

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-Sixth Conference
of the Union

held at

WESLEY COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

on

FEBRUARY 10th and 12th, 1954

A. J. HODSDON

Honorary Secretary-Treasurer

THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNION

held at

SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES

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FIRST SESSION	- WEDNESDAY, February 10th, 9.45 a.m.	to 10.45 a.m.
SECOND SESSION	- WEDNESDAY, February 10th, 1.30 p.m.	to 5.30 p.m.
THIRD SESSION	- WEDNESDAY, February 10th, 8.45 p.m.	to 11.30 p.m.
FOURTH SESSION	- FRIDAY, February 12th, 9.45 a.m.	to 12.30 p.m.
FIFTH SESSION	- FRIDAY, February 12th, 1.30 p.m.	to 3.15 p.m.

F I R S T D A Y - F E B R U A R Y 1 0 t h

1. OPENING OF CONFERENCE

The Conference was declared open by the President and the notice convening same was read by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer.

2. ROLL-CALL OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATES

There were present:-

Officers: President - H.R. Weir, O.B.E.; Vice-President - C.R. Aitken; Honorary Secretary-Treasurer - A.J. Hodsdon.

Delegates: A.A.A. of New South-Wales - J.P. Metcalfe; Queensland A.A.A. - E.C. Barnacle, W. Lightbody; South Australian A.A.A. - A.E. Beames, V.B. Sharp; Tasmanian A.A.A. - E.W. Barwick, N.G. Hutton; Victorian A.A.A. - S.H. Gardiner, F.S. Tobias; Western Australian A.A.A. - D.C. Rapley, F.T. Treacy.

Also present at the Conference through the courtesy of the Director of Organisation of the Olympic Games of 1956, was Mr. L.B. Curnow, Chairman of the A.A.U. Olympic Games of 1956 Co-Ordinating Committee. The purpose of his presence at the Conference was to enable him to personally advise and assist the Union in its deliberations on matters relative to the Olympic Games to be held in Melbourne. It was resolved that Mr. Curnow be allowed to be present throughout the Conference.

The second New South Wales delegate, Mr. R.C. Corish, was present only during the Third Session of the Conference. Mr. G.C. Marshall of the same Association, attended the Second Session as substitute delegate for Mr. Corish without voting rights.

3. H.R. WEIR Esq., O.B.E.

Mr. Aitken expressed pleasure that during the year Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth had appointed the President of the Union an Officer of the British Empire. He was supported by Mr. Hutton, who moved the following resolution:

"That this Twenty-Sixth Conference of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia expresses its high appreciation of the outstanding services rendered to the Union by Mr. Hugh Richard Weir as Honorary Secretary from 1934 to 1942 and as President from 1942 to the present time. Conference notes with great pleasure that on the 1st of June, 1953 Her Majesty the Queen was pleased to recognise his great services over many years in the administration and organisation of Amateur Athletics by appointing Mr. Weir an Officer of the British Empire. Conference tenders its most cordial congratulations on this well-merited award, which has met with the enthusiastic approval of amateur athletes throughout Australia." This was carried.

Mr. Weir suitably responded.

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 them submitting for approval any statement on highly controversial issues.

5. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The President, in opening his address, extended a hearty welcome to all Delegates and expressed particular pleasure at the presence of Mr. Hutton. He hoped that those Delegates who were attending a Union Conference for the first time would find the proceedings interesting. He felt sure that they would have something of value to contribute to the deliberations.

The Union, he continued, had had a successful year marked by progress in the planning and preparations for the Olympic Games of 1956, which at the time of the Perth Conference had been in a state of flux. Fortunately, as the direct result of representations made and assurances given by himself at Mexico City, the International Olympic Committee had confirmed the allocation of the Games to Melbourne. The only real outstanding difficulty is that concerning the Equestrian Events, in respect of which the Organising Committee is hampered by Commonwealth Quarantine Regulations. It was made perfectly clear at Mexico City that these could not be relaxed.

The President went on to refer to the good progress being made in all States, and especially in Queensland and Western Australia. The athletic development of these outlying States threatens to alter the balance of power within the Union.

However, the outstanding feature of the year's athletics in Australia had been undoubtedly the brilliant running of John Landy, who had really put Australia on the World Athletics Map. Landy's progress was due in no small measure to what he had learned on his 1952 Olympic trip.

The Union, acting on behalf of the Association controlling the Championships, had tried in a number of quarters to arrange for the

visit of outstanding overseas athletes. But with many attractive tours available and with the standard of Australian athletics steadily rising and so providing formidable off-season opposition, it is proving increasingly difficult to get the right men.

Because cost trends are still upward, finance continues to cause concern both to the Union and to the States. It is again emphasised that the problem must be faced on a business basis, namely, by meeting rising costs with rising charges. Due to the satisfactory result of the 1953 Championships, the Union's financial position is slightly improved, but it is essential to create a reserve of finance for the 1956 Congress of the I.A.A.F. when the Union will be host to the Delegates of more than eighty nations. Currently, we are faced with the task of raising funds for adequate representation at the British Empire Games in Vancouver in August 1954.

Registration totals continue to disappoint, and we appear to make no real advance in numerical strength. The main restricting influence is undoubtedly the lack of sufficient grounds ... There is weakness in administration in some directions. Whilst recognising that we are an amateur sport administered by honorary officials, it must be realised nevertheless that it is of no use to have rules if we do not carry them out. The rules have been framed for a specific purpose - namely, to promote efficiency. To the extent that they are not observed, inefficiency will result.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 25th CONFERENCE

It was resolved that the Minutes of the 25th Conference be taken as read, and - subject to the addition given below - confirmed as a true record.

The addition above referred to is the following: Insert immediately after the first sentence of the paragraph headed "Related Record Applications" on page 10 the following:

"Open and Native:

7 Miles Walk	53m. 46.6s.	E. J. Allsopp	30/6/51
10 Miles Walk	1h. 17m. 06.8s.	E. J. Allsopp	30/6/51
10 Kilos Walk	45m. 57.0s.	E. J. Allsopp	16/6/51
15 Kilos Walk	1h. 11m. 48.6s.	E. J. Allsopp	30/6/51

Junior:

3 Kilos Walk	15m. 11.8s.	F. Nolligan	26/5/51"
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7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 25th CONFERENCE

Matters other than the following arising from the Minutes of the 25th Conference are referred to under the appropriate headings:-

Page 17 - Liability of the Victorian A.A.A. in respect of the Commonwealth of Australia Jubilee Celebrations (1951): It was reported that this liability had been met.

Page 24 - Financial Assistance to Australian Championships Jury Members: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that no action had been taken.

8. REPORT ON REGISTRATIONS

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer submitted a statement of Actual Registrations by States for the period of 9 months ended December 31st, 1953 and Estimated Additional Registrations for the period of 3 months ended March 31st, 1954, together with Actual Registrations for each of the preceding six years. These details are set out below:-

	N.S.W.	Qld.	S.A.	Tas.	Vic.	W.A.	Total
9 Months to 31/12/53 (Actual)	1479	298	246	70	2472	455	5020
3 Months to 31/3/54 (Estimated)	100	30	50	70	200	50	500
1953-54 (Part Estimated)	1579	328	296	140	2672	505	5520
1952-53	1601	371	302	177	2541	548	5540
1951-52	1572	325	330	103	2446	495	5271
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

9. EXECUTIVE REPORT

Matters dealt with during the year by Mail Vote of the Executive Committee are referred to in these Minutes under the following headings. (1) Amateur Status; (2) Australian Championships; (3) Australian Track and Field Championships; (4) Australian Cross-Country, Marathon and Walking Championships; (5) Olympic Games; (6) British Empire and Commonwealth Games.

10. INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR ATHLETIC FEDERATION

Delegates to 19th Congress, Berne 1954: The matter of the appointment of Delegates to represent Australia at the 19th Congress of the I.A.A.F. to be held at Berne, Switzerland in August 1954 was referred to the Executive.

20th Congress, Melbourne, 1956: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that an enquiry directed to Mr. E.J. Holt regarding the Congress of the I.A.A.F. to be held in Melbourne at the time of the Olympic Games of 1956 had brought forth the following information: (a) Meeting Hall - Provision of a Meeting Hall is normally attended to by the Olympic Games Organising Committee, and any rental payable is normally met by the I.A.A.F.; (b) Amplifying Equipment - This is normally included in the hire of the meeting hall, and its cost is normally met also by the I.A.A.F.; (c) Interpreters - The Official languages of the Congress are English and French, and the cost of interpreters is borne by the I.A.A.F.; (d) Delegates' Agenda Folders: These will be furnished by the A.A.U. of A.; (e) Refreshments during Congress: There is no set practice. Sometimes the National Governing Body provides refreshments at interval times, or perhaps a luncheon on one of the days of the Congress.

The report was received.

Continental and World Cross-Country Championships: It was resolved to indicate, in reply to an enquiry by the I.A.A.F., that the Union is not in favour of instituting Continental and World Cross-Country Championships. It is felt that saturation point has already been reached in the matter of International commitments. So far as Australia is concerned, the Olympic Games plus other existing International Fixtures (especially the British Empire Games) impose a very heavy financial burden.

Electrical Time-Keeping: It was resolved to advise in reply to an I.A.A.F. enquiry, that we have no experience in Electrical Time-Keeping Systems that would provide a basis for any useful comment.

11. AMATEUR STATUS

Report of Sub-Committee on Amateur Status Laws: The Sub-Committee appointed at the Hobart Conference of 1951 to co-ordinate the Amateur Status Laws of the Union with those of the I.A.A.F. submitted its third report, the matters entrusted to it having been referred back by the 1952 Conference and again by the 1953 Conference for reconsideration. The President, reporting verbally for the Sub-Committee, said that there was very little in the Union's laws that conflicted with the I.A.A.F. rules. The A.A.U. laws have the merit of being much more explicit. He drew attention, however, to the fact that A.A.U. Laws 13(b), 13(e) and 14 make concessions not provided in the Rules of the I.A.A.F. The Sub-Committee now recommended that the Union's existing laws be not altered at this stage, but that advice concerning the concessions above referred to be sought from the I.A.A.F.

(End of First Session of the Conference)

Executive Report: On the basis of submissions by the Tasmanian A.A.A., D.R. Broadfield and J.K. Lane were granted reinstatement as amateurs with effect on January 6, 1954 and January 23, 1954 respectively. The report was adopted.

Proposals for Broken-Time Payments: The Conference discussed the following proposals for Broken-Time Payments which are to be considered at the 19th Congress of the I.A.A.F. at Berne in 1954:-

- (1) No athlete should be prevented by financial embarrassment arising from loss of earnings from accepting an invitation to represent his country in a genuine international match.
- (2) If an athlete who is in employment can after full investigation establish to the satisfaction of his national governing body that he will suffer financial embarrassment by reason of loss of earnings, that governing body shall have power to come to his aid.
- (3) Such aid shall in no case amount to more than the actual loss deemed to be suffered, or £x a day, whichever is the less, and must be strictly limited to the period occupied in travel and competition.
- (4) The total number of days in respect of which such payments may be made by the governing body shall be limited to 28 days in any one calendar year. (The Council of the I.A.A.F. may extend this period in the case of the Olympic Games,

- European Games and any similar fixtures which they may approve.)
- (5) Such payments as permitted by these rules shall only be made in the case of genuine international matches in which teams selected by national bodies concerned to represent their countries are engaged.
 - (6) Each national governing body shall send to the Secretary of the I.A.A.F. full details of any payments made under these rules.

It was resolved to oppose the proposals on the grounds (a) that they are impracticable, and (b) that, in any case, Amateur Athletic bodies in Australia have not the means to finance them.

Competing against Professional Athletes: It was resolved, on a motion moved by the South Australian A.A.A., to amend Law 13 of the Constitution of the Union by addition of the following sub-clause: "(h) Unknowingly competing against a professional in any athletic competition which is designated an amateur event."

Physical Education Teachers: It was moved successfully by the Tasmanian A.A.A. that Law 13(d) of the Constitution be amended by deleting the words "provided that this engagement includes scholastic duties at the same institution", and substituting therefor the words "provided that his work is solely educational and that he is not paid directly or indirectly for the coaching of athletes for competition; and that Law 13(g) be amended by deleting the following: "and his employment must not be solely in teaching athletics".

Reinstatement as Non-Competing Amateur: It was resolved, on a motion moved by the Tasmanian A.A.A., to add to the Constitution the following new Law 15(ca): "A person who, having lost his amateur standing, has not competed as a professional or violated the amateur rules for a period of at least five years may be reinstated as a non-competing amateur having all the privileges of an amateur except that of competing in athletic contests, provided always that any such person shall be excluded from taking part in any competitions or meetings under the jurisdiction of the Union. An application for reinstatement as a non-competing amateur, which has been passed by a three-fourths majority of a properly constituted meeting of a Constituent Association, may be referred to the Union which shall have power to reinstate, postpone, or reject such application on such terms as it thinks fit."

Gifts: The following motion, moved by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was lost: "That the Union propose to the I.A.A.F. the addition of the following Sub-Clause (x) to the Federation's Rules relating to the eligibility of athletes to compete under I.A.A.F. Rules": "Accepts a gift prompted by his athletic attainments exceeding the value of £12 sterling (or its equivalent in other currencies as at the 27th August, 1950) in the form of real estate, an automobile, household furniture or appurtenances, wearing apparel, jewellery and the like, unless with the express permission of his National Governing Body and of the I.A.A.F."

12. AUSTRALIAN RECORDS

Confirmation of Records: It was resolved to confirm as Australian Records in the categories indicated the following performances

which had already been provisionally adopted by the President and the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer:-

(a) Australian Open and Native Records:

Running:

- 100 Yards: 9.5s. by Hector D. Hogan (Queensland) on February 14, 1953 at University Oval, St. Lucia, Brisbane, Queensland.
- 1 Mile: 4m.02.2s. by John M. Landy (Victoria) on December 13, 1952 at Olympic Park, Victoria.
- 2 Miles: 9m.08.2s. by John M. Landy (Victoria) on November 18, 1952 at Malvern Cricket Ground, Victoria.
- 2 Miles: 9m.01.2s. by John M. Landy (Victoria) on February 4, 1953 at Kardinia Park, Geelong, Victoria
- 3 Miles: 13m.57.8s. by Leslie J. Perry (Victoria) on February 14, 1953 at Olympic Park, Victoria.
- 1,000 Metres: 2m.31.4s. by John M. Landy (Victoria) on December 16, 1952 at Malvern Cricket Ground, Victoria.
- 1,500 Metres: 3m.49.0s. by John M. Landy (Victoria) on December 16, 1952 at Malvern Cricket Ground, Victoria.
- 1,500 Metres: 3m.44.4s. by John M. Landy (Victoria) on January 3, 1953 at Olympic Park, Victoria.
- 2,000 Metres: 5m.23.6s. by John M. Landy (Victoria) on November 8, 1952 at Olympic Park, Victoria.
- 3,000 Metres: 8m.29.0s. by David J. Stephens (Victoria) on March 17, 1953 at Malvern Cricket Ground, Victoria.
- 5 000 Metres: 14m.35.4s. by Leslie J. Perry (Victoria) on April 6, 1953 at Bendigo Showgrounds, Victoria.

Walking:

- 7 Miles: 53m.46.6s. by Edward J. Allsopp (Victoria) on June 30, 1951 at Royal Agricultural Showgrounds, Victoria.
- 10 Miles: 1h.17m.06.8s. by Edward J. Allsopp (Victoria) on June 30, 1951 at Royal Agricultural Showgrounds, Victoria.
- 10 Kilometres: 45m.57.0s. by Edward J. Allsopp (Victoria) on June 16, 1951 at Royal Agricultural Showgrounds, Victoria.
- 15 Kilometres: 1h.11m.48.6s. by Edward J. Allsopp (Victoria) on June 30, 1951 at Royal Agricultural Showgrounds, Victoria.

Relay Running:

4 Miles: 17m.49.0s. by Western Suburbs A.A.C., New South Wales (J.H. Pierce, G.E. Thomas, K. Ollerenshaw, V.J. Plummer) on March 10, 1953 at E.S. Marks Athletic Field, New South Wales.

(b) Australian Native Records:Throwing:

Javelin Throw: 205 ft. 1 in. by James D. Achurch (Queensland) on January 10, 1953 at University Oval, St. Lucia, Brisbane, Queensland.

(c) Australian Junior Records:Running:

2 Miles: 9m.42.2s. by Leslie B. Wakefield (New South Wales) on February 21, 1953 at E.S. Marks Athletic Field, New South Wales.

Throwing:

Javelin Throw: 190 ft. 5 ins. by Robert J. Grant (Victoria) on November 22, 1952 at Olympic Park, Victoria.

Related Record Applications: The action of the President and the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer in rejecting the following Record Applications because of their submission to the Union more than six months after the date of the respective performances was confirmed:-

1 Hour Run: 10 Miles 1581²/₃ yards by G.C. Campbell (New South Wales) on August 30, 1952 (Submitted 23/7/1953)

440 Yds. Hurdles: 53.1s. by G.C. Goodacre (New South Wales) on January 10, 1953 (Submitted 23/7/53)

Hammer Throw: 174 ft. by T.L. Mullins (New South Wales) on November 8, 1952 (Submitted 21/10/53).

The offending Association (New South Wales) was severely reprimanded for its neglect but was authorised to re-submit the three performances to the Union for recognition as records, subject to payment of a fine of £1 in respect of each.

Mr. Hutton undertook to have submitted for consideration at next Conference a notice of motion to provide set penalties for defaults of this character.

Record Applications in Abeyance: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that an application for recognition of H.D. Hogan's time of 9.5s. for 100 yards on March 7, 1953 as an Australian Record had been received on July 23, 1953 from the A.A.A. of New South Wales but had been returned on July 29 to that body because the official form of the A.A.U. had not been used. The report was received.

It was further reported that application for recognition of J.L. Gallagher's (New South Wales) Shot Put of 50 ft. 9¹/₂ ins. on March 7, 1953 as an Australian Junior Record had been made by the A.A.A. of New South Wales on August 31, but had been held in

abeyance because of the unusual nature of the competition in which the record was made, namely, a novelty event with three competitors putting respectively with 16-lb, 12-lb and 8-lb weights. The Conference decided that the nature of the Competition ought not to preclude adoption of the record.

Junior Records: It was moved successfully by the Western Australian A.A.A. that Law 55 of the Constitution be amended by addition of the following: "Provided all the usual conditions have been complied with, it is not necessary for the applicant for an Australian Junior Record to be declared the winner of the particular event."

Open and National Records: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer moved that Law 56 of the Constitution be rescinded, and the following substituted therefor: "Where an Australian Record or an Australian Junior Record is held by an athlete not of Australian birth, the Union shall recognise as an Australian Native Record, or an Australian Native Junior Record as the case may be, the best performance by an athlete of Australian birth." This was not carried.

It was then resolved that Law 56 be rescinded and the following substituted: "Australian and Australian Junior Records shall be each of two classes, namely, Australian Open Records and Australian National Records. An Australian Open Record shall be a record established in Australia by any person, and an Australian National Record shall be a record established in Australia by an Australian-born athlete, by a British subject resident for a period of two years in Australia, by a naturalised Australian, or by an Australian aboriginal."

13. AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Championships Organisation Manual: An elaboration of the Championships Organisation Manual presented by Messrs. Pizzey and Tobias to the Brisbane Conference of 1952 was tabled. Messrs. Pizzey and Tobias were thanked for their very able work, and the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to circulate the Amended Draft Manual to Constituent Associations for perusal and comment. Comments received are to be passed in due course to Messrs. Pizzey and Tobias for incorporation, if thought fit, in the Manual.

Eligibility of Fighting Services Personnel: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer drew the attention of Conference to the fact that the addition made at the 1953 Conference to General Rule 1 ("An athlete serving in either the Australian Army, Navy or Air Force shall be considered to be within the jurisdiction of the Constituent Association with which he is registered") is not sufficiently specific in view of the fact that it is allowable for an athlete to be registered at a given time with more than one Constituent Association He was authorised to draft and to submit to Constituent Associations a suitable amendment to the Rule.

Executive Report: The action of the Executive in granting permission for Billy Larrekeyah, a Northern Territory aboriginal,

to compete as an individual at the Australian Track and Field Championships of 1954 in the javelin throw was endorsed.

Entries: On the motion of the Victorian A.A.A. it was resolved to amend General Rule 5 by adding, after the word "writing" in the first line, the words "on the official entry form of the Union", and by also adding, after the words "proposed date" in the third line, the words "of the first day".

14. LATE LODGMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION

At this stage Mr. Metcalfe sought leave to tender an explanation of the reasons for the lateness of the Conference Notices of Motion from the A.A.A. of New South Wales . . . Whilst recognising that the circumstances as given by Mr. Metcalfe were partly extenuating, the President felt obliged to rule that consideration of the New South Wales motions could not be permitted, and the Conference indicated its support of this view.

15. AUSTRALIAN TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP

Jury Report on 1952 Championships: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that he had not carried out the instruction of the 1953 Conference to refer back to the Jury Chairman his report on the 1952 Championships. He had discussed the matter at length with the President and it was felt that no useful purpose would be served by taking the action contemplated. The report was received.

Executive Report: The following actions of the Executive Committee in relation to the 1954 Championships were approved:

(a) Jury Appointments: Messrs. C.H. Morgan (South Australia), F.H. Pizzey (Victoria) and M.A. Belshore (Queensland); (b) Supporting Events: Junior 440 Yards Relay and Junior 1 Mile Medley Relay (approved); Javelin Throw for Accuracy and Gymnastic Display (refused).

Reports on 1953 Championships: The Reports of the Western Australian A.A.A. and of the Jury on the Track and Field Championships of 1953 were tabled and received. The Western Australia A.A.A. was commended for the excellence of its Report, both as to form and as to content.

Championships Roster: The Conference confirmed its previous allocations of the 1955 and 1956 Championships to Adelaide and Melbourne respectively.

Jury Personnel: It was moved successfully by the Victorian A.A.A. that Law 56 a(1) of the Constitution be amended by addition, at the end, of the following: "In the event of there being insufficient nominations at the date of closing of nominations, or if any person appointed is not available when required, the Executive Committee of the Union shall have power to fill such vacancies as still remain".

A notice of motion in similar terms by the Western Australian A.A.A. was withdrawn.

16. AUSTRALIAN CROSS COUNTRY, MARATHON AND WALKING
CHAMPIONSHIPS

Executive Report: Executive action in approving the holding of the 1953 10 Kilometres Track Walking and the Marathon Championships of Australia on August 22nd and September 26th respectively was endorsed.

Report on Championships: The reports of the A.A.A. of New South Wales on the conduct of the 1953 10 Kilometres Track Walking and the Marathon Championships of Australia were tabled and received.

Allocation of Future Championships: The following allocation of future Championships was agreed to:-

10,000 Metres Cross-Country, 1954:	Western Australia.
50,000 Metres Road Walk, 1954:	New South Wales
10,000 Metres Track Walk, 1955:	Queensland

Allocation of the 1955 Marathon Championship was deferred.

17. BRITISH EMPIRE RECORDS

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported as follows:

- (a) An Official List of British Empire Records as at January 1st, 1953 had been circulated to each Constituent Association;
- (b) After a long delay by the Victorian A.A.A., the required documentation of R.H. Weinberg's time of 14.0s. for 120 Yards Hurdles had been obtained, and the application had been forwarded in October, 1953 to the British Empire Records Secretary;
- (3) Application had been made for recognition of J.M. Landy's time of 4m.02.2s. for 1 Mile (17/12/52) and of Miss M. Jackson's time of 10.4s. for 100 Yards (8/3/52) as British Empire Records.

The report was received.

18. COMPETITION RULES

Official Titles of Certain Events: The Conference decided to suggest to the I.A.A.F. the correction of the Official Titles of certain events, such as 10 Kilometres instead of 10,000 Metres, and Javelin Throw instead of Javelin Throwing, but not Triple Jump in lieu of Hop, Step & Jump.

19. COLOURS BADGE AND COSTUME

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that if the 1954 Championships yield a satisfactory profit to the Union, the manufacture of the proposed Lapel Badge would be proceeded with.

20. TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS OF 1954

The A.A.A. of New South Wales sought the permission of Conference to include a Junior 1 Mile Scratch Race in the

programme of the Second Day of the 1954 Track and Field Championships. It was explained that the lateness of the application was due to the refusal of the Executive Committee to approve the holding of a Novelty Javelin Throw and a Gymnastic Display. Although the application did not conform to the requirements of General Rule 4, the Conference decided to grant the necessary permission.

(End of Second Session of the Conference)

21. UNION PUBLICATIONS

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was authorised (1) to issue a new edition of the Union's Handbook of Constitution Laws and General Rules; (2) to continue publication of the Union's Almanac of Records and Results; and (c) to publish the Minutes of the 1954 Conference in the usual booklet form.

22. FINANCE

Financial Statements for 1953: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer submitted an audited Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended December 31st, 1953, and an audited Balance Sheet as at December 31st, 1953. It was resolved that these be adopted. (The Statements referred are printed as an Appendix to these Minutes.)

Financial Budget for 1954: A Budget of Income and Expenditure for 1954 was submitted by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer. The Conference decided that provision for the following should be added to the Budgeted Expenditure:

(a) Rental of the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer's Telephone Service - £12; (b) Presentations to the Union's 1952 Olympics Sectional Manager (D.K. Donald) and to the Honorary Auditor (H.G. Carruthers) - £20. Following are the details:

<u>Income</u>	£	<u>Expenditure</u>	£
Affiliation Fees	25	Affiliation Fees	26
Registration Dues	276	Bank Charges	3
	£301	Cables	5
Deficiency	62	Duplicating, Printing & Stationery	75
		Entertainment Expenses	6
		General Expenses	30
		Honoraria	63
		Insurance	2
		Library	8
		Officers Expenses Reserve	75
		Postages & Telegrams	24
		Presentations	20
		Telephone	16
		Trophies	2
		Depreciation	8
	<u>£363</u>		<u>£363</u>

23. REPORTS OF CONSTITUENT ASSOCIATIONS

The Annual Reports for 1952-53 of each of the Constituent Associations were tabled and received.

24. NOTICES OF MOTION

Delegates to Union Conferences: It was moved successfully by the Western Australian A.A.A. that Law 36 of the Constitution be amended by deleting, after the word "Delegates" in line two, the words "having each one vote", and by adding the following: "who shall be a member or members of such Constituent Association".

Other notices of motion moved by Constituent Associations at the Conference are given in these Minutes under their appropriate subject headings.

25. TIME-TABLE OF 1954 CHAMPIONSHIPS

The A.A.A. of New South Wales sought leave at this stage to introduce a matter of urgency concerning the forthcoming Championships. Permission was asked to vary the published order and time of events on the First Day of the Championships. The variation so sought was occasioned by the expectation that His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh would arrive at the Sydney Cricket Ground somewhat later than was originally planned. The original and altered time-tables covering the events affected are given below:-

<u>Original</u>	<u>Altered</u>
5.45 p.m. 220 Yds. Hurdles	5.30 p.m. 1 Mile
5.55 p.m. 440 Yards	5.45 p.m. 220 Yds. Hurdles
6.00 p.m. 1 Mile	6.00 p.m. 440 Yards

The alteration was approved.

26. GENERAL BUSINESS

Distressed Competitor: In reply to a question by one of the Queensland Delegates, the President said that the I.A.A.F. had no rule whereby a distressed competitor could be ordered to retire from a race.

Accreditation of Athletes: The Western Australian A.A.A. drew attention to neglect by some Associations to observe the required accreditation formalities in respect of athletes transferring from one State to another.

27. OLYMPIC GAMES

Olympic Sectional Managers Recommendations: The recommendations of the Athletics Sectional Manager of the 1952 Olympic Team were referred by the Perth Conference of 1953 to the Union's Constitution Sub-Committee for study with a view to the submission of relevant notices of motion to the A.O.F. The Sub-

Committee reported that, though the redommendations were not lacking in constructive value, they could not be translated into Notices of Motion suitable for submission to the Federation.

Expenses of Olympic Games of 1956 Co-Ordinating Committee: It was resolved to ask the Olympic Games of 1956 Organising Committee to reimburse the Union for essential expenses incurred by its Co-Ordinating Committee. This expense is estimated not to exceed £20 in 1954. If this request is not acceded to, the Union will bear such expenses up to a limit of £20, in 1954.

Cost of Assembly of Officials for Olympic Games of 1956. The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that Mr. E.J. Holt had advised that the cost of assembly of officials for the Games in Melbourne will be borne by the Organising Committee.

Executive Report: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that the following Executive decisions had been taken during the year on Olympic matters:

(a) Rescission of the Motion of the Perth Conference opposing transfer of the venue of the athletics section of the Olympic Games of 1956 from the Carlton Cricket Ground to the Melbourne Cricket Ground, and approval of the Melbourne Cricket Ground as the venue for the conduct of the athletics section of the Games;

(b) Appointment of Messrs. L.B. Curnow and C.W.H. Grant as Arena Manager and Technical Manager respectively for the athletics section of the Olympic Games of 1956. The report was received, and the action taken confirmed.

Report of A.O.F. Delegates: The Report of the Union's Delegates to the A.O.F. (Messrs. L.B. Curnow and J.P. Metcalfe) was tabled and received. The main matters of direct interest to the Union arising therefrom were the following: (1) The re-election of Mr. H.R. Weir to the A.O.F. Executive Committee; (2) the appointment of a Committee, of which the personnel includes Messrs. Weir and Metcalfe, to consider the whole question of the selection and finance of Olympic Games Teams travelling overseas; (3) the abandonment of the practice of requiring Olympic Team members to sign an agreement to remain amateur for a specified period; and (4) the decision to recommend the inclusion of two women - one of whom is Miss D. Carter, the President of the A.W.A.A.U. - to the Olympic Games of 1956 Organising Committee. There was considerable discussion at the A.O.F. Meeting on the question of raising funds to help prepare Australian Teams for Olympic Competition, but no decision was reached.

Report of Olympic Games of 1956 Co-ordinating Committee: A report from the Union's Olympic Games Co-ordinating Committee (Messrs. L.B. Curnow (Chairman), S.A. Embling and C.W.H. Grant) outlining progress to date and making certain recommendations affecting the organisation and conduct of the Track and Field Section of the Games was tabled and received. It was resolved that the report be considered in camera . . . The Committee's progress report revealed:

(1) That a detailed layout of the Melbourne Cricket Ground had been prepared and submitted to the Union though the addition of extra rings for the shot put and discus throw was now recommended.

(2) That a full list of equipment, estimated to cost approximately £12,500, had been prepared and submitted to the Union. Of this equipment, the Committee recommended the early acquisition of certain items to the value of approximately £375 to enable officials to become familiar with its use.

(3) That a provisional chart showing the organisation and the officials required had been prepared, though this had not yet been sent to the Union.

(4) That attention was being given to the design of such items of equipment as judges stands, vaulting pole racks etc.

(5) That the sub-division of the dressing accommodation within the new Melbourne Cricket Ground Grandstand was receiving consideration. It is felt that very superior accommodation for both male and female competitors will be provided.

(6) That a provisional Time-table had been prepared and submitted through the Union to the I.A.A.F. It is thought that the latter body may recommend certain adjustments.

The action taken or to be taken as above indicated was approved in principle.

The question of the method of selection and appointment of officials was lengthily discussed. It was resolved: (a) That Officials be divided into Key Officials and other Officials, the first named Group to comprise (in addition the Arena Manager and the Technical Manager, who are already appointed) the following: Assistant Arena Manager, Referees of Jumping (2) Referees of Throwing (2), Referee of Track (1), and Assistant Referee of Track (1); (b) that the appointment of these Key Officials be entrusted to the Co-ordinating Committee; and (c) that the appointment of Other Officials be made by the Co-ordinating Committee after calling for recommendations from the Constituent Associations.

(End of Third Session of the Conference)

S E C O N D D A Y - F E B R U A R Y 1 2 t h

28. NOTICES OF MOTION BY A.A.A. OF N.S.W.

The President sought and was granted leave at this stage to suspend standing orders for the purpose of discussing whether the Notices of Motion submitted for the consideration of Conference by the A.A.A. of New South Wales, which has been previously declared out of order because of late submission, should be debated. He felt that his remarks in his Presidential Address may have prejudiced the position of the A.A.A. of New South Wales in relation to these notices of motion. On the other hand, the breaking of one rule led almost inevitably to the breaking of others. Although Mr. Metcalfe, whose great service to Amateur Athletics was well-known, had sought to assume personal responsibility for the lateness of the N.S.W. submissions, the technical responsibility rested not upon Mr. Metcalfe but upon his Association. The Conference should consider whether, in refusing to hear the motions in question it was acting in the real interests of the Union and of the sport.

The Conference, after further discussion, resolved to adhere to its previous decision that the N.S.W. Motions be not heard.

29. OLYMPIC GAMES

Report of Olympic Games of 1956 Co-ordinating Committee (continued): It was directed that the names of the persons suggested in the Co-ordinating Committee's Report for appointment as Key Officials be withdrawn.

The following further decisions arising from the Committee's Report were made:-

- (1) Accommodation of Officials: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to make application to the Director of Technical Organisation for reserved accommodation for 100 Officials from other States.
- (2) Assembly of Officials: The proposal was approved in principle that any person selected as an official must give an undertaking that, if so requested, he will be prepared to arrive in Melbourne 10 days before the opening ceremony.
- (3) Additional Co-ordinating Committee Members: The action of the Committee in co-opting Messrs. F.H. Pizzey and T.B. Dodds as additional members was approved.
- (4) Training Grounds: It was resolved that application be made by the Union to have the following areas reserved as Track and Field Training Grounds: (a) At the Olympic Village - one ground with cinder tracks and jumping facilities, and one ground for throwing events; (b) At Warringal Park (2 miles from the Olympic Village) - one ground with cinder tracks and jumping facilities, and at Heidelberg Park (200 yards from Warringal Park) - one ground for throwing events; (c) At Royal Park ($\frac{1}{4}$ Mile from the Women's Olympic Village at the University of Melbourne) - one ground for women athletes with cinder tracks and field event facilities; and (d) Olympic Park (about $8\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the Olympic Village and $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles from the University of Melbourne). Because of the intention to stage Olympic Soccer Matches here, the value of the ground for athletics training may be prejudiced. Field event training could not take place, nor could the inner two lanes of the circular track be used, as parts thereof must be turfed for Soccer purposes.
- (5) Qualifying Standards: The action taken in submitting to the I.A.A.F. through the Union suggested revised qualifying standards for the field events and a qualifying standard for the decathlon was approved.
- (6) Torch Relay: The Conference approved the suggestion that a short tryout be held in July 1955 by the Victorian A.A.A. in conjunction with the Technical Director to test organisation, torches and fuel for the Torch Relay.
- (7) Visiting Athletes and Officials: The Committee was authorised to appoint such sub-committees as may be necessary to deal effectively with the reception, farewell and entertainment of visiting

athletes and officials.

(8) I.A.A.F. Congress - Melbourne: The President and Honorary Secretary-Treasurer were authorised to have prepared suitable commemorative folders for Officers and Delegates attending the I.A.A.F. Congress in Melbourne in 1956.

(9) Progress Report to I.A.A.F. Council: The Committee was asked to prepare a progress report on the organisation of the Track and Field Section of the Games, such report to be submitted to the President and Honorary Secretary-Treasurer before forwarding to the I.A.A.F.

(10) Organisational Tryout: The recommendation of the Committee that a full-scale tryout for officials and communications be held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Saturday, November 17, 1956 was approved. (It will not be possible, however, to hold an athletic meeting on the arena on this date).

(11) Training Grounds Supervisor: In accordance with a recommendation of the Committee, Mr. F.S. Tobias was appointed Training Grounds Supervisor with authority to himself select three assistants in due course.

(12) Result Sheets: It was resolved to leave the preparation of result sheets etc. for timekeepers, judges, etc. in the hands of the Committee.

(13) Arena Daily Direction Charts: The Committee's intention to produce Arena Daily Direction Charts after the fashion of those used at the Los Angeles Games of 1932 was approved.

It was resolved at this stage to record in these Minutes the Union's deep appreciation of the splendid planning work carried out by the Co-ordinating Committee.

Report of Olympic Games of 1956 Officials Sub-Committee:

The report of Mr. F.S. Tobias, convener of the Olympic Games of 1956 Officials Sub-Committee appointed at the Brisbane Conference of 1952, was tabled and received. The report indicated that little progress had been made, and in tendering his resignation as Convener, Mr. Tobias pointed out that the Sub-Committee was badly constituted, and recommended that a Sub-Committee of three members from one Constituent Association be appointed. This recommendation was adopted, and the Western Australian A.A.A. was asked to accept the responsibility indicated. It was resolved further to request Constituent Associations to each appoint an Advisory Representative, the Western Australian Sub-Committee to be informed of the name and address of each such appointee. It was decided to re-name the committee the Olympic Games of 1956 Officials' Instructional Sub-Committee.

The Conference resolved to record a vote of thanks to Mr. Tobias for his work as Convener of the Sub-Committee and for his constructive report.

Olympic Games of 1956 Development Committee: The Committee appointed at the Perth Conference of 1953 to investigate and recommend upon the coaching of Australian athletes for the

Olympic Games of 1956 reported that a national coaching scheme at this juncture was considered impossible. The only realistic approach was the development of independent coaching schemes in the individual States. The report was received, and Messrs. J.P. Metcalfe and W.R. McKensie were thanked for the thought which they had given to the matter.

Olympic Games of 1956 Torch Relay: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that, at the request of Mr. E.J. Holt and after consultation with the President of the Union, he had indicated to the first named that the Union agreed that, in order to obviate delays, there should be direct communication both ways between the Organising Committee and the State Associations of Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria in matters concerning the proposed Torch Relay from Cairns to Melbourne. This action was endorsed.

British Empire v U.S.A. 1956: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that the Secretaries of the British Amateur Athletic Board and of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States had each replied favourably to the suggestion that the customary British Empire v. U.S.A. match be held in Sydney immediately after the Olympic Games of 1956. There was as yet no final decision, however, to so hold the match. The report was received, and it was resolved to inform the A.A.A. of New South Wales that it would be necessary to provide a suitable ground in Sydney for the match.

30. BRITISH EMPIRE AND COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Executive Report: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that the following Executive decisions had been taken during the year on British Empire Games matters: (1) Appointment of Mr. C.H. Gardiner (Victoria) to replace Mr. A.J. Hodsdon (New South Wales) as a member of the Selection Committee; (2) Decision to hold a British Empire Games Marathon Trial on April 24th, 1954, the venue of such trial to be determined by Conference ... The report was received and it was decided that the Marathon Trial would be held at Sydney.

Report of Delegates to A.B.E. & C.G.A.: Messrs. L.B. Curnow and J.P. Metcalfe, deputising for the Union's elected delegates, Messrs. A.J. Hodsdon and D.C. Rapley, had attended a meeting of the A.B.E. & C.G. Association held in Melbourne on November 7th, 1953. They reported as follows:-

(1) Funds for financing the Australian Team to the British Empire Games at Vancouver in August 1954 will be derived from: (a) a Canadian Organising Committee subsidy; (b) an anticipated Commonwealth Government grant; and (c) the proceeds of Public Appeals in the various States. The receipts are expected to total £14,200, and 10/38 (£3,816) of this amount will be allocated to Athletics (Men and Women). The estimated cost is £572 per athlete.

(2) Team Officials will comprise a General Manager, an Assistant Manager, a Manageress, and Sectional Managers for the individual sports. The first three will be financed from A.B.E.G.A. funds, but the financing of Sectional Managers is the responsibility of the individual Unions.

(3) Nominations for the Team Officials (General Manager, Assistant Manager, and Manageress) will close on March 15th, 1954. They will be submitted to Constituent Unions for decision. Nominations for the Team will close on April 30th, 1954.

(4) Team Fidelity Bonds will not be required.

A.B.E.G.A. Chairman's Letter: A letter dated January 8th, 1954 from the Chairman of the A.B.E.G.A., Mr. H.G. Alderson, advocating the appointment of Mr. J.S.W. Eve as General Manager of the team was tabled. The following resolution was carried unanimously: "This Conference feels that, in view of the responsible position occupied by him and of the necessity for a Chairman to be completely impartial, it was indiscreet to have written the letter referred to."

Report of Selectors: The Union's Selection Committee (Messrs. D.K. Donald, C.H. Gardiner and J.P. Metcalfe) advised having fixed the following standards to govern selection to the team for Vancouver:-

100 Yards	9.6s.	440 Yards Hurdles	52.9s.
220 Yards	21.3s.	Broad Jump	24ft. 3ins.
440 Yards	48.0s.	Hop, Step & Jump	49ft. 6ins.
880 Yards	1m. 52.8s.	High Jump	6ft. 4ins.
1 Mile	4m. 10.0s.	Pole Vault	13ft. 3ins.
3 Miles	13m. 58.0s.	Shot Put	49ft. 6ins.
6 Miles	29m. 40.0s.	Discus Throw	155ft. 0ins.
Marathon	2h. 30m. 00.0s.	Javelin Throw	210ft. 0ins.
120 Yds. Hurdles	14.4s.	Hammer Throw	170ft. 0ins.

In issuing these standards, the Selectors had stated that they were to be taken as an indication only of the type of performance that would be considered, and they had reserved the right to consider a performance outside the relevant standard. Moreover, achievement of a standard performance would not mean automatic selection . . . The report was received.

A letter from the Australian Women's A.A.U. setting out its Selection Standards was tabled. It was resolved that same be referred for endorsement to the Union's Selection Committee.

Appointment of Athletics Sectional Manager: It was resolved that an Athletics Sectional Manager accompany the team to Vancouver . . . Nominations for the position had been invited from Constituent Associations. After an exhaustive ballot, Mr. F.T. Treacy (W.A.) was elected. The other nominees were Messrs. F.E. Andrews (N.S.W.), S.A. Embling (Victoria) and R.E. Graham (S.A.).

Nominations for Team Officials: Constituent Associations had been invited to submit nominations for the positions of General Manager and Assistant Manager to the Australian Team. Messrs. H.G. Carruthers (N.S.W.) and J.X. O'Driscoll (Victoria) had been nominated for the General Managership and Messrs. R.C. Corish (N.S.W.), S.A. Embling (Victoria), R.E. Graham (S.A.) and F.T. Treacy (W.A.), for the Assistant Managership. It was resolved, on the President's casting vote, to nominate Mr. O'Driscoll for the position of General Manager, Mr. Treacy

withdrew his nomination, and it was decided by exhaustive ballot to nominate Mr. S.A. Embling for the position of Assistant Manager.

The Conference resolved that the Union would support the nominee of the Australian Women's A.A.U. for the position of Manageress.

(End of Fourth Session of the Conference)

Selection of Team: It was resolved: (1) that the Selection Committee be instructed to select one team comprising both men and women athletes; and (2) that Australian athletes at present overseas shall be eligible for selection.

Walking Event: It was moved successfully by the Victorian A.A.A. that the Union submit a recommendation to the British Empire Games Federation that a Distance Walking event be included in the programme of future British Empire Games . . . It was decided to recommend that the distance be 30 Miles.

A.W.A.A.U. Selection Standards: The Selection Committee advised having examined the Selection Standards issued by the Australian Women's A.A.U., and recommended that they be noted.

Finance for Sectional Manager: It was resolved to meet the cost of the Union's Sectional Manager for Vancouver by the imposition of a levy of 2/- per head of estimated registrations for 1953-54. This would provide £552 of the required amount of £572. The Western Australian A.A.A. undertook to meet the deficiency.

31. HONORARIA

The Conference instructed that appreciation be recorded in these Minutes of the service rendered throughout the year to the Union by the Honorary Typist 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.

32. ELECTION OF OFFICERS DELEGATES AND COMMITTEES

Officers: Messrs. H.R. Weir (New South Wales) and A.J. Hodsdon (New South Wales) were re-elected unopposed to the offices of President and Honorary Secretary-Treasurer respectively. Messrs. C.R. Aitken (South Australia) and N.G. Hutton (Tasmania) were nominated for the office of Vice-President. Mr. Aitken was elected.

Delegates: Messrs. L.B. Curnow (Victoria) and J.P. Metcalfe (New South Wales) were re-elected Delegates to the Australian Olympic Federation, and Messrs. A.J. Hodsdon (New South Wales) and D.C. Rapley (Western Australia) were re-appointed Delegates to the Australian British Empire and Commonwealth Games Association.

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. D.K. Donald, C.H. Gardiner and J.P. Metcalfe;
- (3) Olympic Games of 1956 Co-Ordinating Committee: Messrs. L.B. Curnow (Chairman), S.A. Embling, C.W.H. Grant, T.B. Dodds and F.H. Pizzey.

33. 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 to the Union.

34. ADDITIONAL CHEQUE SIGNATORY

The authority of Mr. J.P. Metcalfe to act as cheque signatory in the absence of either the President or the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was renewed.

35. FIXING OF HEADQUARTERS

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

36. APPRECIATION

A vote of appreciation was moved to the President for the able and impartial manner in which the business of the Conference had been conducted.

Votes of thanks were passed to the A.A.A. of New South Wales for its excellent Conference arrangements and for its hospitality to the visiting Delegates, and to the Principal of Wesley College for the provision of a meeting room.

37. CLOSURE

The President in closing the Conference thanked the Delegates for their concentration and for the cordial manner in which the matters under discussion had been debated.

ARTHUR J. HODSDON

Honorary Secretary-Treasurer

THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1953

	Expenditure		Income	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Affiliation Fees:				
International Amateur Athletic Federation	18	16	79	0
Australian Olympic Federation	2	2	18	7
Australian British Empire Games Assn.	5	5	14	14
Almanac			7	13
Bank Charges			130	8
Cables			25	15
Depreciation			275	17
Duplicating, Printing & Stationery:				
Minutes of 1953 Conference	30	0		
Sundries	44	5		
Entertainment Expenses:				
Dinner to President	13	12		
Sundries	5	6		
General Expenses:				
Publications-Complimentary Issues	7	1		
Almanac-Complimentary Issues	13	19		
Sundries	8	7		
Honoraria:				
Typiste	12	12		
Hon. Secretary-Treasurer	50	0		
Insurance			62	12
Library			1	5
Postages and Telegrams			4	18
Telephone - Local & Trunk Calls			22	9
Trophies - Record Certificates			2	15
Surplus for year transferred to Accumulated Fund			1	15
	310	2	310	2
	£608	13	£608	13
			4	4

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Affiliation Fees of Constituent Associations	25	4		
Registration Dues of Constituent Associations:				
A.A.A. of New South Wales	79	0		
Queensland A.A.A.	18	7		
South Australian A.A.A.	14	14		
Tasmanian A.A.A.	7	13		
Victorian A.A.A.	130	8		
Western Australian A.A.A.	25	15		
Profits (25%) of Australian Track and Field Championships 1953			233	19
Almanac Sales			32	0
Sundry Receipts			41	13
			275	17
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THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA
BALANCE SHEET as at the 31st December, 1953

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Affiliation Fees Prepaid		6	6
Officers' Expenses Fund:			
Balance as at January 1, 1953	107	2	7
Transfer from Accumulated Fund	75	0	0
	182	2	7
Less Perth Conference Expenses	180	1	0
Sundry Creditors		2	1
Accumulated Funds		7	6
Balance as at January 1, 1953	477	16	4
Transfer to Officers' Expenses Fund	75	0	0
	402	16	4
Plus surplus for year as per Income & Expenditure Account	310	2	2
		712	18
		£721	13
			7
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash - In Hand		27	18
Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia	291	19	5
Debtors - Australian Women's A.A.U.			319
Accruals - Registration Dues			1
Stocks - Certificates	7	9	0
Medallions	29	14	0
Medallion Cases	12	3	5
Publications	18	16	10
Stationery	35	18	8
Equipment Blocks - Certificates	20	0	0
Dies - Medallion	15	0	0
Typewriter	10	10	0
		45	10
		£721	13
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A. J. HODSDON, Hon. 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 Income and Expenditure Account correctly set out the financial position of the Union as at the 31st December, 1953.

H. G. CARRUTHERS, F.A.S.A.

Hon. Auditor