

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

of the

Twenty-Fourth Conference
of the Union

held at

LENNON'S HOTEL, GEORGE STREET, BRISBANE,
QUEENSLAND

on

JANUARY 23rd and 24th, 1952

A. J. HODSDON

Honorary Secretary-Treasurer

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FIRST SESSION - WEDNESDAY, January 23rd, 9.55 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
SECOND SESSION - WEDNESDAY, January 23rd, 2.10 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.
THIRD SESSION - THURSDAY, January 24th, 9.15 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
FOURTH SESSION - THURSDAY, January 24th, 2.05 p.m. to 7.15 p.m.
FIFTH SESSION - THURSDAY, January 24th, 7.15 p.m. to 11.15 p.m.

F I R S T D A Y - J A N U A R Y 2 3 r d

1. ROLL-CALL OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATES

In the absence of both the President and the Vice-President of the Union, the Chair was taken temporarily by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, who declared the Conference open.

The following were present:-

Officer: 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, E.C. Barnacle; South Australian A.A.A. - J.K. Faulkner, R.E. Graham; Tasmanian A.A.A. - E. McCart, R.D. Noble; Victorian A.A.A. - L.B. Curnow, F.S. Tobias; Western Australian A.A.A. - D.C. Rapley, F.T. Treacy.

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer conveyed to the Conference the regrets of the President that, through the illness of his wife, he was unable to be present, and further reported that personal illness had made it impossible also for the Vice-President, Mr. C.R. Aitken, to attend.

Apologies for absence were tendered also on behalf of Executive Members Messrs. M.G. Hutton (Tasmania) and C.H. Morgan (South Australia).

2. NOTICE OF CONFERENCE

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

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Nominations for the position of Chairman to the Conference were called from among the Delegates. Mr. D.K. Donald (A.A.A. of New South Wales) was the sole nominee, and was elected Chairman by unanimous vote.

Mr. D.C. Rapley was elected Vice-Chairman to the Conference.

4. ADMISSION OF PRESS

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

5. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The following message from the President was read by the Chairman:-

"I very much regret that it is not possible for me to address you in the customary way. I feel, however, that it is desirable for me to ask the Chairman to convey to you my thoughts in respect to various matters.

"I have been concerned for some time with the financial position of the Union and also that of Constituent Associations. The financial statement and budget to be presented to you by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer will reveal the unhealthy state of the Union's finances and the uncertain position in regard to future revenue. Our present methods of providing funds for the administration would appear to be quite inadequate and not designed to ensure a regular income sufficient for our needs.

"It is quite obvious that State Associations are feeling the strain and I feel that the problem has got to be tackled in a realistic manner. In these days of inflationary trend, costs are continually rising, and at the moment there is no sign of a halt in the spiral. I have felt for a long time - I have mentioned this before - that Constituent Associations are not keeping pace with rising costs by constantly reviewing and where necessary increasing their means of revenue. I suggest that, as with any normal business, action in this direction is inescapable...I leave these thoughts with you and trust that they may be of value in dealing with the situation.

"I am also concerned at the position which is revealed in respect of the registered memberships of State Associations. Since the post-war resumption of full scale activity, the membership lists presented to the Union have shown, except for a brief period (1947-48), a steady decline. Not only does this affect the revenue of both the Union and the States, but a revelation of the figures can scarcely enhance the prestige and importance of our sport.

"There must be reasons for this decline, and I suggest that Conference may well examine the position in an endeavour to ascertain just what those reasons are.

"The principal feature of the year's work was the participation of the Union in the Commonwealth Jubilee year celebrations. Our contribution was the tour through the States of a team of

French athletes. It is unfortunate that the tour was a disappointment, both athletically and financially, to all concerned. But for the assistance received from the Jubilee Celebrations Committee, the tour would have ended in a disastrous financial loss. One of the lessons learned is that, in arranging future visits by internationals, we make sure that the athletes invited are well-known to the public and are colorful personalities.

"I have noticed on the Agenda an item which in my opinion requires very careful consideration. I refer to Item 40 wherein it is proposed by the Queensland A.A.A. that the Conference move in the direction of having established an organisation designed to embrace the control and jurisdiction of all forms of Amateur Sport in Australia, replacing not only all present Governing Bodies, but also the Australian Olympic Federation and the Australian British Empire Games Association.

"I view this proposal so seriously that I am taking the unusual step of expressing strong opposition to its adoption. I regard the scheme as not only impracticable but most unwise, and I would much have liked to be present at the Conference if only to hear the reasons advanced in support of the proposal. Personally, I cannot see the need for such a body which, to say the least, would be unwieldy and cannot, in my opinion, serve any real purpose not already served by Governing Bodies such as ours.

"I think it most unlikely that other National Governing Bodies would willingly submerge their present jurisdictions, and I may say that I consider it most desirable that a clear line of demarcation be preserved between the Governing Bodies on the one hand and the Australian Olympic Federation and Australian British Empire Games Association on the other.

"The point which must always be clearly borne in mind is that, by agreement, the Australian Olympic Federation is largely a co-ordinating body, and certainly not a governing body having jurisdiction and control over any one amateur sport. It is given power by common consent in respect of the raising of funds, and the ultimate selection, equipping and dispatch of teams for the Olympic Games only. In a like manner the Australian British Empire Games Association deals with the British Empire Games.... We must never surrender our sovereignty or our powers to any other organisation, combined or otherwise.

"Whilst on this subject I would draw attention to a tendency on the part of State Olympic Councils to interest themselves in the general affairs of State Governing Bodies in matters other than those concerning Olympic Games. On the other hand, there appears to be a tendency for State Bodies to defer to State Olympic Councils on matters which really are the concern of the State Associations themselves. This is, I think, a dangerous and wrong procedure which, if allowed to develop, will tend to undermine and destroy the importance and standing of State Associations in their respective jurisdictions... Each organisation has its proper functions and responsibility, and if these are correctly observed all will be well.

"I trust that the foregoing remarks will be felt to be constructive and that they will be of value to you in your later

deliberations, I again express the hope that you have a most interesting and pleasant Conference."

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 23rd CONFERENCE

It was resolved that the Minutes of the 1951 Conference be taken as read, and-subject to the corrections listed hereunder - confirmed.

The corrections referred to are the following:

Page 9, Line 9 - Delete "Melbourne Harriers" and substitute "East Melbourne Harriers"; Page 12, Paragraph 3 - Delete "Victorian A.A.A." and substitute "Western Australian A.A.A."

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 23rd CONFERENCE

Page 8 - L.A.H. McKeand's Javelin Throw Record - The necessary birth certificate was furnished, and the performance was thereupon accorded recognition.

Page 16 - F. Delaney's Appeal - There has been no further development.

Other matters arising from the Minutes of the 23rd Conference are referred to under the appropriate headings.

8. REPORT ON REGISTRATIONS

Actual registrations for the period of 9 months to the 31st December, 1951 and estimated additional registrations to the 31st March, 1952 are tabulated below, together with actual registrations for each of the preceding four years.

	<u>N.S.W.</u>	<u>Qld.</u>	<u>S.A.</u>	<u>Tas.</u>	<u>Vic.</u>	<u>W.A.</u>	<u>Total</u>
9 mths. to 31/12/51 (Actual)	1460	318	225	76	2220	468	4767
3 mths. to 31/12/52 (Estimated)	165	30	40	60	300	50	645
1951-52 (Estimated)	1625	348	265	136	2520	518	5412
1950-51	1682	450	310	136	2491	500	5569
1949-50	1925	301	266	115	2864	485	5956
1948-49	1817	390	324	157	2885	461	6034
1947-48	1586	350	282	136	2637	391	5381

Mr. Curnow submitted statistics supplementary those given at the 1951 Conference showing the ratio of registered memberships to State populations. These statistics are set out hereunder:-

<u>State</u>	<u>Male Population as at 31/3/51</u>	<u>Estimated Registrations as at 31/3/52</u>	<u>Male Population per Registered Member</u>
Victoria ...	1,131,748	2520	449
Western Australia..	296,534	518	572
New South Wales (A)	1,674,926	1625	1031
Tasmania ...	148,758	136	1094
South Australia (B)	357,578	265	1349
Queensland ...	642,397	348	1760
	<u>4,221,938</u>	<u>5412</u>	<u>780</u>

(A) Inclusive of Australian Capital Territory

(B) Exclusive of Northern Territory.

The reports of the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer and of Mr. Curnow were received.

Discussion of the downward trend of memberships brought forth the following observations:

- (a) that National Service call-ups are temporarily withdrawing a number of athletes from active participation in the sport
- (b) that there is a current tendency for young people to seek maximum amusement at minimum physical cost, but as economic conditions toughen athletics - being a cheap sport - will tend to attract greater numbers;
- (c) that the current factor of plentiful week-end work for good financial returns is a positive factor in depressing athletic activity and memberships;
- (d) that increases in registration fees in some States may tend to make Clubs more circumspect as to whom they register;
- (e) that the development of the sport in country areas is difficult owing to the wide separation of population centres, and the consequent difficulty of promoting club-against-club activity;
- (f) that all Associations should encourage both the formation of new clubs and the better management of existing Clubs.

It was resolved that Delegates should convey to their respective Associations the Union's view that the increasing of memberships was an urgent necessity, and that ways and means of so doing should be exhaustively investigated.

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported having sought and obtained from each Association a survey of its registration procedure and practice. These revealed a measure of uniformity though the Victorian A.A.A. system was more highly developed than those of the other States. The several reports, which were tabled for perusal by Delegates, indicated that steps were taken in each case to ensure that, as far as possible, all club members were registered.

9. EXECUTIVE REPORT

Two meetings of the Executive Committee were held at the time of the Australian Championships at Hobart. Other matters arising during the year were determined by Mail Vote.

Matters dealt with are referred to in these Minutes under the following headings: (1) Amateur Status and Accreditation; (2) Australian Records; (3) Olympic Games; (4) Commonwealth of Australia Jubilee Celebrations; (5) Lapel Badges.

10. AMATEUR STATUS AND ACCREDITATION

Executive Report on Reinstatements: On the basis of a submission by the Victorian A.A.A., R.E. Crawford was granted reinstatement as an amateur with effect on October 20, 1951. This action was confirmed.

Report of Sub-Committee on new I.A.A.F. Amateur Status Laws: The Sub-Committee (comprising Messrs. Weir, Donald,

Metcalf and Hodsdon) appointed at the 1951 Conference to study the new Amateur Status Laws of the I.A.A.F. and to prepare a schedule of amendments deemed necessary to the Amateur Status Laws of the A.A.U. reported that it recommended direct substitution of the relevant I.A.A.F. Laws for the present A.A.U. Laws. This would be effected by adoption of the following resolution to be moved by the A.A.A. of New South Wales: "That Laws 11 to 14 inclusive of the Constitution be deleted and the following new Law 11 be substituted in lieu thereof: 'The Union recognises as the definition of an Amateur and the laws governing Amateur Status, the definition, laws, by-laws and rules adopted by the I.A.A.F. from time to time, except only in regard to the conditions and procedure for reinstatement of athletes who have infringed their amateur status, for the purpose of competition within the jurisdiction of the Union'"

After discussion this motion was, by permission of the Conference, withdrawn, and the following substituted: "That this matter be referred back to the Sub-committee to compare the I.A.A.F. and A.A.U. Rules with a view to the elimination of inconsistencies, such Sub-committee to circulate its report on the matter within six months from the date of this Conference and to bring same before the next Conference." The motion was carried.

Eligibility of Reinstated Athletes for International Competition: The Honorary-Secretary-Treasurer was directed to implement the resolution to the I.A.A.F. that an athlete who is reinstated after committing a technical breach of amateur status shall be eligible for international competition, and that the Federation be asked to draw up the conditions under which such athlete shall be so eligible.

Amateur Status of Officials: The Chairman ruled the following notice of motion by the Western Australian A.A.A. to be out of order because it was not framed in accordance with the requirements of Law 60 of the Constitution: "That the Union give consideration to including in the Constitution the definition of an official and that, if agreed to, such definition be drafted and inserted as Law 11(A) on Page 4."

Acts of Forfeiture of Amateur Status: It was moved successfully by the Victorian A.A.A.: "That Law 12(i) be amended by deleting the word 'demanding' and substituting the words 'asking for'".

Amateur Status of Physical Education Teachers: The Victorian A.A.A. successfully moved: "That Law 13 of the Constitution be amended by addition of the following new sub-clause (g): "If he is a qualified teacher of physical education recognised by a State Education Department or educational establishment recognised by this Union, and is employed by or acts under a State Education Department or recognised educational establishment; but he must not engage in private practice and his employment must not be solely in teaching athletics."

Athletes Transferring from One Jurisdiction to Another: It was resolved, on a motion by the A.A.A. of New South Wales, that General Rule 46 be deleted and the following new General Rule 46 substituted therefor: "An athlete coming to reside within the

jurisdiction of a Constituent Association, having previously been a member of an Athletic body outside that jurisdiction, shall before competing in Amateur Athletics within such jurisdiction comply with the following:-

- (a) If such outside body is another Constituent Association, the athlete shall produce a letter from such Association certifying that he is an amateur of good standing.
- (b) If such outside body is outside the jurisdiction of the Union, the athlete shall produce to the Union a letter from the National Governing Body exercising jurisdiction over such outside body that the athlete is an amateur of good standing; provided that if, in the opinion of the Union, this is impracticable, such athlete shall produce to the Union a Statutory Declaration made by him that he is a bona-fide amateur according to the rules of the Union, which shall qualify him to compete, pending advice as to the correct procedure from the I.A.A.F.
- (c) A Constituent Association shall not register an athlete who has previously been a member of a body outside the jurisdiction of the Union, nor allow such athlete to compete within its jurisdiction, until the Union's permission is received."

11. 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 by the Executive on the recommendation of the President and the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer.

(a) Australian Open Records:

- Running: 1 Mile: 4m.09.0s. by Donald R.T. Macmillan (Victoria) on November 24, 1951 at Olympic Park, Victoria.
1500 Metres: 3m.51.8s. by Donald R.T. Macmillan (Victoria) on November 24, 1951 at Olympic Park, Vict.
- Hurdling: 220 yards and 200 Metres: 23.8s. by Geoffrey C. Goodacre (N.S.W.) on December 12, 1949 at Sydney University Oval, N.S.W. (This involves withdrawal of the recognition previously granted to G.V. Gedge's performance of 23.9s. on December 31, 1949 at Adelaide Oval, South Australia - See Minutes of 23rd Conference, Page 7).
220 yards and 200 Metres: 23.6s. by Raymond H. Weinberg (Victoria) on February 18, 1950 at Olympic Park, Victoria.
220 yards and 200 metres: 23.3s. by Raymond H. Weinberg (Victoria) on February 25, 1950 at Sydney Cricket Ground, N.S.W.
440 yards and 400 Metres: 52.5s. by John M. Holland (New Zealand) on February 25, 1950 at Sydney Cricket Ground N.S.W.
- Relay Running: 2 Miles: 8m.02.6s. by Western Suburbs A.A.C., N.S.W. (W.D. Power, D.L. Brodie, M.J. Tyler, V.J. Plummer) on

(b) Australian Native Records

- Running: 1 Mile: 4m.15.2s. by Donald R.T. Macmillan (Victoria) on May 22, 1951 at North Hobart Ground, Tasmania.
1 Mile: 4m.14.6s. by John M. Landy (Victoria) on November 10, 1951 at Olympic Park, Victoria.
1 Mile: 4m.09.0s. by Donald R.T. Macmillan--See above.
3 Miles: 14m.16.4s by Leslie J. Perry (Victoria) on November 17, 1951 at Olympic Park, Victoria.
1500 Metres: 3m.51.8s. by Donald R.T. Macmillan - See above.
3000 Metres: 9m.01.0s. by W. John Whitham (N.S.W.) on March 24, 1951 at Sydney Cricket Ground N.S.W.
- Hurdling: 220 yards and 200 Metres: 23.8s. by Geoffrey C. Goodacre - see above.
220 yards and 200 Metres: 23.6s. by Raymond H. Weinberg- See above.
220 yards and 200 Metres: 23.3s. by Raymond H. Weinberg- See above.
- Throwing: Hammer Throw: 158 ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. by Keith W. Pardon (N.S.W.) on March 10, 1951 at Olympic Park, Victoria.
- Relay Running: 1 Mile: 3m.19.8s. by Sydney University A.C., N.S.W. (E.C. Campbell, R.J. Solomon, E.W. Carr, A.R. Shepherd) on February 24, 1951 at Sydney University Oval, N.S.W.
2 Miles: 8m.02.6s. by Western Suburbs A.A.C., N.S.W.- See above.

(c) Australian Junior Records:

- Running: 2 Miles: 9m.46.8s. by John H. Pierce (NSW) on January 13, 1951 at Henson Park N.S.W.
3000 Metres: 9m.07.0s. by John H. Pierce (N.S.W.) on March 24, 1951 at Sydney Cricket Ground, N.S.W.
- Hurdling: 120 Yards: 15.4s. by James May (N.S.W.) on October 20, 1951 at Erskineville Oval, N.S.W.
110 Metres: 16.0s. by John B. Garvey (N.S.W.) on March 24, 1951 at Sydney Cricket Ground, N.S.W.
- Jumping: Hop, Step and Jump: 49ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. by Peter J. Cox (N.S.W.) on March 10, 1951 at Olympic Park, Victoria.
High Jump: 6ft. 4ins. by Douglas G. Stuart (N.S.W.) on December 10, 1949 at Sydney University Oval, N.S.W.
- Throwing: Shot Put: 49ft. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins. by R. Peter Hanlin (N.S.W.) on March 25, 1950 at Henson Park, N.S.W.
Shot Put: 49ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. by Barry W. Donath (Victoria), on March 17, 1951 at Olympic Park, Melbourne.

(The above records of Goodacre (220 yards and 200 metres hurdles), Weinberg (220 yards and 200 metres hurdles), Holland (440 yards and 400 metres hurdles), Stuart (high jump) and Hanlin (shot put) had the benefit of the special dispensation granted by the Hobart Conference in relation to records made before December 31, 1950).

It was decided to defer confirmation of C.A. Murraylee's Australian Native record of 196ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins for the Javelin Throw, made at North Hobart Ground on March 3, 1951, pending receipt from the Tasmanian A.A.A. of a further report as to the levels of the area used for this competition.

Alleged Irregularity in Javelin Throw Record: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that the report of the Queensland A.A.A. upon the allegation of H.J. Moriarty regarding J.B. Barlow's Australian Junior record of 167ft.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. for the Javelin Throw (See Minutes of Hobart Conference, page 8) proved that the suggestion of informality was unwarranted. The report was adopted.

Overdue and Informal Record Applications: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that no official list of Australian records had been issued since March 31, 1949. Failure to do so had arisen from delays in the lodging of applications with the Union, and from informalities in the applications received from Constituent Associations. It was resolved that the matter be referred to the Constitution Sub-Committee for consideration as to whether the method of preparation and submission of applications can be improved.

(End of First Session of the Conference).

Leederville Oval (W.A.) Survey Certificate: It was resolved that the Western Australian A.A.A. be permitted to submit applications for records made at Leederville Oval without the usual Licensed Surveyor's Certificate, provided that the Licensed Surveyor's Certificate of 1947 be submitted to the Union, supported by a Statutory Declaration by two responsible officers of the Western Australian A.A.A. than no change has been made since in the survey of the track.

Procedure for Adoption of Records: A proposal by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer that, in order to expedite the recognition of Australian records and at the same time avoid unnecessary expenditure of Union funds, the President and the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer be authorised jointly to recognise records was adopted. If, in their opinion, there is a doubt as to the information concerning any record, the application is to be referred to the Executive Committee for decision.

12. AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Championships Organisation Manual: A proposal was submitted by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer that the Union have prepared a Championships Organisation Manual covering all phases of the organisation of an Australian Championship Meeting. He advised that Messrs. Pizzev and Tobias, both of whom were members of the 1951 Jury at Hobart, had already at the request of the Union prepared a First Draft of such a Manual for the Track and Field Championships. The Conference approved the proposal in principle, but deferred further consideration until a later stage in the proceedings.

Jury at Championship Meetings: It was moved unsuccessfully by the Western Australian A.A.A. that Law 56A(1) be amended by adding, before the words Championship Meeting at the end of the first sentence, the words "10,000 Metres Cross-country and 10,000 Metres Track Walking."

Eligibility for Championships of Students at Military, Naval and Air Force Colleges: It was resolved, on a motion by the Western Australian A.A.A. that General Rule 1 be amended by adding

the following after the word "University" in the last sentence: "or attending a Military, Naval or Air Force College. This is not to be construed as referring to a National Service Trainee."

Allocation of Championships: On a motion by the Victorian A.A.A. it was resolved to delete from the last line of Law 53 the words "each to a Constituent Association."

Eligibility for Championships in cases of Broken Residence: It was moved successfully by the A.A.A. of New South Wales that General Rule 1 be amended by adding after the first sentence, the following proviso: "Provided that the Union may, in a particular case, declare that the period of six months need not be consecutive where that period is broken by an absence from such jurisdiction not exceeding six months for a temporary purpose known to such Association."

Eligibility of Lloyd Hadfield for the 1952 Championships: The South Australian A.A.A. Delegates sought a ruling as to the eligibility for the 1952 Championships of Lloyd Hadfield, a former member of the A.A.A. of New South Wales, who had returned recently to Australia after an absence of some two years in England, and was now residing in South Australia. It was resolved that Hadfield be allowed to compete at the Championships as an individual on the ground that his performances were of a standard that would have gained him representation had he been residentially eligible to represent the South Australian A.A.A.

13. AUSTRALIAN TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Executive Report: It was advised that Messrs. M. Adair (Western Australia), F.E. Andrews (New South Wales) and L.R. Vollugi (South Australia) had been appointed members of the Jury for the 1952 Championships. The report was received.

Reports on 1951 Championships: The reports of the Tasmanian A.A.A. and of the A.A.U. Jury on the Track and Field Championships of 1951 were tabled and received. Detailed consideration thereof was temporarily deferred.

Allocation of the 1953 Championships: The allocation of the 1953 Track and Field Championships to the Western Australian A.A.A. was confirmed.

Junior Track and Field Championships: It was moved unsuccessfully by the Western Australian A.A.A. that the following new Law 50A be added to the Constitution: "Junior Track and Field Championships shall take place at the same time as the Championships of Australia are determined." Consequential motions setting out the proposed events for the Junior Championships and an amended sequence of events automatically lapsed.

Fixing of Standards for Championships: Adoption of the following new General Rule 1A was moved unsuccessfully by the Western Australian A.A.A.: "An athlete, to be eligible to represent a Constituent Association in the Track and Field Championships of Australia, must first be capable of attaining

a standard set by the Union. The Union shall fix such standards and shall have the power to vary same from time to time as it deems fit. Such schedule of the fixed standards shall be forwarded to each Constituent Association at least four calendar months prior to the closing of entries with the Association controlling the Championships". A consequential amendment to General Rule 5 automatically lapsed.

Approval of Marathon Course: The Western Australian A.A.A. by permission of the Conference, withdrew a motion that General Rule 30 be amended by deleting the following: "by a majority of a Committee consisting of the appointed representative of the Union and one representative of each Constituent Association represented. The representative of the Union shall be the Chairman of the Committee, and shall have a casting as well as an ordinary vote"; and by adding the following in lieu thereof: "by the Jury appointed by the Union".

Venue of Marathon: The Victorian A.A.A. successfully moved that General Rule 27 ("The Marathon Championship of Australia shall be held in the territory of the State of the Constituent Association to which control of the event has been allocated") be deleted, and the following substituted: "The Marathon Championship of Australia shall finish, and where practicable shall start, on the arena on which the Track and Field Championships are being held."

Richard Coombes Shield Points: The following motion, moved by the A.A.A. of New South Wales, was lost on the casting vote of the Chairman: "That General Rule 15 be varied by deleting the word "Championships" at the end of the first sentence, and by adding in lieu thereof the words "Track and Field Championships of Australia," and by adding at the end of the Rule the following: "The Marathon Race shall not be taken into account in deciding the award."

Metric Distances: It was moved by the A.A.A. of New South Wales, and lost on the casting vote of the Chairman, that General Rule 9 be deleted and the following substituted: "Championships shall be held in the following events - 100 metres, 200 metres, 400 metres, 800 metres, 1500 metres, 3000 metres walk, 110 metres hurdles, 200 metres hurdles, 400 metres hurdles, broad jump, hop, step & jump, high jump, pole vault, shot put, discus throw, javelin throw, hammer throw, 400 metres relay, 1600 metres relay, (800 metres, 400 metres, 200 metres, 200 metres) and Marathon."

(End of Second Session of the Conference)

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6 Miles Championship: It was resolved, on a motion by the South Australian A.A.A. to amend General Rule 9 by inserting after the words "3 miles" the words "6 miles".

Championships Roster: The South Australian A.A.A. moved unsuccessfully that, in view of the deleted funds of the Union and the necessity for making the Track and Field Championships of Australia a more payable proposition, the roster for future meet-

1952	Western Australia	1957	Queensland
1954	Victoria	1958	Victoria
1955	New South Wales	1959	Tasmania
1956	South Australia	1960	New South Wales

Reports on the 1951 Championships: Consideration of the Reports of the Tasmanian A.A.A. and of the Jury on the 1951 Championships was resumed at this stage. It was resolved to congratulate the Tasmanian A.A.A. upon its organising of the Championships and upon the manner in which difficulties had been surmounted, and to convey especial personal congratulations to Mr. N. Ruddock. It was further resolved to thank the Jury for its splendid work and for its excellent and constructive Report.

The Conference decided to refer back to Messrs. Pizzev and Tobias the Jury Report, together with the Draft Instruction Manual prepared by them, for ultimate incorporation in a full Championships Manual. It was felt that consideration should be given, *inter alia*, to the preparation of a form of Standard Certificate to be used in connection with the checking of equipment.

Arising from an observation made by the Jury in its Report, it was resolved to seek from the I.A.A.F. an opinion as to whether the use of hard rubber to surface the foot rests of starting blocks contravened the stipulation in Rule 72 that starting blocks must be constructed entirely of rigid materials.

14. AUSTRALIAN CROSS-COUNTRY AND WALKING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Victorian A.A.A. Complaint re 1950 C.C. Championship: Arising from a complaint made at the 1951 Conference by the Victorian Delegates that the A.A.A. of New South Wales, in connection with the 1950 C.C.C. of Australia, had submitted no plan of the course to Constituent Associations, and had called no meeting of Managers prior to the race, a Report-in-Reply was tabled which claimed that these formalities had in fact been carried out. The Report was received.

Emergencies and Team Scoring: It was resolved, on a motion by the Victorian A.A.A. to amend General Rule 17 by inserting the words "to finish" after the word "whom" in the third sentence, and by inserting the following between the third and fourth sentences: "Three emergencies only may be named when the team is entered."

50 Kilometres Walking Championship: The Victorian A.A.A. moved successfully that Law 51 be re-numbered 51A, and that the following Law 51B be added: A 50 Kilometres Road Walking Championship of Australia shall be held biennially during the month of September in alternate years to the 10,000 Metres Track Walking Championship of Australia. When this event is designated a test for Olympic Games selection, the month in which it is scheduled to be held may be varied by the Union."

To give effect to the above resolution the following further motions were carried:-

(a) That General Rule 26 be amended by adding, at the end, the following: "and 50 Kilometres Road Walking Championship."

(b) That the 1st 50 Kilometres Road Walking Championship of Australia be that to be held in Melbourne on February 2, 1952.

15. OLYMPIC GAMES

Executive Report: The following Executive decisions taken during the year were endorsed: (1) To hold Selection Tests for the Olympic Team of 1952 in the following events: 10 Kilometres Run on January 25, 1952 at Brisbane; 3,000 Metres Steeplechase, 10 Kilometres Walk and 50 Kilometres Road Walk on February 2, 1952 at Melbourne; (2) To hold no Selection Test for the Decathlon; (3) To request each Constituent Association to develop a panel of officials for training for the Olympic Games of 1956; to appoint an A.A.U. Officials Sub-Committee to undertake the training of these Officials by correspondence and other means; to select Australian Championships Officials as far as possible from these panels; to request Constituent Associations to undertake schemes for the training of officials and to make reports on methods adopted and progress achieved; (4) To instruct that application be made to the 1956 Games Organising Committee for the appointment of two Athletics Technical Observers to the Olympic Games of 1952.

The Conference resolved to appoint forthwith an Olympic Games Sub-Committee of five members, such Sub-Committee to draw up its own rules and regulations and generally to implement the resolution. Those appointed were Messrs. L.B. Curnow (Victoria), R.E. Graham (South Australia), D.C. Rapley (Western Australia), G. Soper (New South Wales) and F.S. Tobias (Victoria) with the last-named as co-ordinating member.

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that Constituent Associations had been invited to submit nominations for Technical Observers, and that the Victorian A.A.U. had named the following: Messrs. L.B. Curnow, S.A. Embling, C.W.H. Grant, J.K. O'Driscoll, F.H. Pizzev and F.S. Tobias. These names had been transmitted in alphabetical order only to the Olympic Games of 1956 Organising Committee. The Conference decided that the nominees should now be ranked and after an exhaustive ballot the following order was determined: 1. L.B. Curnow; 2. S.A. Embling; 3. C.W.H. Grant; 4. F.H. Pizzev; 5. F.S. Tobias; 6. J.K. O'Driscoll. The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to convey this result to the Organising Committee.

Report of A.O.F. Delegates: The Union's Delegates to the Australian Olympic Federation (Messrs. L.B. Curnow and J.P. Metcalfe) reported that there had been no meeting of the Federation since the Union's 1951 Conference.

(End of Third Session of the Conference)

Report of Selection Committee: 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 Australian Olympic Team of 1952: 100 Metres, 10.5s.

(100 yards, 9.6s.); 200 Metres, 21.1s (220 yards, 21.2s); 400 Metres, 47.9s (440 yards, 48.2s.); 800 Metres, 1m.52.0s. (880 yards, 1m.52.8s.); 1500 Metres, 3m.53.0s. (1 Mile, 4m.10.0s.); 5,000 Metres, 14m.40s. (3 Miles, 14m.10s.), 10,000 Metres, 31m.00s. (6 Miles, 30m.00s.), Marathon, 2h.38m.00s; 110 Metres hurdles 14.5s; 400 Metres hurdles, 53.1s. (440 yards hurdles, 53.4s.); 3,000 Metres Steeplechase, 9m.20s; 10 Kilometres Walk, 47m.00s; 50 Kilometres Road Walk, 4h.57m; broad jump, 24ft.4ins., hop, step and jump 49ft.6ins.; high jump, 6ft.4ins.; pole vault 13ft.6ins; shot put, 52ft; discus throw 160 ft.; javelin throw 220ft.; hammer throw 175 ft.; decathlon 7000 pts. (Old tables). It was indicated that the Committee would meet on February 24th to effect the final ranking of athletes, and that arrangements had been made to obtain authentic reports on the current form of Australian athletes at present overseas. The report was received.

Report of Olympic Games of 1956 Technical Sub-Committee: The Report of the Union's Olympic Games of 1956 Technical Sub-committee (Messrs. L.B. Curnow, S.A. Embling and C.W.H. Grant) indicated that its activities had been curtailed by the fact that no firm decision had been reached as to where the Track and Field Section of the Games will be held. The Melbourne Cricket Ground appeared to be the only suitable arena. Two plans (Plan 'A' showing the general layout in relation to the ground itself and the surrounding grandstands, and Plan 'B' showing the tracks in detail) were submitted. It was resolved that there be forwarded to the I.A.A.F., with a suitable covering letter, for preliminary consideration.

It was resolved further to place on record the Union's appreciation of the Sub-committee's continued good work.

Olympic Games of 1952 Athletics Sectional Manager: The nominations of Messrs. D.K. Donald (New South Wales), S.A. Embling (Victoria), F.T. Treacy (Western Australia) and L.R. Vollugi (South Australia) for the position of Athletics Sectional Manager to the Australian Olympic Team of 1952 were submitted to exhaustive ballot, and Mr. Donald was elected.

It was resolved that any nomination received from the Australian Women's A.A.U. for the position of Manageress to the 1952 Olympic Team be endorsed by the A.A.U. and forwarded to the A.O.F.

Olympic Games Programme: It was resolved, on a motion by the Victorian A.A.A., to propose to the I.A.A.F. that the 200 Metres Hurdles be added to the Olympic Games Programme. A further motion by the Victorian A.A.A. that the I.A.A.F. be approached with a view to changing the 1500 Metres event on the Olympic Games programme to one of 1600 metres was lost.

16. BRITISH EMPIRE GAMES AND RECORDS

Report of A.B.E.G.A. Delegates: The Union's Delegates to the Australian British Empire Games Association (Messrs. A.J. Hodsdon and R.E. Graham) reported that no meeting of the Association had been held since the Union's 1951 Conference... No further information had come to hand regarding the British Empire Games of 1954.

British Empire Records: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that during the year a preliminary list of British Empire Records had been issued under the auspices of the British Empire Games Federation.

British Empire Games Programme: It was resolved, on a motion by the Victorian A.A.A., to propose to the British Empire Games Federation that the 220 yards Hurdles be added to the British Empire Games Programme.

17. COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Tour of French Athletes. The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that the Commonwealth Jubilee year tour of the French athletes M. Clare, G. Damitio and A.J. Marie had resulted in a heavy financial loss. This was due to a number of factors including the difficulty of securing the personnel desired, the late arrival of the visitors and their consequent poor form, the injury to M. Clare and the heavy accommodation and travel expenses entailed in sending the party to all States. After bringing into account the Jubilee Celebrations Committee's subsidy of £1750, and the income from those Meetings which showed a profit there was a loss of £685 on the tour, of which £650 had been met by a levy on the Constituent Associations. However, a case for further subsidy had been stated to the Jubilee Sporting Sub-committee, and there were very good grounds for expecting a further subsidy of at least £250. The bulk of this would be refundable to the Associations. It was resolved that the allocation to them of any amount available for refund shall be on the basis of Levy Paid plus Carnival Profits (if any) made.

Proposed Commonwealth Jubilee Perpetual Trophy:- (See Minutes of Hobart Conference, Page 10). The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that the heavy loss sustained upon the French tour had made it impracticable to pursue further the matter of seeking a Jubilee Perpetual Trophy for competition between the States.

18. AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S A.A.U.

Recovery of Out-of-Pocket Expenses: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was instructed not to seek to recover petty expenses (postages, telephone calls, etc.) incurred in transacting matters for the Australian Women's A.A.U. unless such expenses exceeded £5 in any one year.

Accreditation of Women Athletes from Other Jurisdictions: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that the requirements of the Union regarding the accreditation of women athletes from other jurisdictions had not been adhered to by the A.W.A.A.U. He advised that the Women's Union had been recently informed that a continuance of this neglect would not be tolerated.

Olympic Games of 1952: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that, after consultation with the President, he had advised the A.W.A.A.U. that the fixing of selection standards for

women athletes for the Olympic Games of 1952, and the ranking of women athletes attaining such standards, were matters for the Women's Union. The Selection Committee of the A.A.U. would collate the list of ranked women athletes with that for male athletes but in so doing would not alter the ranking of women as submitted by the A.W.A.A.U... The Women's Union had been further advised that the A.A.U. would support any nomination made by the A.W.A.A.U. for the position of Manageress to the Olympic Team of 1952... The report was received and it was resolved to endorse the actions taken.

19. COMPETITION RULES

Allowable Track Inclination: It was resolved to seek clarification from the I.A.A.F. as to the interpretation of Rule 26 (b) which specifies that the maximum allowance for inclination of track, shall not exceed 1 : 1000 in the direction of running.

Dropping of Relay Baton: It was resolved to seek I.A.A.F. rulings on the following: (a) Can an athlete go outside his lane in a relay race to recover a dropped baton; and (b) can an athlete move inside the pole line, or outside the the outside lane, to recover a dropped baton. It was resolved further to indicate to the I.A.A.F. in reference to Rule 31 (5), that it is the view of the Union that, when a baton is dropped in a change-over zone, the onus of recovery should rest with the receiving athlete.

Interpretation of Walking Rules: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that no satisfactory Final Report had been received from the Special Sub-committee appointed in 1949 to study and report upon the interpretation of the rules of Walking. However Mr. D. Rapley, a member of the Sub-Committee, had submitted direct to the Union his own thoughts on the matter, and the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was directed to seek from the other members of the Sub-Committee their views on Mr. Rapley's comments:

Starting Heights and Height Increments in Decathlon High Jump & Pole Vault Competitions: Pursuant to an instruction from the 1951 Conference (See Minutes page 16) a ruling had been sought from the I.A.A.F. as to the rights of a competitor in the high jump and pole vault in a Decathlon competition.

The Federation had indicated that it is not permissible for a competitor to nominate the commencing height at which the bar will be set nor the successive heights to which the bar will be raised. (Actually, Rules 46(4) and 34 (9) fully cover the points raised).

Height Increments in High Jump & Pole Vault after competition won: The I.A.A.F. had further advised, in reply to an enquiry made at the direction of the 1951 Conference (See Minutes, page 16) that it is usual to allow a competitor who has won a high jump or pole vault event to proceed to jump until he shall have failed in his three successive efforts at a new height, and to permit him to nominate the height at which he

intends to jump. It is permissible for the competitor to state that he would like the bar raised to equal an existing record, but according to Rule 21 no height increment under one quarter-inch is allowable.

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to make these I.A.A.F. rulings known to Constituent Associations.

Verification of Records: The Western Australian A.A.A. successfully moved that General Rule 41 be amended by adding, after the word "Certificates", the words "verifying the performance of the claimant by officials of the Constituent Association;" and by adding, at the end, the following: "and supported by an Extract or Certificate of Birth of the applicant, and all applications for records shall be on a form approved by the Union."

Testing of Watches: The following motion moved by the Western Australian A.A.A. was lost: "That a new General Rule 41(A) be introduced reading as follows: "All watches timing a race for which a record has been claimed shall be tested over a period of one hour, and when the race recorded time exceeds one hour, all watches shall be tested over a period at least equal to the recorded time of the race". It was resolved, however, to refer the matter to the I.A.A.F. for guidance as to the duration of test.

(End of Fourth Session of the Conference)

Interpretation of Starting Rules: It was moved by the Western Australian A.A.A. that the Interpretations of the Rules of Starting adopted at the Adelaide Conference of 1950 be amended to accord with such alterations to the Rules as may have been adopted at the Brussels Congress of the I.A.A.F. The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that Mr. Embling of the Victorian A.A.A., who was mainly responsible for the framing of the original interpretations, had been invited to prepare a revised version thereof, and this request had been complied with. It was resolved to submit the amended version of the Interpretations to Constituent Associations for comment.

Colours for Track Markings: It was resolved, on a motion by the Victorian A.A.A. to introduce the following new General Rule 11: "A standard set of track markings shall be adopted, and these shall be:- (1) in white - start, finish and lanes; (2) in yellow - 120 yards and 220 yards hurdle positions; (3) in brown - 440 yards hurdle positions; (4) in red - relay zone extremities. Where lines coincide, they shall be half in one colour, and half in the other colour."

Measurement of Wind Velocity: It was resolved, on a motion by the Victorian A.A.A., to amend the resolution adopted at the Adelaide Conference in regard to the measurement of wind velocity to the following, and to incorporate same in the General Rules as General Rule 11C: "At Australian Track and Field Championship Meetings at least two wind velocity measuring instruments approved by the local University or other approved authority, and in charge of an experienced operator, shall be available on the arena for use in connection with applications for records." It was agreed

that this rule should not be operative until after the 1952 Track and Field Championships.

Ambulance Officers for Marathon: The following motion proposed by the Victorian A.A.A. was withdrawn when it was pointed out that the matter is covered by I.A.A.F. Rule 30(3): "That General Rule 27 be deleted and the following substituted: 'Arrangements shall be made for one or more officers of the St. John's Ambulance Association to patrol the course. A competitor instructed by one of these officers to retire from the race must do so immediately.'"

Measurement of Tracks and Lanes: It was moved successfully by the Victorian A.A.A. that General Rule 45 be amended by addition of the following: "In the case of lanes, the inner lane shall be measured as above, and any subsequent lanes shall be of the width and measured in accordance with the I.A.A.F. Rule. The flags marking the inner edge of the track shall be of Pennant type at least 9 inches long by 6 inches wide on a spike or pole not less than 15 inches long."

Penalties for False Starts: The Victorian A.A.A. was permitted to withdraw the following motion: "That, in the event of any I.A.A.F. amendment to the Starting Rule being submitted for ratification or discussion at the Conference, General Rule 47 shall be re-submitted for consideration and, if necessary, amendment."

ANNOUNCED AT CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS: The Victorian A.A.A. successfully moved that the following be added to the resolution adopted at the Hobart Conference in respect of the announcer at Championship Meetings: "An official also shall not announce sectional times to any competitor."

SPECIFICATION FOR THROWING EVENT CIRCLES: It was resolved, on a motion by the Victorian A.A.A. to adopt the following new General Rule: "Where the I.A.A.F. Rule 'Throwing Events in general cannot be carried out with respect to the specifications of the circle, the following local rule shall apply: 'When throws are made from the ground on the same level inside as outside the circle, they shall be made from circles as described hereunder: (a) Construction - Circles shall be made from band iron, steel or wood; (b) Measurements - The circle shall measure for the Shot Put and the Hammer Throw not more than 7 feet inside diameter, and for the Discus Throw not more than 8 feet 2½ inches inside diameter; (c) a metal circle shall be 1 inch in width and ¾ inch in height, and a wooden circle shall be 2 inches in width and ¾ inch in height; (d) the circle shall be painted white and shall be firmly spiked to the ground'".

20. UNION PUBLICATIONS

Amendments to Constitution Laws and General Rules: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to issue in circular letter form as soon as practicable the amendments to the Constitution Laws and General Rules adopted at this Conference.

Almanac of Records and Results: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was authorised to investigate the cost of issuing a Union Handbook of Records and Results and to refer the matter to the Executive Committee for decision.

Ranking Lists: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was authorised to continue the issue of Annual Ranking Lists.

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

21. UNION LAPEL BADGE

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that, due to financial reasons, the manufacture of a Union Lapel Badge had been again deferred. It was resolved that the project should be proceeded with.

A decision of the Executive Committee that the badges, when available, would be issued in accordance with the following was confirmed: (1) Members of Representative Australian Teams - one free badge to each member, with the privilege of purchasing additional ones from the Team Manager to whom a suitable supply will be issued by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer; (2) Delegates to the Union's Annual Conference and the President, Vice-President and Honorary Secretary-Treasurer - one badge to each on the basis of purchase at cost; (3) other issues - at the direction of the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer.

22. FINANCE

Financial Statements for 1951: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer submitted an audited Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended December 31st, 1951 and an audited Balance Sheet as at December 31st, 1951. It was resolved that these be adopted ... The Statements referred to are printed as an appendix to these Minutes.

"The Conference instructed that appreciation be recorded in the Minutes of the services rendered to the Union throughout the year by the Honorary Typiste and the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer. It was resolved to grant Honoraria of £12/12/0 and £50/0/0 respectively to Mrs. Heeley and Mr. Hodsdon.

Financial Budget for 1952. The following Budget of Income and Expenditure for 1952 was submitted by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, and was adopted:-

<u>Income</u>	£	<u>Expenditure</u>	£
Affiliation Fees	25	Affiliation Fees	20
Registration Duos	135	Bank Charges	2
	160	Cables	4
Deficiency	154	Duplicating, Printing & Stationery	60
		Entertainment Expenses	4
		General Expenses	15
		Honoraria	63
		Insurance	2
		Library	10
		Office Expenses Reserve	75
		Postages & Telegrams	27
		Telephone	7
		Selectors Expenses	25
	<u>£214</u>		<u>£314</u>

Increase of Registration Dues: It was resolved, on a motion by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, to amend Law 31 of the Constitution by deleting the word "sixpence" in the second line and substituting therefor the words "one shilling".

23. REPORTS OF CONSTITUENT ASSOCIATIONS

The Annual Reports for 1950-51 of each of the Constituent Associations were tabled and received.

24. NOTICES OF MOTION BY CONSTITUENT ASSOCIATIONS

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

Appeals: It was resolved, on a motion by the Victorian A.A.A. that the resolution regarding Appeals adopted at the Hobart Conference (See Minutes, page 19) be incorporated in the Constitution as Law 63.

Control of Athletics in A.C.T.: It was moved successfully by the A.A.A. of New South Wales that, until such time as the Union in Conference recognises an independent body as controlling Amateur Athletics in the Australian Capital Territory, control of such athletics in such Territory shall be vested in the A.A.A. of New South Wales.

Fines: It was moved by the A.A.A. of New South Wales and resolved, that Law 32A of the Constitution be deleted and the following substituted: "A Constituent Association failing to submit a report or a mail vote within the time herein provided or if not so provided within the time stipulated in the notice calling for such report or mail vote, shall be fined the sum of £1-0-0. Failure to pay such fine within three months of being notified in writing shall render the Constituent Association liable to suspension as provided in Law 33 hereof."

Visits of Overseas Athletes: The following motion, proposed by the Queensland A.A.A. was ruled out of order by the Chairman: "Where the Union sponsors the visit of Overseas athletes or athlete, any Constituent Association will have the right to refuse to be included in the itinerary of the said athletes or athlete, and shall not be liable for any expenses occasioned by the visit of the said athlete or athletes."

Amateur Sports Union: It was moved unsuccessfully by the Queensland A.A.A. that this Conference take action or do all within its power to establish or have established within Australia, and embracing Australia, a body representative of all bodies eligible to take part in Olympic and Empire Games, such body to assume control of all amateur bodies, to replace the Olympic Federation and Empire Games Association, and to have branches in all States.

25. 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 (South Australia) and N.G. Hutton (Tasmania) were nominated for the office of Vice-President. Mr. Aitken was re-elected... Messrs. A.J. Hodsdon (New South Wales) and F.S. Tobias (Victoria) were nominated for the office of Honorary Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Hodsdon was re-elected.

Delegates: Messrs. L.B. Curnow and J.P. Metcalfe were re-elected as Delegates to the Australian Olympic Federation... Messrs. A.J. Hodsdon and D.C. Rapley were elected Delegates to the Australian British Empire Games Association... It was left to the Executive Committee to appoint the Union's Delegates to the 18th Congress of the I.A.A.F. to be held at Helsinki at the time of the Olympic Games.

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

Special Committees: The following Special Committees were appointed: (1) Constitution Sub-Committee - Messrs. H.R. Weir, D.K. Donald, A.J. Hodsdon and J.P. Metcalfe (2) Selection Committee: Messrs. H.R. Weir, L.B. Curnow and J.P. Metcalfe; (3) Olympic Games of 1956 Technical Sub-Committee - Messrs. L.B. Curnow (Chairman), S.A. Embling and C.W.H. Grant; (4) Olympic Games of 1956 Officials Sub-Committee: L.B. Curnow, R.E. Graham, D.C. Rapley, G. Sober, F.S. Tobias (Co-ordinator); (5) Race Walking Sub-Committee - Messrs. J.A. Larkin, A.E. Robinson and D.C. Rapley.

26. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR AND TRUSTEES

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

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

27. FIXING OF HEADQUARTERS

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

28. MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA

Consideration was given as to what steps should be now taken as a result of a Mail Vote of Constituent Associations, submitted on January 8th at the request of the Queensland A.A.A. whereby the Marathon Championship of Australia was postponed from January 28th to a date to be fixed by Conference.

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The Chairman ruled that the action taken in postponing the Championship was unconstitutional. It was resolved, after considerable discussion and despite the Chairman's ruling, that the Marathon Championship of Australia be transferred to the control of the Victorian A.A.A., but that no further entries be received.

29. APPRECIATION

Mr. Rapley (Western Australia) moved a vote of appreciation to the Chairman for the able and impartial manner in which the business of the Conference had been conducted, and for his assumption of the duties of the President in the absence of the latter. This was supported by all States.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Queensland A.A.A. for having provided an eminently suitable meeting place, and to Lennon's Hotel for its service and facilities.

30. CLOSURE

The Chairman, in closing the Conference, thanked the Delegates for their concentration and cordiality in settling the affairs of the Union, and intimated that he would report personally to the President his thoughts in that regard.

ARTHUR J. HODSDON

Honorary Secretary-Treasurer

THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1951

<u>Expenditure</u>	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	<u>Income</u>	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<u>Affiliation Fees:</u>							<u>Affiliation Fees of</u>						
International Amateur Athletic Federation	10	1	0				Constituent Associations				25	7	11
Australian Olympic Federation	2	2	0				Registration Dues of						
Australian British Empire Games Association	5	5	0	17	8	0	Constituent Associations						
Bank Charges				1	19	2	A.A.A. of New South Wales	39	7	6			
Depreciation				5	0	0	Queensland A.A.A.	8	9	6			
Duplicating, Printing & Stationery							South Australian A.A.A.	6	12	0			
Constitution Laws & General Rules	19	0	0				Tasmanian A.A.A.	3	13	0			
Minutes of 1951 Conference	19	10	0				Victorian A.A.A.	58	6	0			
Ranking Lists	5	0	0				Western Australian A.A.A.	11	18	6	128	6	6
Sundries	27	16	2	71	6	2	Sundry Receipts				9	2	0
Entertainment Expenses				2	1	9	Deficiency for year transferred						
General Expenses							to Accumulated Fund				60	3	0
Coaching Data to Constituent Assocs.	7	9	6										
Sundries	8	16	2	16	5	8							
Honoraria:													
Typiste	12	12	0										
Hon. Secretary-Treasurer	50	0	0	62	12	0							
Insurance				1	7	9							
Library and Album				17	19	9							
Postages and Telegrams				22	19	1							
Telephone - Local & Trunk Calls				2	3	5							
Trophies - Record Certificates				1	16	8							
				£222	19	5							
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