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**THE  
AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION  
OF AUSTRALIA**

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**CONSTITUENT ASSOCIATIONS:**

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

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

of the

**Thirtieth Conference  
of the Union**

held at

**BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND**

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**MARCH 13th and 14th, 1958**

**A. J. HODSDON,**

**Honorary Secretary-Treasurer**

THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNION

held at

LENNONS HOTEL, GEORGE STREET, BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND

on

MARCH 13th and 14th, 1958

FIRST SESSION - THURSDAY, MARCH 13th, 9.45 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.  
SECOND SESSION- THURSDAY, MARCH 13th, 2.00 p.m. to 5.45 p.m.  
THIRD SESSION - FRIDAY, MARCH 14th, 9.15 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.  
FOURTH SESSION - FRIDAY, MARCH 14th, 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

F I R S T        D A Y        -        M A R C H        13th

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 - C.R. Aitken; Vice-President - N.G. Hutton; Honorary-Secretary-Treasurer - A.J.Hodsdon.

Delegates: A.A.A. of New South Wales - G.C. Marshall, G. Soper; Queensland A.A.A. - J.B. Barlow, A.G. Booth; South Australian A.A.A. - R.E. Graham, D.V. Selth; Tasmanian A.A.A., N.G. Hutton; Victorian A.A.A., S.A. Embling, C.H. Gardiner; Western Australia, D.C. Rapley, F.T. Treacy.

A telegram from the Union's only Life Member and its immediate Past President, Mr. H.R. Weir, O.B.E., was read conveying to those assembled his warmest regards and his best wishes for a successful Conference, and regretting his inability to be present.

3. ADMISSION OF PRESS  
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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 submitting for approval any statement on highly controversial issues.

4. OBITUARY  
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The Conference stood in silence in memory of the late Basil J. Parkinson, a foundation member of the Victorian A.A.A. and its Honorary Secretary from 1891 to 1896, and of the late Rembert A. Guyot, the Track and Field Manager of the Australian Olympic Team of 1956.

5. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS  
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The President addressed the Conference in the following terms:-

"It is my privilege to welcome all of you to this, the 30th Conference of the Union, and particularly do I welcome Mr. Booth who is attending a Union Conference for the first time.

"During Mr. Weir's long term as President, he witnessed the evolution of thinking by this body, and I know that he was very delighted that Delegates over the last few years have developed an Australian attitude towards our sport. This has not always been easy. You are all State representatives and in many instances come with directions from your State Councils, but I am confident that the broad view, so evident last year, will again prevail this year.

"You will see, as the Conference progresses, that notable strides have been made during the year. From a Union angle, not the least pleasing advance has been the growth in memberships. In respect of membership, I am impressed by a movement emanating from Victoria. I understand that Metropolitan Clubs are asked to adopt a club in a country district. I commend this move to all States, as, in addition to spreading the precepts of our sport to the country and so increasing memberships, it is a major blow at professionalism.

"At a recent Conference which the Prime Minister of Australia granted to me he emphasised that our job was to bring more and more young people into participation in Amateur Sport. I took the opportunity to explain that the Government could help in this regard by assisting in the provision of adequate facilities.

"The proper use of leisure is a growing problem in our community. Automation is already with us, and it is inevitable that the ever-increasing use of modern technology will ultimately increase the problem of how best to use leisure time. One need not be a soothsayer to predict a four-day week in the foreseeable future, and we must gear for that time. The provision of first class tracks and facilities must be our constant aim.

"During the year I approached the Federal Government to obtain grants for the construction of cinder tracks in all States. After protracted correspondence, I begged for half-cost, but on the ground that grants to one sport would set a precedent, Cabinet rejected the appeal.

"The gratifying feature is that our submission was not dismissed out of hand, but was obviously the subject of a great deal of discussion in Canberra. You may be sure that we shall follow the matter up at the earliest appropriate moment.

"We are rather proud to report that, following a resolution at our last Union Conference, we made representations to the Federal Government to sponsor Goodwill Tours to Asian countries. This, you now know, was successful, even though the Government decided to place the organisation of the tours in the hands of the Australian Olympic Federation. We feel that we could have handled the project better, but you will agree that the purpose behind the proposal was achieved."

#### 6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 29th CONFERENCE

Subject to the correction of the name "G. Jarva" to "L. Jarver" on Page 33 under the sub-head of National Coaching Scheme, it was resolved that the Minutes of the 29th Conference, held at Melbourne on March 7th and 8th 1957, be confirmed as a true record.

#### 7. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 29th CONFERENCE

Australian Schools Championships (Page 27):

Victoria and Western Australia each reported that Australian Schools Championships were not favoured by the school authorities in their States. The South Australian Delegates advised that their Association was considering sponsoring Australian Schools Championships at Adelaide as a regular feature of an Australia Day Meeting. The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was directed to bring the matter forward at next Conference for further discussion.

H.R. Weir's Life Membership (Page 28): The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that he had had an A.A.U. Life Membership Badge struck for Mr. Weir. This action was endorsed, and it was left to the President and the Hon. Secretary to make suitable arrangements for presentation of the badge to Mr. Weir.

Investigations and Appeals (Page 28): It was reported that the New South Wales, Queensland, South Australian and Victorian Associations had each adopted the Rules of Procedure in relation to Investigations as set out in the Minutes of the 29th Conference. Tasmania and Western Australia advised that similar steps would be taken in the near future in their respective cases.

Other matters arising from the Minutes of the 29th Conference are referred to in these Minutes under the appropriate headings.

#### 8. EXECUTIVE REPORT

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that fifteen Executive Mail Votes had been conducted since the 1957 Conference. These had been reported in full to Constituent Associations.

Matters arising from these Mail Votes are dealt with in these Minutes under the following headings: (14) Australian Championships; and (17) International Tours.

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that Executive Members had been generally attentive during the year in the matter of returning Mail Vote, Ballot Papers by due date. Four of Mr. Hutton's votes were not received.

#### 9. REPORT ON REGISTRATIONS

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer submitted the following statement of actual registrations for the

period of 9 months ended December 31st, 1957 and estimated additional registrations for the period of 3 months ending March 31st, 1958:-

	<u>N.S.W.</u>	<u>Q'LD</u>	<u>S.A.</u>	<u>TAS.</u>	<u>VIC.</u>	<u>W.A.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
9 Months to 31/12/57 (Actual)	1576	719	350	164	3905	582	7296
3 Months to 31/3/58 (Estimated)	150	60	40	40	250	75	615
Totals	<u>1726</u>	<u>779</u>	<u>390</u>	<u>204</u>	<u>4155</u>	<u>657</u>	<u>7911</u>
Percentages	<u>21.8</u>	<u>9.9</u>	<u>4.9</u>	<u>2.6</u>	<u>52.5</u>	<u>8.3</u>	<u>100.0</u>

The report was adopted.

(Note: The Actual Total Registrations for each State for 1957-58, and for each of the preceding 10 years, are printed as an Appendix to these Minutes.)

#### 10. INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR ATHLETIC FEDERATION

##### Matters from Minutes of 29th Conference:

It was reported:- (a) that I.A.A.F. proposals to limit the number of competitors in Track and Field Events at future Olympic Games were still unfinalised; and (b) that, in view of approaches made during the year to the Commonwealth Government on matters referred to in the President's address to Conference, it had been felt inappropriate, at this stage, to seek Government financial assistance to enable the Union to be represented at I.A.A.F. Congresses between the Olympic Games.

A motion by the Victorian A.A.A. that the Union press for the election of one member from Southern Hemisphere countries to the I.A.A.F. Walking Commission was allowed to lapse when the President drew attention to the difficulty of such a member attending meetings of the Commission.

I.A.A.F. 21st Congress, Stockholm, 1958: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was directed to submit to the I.A.A.F. for consideration at its 21st Congress, to be held at Stockholm, Sweden on August 21, 25 and 26, 1958, any matters which might be resolved by this Conference.

The matter of the appointment of a Delegate or Delegates to the Stockholm Congress was deferred for

consideration later in the Conference in conjunction with the Honorary Treasurer's Financial Statements and Budget.

#### 11. AMATEUR STATUS

Promulgation of Amateur Status Laws: Delegates reported upon the steps taken by their Associations to implement a resolution of the 29th Conference (see Minutes, Page 7) designed to acquaint amateur athletes with the requirements of the laws and rules of Amateur Status. It was agreed that Associations could do little beyond keeping their clubs well informed. The President remarked that South Australia and Victoria each had a useful rule, requiring that the full text of the Union's Amateur Status Laws be displayed in Club Rooms.

Patricia Duggan and Merle Ware:- The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that the circumstances attending the appearance of the name of Queensland woman athlete, Patricia Duggan in an orchestra advertisement had been investigated, and the athlete exonerated....In another Queensland case, Merle Ware, after having raced professionally as a cyclist, sought reinstatement in order to become an amateur athlete. This had been approved upon receipt of advice from the Amateur Cycling Union of Australia that Miss Ware had been re-admitted to amateur cycling ranks...Conference endorsed the action taken in each case.

Athletic Events at Surf Carnivals: A letter was tabled from the International Council of Surf Life Saving advising that that body had approached the I.A.A.F. seeking complete exemption of the members of the Surf Body from all amateur regulations. It was decided to consider this communication in conjunction with a notice of motion by the A.A.A. of New South Wales seeking to amend Law 14 (a) of the Union so as to permit amateur athletes to compete in beach athletic events without prejudice to their amateur status. A suggestion by the President that the introduction of an entirely new Law 14 (ba) was preferable to alteration of Law 14 (a) was adopted. After further discussion it was resolved to defer the whole matter until the I.A.A.F. decision is known. If consistent with the I.A.A.F. decision, the following proposed Law 14 (ba) will be submitted to Constituent Associations in the form of a Mail Vote: "Competing with or against professionals in events conducted by Constituent bodies of the International Council of Surf Life Saving, or by

the Royal Life Saving Society, on sandy and ungressed beaches for which money prizes are not offered."

Exceptions - Basketball: It was moved by the Tasmanian A.A.A. that Law 14 (a) be amended by addition of the word "basketball" after the word "baseball". The President indicated to the Conference that the proposal was entirely inconsistent with the policy of the Amateur Basketball Union of Australia. Despite this warning the motion was carried.

Infringement - "Services": It was moved unsuccessfully by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer that the Union propose to the I.A.A.F. that there be added to Rule 3 (vii) of the Rules relating to the eligibility of athletes the word "services" after "apparatus" in the second line, and the words "apparatus or services" after the word "good" in the penultimate line.

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Infringement - Outside Organisers: It was resolved, on a motion by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, to propose to the I.A.A.F. that the following new Sub-Section (X) be added to the Rules relating to the Eligibility of Athletes: "(Any person who since reaching the age of 16): (X) has taken part in an athletic meeting conducted by an organiser other than a recognised amateur athletic body controlling amateur athletics in the country in which the said athletic meeting has been held (shall be ineligible to take part in competitions under I.A.A.F. Rules)".

Mr. C.L. Cotton: The Conference decided that it was contrary to established Union policy to allow Mr. C.L. Cotton to address the Delegates upon a series of motions framed by him, embodied in the business paper, and proposed formally by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer.

The motions in question were framed in most instances as proposed amendments to the Competition Rules of the I.A.A.F. Because of the complexity of many of them, and because some Delegates felt that Mr. Cotton's submissions should have been made, in the first instance, preferably to the Constituent Association of which he was a member, it was indicated by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer that, as the various motions came up for consideration, he would - in order to facilitate the progress of the Conference, and unless there were good reasons for not so doing - seek leave to withdraw each motion.

Exceptions: It was resolved, on a motion by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, to amend Law 14 (e) of the Union by deleting "motor-cycling", and by adding "horse riding, pistol shooting" after "gymnastics."



12. COMPETITION RULES

Matters from Minutes of 29th Conference: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that the matters of (a) Records made in Outer Lanes and (b) the President's ruling on the Disqualification of G.V. Bromhead had been referred to the I.A.A.F., which had not yet replied.

Special High Jump Shoes: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that the I.A.A.F. had not yet delivered a definitive ruling on the permissibility of "built-up" high jump shoes.

Throwing Events - Use of "Preparations": Arising from the action of the Jury at the Olympic Games of 1956 in directing officials not to allow competitors to apply any preparations to their hands or to the field implements, it was resolved, on a motion by the Western Australian A.A.A. to seek direction in the matter from the I.A.A.F.

World Records - Dimension of Tracks: It was resolved, on a motion by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, to propose to the I.A.A.F. that the second paragraph of Rule 24-4 (c) be deleted and the following substituted: "For walking records the track must be of a minimum circumference of 350 metres".

Australian Records - Dimension of Tracks: It was successfully moved by the Victorian A.A.A. that the following new General Rule 48 be added to the General Rules of the Union: "I.A.A.F. Rule 24(4) is modified for Australian and State Records, and walking records made in Australia on tracks from 300 Metres to 800 metres will be recognised by the Union".

World Records - Intermediate Distances: It was unsuccessfully moved by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer that the Union propose to the I.A.A.F. the deletion of the following from Rule 24-4 (c): "but it is not permissible for an athlete to be credited with a record at a shorter distance if he did not finish the race over the full distance for which the race had been fixed."

World Records - Pacing: It was resolved to adopt a motion by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer that the Union propose to the I.A.A.F. that Rule 24-4 (f) be amended by deletion of the following: "In deciding whether the competition was a bona-fide one, the I.A.A.F. will consider whether the claimant was unfairly assisted towards the time accomplished by pacing from another competitor apparently designed to assist him to achieve a record".

World Records - Wind Measurement: The following motion, framed by Mr. Cotton and moved by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was lost:

That the Union propose to the I.A.A.F. the deletion of the present Rule 24-4 (g), and substitution of the following: "(g) If the record is for an event on a straight course or for the long jump, hop, step and jump, pole vault or javelin throw, the athlete is considered to have had assistance if there was any detectable following wind subtending an angle of less than  $75^{\circ}$  with the direction of motion. A standard type direction vane approved by the I.A.A.F. should be used for this purpose. One instrument will suffice only when the ground is open and not subject to eddies and when the event is not greater than 110 metres. Two such instruments are to be used under all other circumstances. Where one instrument is used, it should be placed half-way from start to finish of the event preferably about 6 metres to that side of the track from which the wind is blowing and approximately 2 feet above ground level. The reading should be taken for the duration of the race.

"Where two instruments are used, they should be placed respectively one-quarter and three-quarters way from start to finish of the event, preferably one metre to that side of the track from which the wind is blowing and approximately 2 feet above ground level. Each instrument is read for its respective half of the event. If the event is one greater than 110 metres, the instruments should be placed 6 metres to the side of the track.

"In events up to 220 yards on curved tracks the instrument nearer to the start should be placed on the inside of the curve and directed tangentially to the centre of the curve; that is at right angles to the instrument recording wind direction along the straight. Otherwise wind recordings are observed in similar fashion to straight events.

"Where two instruments are used, both must record assistance to rule out a record."

The Finish - Use of Worsted: It was resolved, on a motion by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, to propose that the present Rule 27-9 be replaced by the following: "Unless, in the opinion of the Chief Judge, it is undesirable because of the direction and velocity of the wind, worsted shall be stretched across the track between the finish posts 1.22 metres (4 feet) above the ground and fastened to the posts for the purpose of assisting the Referee and Judges on placing the competitors. It shall be immediately above the edge of the finish line which is nearer to the start."

Jumping Events and Javelin Throw - Runways:

The following motions, framed by Mr. T.B. Dodds and moved by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer were lost:

That the Union propose to the I.A.A.F. that Rule 34-2 be deleted and the following substituted:  
"2. In jumping events the length of the runway provided in each case shall conform to the following measurements:

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
High Jump )	15 Metres	18 Metres
Long Jump )		
Hop, Step & Jump)	40 Metres	45 Metres
Pole Vault )		

No competitor shall be permitted to make a run-up in excess of the maximum length of runway authorised for his event".

That the Union propose to the I.A.A.F. that Rule 41-1 be amended by deletion of the first sentence and substitution of the following: "The runway shall be 30 metres (98 feet 6 inches) in length, and shall be marked by two parallel lines 5 centimetres (2 inches) in width and 4 metres (13 feet 1½ inches) apart."

Throwing Events - Use of Adhesive Substances: The following motion, framed by Mr. T.B. Dodds and moved by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, was adopted:

That the Union propose to the I.A.A.F. that Rule 40-9 be amended by addition of the following:  
"The application of resin or any similar adhesive substance to any throwing implement by a competitor shall not be permitted."

Putting the Shot: It was decided to refer to the Coaching Co-ordinating Committee for report and advice, the following re-draft of I.A.A.F. Competition Rule 43-2;

That the Union propose to the I.A.A.F. that the present Rule 43-2 be replaced by the following:  
"2. The Shot shall be put from the front of the shoulder with one hand only. When the competitor takes his stand in the circle preparatory to the action of the put, he shall hold the shot so that the implement lies wholly between the vertical centre line of the neck and the point of the shoulder, and generally along the line of the collar-bone on the putting arm side. No part of the shot shall be behind the line of the back of the neck. The putting hand and the shot shall not be moved appreciably from the position relative to the body taken up at the commencement of the action until the final delivery move is made."

Olympic Games & Timekeepers: It was resolved, on a motion by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, to propose to the I.A.A.F. that the present Olympic Games Rule 9-7 be replaced by the following: "The timekeepers shall take their place by gradation in extension to the finish line on the other side of the track to the Judges at least 2 metres and preferably 6 metres from the nearer finishing post."

(End of First Session of the Conference)

### 13. AUSTRALIAN RECORDS

Confirmation of Records: It was resolved to confirm as Australian Records in the categories indicated the following performances which had already been adopted provisionally by the President and the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer:-

#### (a) AUSTRALIAN OPEN RECORDS

##### RUNNING:

220 Yards	21.0	R.J. Morrow	U.S.A.	17.11.56	Bendigo
880 Yards	1-49.5	A.N. Sowell	U.S.A.	17.11.56	Bendigo
880 Yards	1-49.3	H.J. Elliott	W.A.	11. 3.57	Melbourne
2 Miles	8-45.6	C.W. Brasher	G.B.	14.11.56	Geelong
3 Miles	13-26.0	A.G. Thomas	N.S.W.	8.12.57	Melbourne
200 Metres	21.0	R.J. Morrow	U.S.A.	17.11.56	Bendigo
200 Metres	20.6	R.J. Morrow	U.S.A.	27.11.56	Melbourne
400 Metres	46.7	R.K. Gosper	N.S.W.	28.11.56	Melbourne
400 Metres	46.1	C.L. Jenkins	U.S.A.	29.11.56	Melbourne
400 Metres	46.1	V.V. Hollsten	Finland	29.11.56	Melbourne
800 Metres	1-49.5	A.N. Sowell	U.S.A.	17.11.56	Bendigo
1000 Metres	2-22.9	J.M. Murray	Vic.	12.12.57	Melbourne
1500 Metres	3-41.2	R.M. Delaney	Eire	1.12.56	Melbourne

##### HURDLING:

120 Yards	13.4	J.W. Davis	U.S.A.	17.11.56	Bendigo
110 Metres	14.0	J.W. Davis	U.S.A.	27.11.56	Melbourne
110 Metres	14.0	J.W. Shankle	U.S.A.	27.11.56	Melbourne
110 Metres	14.0	J.W. Davis	U.S.A.	28.11.56	Melbourne
110 Metres	14.0	L.Q. Calhoun	U.S.A.	28.11.56	Melbourne
110 Metres	13.5	L.Q. Calhoun	U.S.A.	28.11.56	Melbourne
110 Metres	13.5	J.W. Davis	U.S.A.	28.11.56	Melbourne

##### JUMPING

High Jump	6'9"	C.E. Dumas	U.S.A.	17.11.56	Bendigo
High Jump	6'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	C.E. Dumas	U.S.A.	23.11.56	Melbourne
Pole Vault	14'8"	E.E. Landstrom	Sweden	17.11.56	Bendigo
Pole Vault	14'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	R.E. Richards	U.S.A.	26.11.56	Melbourne

##### PUTTING AND THROWING:

Shot Put	60'11"	W.P. O'Brien	U.S.A.	28.11.56	Melbourne
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COMBINED:

Decathlon 7937 M.G.Campbell U.S.A. (29.11.56)Melbourne  
(30.11.56)

RELAY RUNNING:

440 Yards 40.8 I.J.Murchison)  
L. King ) USA 14.11.56 Geelong  
W.T. Baker )  
R.J. Morrow )

1 Mile Medley 3-22.6 A.N. Sowell )  
J.W.Mashburn ) USA 14.11.56 Geelong  
W.T. Baker )  
R.J. Morrow )

1 Mile Medley 3-22.4 M.G. Lincoln )  
R.K. Gosper )Victoria 11. 3.57 Melbourne  
R.E. Price )  
H.D. Hogan )

4 Miles 16-59.8 D.L. Moore )  
P.A.Clohessy )Botany H 20.1.58 Sydney  
A.C.Lawrence )(N.S.W.)  
C.B. Almond )

400 Metres 40.8 I.J.Murchison)  
L. King ) USA 14.11.56 Geelong  
W.T. Baker )  
R.J. Morrow )

400 Metres 40.5 I.J.Murchison)  
L. King ) USA 30.11.56 Melbourne  
W.T. Baker )  
R.J. Morrow )

400 Metres 40.3 I.J. Murchison)  
L. King ) USA 1.12.56 Melbourne  
W.T. Baker )  
R.J. Morrow )

400 Metres 40.3 B. Tokarev )  
V. Soukharev ) USSR 1.12.56 Melbourne  
I. Konovalov )  
L. Bartenev )

400 Metres 39.5 I.J.Murchison)  
L. King ) USA 1.12.56 Melbourne  
W.T. Baker )  
R.J. Morrow )

1600 Metres 3-08.7 J.E.Salisbury)  
M.K.V.Wheeler) Gt.  
F.P. Higgins )Brit. 30.11.56 Melbourne  
D.J.N.Johnson)

1600 Metres 3-04.7 L.W. Jones )  
 J.W. Mashburn) USA 1.12.56 Melbourne  
 C.L. Jenkins)  
 T.W. Courtney)

(b) AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL RECORDS

RUNNING:

440 Yards 47.0 R.K. Gosper Victoria 9. 3.57 Melbourne  
 880 Yards 1-49.3 H.J. Elliott W. Aust. 11. 3.57 Melbourne  
 2 Miles 8-48.2 A.C. Lawrence N.S.W. 14.11.56 Geelong  
 3 Miles 13-26.0 A.G. Thomas N.S.W. 8.12.57 Melbourne  
 400 Metrs. 46.2 R.K. Gosper N.S.W. 29.11.56 Melbourne  
 800 Metrs. 1-48.6 H.J. Elliott W. Aust. 11. 3.57 Melbourne  
 1000 Metrs. 2-22.9 J.M. Murray Victoria 12.12.57 Melbourne  
 1500 Metrs. 3-42.0 J.M. Landy Victoria 1.12.56 Melbourne  
 1500 Metrs. 3-42.0 M.G. Lincoln Victoria 23. 3.57 Melbourne  
 10000 Metrs. 28-53.6 A.C. Lawrence N.S.W. 23.11.56 Melbourne

HURDLING:

110 Metres 14.3 B.E. Primrose N.S.W. 4. 2.58 Sydney

JUMPING & VAULTING

High Jump 6'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " C.M. Porter Qld. 23.11.56 Melbourne

PUTTING & THROWING:

Hammer Throw 181'11" C.J.R. Morris NSW 18. 1.58 Sydney  
 Hammer Throw 182'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " C.J.R. Morris NSW 8. 2.58 Sydney  
 Hammer Throw 183'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " C.J.R. Morris NSW 22. 2.58 Sydney

COMBINED:

Decathlon 6427 P.F. Leane Vic. (29.11.56) Melbourne  
 (30.11.56)

RELAY RUNNING:

440 Yards 41.5 E.F. McGlynn)  
 R.C. Land ) Aust 14.11.56 Geelong  
 G.G. Carragher) Team  
 H.D. Hogan )  
 4 Miles 16-59.8 D.L. Moore ) Botany  
 P.A. Clohessy) Harriers 20. 1.58 Sydney  
 A.C. Lawrence) (N.S.W.)  
 C.B. Almond )  
 400 Mtrs. 41.5 E.F. McGlynn)  
 R.C. Land ) Aust. 14.11.56 Geelong  
 G.G. Carragher ) Team  
 H.D. Hogan )

400 Metres	40.6	E.F. McGlynn)			
		R.C. Land )Aust.			
		G.G. Carragher )Team	30.11.56	Melbourne	
		H.D.Hogan )			
1600 Metres	3-40.3	L.S.Gregory )			
		D.F. Lean )Aust-			
		G.C.Gipson )ralia	30.11.56	Melbourne	
		R.K.Gosper )			
1600 Metres	3-06.2	L.S.Gregory )			
		D.F. Lean )Aust-	1.12.56	Melbourne	
		G.C.Gipson )ralia			
		R.K.Gosper )			

(c) AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR RECORDSRUNNING:

1 Mile	4-06.0	H.J.Elliott	Vict.	26. 1.57	Melbourne
1 Mile	4-03.0	H.J.Elliott	Vict.	20. 2.57	Melbourne
2 Miles	9-01.0	H.J.Elliott	Vict.	14. 2.57	Melbourne
800 Mtrs.	1-50.9	H.J.Elliott	Vict.	28. 1.57	Melbourne
1500 Mtrs.	3-47.7	H.J.Elliott	Vict.	20. 2.57	Melbourne
3000 Mtrs.	8-45.6	H.J.Elliott	Vict.	23. 2.57	Melbourne
3000 Mtrs.	8-33.6	R.A.Vagg	N.S.W.	10.11.57	Sydney

HURDLING:

120 Yards	14.9	J. Chittick	Vict.	13.10.56	Melbourne
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WALKING:

1 Mile	6-46.0	N.F.Freeman	Vict.	19. 1.57	Melbourne
1 Mile	6-45.5	N.F.Freeman	Vict.	16. 2.57	Melbourne
2 Miles	14-08.6	N.F.Freeman	Vict.	2. 2.57	Melbourne
5 Miles	37-25.6	N.F.Freeman	Vict.	29. 6.57	Melbourne
10,000 Metres	46-51.8	N.F.Freeman	Vict.	29. 6.57	Melbourne
2 Hours	13M 969Y.	N.F.Freeman	Vict.	14. 9.57	Melbourne

JUMPING AND VAULTING:

Long Jump	24'7"	J.M. McCann	NSW	2.11.57	Sydney
Long Jump	24'7½"	J.M. McCann	NSW	15. 2.58	Sydney
Pole Vault	13'0"	R.I.Barclay	Vict.	17.11.56	Melbourne
Pole Vault	13'1½"	R. Cruz	Puerto		
			Rice	24.11.56	Melbourne

PUTTING AND THROWING:

Discus Throw	138'9"	W.P.Selvey	NSW	11. 1.58	Sydney
Javelin Throw	198'10½"	N.N.Birks	S.Aus.	30. 3.57	Adelaide

RELAY RUNNING:

440 Yards	41.7	J.M. McCann)		
		P.F. Kevin )St. Joseph's		
		D.E. Findlay )College	12.10.57	Sydney
		B.J. Hennessy )(NSW)		
400 Metres	41.7	J.M. McCann )St. Joseph's		
		P.F. Kevin )College		
		D.E. Findlay )(NSW)	12.10.57	Sydney
		B.J. Hennessy )		
1 Mile	3-37.2	R.D. Gray )Western		
Medley		T.C. Gale )Suburbs	6. 1.57	Newcastle
		R.B. Blake )A.A.C.		
		D.R. Sohler )(NSW)		
1 Mile	3-36.6	W.R. Bayley )Western		
Medley		T.C. Gale )Suburbs	30. 1.57	Sydney
		C.G. Ashdown )A.A.C.		
		D.J. Barsley )(N.S.W.)		
1 Mile	3-33.9	F. Levine )Botany		
Medley		G.J. McCabe )Harriers	20. 1.58	Sydney
		K.J. Irvine )(NSW)		
		J.M. McCann )		

Records Rejected: The action taken in disallowing the following performances as Australian Records, was confirmed:-

WALKING

3 Miles	ø1	22-05.2	N.F. Freeman	Vict.	29. 6.57	Melbourne
5 Miles	ø2	38-04.4	N.F. Freeman	Vict.	18. 5.57	Melbourne
7 Miles	ø2	53-31.2	N.F. Freeman	Vict.	1. 6.57	Melbourne
10 Miles	ø2	1-17-06.2	N.F. Freeman	Vict.	1. 6.57	Melbourne
10,000						
Metres	ø2	47-24.6	N.F. Freeman	Vict.	18. 5.57	Melbourne
1 Hour	ø2	7M.1482 <del>7</del> <sup>Y</sup>	N.F. Freeman	Vict.	1. 6.57	Melbourne

ø1 Not recognised distance.

ø2 Dimension of Track (a circuit of 656 yards) did not conform to the requirement of I.A.A.F. Rule 24 (4)(c).

Record Withheld: It was reported that the following performance had been held in abeyance because it was not submitted within the period specified in A.A.U. General Rule 38:

RELAY RUNNING: (Junior)

2 Miles	8-06.2	J.W. Lawler )Randwick-		
		A.J. Longworth )Kensington	27.2.57	Sydney
		J. Carmichael )A.A.A.		
		R.G. Pengelly )(N.S.W.)		



Conference was reluctant to see the athletes penalised through failure by officials to conform with the requirements of the relevant rule, and directed that the record be granted.

World Records: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that J.W. Davis' (USA) time of 13.4s. for 120 Yards Hurdles, made at Bendigo on 19.11.56 had been submitted to the I.A.A.F. for recognition as a World Record, and had been accepted. Recognition had been accorded also to the U.S.A. times of 1-23.8 (880 Yards Relay) and 7-23.0 (2 Miles Relay), made at Sydney on 5.12.56.

*Record later rejected by I.A.A.F.*

The I.A.A.F. also had accepted E.J. Allsopp's distance of 16 Miles 403 $\frac{1}{2}$  Yards for 2 Hours Walking as a World Record. World Record Plaques were on order for this performance and for D.J. Stephens' time of 27-54.0 for 6 Miles, made on 25.1.56.

British Empire and Commonwealth Records: It was reported that, although a number of performances had been forwarded to the Co-ordinator of British Empire and Commonwealth Records, these had not even been acknowledged.

B. Cuthbert's 200 Metres World Record: A verbal report made by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer indicated that the responsibility for the late submission to the I.A.A.F. of B. Cuthbert's performance of 23.2s. for 200 Metres, made at Sydney on 16.9.56, lay entirely with the Australian Women's A.A.U. The I.A.A.F. had been occasioned the embarrassment of withdrawing a record granted for a slower time of later date to a Russian athlete, but this had been done to permit acceptance of Cuthbert's time.

National Records - Eligibility: It was resolved, on a motion by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, that Law 64 of the Union be amended by deletion of the following: "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 nationalised Australian or by an Australian aboriginal"; and by substitution of the following: "and an Australian National Record shall be a record established in Australia by a person who was born in Australia or by a person who has resided in Australia for a period of at least one year immediately prior to the date of the performance claimed as a record."

14. AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Applications to Represent: Arising from the report on matters dealt with by the Executive Committee, the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that several applications to represent particular Associations at the Australian Track and Field Championships arising from changes of residence had been received at a very late stage and insufficiently documented as to the circumstances which occasioned the application. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to each Association drawing attention to the requirements of General Rule 1.

Individual Competitors: On a motion by the Tasmanian A.A.A., it was resolved to delete General Rule 2 and to amend the second sentence of General Rule 3 to the following: "In special cases, other individuals, including internationals, may compete with the approval of the Union."

As a result of the adoption of the above amendments, the following notices of motion by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer were withdrawn: (a) That the following new Law 57A be inserted in the Constitution: "Eligibility to win or gain a minor place in a championship of Australia, shall be limited to persons born in Australia or resident in Australia for a period of at least one year prior to the date of such Championship;" and (b) That General 2 be replaced by the following:  
"If an athlete not eligible for a Championship of Australia is allowed to compete, an Australian Championship Medallion appropriate to any place gained by him shall be awarded and shall be suitably inscribed."

Additional Lanes: It was moved successfully by the A.A.A. of New South Wales that General Rule 4 be amended by deleting the words "and provision must be made for additional lanes as required."

Eligibility to Represent: Notices of motion by the Victorian A.A.A. and by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer to amend General Rule 1 were withdrawn in favour of the following amended motion framed by the President: "That the whole of the existing rule be deleted and the following substituted:

"(a) An athlete is eligible to represent a Constituent Association in an Australian Championship

and that Association only after he has resided within the territory of that Association for twelve consecutive months immediately prior to such Championships. If his period of residence is less than this, he may represent either the Constituent Association controlling the territory in which he resides or that with which he was previously registered provided Union approval is obtained to compete with one or other of those bodies. An application stating the facts and naming the Association he desires to represent shall be lodged with the Honorary Secretary/Treasurer of the Union fourteen clear days before closing of entries. An athlete serving in the Australian Navy, Army or Air Force shall be considered to be within the jurisdiction of the Constituent Association with which he is registered.

(b) In the event of an athlete returning to Australia from overseas within twelve months of a Championship Meeting, the Union may, upon an application setting out the facts and naming the Constituent Association he desires to represent, declare him eligible to do so. An application shall be lodged with the Honorary Secretary/Treasurer of the Union fourteen clear days before the closing of entries.

(c) A student attending a University or a Naval, Military or Air Force College is eligible to represent either the Constituent Association controlling the territory within which such establishment is conducted, or that where he normally resides. A National Service Trainee is not regarded as a student attending a Naval, Military or Air Force College."

This was carried.

15. AUSTRALIAN TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Matters arising from Minutes of 29th Conference:

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that the instruction of the 1957 Conference that the Laws pertaining to the Jury be reviewed by the Executive Committee had yet to be carried out... The Constitution and Rule Committee reported that, whilst the amendments to General Rule 4 made in 1957 to provide for individual entrants at the Track and Field Championships of Australia could affect the Richard Coombes Shield competition, this had to be accepted as an unavoidable but unimportant result of the amendment.

Reports on the 1957 Championships: The Reports of the Victorian A.A.A. and of the Jury on the conduct of the 1957 Championships were tabled and received.

Allocation of the 1959 Championships: The Tasmanian Delegate advised that the reconstruction of the North Hobart Oval would be completed in time for the conduct of the 1959 Championships, and their allocation to his State was then confirmed.

Steeplechase Championship: Consideration of an amendment to General Rule 10 proposed by the Western Australian A.A.A., and affecting the Steeplechase Championship, was temporarily deferred, a sub-committee being appointed to draft a more comprehensive rule to cover the event.

Sequence of Events: It was resolved, on a motion by the Victorian A.A.A. to delete the reference to the 6 Miles Championships in the penultimate paragraph of General Rule 12 and to amend the sequence of events in the following way:

First Day	13	220 Yards Hurdles-Final	(14)
	14	440 Yards - Final	(15)
	15	6 Miles	(13)
Second Day	6	440 Yards Hurdles - Heats	(10)
	7	Hop, Step & Jump	(6)
	8	880 Yards - Final	(7)
	9	Discus Throw	(8)
	10	440 Yards Relay	(9)

16. AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - OTHER THAN TRACK &

FIELD

Reports on 1957 Championships: The Report of the Victorian A.A.A. on the 10,000 Metres Track Walking Championship was tabled and received. The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer stated that although the Queensland A.A.A. confirmed having forwarded a report on the 10,000 Metres Cross-Country Championship, same had not been received. A further copy would be sent to the Union.

Additional Competitors: The Western Australian A.A.A. moved successfully that General Rules 22A and 32A, as adopted by Constituent Association Mail Vote No.2 of 1957 be each amended by deletion of the

following: "No such additional entrant shall be allowed to compete unless his entry is approved by the Executive Member of the Union from the State from which the additional competitor is nominated."

Steeplechase and Decathlon: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer moved that Law 59 be amended by deletion of the word "and" before "50,000 Metres Road Walk", and by addition of "3,000 Metres Steeplechase and Decathlon" after "50,000 Metres Road Walk". The motion was lost, and a series of consequential motions were then withdrawn.

It was resolved to request the Constitution and Rules Committee to draft rules covering an annual Decathlon Championship of Australia.

#### 17. INTERNATIONAL TOURS

Australia-New Zealand Track Meetings: It was decided to make no further move in the matter of Australia-New Zealand Track Meetings as proposed by the New Zealand A.A.A.

Cross-Country Visit to New Zealand: A letter from the New Zealand A.A.A. was tabled extending an invitation for the visit of an Australian Cross-Country Team to that country in August 1959, the financial arrangements to be on a similar basis to the New Zealand visit to Australia in 1957. It was decided to defer acceptance of the invitation until next Conference, Constituent Associations to be asked in the meantime to consider whether they would be agreeable to meet the cost of team members (including the Manager) from their respective States.

Goodwill Tours to South-East Asia: Arising from a resolution of the 1957 Conference, representations were made to the Commonwealth Government regarding the promotion of Goodwill Tours of Australian athletes to South-East Asian Countries. The outcome of these representations is referred to in the address of the President to this Conference.

Overseas Invitations to Australian Athletes: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported briefly upon the action taken in respect of 1957 invitations to M.G. Lincoln from the A.A.U. of the United States and to A.C. Lawrence from the Athletic Federation of the U.S.S.R.. Because of special features, Executive

approval has been sought and obtained in each case before accepting these invitations.

Athletes from Abroad to Australia: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer gave a brief resumé of the financial outcome of visits of overseas athletes to Australia from 1905 onwards. It appeared that, on the overall, little (if any) financial gain has accrued to the athletic bodies from these visits. In a number of cases heavy loss had been incurred on tours that in theory should have shown handsome profits. The N.S.W. Delegates felt that much the best investment was the coloured athlete - at the right time of year . . . It was resolved that, to assist our quest for suitable overseas visitors, we should seek some reciprocal agreement in each case before agreeing to tours abroad of Australian athletes.

The Tasmanian A.A.A. moved successfully that it be the policy of the Union to encourage competition between the athletes of other countries and Australia, and between the athletes of the cities of other countries and those of Australian cities.

Canadian and United States Invitations to Australian Athletes: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that the A.A.U. of Canada had been pressing for the appearance of Australian athletes at the Vancouver Centennial Games in June, and that invitations for H.J. Elliott to appear at meetings in California in May-June had been recently received from the A.A.U. of the United States. These invitations had been held for consideration by Conference, though Canada had been informed that, as the Australian British Empire and Commonwealth Games Team would travel to Cardiff by charter plane, it would not be convenient to accept the Vancouver invitation. After discussion, it was resolved to approve of a tour by Elliott with two meetings in the United States and one in Canada between May 31 and June 21, provided that the United States and Canada meet the expenses of Elliott and a Manager appointed by the Union, and that at the conclusion of the tour both Elliott and the Manager return to Australia before the departure of Australia's Empire Games Team for Cardiff.

(End of Second Session of the Conference)

## 18. OLYMPIC GAMES

Final Report of Olympic Games of 1956 Co-Ordinating Committee: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer explained

that because of the difficulty of further condensing the already compressed Final Report of the Union's Olympic Games of 1956 Co-ordinating Committee, and because that Report would be available, in the not distant future, as part of the full Official Report of the Games, he had not acted upon the instruction of the 1957 Conference to prepare and circulate a précis of the Committee's Report. This explanation was accepted.

Olympic Games Equipment: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that the Australian Olympic Federation had advised in January that a quantity of Olympic Games competition equipment had been presented, following representations to the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments, to the Federation, and that the latter had decided to place the equipment with the respective Australian Controlling Bodies for their use with the proviso that trustees be appointed to ensure its safe keeping, and that it be available to the A.O.F. if required at any time. The Conference felt that this basis of tenure was unrealistic, and instructed that the Union's Delegates press, at next meeting of the Federation, for its unconditional assignment to the respective Unions.

It was further indicated that in the meantime, for the sake of conforming to the requirements of the A.O.F., Messrs. Aitken, Curnow and Hodsdon had been named as trustees. This action was confirmed.

Conference felt that a reasonable policy would be to effect as equitable a distribution as possible among Constituent Associations in accordance with their indicated requirements. Half cost was suggested as a general standard of valuation for the purpose of effecting such distribution.

Report of A.O.F. Delegates: The Union's Delegates to the A.O.F. (Messrs. Curnow and Hodsdon) reported that no meeting had been held since the Union's 1957 Conference.

#### 19. STEEPLECHASE CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA

The Sub-Committee appointed at the Second Session of the Conference to draft a suitable rule for the Steeplechase Championship recommended that the following be added to General Rule 10: "If through lack of facilities the Constituent Association controlling the

Championships is unable to conduct the 3,000 Metres Steeplechase Championship, it shall notify the Union before the first day of September in the year preceding the date on which such Championships are to be held. On receipt of such notification the Union shall invite applications from Constituent Associations to conduct the event. The applications so received shall be submitted to the Executive Committee to determine if a Steeplechase Championship shall be held, and to approve of the date and venue":

It was resolved to adopt the recommendation.

## 20. BRITISH EMPIRE & COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Report of A.B.E. & C.G.A. Delegates: The Union's Delegates to the A.B.E. & C.G.A. (Messrs. Aitken and Hodsdon) reported that no meeting had been held since the Union's 1957 Conference.

Report of Selection Committee: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that no report was to hand from the Selection Committee in relation to the selection of athletes to represent Australia at the British Empire and Commonwealth Games of 1958. Earlier the Committee had indicated that, contrary to the practice of recent Selection Committees, it did not propose to publish selection standards. The Committee had indicated also that athletes overseas would be selected only on the basis of reliably certified form superior to that of athletes in Australia.

Team Finance: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that the efforts made to date by the A.B.E. & C.G.A. and some of its State Divisions did not inspire confidence that the funds available from these sources would be adequate to send the Australian Team to Cardiff. The Union's Delegates were instructed to press at the forthcoming meeting of the A.B.E. & C.G.A. in Melbourne for a much more vigorous policy, and to report to Constituent Associations as soon as possible after the Melbourne meeting. It seemed likely that in some States substantial sums would have to be raised directly by the Athletic Associations.

The following motion, moved by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, was carried:  
"That the funds available to the Union from the moneys raised by a State Division of the A.B.E. & C.G.A. to



finance Australia's team to the British Empire and Commonwealth Games of 1958 be allocated in equal amounts to all of the Track and Field Athletes, men and women, selected from that State".

General and Athletics Managers: It was resolved to endorse the nomination of Mr. H.G. Carruthers (New South Wales) for the position of General Manager to the Australian British Empire & Commonwealth Games Team of 1958.... For the position of Athletics Manager, Messrs. J.B. Barlow (Queensland), R.C. Corish (New South Wales), C.H. Gardiner (Victoria), D.C. Rapley (Western Australia) and V.B. Sharp (South Australia) were nominated. Mr. Gardiner was elected.

Athletics Coach: It was unsuccessfully moved by the Victorian A.A.A. that, subject to the presence of Mr. Franz Stampfl in Cardiff at the time of the British Empire and Commonwealth Games of 1958, he be appointed an Official Coach to the Australian Athletics Team.

21. BRITISH EMPIRE & COMMONWEALTH RECORDS

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that the administration of British Empire and Commonwealth Records continued to be unsatisfactory, in that the line of action decided upon at the Federation Meeting held in Melbourne in November 1956 had still not borne fruit. The report was received.

22. AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S A.A.U.

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer stated that information on some aspects of A.W. A.A.U. activity and administration was still proving difficult to obtain, but that the matter was being patiently pursued. The report was received.

23. COLOURS, BADGE AND COSTUME

Competition Costume: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that, in accordance with an instruction given at the 1957 Conference, the A.O.F. and the A.B.E. & C.G.A. had been reminded of the correct costume of the A.A.U. as laid down in Law 53 of the 1957 Handbook.

Lapel Badge: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was authorised, in replenishing the now depleted stock of A.A.U. Lapel Badges, to have the size of same reduced.

It was decided to issue one A.A.U. badge to each member of the Australian British Empire and Commonwealth Games team. The delegates to the A.B.E. & C.G.A. were instructed to raise at the forthcoming meeting of that body the matter of providing a special Team Badge.

Headgear Badge: A motion by the A.A.A. of New South Wales to amend Law 54 by altering "may" to "shall" was withdrawn.

Union Blazer: The A.A.A. of New South Wales sought to amend Law 58 by altering "may" to "shall". The President took the opportunity to suggest that A.A.U. Officers and Executive Members should have the right to acquire an Australian blazer at their own cost. After discussion, the New South Wales delegates agreed to add the following to their motion: "and the blazer may be worn by Officers and Executive Members, and by Delegates who have attended five Conferences of the Union". The amended motion was carried.

Wearing of Competition Costume: It was resolved, on a motion by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, to add the following at the end of Law 55: "Such an athlete may subsequently wear his competition costume on such occasions as the Executive Committee of the Union, upon application by his Constituent Association, shall approve."

#### 24. NATIONAL COACHING SCHEME

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer advised that Quarterly Reports submitted by the Coaching Co-ordinating Committee appointed at the 1957 Conference indicated that Messrs. Peake-Jones, Jarver and Sharp had made excellent progress in their task of encouraging and co-ordinating the coaching activities of the Constituent Associations. Work was proceeding steadily in the preparation of an elementary publication on athletics for use in schools.

It was resolved that the Union's appreciation of the efforts of the Committee be recorded in the Minutes of this Conference.

25. OBSERVANCE OF UNION RULES

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer reported that, as in previous years, there had been laxity from time to time in the observance of various Union rules and requirements. The President asked that each Association endeavour to eliminate these shortcomings from its administration.

26. UNION PUBLICATIONS

The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was authorised to continue publication of the Almanac of Records and Results and to publish the Minutes of this Conference in the usual booklet form.

27. FINANCE

Matters from 29th Conference: It was reported that, as directed by the 29th Conference, payment had been made to Constituent Associations of agreed proportions of the profits of the 1956 Olympic Trials, the British Empire V United States Match in Sydney, and the 1957 Championships of Australia in Melbourne.

The Honorary Auditor, Mr. H.G. Carruthers, had again signified that he preferred not to receive a presentation from the Union for his services.

Financial Statements for 1957: An audited Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended December 31st, 1957, and an audited Balance Sheet as at December 31st, 1957 were submitted to the Conference, and it was resolved that they be adopted. (The statements referred to are printed as an Appendix to these Minutes.)

Due to a misunderstanding on the part of the Queensland A.A.A., that body had assumed that the accommodation costs in Brisbane of the New Zealand Cross-Country Team which had competed there in August 1957 would be met by the Union. It was directed that, in the special circumstances, the Queensland A.A.A. be required to meet only one-half of the total amount involved, namely £44/17/11.

Financial Budget for 1958: A Budget of Normal Income and Expenditure for 1958 was submitted by the

Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, and with the addition of the item Honoraria was approved. Following are the details:

<u>Income</u>	£	<u>Expenditure</u>	£
Affiliation Fees	32	Affiliation Fees	30
Registration Dues	600	Bank Charges	4
Interest	100	Cables	25
Sundries	<u>25</u>	Coaching Committee	25
	757	Depreciation	10
Deficiency	123	Duplicating, Printing and Stationery	150
		Entertainment Expenses	20
		General Expenses	75
		Handbook	15
		Honoraria	250
		Insurance	2
		Library	15
		Postages	50
		Presentations	10
		Selectors Expenses	50
		Telephones	24
		Trophies	5
		Officers Expenses	
		Reserve	<u>120</u>
	<u>£880</u>		<u>£880</u>
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(The above budget does not include the Union's share of any profits that may accrue from the Australian Track and Field Championships of 1958 at Brisbane).

In the event of the Union being called upon to meet the whole or part of the cost of the Athletics Manager of the Australian British Empire and Commonwealth Games Team of 1958, the President and Honorary Secretary-Treasurer were authorised to make the necessary disbursement.

It was resolved to endorse expenditure up to £200 to send a suitable Delegate to Stockholm for the I.A.A.F. Congress. The matter was left for finalisation by the Executive.

Investment of Surplus Funds: Authority was given to the President, Honorary Auditor and Honorary Secretary-Treasurer to invest any funds deemed surplus to current requirements, such investment to be

restricted to authorised trustee investments.

Registration Dues: It was moved unsuccessfully by the Queensland A.A.A. that Law 35 of the Union be amended by inserting, after the word "Association" in the third line, the following: "who is over the age of 15 years. All members under the age of 15 years shall be regarded as honorary members."

### 30. CORRESPONDENCE

Proposed J.M. Landy Award: A letter was read from the Geelong Guild A.A.C. (Victoria) offering "a perpetual trophy in honor of J.M. Landy for annual award to the Australian amateur athlete registering the best performance by world standard in a track or field event." It was resolved to thank the Geelong Guild A.A.C. but not to accept the offer because of the precedent that would be thereby established.

Nomination of Officials for B.E. & C. Games: Letters were tabled seeking the nomination of Messrs. T.C. Allen (Tasmania) and A.E. Beames (South Australia) for duty as officials at the British Empire Games of 1958. The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to advise the appropriate authority of the availability and qualifications of these gentlemen.

Australian Association of Track and Field Statisticians: A letter was read from Mr. D.V. Selth drawing attention to the existence of an Australian Association of Track and Field Statisticians and suggesting that it be given the status of a subsidiary body of the Union. It was resolved to commend the valuable work being done by the group and to recommend that the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer invoke its assistance in compiling the A.A.U. Almanac of Records and Results.

### 31. NOTICES OF MOTION

Motions submitted for consideration by Conference and not elsewhere recorded in these Minutes are set out hereunder:

Investigations: It was resolved to amend Law 49 (f) (1) by inserting the word "above" immediately before "rules".

State Competitions - Eligibility: Arising from a motion by the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer it was resolved to recommend to Constituent Associations that they adopt Uniform rules governing residential eligibility for competitions within the State. It was further resolved to request the Union's Constitution and Rules Committee to draw up suitable rules for consideration at the Union 1959 Conference.

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### 32. GENERAL BUSINESS

Manager for H.J. Elliott's U.S. Tour: Messrs. R.C. Corish, D.C. Rapley and V.B. Sharp were nominated for the position of Manager to H.J. Elliott on his United States/Canada Tour. Mr. Rapley was elected.

Disqualification of Competitors: It was resolved to direct the Union's Constitution and Rules Committee to examine I.A.A.P. Rules 18 (4) (5) and (6) with a view to clarifying their meaning.

Invitations to Leading Athletes: It was resolved to indicate to Constituent Associations that the Conference felt that leading athletes who are invited to important meetings in other States should be urged to accept such invitations and should regard it as their duty, where practicable, to do so.

Expenses of Selectors: It was resolved, on a motion by New South Wales, that when a team is to be selected for Olympic Games or British Empire and Commonwealth Games, the A.A.U. selectors shall attend the championships immediately preceding such Games at the expense of the Union.

It was further resolved that the expenses of the selectors in attending the 1958 Championships be paid by the Union.

Olympic Saga: The Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to ascertain from Mr. D.K. Donald: (a) What loss (if any) had been incurred in publishing Olympic Saga; and (b) What number of copies was still unsold.

Honoraria: The Conference directed that appreciation be recorded of the service rendered throughout the year by the Honorary Typiste and the

Honorary Secretary-Treasurer. It was resolved to grant honoraria of £50 and £200 respectively to Mrs. Heeley and Mr. Hodsdon.

### 33. ELECTION OF OFFICERS, DELEGATES AND COMMITTEES

Officers: Messrs. C.R. Aitken (South Australia) and A.J. Hodsdon (New South Wales) were re-elected unopposed to the offices of President and Honorary Secretary-Treasurer. Messrs. J.B. Barlow (Queensland), N.G. Hutton (Tasmania), C.J.A. Moses (New South Wales), F.H. Pizzey (Victoria) and D.C. Rapley (Western Australia) were nominees for the office of Vice-President. Mr. Hutton was re-elected.

Delegates: Messrs. L.B. Curnow (Victoria) and A.J. Hodsdon (New South Wales) were re-elected Delegates to the Australian Olympic Federation, and Messrs. C.R. Aitken (South Australia) and A.J. Hodsdon (New South Wales) were re-elected 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), S.A. Embling (Victoria), N.G. Hutton (Tasmania), C.H.F. Morgan (South Australia), D.C. Rapley (Western Australia) and G. Soper (New South Wales).

Special Committees: Messrs. D.K. Donald, A.J. Hodsdon and H.R. Weir, all of New South Wales were re-appointed to the Constitution and Rules Committee, and Messrs. K. Peake-Jones, L. Jarver and V.B. Sharp to the Coaching Co-ordinating Committee.

(As the term of the Selection Committee had been extended by a Mail Vote of Constituent Associations in May 1957, to cover the 1958-59 Season, no election was necessary in the case of this committee).

### 34. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR AND TRUSTEES

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

Trustees: Messrs. C.R. Aitken (South Australia) and A.J. Hodsdon (New South Wales) were appointed Trustees to the Union.

35. ADDITIONAL CHEQUE SIGNATORY

The authority of Mr. G. Soper (New South Wales) to act as cheque signatory in the absence of either the President or the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer was renewed.

36. FIXING OF HEADQUARTERS

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

37. 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.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Queensland A.A.A. for its very excellent Conference arrangements.

38. CLOSURE

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

ARTHUR J. HODSDON

Honorary Secretary-Treasurer



## APPENDIX A

## THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1957

<u>Expenditure</u>	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	<u>Income</u>	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<u>Affiliation Fees:</u>							<u>Affiliation Fees:</u>						
International Amateur							Constituent Assns.	31	10	0			
Athletic Federation	37	13	4				Aust. Women's A.A.U.	15	0	0	46	10	0
Australian Olympic Fedn.	2	2	0				Registration Dues:						
Australian British Empire							A.A.A. of New South Wales	154	8	6			
Games Association	5	5	0	45	0	4	Queensland A.A.A.	53	3	6			
Bank Charges				5	16	6	South Aust. A.A.A.	32	6	6			
Cables & Telegrams				21	2	11	Tasmanian A.A.A.	19	7	0			
Coaching Co-ordinating Committee Excs.				24	2	0	Victorian A.A.A.	334	1	0			
Depreciation				4	0	0	West. Aust. A.A.A.	48	10	6	641	17	0
Duplicating, Printing & Stationery:							Interest				77	9	10
Minutes of 1957 Conference	33	12	6				Fines				3	11	6
Sundries	115	14	10	149	7	4	Reinstatement Fees				14	0	0
Entertainment Expenses				11	6	6	Sports Promotion Profits:						
General Expenses Handbook-							Aust. T. & F. Championships						
I.A.A.F.-Comp. Issues	3	18	0				1956	5	9				
do. A.A.U. do.	9	5	0				Aust. T. & F. Championships						
Almanac A.A.U. do.	17	8	6				1957	1053	2	10			
Sundries	42	1	2	72	12	8	B.E. & C.V. U.S.A. 1956	869	0	0			
Honoraria				250	0	0		1922	8	7			
Insurance					10	3	Olympic Trials 1956	15	11	0	1906	17	7
Library				14	0	10	Olympic Games Fund				48	1	6
Postages				50	8	6	Publications - Sales:						
Presentations				5	13	9	Almanac	53	0	0			
Publications - Almanac	48	11	6				Handbook	16	13	0			
Handbook	29	5	0				Miscellaneous	236	2	5	305	15	5
Miscellaneous	172	8	0	250	4	6	Sundry Income				20	13	5

Selectors Expenses	23	18	0
Telephone-Rental & Calls	22	7	9
Trophies-Record Certs, etc.	16	11	3
Distribution of Sports Promotion Profits:			
Aust, Championships 1957	526	11	5
Balance carried down	1571	1	9
	<u>£3064</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>3</u>

Organising Fee: B.E. & C V U.S.A. 1956	600	0	0
Distribution of Sports Promotion Profits:			
Olympic Trials 1956	794	0	1
B.E. & C. V. U.S.A. 1956	<u>826</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>
	<u>£2220</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>

	<u>£3064</u>	<u>16 3</u>
<u>Balance brought down</u>	1571	1 9
<u>Deficiency for year transferred to Accumulated Funds</u>	649	0 2
	<u>£2220</u>	<u>1 11</u>

THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIA  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT THE 31st DECEMBER 1957

<u>Liabilities</u>	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	<u>Assets</u>	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Affiliation Fees Prepaid				7	17	6	Cash: In Hand	87	10	8			
Sundry Liabilities re Presentations & Trophies				38	0	0	Bank of New South Wales	4721	6	0	4808	16	8
Officers' Expenses Fund:							Debtors: Queensland A.A.A.				44	17	11
Bal. as at Jan. 1, 1957	93	3	2				Accruals: Registration Dues	547	4	0			
Transfer from Accumulated Fund	105	0	0				Interest	23	19	10	571	3	10
	198	3	2				Stocks: Badges	7	12	5			
Melbourne 1957 Conference Expenses	87	19	8	110	3	6	Certificates	28	15	0			
Olympic Games Fund:							Medallions	35	3	2			
Balance as at January 1, 1957	318	7	7				Medallion Boxes	22	1	7			
Transfer to Accum. Fund	318	7	7	-	-	-	Plaques	28	7	0			
Accumulated Fund:							Publications	35	2	9			
Balance as at Jan. 1, 1957	5922	14	4				Stationery	36	4	11	193	6	10
Transfer from Olympic Games Fund	318	7	7				Equipment: Blocks	10	0	0			
	6241	1	11				Dios	6	0	0			
Transfer to Officers' Exs. Fd.	105	0	0				Typewriter etc.	8	17	6	24	17	6
	6136	1	11								25643	2	9
Deficiency for year as per Inc. & Expend. Account	649	0	2	5487	1	9					25643	2	9
				£5643	2	9							

A. J. HODSDON, Honorary Secretary-Treasurer

I have examined the Books of Account and relative documents of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia and certify that the above Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account correctly set out the financial position of the Union as at the 31st December, 1957.

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

## APPENDIX B

THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF AUSTRALIASUMMARY OF REGISTRATIONS1947-48 to 1957-58(a) ACTUAL NUMBERS

	<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>
1947-48	1586	350	282	136	2637	391	5381
1948-49	1817	390	324	157	2885	461	6034
1949-50	1925	301	266	115	2864	485	5956
1950-51	1682	450	310	136	2491	500	5569
1951-52	1572	325	330	103	2446	495	5271
1952-53	1601	371	302	177	2541	548	5540
1953-54	1640	316	274	119	2424	500	5273
1954-55	1349	317	300	152	2649	474	5241
1955-56	1474	334	284	189	2967	572	5820
1956-57	1752	407	301	219	3471	449	6599
1957-58	1977	816	445	309	4264	689	8500

(b) PERCENTAGES

1947-48	29.4	6.5	5.2	2.5	49.0	7.4	100.0
1948-49	32.3	5.1	4.5	1.9	48.1	8.1	100.0
1949-50	30.1	6.5	5.4	2.6	47.8	7.6	100.0
1950-51	30.1	8.6	5.4	2.3	44.6	9.0	100.0
1951-52	29.7	6.2	6.3	2.0	46.4	9.4	100.0
1952-53	28.8	6.7	5.5	3.2	45.9	9.9	100.0
1953-54	31.1	6.0	5.2	2.3	46.0	9.4	100.0
1954-55	25.6	6.1	5.7	2.9	50.6	9.1	100.0
1955-56	25.4	5.7	4.9	3.2	51.0	9.8	100.0
1956-57	26.6	6.2	4.6	3.2	52.6	6.8	100.0
1957-58	23.3	9.6	5.2	3.6	50.2	8.1	100.0