australian Olympic Federation for funds for the purchase of same should the Executive Committee of the Union deem it necessary in order that the Union Officials may familiarise themselves with their use at Championship Meetings in preparation for the Olympic Games, 1956.

(i) Technical Observers at Olympic Games of 1952: That at the appropriate time, the Union approach the Australian Olympic Federation with a request that two technical observers nominated by the Union be added to

the team proceeding to Helsinki, Finland, for the Olympic Games of 1952; and that the Union be empowered, at the appropriate time, to call for nominations by the Executive Committee.

(j) **Lapel Badges and Tie Pins:** That the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer obtain designs and quotations for an appropriate Union Lapel Badge and Tie Pin, which shall be available for issue or sale to members of representative A.A.U. Teams proceeding overseas.

(k) **Race Walking:** That, in an effort to secure uniformity in the judging of walking throughout Australia, the following steps be taken:—

- (a) Obtain from the Walking Commission of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, and any other overseas sources, their interpretation of the Rules of Walking.
- (b) Appoint a Sub-Committee of three to formulate interpretations for Australian conditions.
- (c) Set up without delay a Coaching School over a weekend or longer in Melbourne or Sydney at which one Walking Judge nominated by each Constituent Association will be invited to attend for instructions.
- (d) The possible Instructor and the venue of the Coaching School to be determined by this Conference.
- (e) An examination be held at the end of the Coaching School by the Instructor, and only those passing such examination, to be permitted to act as Walking Judges at Australian Championships.
- (f) No application for an Australian Walking Record be entertained unless the Chief Walking Judge of the event has qualified by an examination as set out above.
- (g) Similar Coaching Schools be held at intervals and at venues to be decided upon by the President and Honorary Secretary-Treasurer.

(It was resolved to ask Constituent Associations to nominate members for the Sub-Committee and for the position of Instructor, and to suggest a venue.)

It was moved unsuccessfully.

(a) **Interval between Conferences:** That Law No. 34 be amended by deleting the word "annually" and substituting therefor the word "biennially."

(b) **Representation at Conferences:** That Law No. 36 be deleted, and the following substituted therefor:

"(1) At a Conference of the Union each Constituent

Association shall be entitled to the following representation:—

- (1) By one Delegate if its registered membership is 250 or less;
 - (2) By two Delegates if its registered membership is more than 250 but less than 500.
 - (3) By three Delegates if its registered membership is 500 or more.
- (2) Each Delegate shall be entitled to one vote, but in the case of a lesser number of Delegates attending than such Constituent Association is entitled to, the Delegate or one of the Delegates present (as the case may be) shall, on the written authority of his Association, be permitted, in addition, to exercise the vote or votes of his Association's absent Delegate or Delegates.
- (3) The registered membership shall comprise the total number of members from whom registration dues have been paid up to the thirty-first day of March preceding the Conference.
- (4) A quorum shall consist of Delegates representing not less than two thirds of the Constituent Associations."
- (c) **Decathlon Championship:** That Law No. 50 be re-numbered 50 (a), and that the following become Law 50(b): "A Decathlon Championship of Australia shall be held annually between the first day of March and the thirtieth day of April."

(A consequential motion designed to provide Rules for the proposed Decathlon Championship was withdrawn.)

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

(a) **Election of Officers:** That Law No. 16 be amended by deleting the words "at the Annual Conference, not necessarily from among the Delegates," and substituting therefor the words "by the Executive during October of each year from nominations to be called for from Constituent Associations who."

(b) **Election of Delegates:** That Law No. 17 be amended by deleting the words "at each Annual Conference" and substituting therefor the words "by the Executive Committee during October of each year from nominations to be called for from Constituent Associations"; and also by deleting the words "not necessarily from among the Conference's Delegates."

(c) **Election of Executive Committee:** That Law No. 19 be amended by deleting the words "at Conference" and substituting therefor the words "by the Executive Committee during October of each year," and by substituting "Chairman" for "President" in the second and third sentences.

(d) **Nominations for Officers, Delegates and Committees:** That Law No. 20 be amended by deleting the words "Annual Conference" and substituting therefor the words "October elections."

(e) **Cross-Country Championship:** That Law No. 51 be amended by deleting the words "and a Marathon Championship of Australia during the month of September, one in each year, but not both in the same year," and adding the word "biennially" after the word "held."

(The subject matter of this motion is covered by a resolution moved by the Western Australian A.A.A.—See page 27.)

(f) **Australian Records:** That Law No. 56 be deleted, and the following substituted therefor: "Where an Australian Record or an Australian Junior Record is held by an athlete who is not deemed to be a bona-fide resident of Australia, the Union shall recognise as an Australian Residential Record or an Australian Residential Junior Record, as the case may be, the best performance by a bona-fide resident of Australia. A bona-fide resident shall be one who has, for at least twelve months immediately prior to the date of the establishment of his record, been continuously resident in Australia."

(g) **Standards for Events where No Record:** That General Rule No. 44 be amended by deleting the word "native" and substituting therefor the word "residential."

(h) **Booklet of Amateur Status Laws and Competition Rules:** That the Union publish immediately in booklet form the Amateur Status Laws and Competition Rules of the Union.

(This matter is covered by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer's Report under the heading "Union Handbook"—See page 23.)

(d)—A.A.A. OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

It was resolved:—

(a) **Amendments to General Rules:** That a new law be added to the Constitution to be numbered 58(a) and

to read as follows:—"No Amendment shall be made to the General Rules under this Constitution except at a Conference of the Union or by mail vote of the Constituent Associations."

(b) Applications for Reinstatement: That Law No. 15 of the Constitution be amended by deletion of the words "the latest breach of Amateur Status occurred" and the substitution therefor of the words "the applicant is resident at the time of his application."

(c) Records in Running and Walking Events: That it be recommended by this Union to the International Amateur Athletic Federation that Rule 26 of the I.A.A.F. Competition Rules be amended by the inclusion of a paragraph to read: "No record shall be granted to an athlete gaining other than first place in a running or walking race" and that a letter accompany such recommendation setting out the reasons therefor.

(d) Financial Default: That the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer be instructed that in future, a Constituent Association committing a breach under Law No. 33 of the Constitution shall be immediately advised of its automatic suspension, and that it shall be so treated until reinstated in accordance with that Law.

(e) Standard Sequence of Events: That when there are insufficient starters to require heats at the Championships of Australia, the final shall be decided at the time on the programme set down for the final.

(f) Awards for 10,000 Metres Cross-Country and 10,000 Metres Track Walking Championships: That General Rule 23 be amended (a) by deletion of the words "Silver-Plated" from the second sentence, and substitution of the word "Gilded"; (b) by deletion of the word "and" from the second sentence and insertion of the words "Silver-Plated" before the word "Bronze", and (c) by addition of the following at the end of the second sentence "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 third team."

It was moved unsuccessfully:—

(a) Australian Track Championships—Dates: That General Rule No. 7 be amended by deletion of the words "and if possible during the Australia Day week-end" and the substitution therefor of the words "and if pos-

sible not before the third Saturday in the month of February."

(b) **Official Time in Running and Walking Events:** That it be recommended by this Union to the International Amateur Athletic Federation that Rule 10 of the Competition Rules of the I.A.A.F. be amended to provide for the slowest of three watches to be the official time, and that a letter accompany the recommendation setting out the reasons.

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

(a) **Certificate for Australian Championship Officials:** That an appropriate Certificate be given to each person officiating at an Australian Championship Meeting specifying the position held by him, the cost of such Certificates being borne by the Union.

(b) **Richard Coombes Shield—Scoring of Points:** That General Rule No. 15 be amended:—

(a) By deletion of the words "first places" from line 3 and substitution of the word "points."

(b) By addition, after the word "Championships" in line 4 of the words "one point being allotted for each first place gained."

(c) By deletion of the words "first places" in line 5, and substitution of the word "points."

(d) By deletion of the words "the Association gaining in addition the greatest number of second places shall be declared the winner" and substitution of the words "the tie shall be decided by adding one point for each second place gained."

(e) By addition, at the end, of the following: "In the event of a tie in an individual running, hurdling or walking event, one point only shall be allotted for that event and shall be shared by the Constituent Associations represented by the athletes so tying."

(c) **Ties in Championships:** That General Rules 16, 23 and 34, be amended by addition, at the end in the case of Rules 16 and 34, and between the first and second sentences in the case of Rule 23, of the following: "In the event of a tie in a Championship, whether it concerns the first, the second or the third place, the appropriate medallion shall be awarded to each athlete."

31.—AMATEUR STATUS OF H. R. WEIR.

The President sought and was granted leave at this stage to address the Conference in regard to certain

press statements which had questioned his Amateur Status, and consequently, his eligibility to hold an official position in connection with an athletic meeting such as the Olympic Games or to represent Australia at a Congress of the I.A.A.F.

Mr. Weir informed the Conference that it was a fact that many years ago at the age of 18 years, he was induced to compete in an event for which a cash prize of £10 was offered. He competed for money on this one occasion only and did not in actual fact receive any monetary reward. Subsequently, in 1920, by a unanimous vote of the Council of the Victorian Amateur Athletic Association, he was granted reinstatement as a nominal offender and restored to full amateur standing in Australia.

In order to remove all doubts and to settle the matter for all time, he had asked the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer to submit the case with full details to the I.A.A.F. This had been done, and a cable had been received intimating that the Council of the Federation had ruled that he was fully eligible to hold office in connection with the Olympic Games or other international meetings, and to attend Congresses of the Federation itself.

Immediately upon the conclusion of the President's address, the following resolution was moved and unanimously adopted: "That this Union absolutely dissociates itself from any expression of doubt as to Mr. Weir's amateur status and expresses its complete confidence in him as a man who has devoted his life to the furtherance of Amateur Athletics in the most proper traditions of the Sport."

32.—FINANCIAL BUDGET.

The following Budget of Income and Expenditure for 1950, submitted by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, was adopted:—

		Income.		
		£.	s.	d.
Affiliation Fees		25	0	0
Registration Dues		150	0	0
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		£175	0	0
Deficiency		110	0	0
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		£285	0	0
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*Income.

* Exclusive of the Union's share of the Profits of the Track and Field Championships of 1950.

Expenditure.

	£.	s.	d.
Affiliation Fees	16	0	0
Bank Charges	1	0	0
Cables	3	0	0
Depreciation	10	0	0
Duplicating, Printing and Stationery	100	0	0
Entertainment Expenses	15	0	0
General Expenses	15	0	0
Library and Album	10	0	0
Officers' Expenses (Reserve)	70	0	0
Postages and Telegrams	20	0	0
Telephone	5	0	0
Other Expenses	20	0	0
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	£285	0	0
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30.—GENERAL BUSINESS.

Amateur Status of Football Boundary Umpires: The Victorian A.A.A. Delegates asked for a ruling as to the effect upon Amateur Status of the acceptance of fees for acting as a Football Boundary Umpire. The President advised that, under the rules of the Union, such a person must be held to have infringed his amateur status.

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.

Australian Championship Team Fund: It was decided that the Secretary of each Association should be required to advise the Union by January 31, 1950, of the names and performances of those athletes in respect of whom contribution from the Australian Championships Team Fund was claimed.

Cable Address: It was decided to authorise the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer to register a Cable Address for the Union. The word "Amathunion" was suggested as suited to the purpose.

34.—REPORT OF AMATEUR STATUS SUB-COMMITTEE

It was resolved that consideration of the Report of the Union's Amateur Status Sub-Committee, deferred from the first day of the Conference, should take place in camera.

It was decided to suggest to the I.A.A.F. that the Amateur Status Rules proposed by the Special Commission appointed at the Oslo Congress of 1946, be amended as follows.

(a) Add the following at the end of Paragraph 5: "Nor shall it apply to athletes in so far as they are members of Government Educational or Government Physical Education Bodies, whose duties are directed to the physical education of their pupils."

(b) Delete from Paragraph (a) the words "in which he is to participate," and add the word "amateur" after "any."

(c) Add the following at the end of Paragraph (e): "Of the country in which he competes, or by the National Amateur Athletic Association to which he belongs."

(d) Delete from Paragraph (l) the words "during such time as he is an active athlete taking part in athletic competitions."

It was resolved to adopt and to forward to the I.A.A.F. for its consideration, the observations of the Sub-Committee on the question of Payments for Broken Time. The Conference instructed, however, that the text thereof was not to be included in the printed Minutes of the Conference.

35.—ELECTION OF OFFICERS, DELEGATES AND COMMITTEES.

Officers: Mr. H. R. Weir (New South Wales) was re-elected unopposed to the office of President.

Messrs. C. R. Aitken (Victoria) and Sir Thomas Meagher (Western Australia) were nominated for the office of Vice-President. Mr. Aitken was elected.

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

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

Messrs. J. B. Barlow (Queensland), R. E. Graham (South Australia) and A. J. Hodsdon (New South Wales)

were nominated as Delegates to the Australian British Empire Games Association. Messrs. Graham and Hodsdon were elected.

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), and D. C. 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 H. R. Weir, C. R. Aitken and J. P. Metcalfe to the Selection Committee.

36.—APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR AND TRUSTEES

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

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

37.—FIXING OF HEADQUARTERS.

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

38.—MINUTES OF CONFERENCE.

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

39.—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 Mr. H. R. Walsh for the use of his premises for the holding of the Conference.

40.—CLOSURE.

The President declared the Conference closed at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, 30th December, 1949.

THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA
Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 31st December, 1949.

EXPENDITURE

Affiliation Fees:		
International Amateur Athletic Federation	7	10 9
Australian Olympic Federation	2	2 0
Australian British Empire Games Association	5	5 0
Bank Charges		9 0
Cables		4 8
Depreciation:		
Blocks and Dies	6	11 9
Typewriter	2	0 0
		8 11 9
Duplicating Printing & Stationery:		
Minutes of 1949 Conferences	29	12 6
Sundries	59	6 7
		88 19 1
Entertainment Expenses:		
Luncheons re 1949 Conference	9	2 11
Sundries	13	3 11
		22 6 10
General Expenses		14 12 11
Honoraria: Typist		10 0 0
Hon. Secretary-Treasurer		25 0 0
		35 0 0
Library and Album		12 18 7
Postages & Telegrams		19 15 6
Presentations:		
D. J. Ferris, Esq.	3	4 1
J. P. Metcalfe, Esq.	3	0 0
		6 4 1
Team Manager's Expenses:		
R. E. Graham, Esq.		10 0 0
Telephone Local and Trunk Calls		3 7 1
Trophies Record Certificates		5 5
Surplus for Year—Transferred to Accumulated Fund		270 6 4
		<u>£507 19 0</u>

INCOME

Affiliation Fees of Constituent Associations		25 4 0
Registration Dues of Constituent Associations:		
A.A.A. of New South Wales	49	11 0
Queensland A.A.A.	12	13 0
South Australian A.A.A.	9	5 6
Tasmanian A.A.A.	3	0 0
Victorian A.A.A.	76	17 0
Western Australian A.A.A.	12	5 0
		163 11 6
Profits (25%) of Australian Track Championships, 1949:	318	17 0
Profits on Sale of Publications		6 6

£507 19 0

THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA
Balance Sheet as at the 31st December, 1949.

LIABILITIES		
Sundry Creditors		6 0 0
Affiliation Fees Prepaid		6 6 0
Australian Championships Team Fund		200 0 0
Olympic Fund:		
Balance at 1st January, 1949	172 14 11	
Less Team Expenses	1 10 0	
	171 4 11	
Officers' Expenses Fund:		
Reserve Transferred from Accumulated Funds	65 0 0	
Less Adelaide Expenses	46 0 0	
	19 0 0	
Accumulated Fund:		
Balance as at 1st January, 1949	443 10 10	
Less Transfers to: -		
Australian Championships Team Fund	200 0 0	
Officers' Expenses Fund	65 0 0	
	265 0 0	
	178 10 10	
Surplus for Year Transferred from Income and Expenditure Account	270 6 4	
	448 17 2	
	£851 8 1	

ASSETS		
Cash - Commonwealth Bank of Australia		565 16 4
Debtors: P. F. Magee	3 6 10	
Victorian A.A.A.	2 11 0	
	5 17 10	
Accruments: Registration Dues		136 8 6
Stocks: Cases - Medallion	29 5 0	
Certificates - Record	10 8 4	
Medallions	21 3 6	
Publications	5 16 3	
Stationery	11 12 4	
	78 5 5	
Equipment: Blocks Certificates, Etc.	30 0 0	
Dies, Medallion	20 0 0	
Typewriter	15 0 0	
	65 0 0	

£851 8 1

ARTHUR J. HODSDON,
 Hon. Secretary-Treasurer.

I have examined the Books of Account and relative documents of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia and certify that the above Balance Sheet and the accompanying Income and Expenditure Account correctly set out the financial position of the Union as at the 31st December, 1949.

27th December, 1949.

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