



**Australian
Athletic Union**

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
1985 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
(1ST MEETING)

AUGUST, 1985

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AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC UNION

MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association
Queensland Athletic Association
Victorian Athletic Association
Amateur Athletic Association of Tasmania
Athletic Association of South Australia
Athletic Association of Western Australia
Australian Capital Territory Athletic Association
Northern Territory Athletic Association

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Australian Track & Field Coaches Association
Australian Universities Sports Association
Australian Association of Veterans' Athletic Clubs

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HELD AT ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

ON 24TH & 25TH AUGUST, 1985

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AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC UNION

Minutes of the First General Meeting of Members of the Australian Athletic Union held at the Parkroyal Travelodge, Adelaide on Saturday, 24th August, 1985 and Sunday, 25th August, 1985.

There were present:

Officers: President - G.T. Briggs, AM, (Chairman); Vice President - Mrs. F. Wrighter, OAM, BEM; Honorary Treasurer - Mrs. J. Cross; General Manager - R.W. Pannell.

Also present: Coaching Co-ordinator - H.F. McEwen; Competitions Manager - J. Lambert; Minute Secretary - Mrs. J. Brown.

Delegates: Queensland - C.G. Stubbings, R. Brandis

New South Wales - Mrs. F. Wrighter, OAM, BEM, C.D. Lee

Victoria - Mrs. M. Mahony, S. Guilfoyle

Tasmania - Mrs. M. Ebzery, OAM, N.J. Ruddock

South Australia - P. Brebner, I Rogers

Western Australia - P. Druitt, G. Garnett

Australian Capital Territory - D. Wilson, P. Hamilton

Northern Territory - W. Smith

Australian Track & Field Coaches Association - Ms. M. Mathews, AM.

Australian Association of Veterans Athletic Clubs - Mrs. M. Smith

World Cup Four - B. Roe

Observers: M. Hastie, D. Blythe, Australian Little Athletics Union;
A. Eustace (President NZAAA & Secretary Oceania AAA); G. Melsom (WA).

Apologies: Mrs. M. Robinson, MBE, Miss L. Neville, Mrs. D. Magee, AM, MBE,
Mrs. M. McQuiston, MBE.

1. A motion was put by Mr. D. Wilson (ACT) seconded by Mr. I. Rogers (SA) that approval be given and it is hereby granted to the acquisition of the liabilities and obligations of the present unincorporated Association known as Australian Athletic Union as of date hereof.

1.1 An amendment was put that the word "assets" be inserted between the words "the" and "liabilities". The motion would then read:

That approval be given and it is hereby granted to the acquisition of the assets, liabilities and obligations of the present unincorporated Association known as Australian Athletic Union as of date hereof.

1.1.1 The motion as amended was carried.

1.2 A motion was put by Mr. D. Wilson (ACT) seconded by Mr. P. Druitt (WA) that the by-laws and rules of the present unincorporated body known as Australian Athletic Union be adopted.

1.2.1 The motion was carried.

2. A motion was put by Mr. S. Guilfoyle (Vic) seconded by Mr. C.D. Lee (NSW) that in order to bring the Articles of Association into line with the practice of the former unincorporated association, the approval of the members of the Union will be sought to treating the proposed meeting as if it were an annual general meeting (notwithstanding that statutory audited accounts will not be presented for approval and adoption until the August 1986 Annual General Meeting) and to waiving the procedural and timing requirements of the Articles of Association that otherwise would apply in connection with the election of directors.

2.1 The motion was carried.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, LIFE MEMBERS & MERIT AWARDS, TRUSTEES, HONORARY AUDITOR:

3.1 It was resolved that the scrutineers for the elections would be B. Roe, G. Melsom and J. Lambert.

3.2 Mrs. F. Wrighter took the chair and there being only one nomination for President Mr. Graeme Briggs (Tas) was appointed.

3.3 Board of Management: (2 year period). Nominations were received for Mrs. M. Ebzery OAM (Tas), Mrs. W. Ey BEM (SA), S. Guilfoyle (Vic), P. Hamilton (ACT), N. Ruddock (TAS), C. Stubbings (Qld), D. Wilson (ACT).

A ballot resulted in the following persons being elected to the Board of Directors: Mrs. W. Ey, BEM (SA), C.G. Stubbings (Qld), D.P. Wilson (ACT).

3.4 Honorary Treasurer: Mrs. J. Cross (Qld) was elected unopposed to the office of Honorary Treasurer.

3.5 Honorary Statistician: Mr. P. Jenés (Vic) was elected unopposed to the office of Honorary Statistician.

3.6 Technical Committee: Nominations were received from R. Frith OAM, (NSW), I. Galbraith (ACT), J. Murphy (QLD), F. Napier OAM (WA), D. Proudfoot (Vic).

The following were elected: R. Frith OAM (NSW) (Convener), I. Galbraith (ACT), D. Proudfoot (Vic).

3.7 Walking Committee: Nominations were received for J. Bailey (QLD), Mrs. J. Huxley (NSW), Miss M. Patterson (Vic), R. Smith (Vic).

The following were elected: J. Bailey (Qld), Mrs. J. Huxley (NSW), (Convener), R. Smith (Vic).

3.8 Officials Committee: Nominations were received for J. Forrest (Qld), Mrs. F. Wrighter OAM, BEM (NSW), D. Wilson (ACT), D. Perrier (VIC), Mrs. M. Ebzery OAM (Tas), Mrs. B. Pearl (SA). Mr. G. Tempest (WA) was nominated from the floor.

All of the above were elected and Mrs. F. Wrighter OAM, BEM (NSW), was elected Convener.

3.9 Selection Committee - Track & Field & Walks: Nominations were received for Mrs. L. Bartholomeusz (Qld), P. Jenés (Vic), B. Roe (NSW).

The above were appointed to the Committee and P. Jenés was elected Chairman.

3.10 Selection Committee - Road Running & Cross Country: Nominations were received for Mrs. W. Bain (Qld), J. Gilbert (ACT), S. Hadlow (NSW), B. Roe (NSW), Mrs. P. Turney (Vic).

The following were elected: J. Gilbert (ACT), B. Roe (NSW) Mrs. P. Turney (Vic) (Chairman).

3.11 Scoring Tables & Standards Committee: There being only three nominations all from the one state the following were appointed:

A. Launder (Convener), R. Carter, R. McFadden (SA).

- 3.12 Constitution Committee: Nominations were received for S. Chesterman, I. Jones, P. Burke (Vic), Mrs. F. Wrighter OAM, BEM, B. Roe, P. Lucas (NSW).
A ballot was held and Mrs. F. Wrighter OAM, BEM, B. Roe, and P. Lucas (NSW) were duly elected. Mrs. Wrighter was elected Convenor.
- 3.13 Records Committee: Nominations were received for M. McLaughlin, G. Nicholls and Miss R. Jenkins was nominated from the floor. All reside in Victoria.
There being no other nominations the above were appointed to the Committee. G. Nicholls was elected Convenor.
- 3.14 Women's Committee: Nominations were received for Mrs. M. Mahony (Vic) and Ms. W. Davidson (ACT).
There being no further nominations for the Women's Committee it was resolved that further members would be appointed by the Board of Directors.
- 3.15 Trustees:
R.W. Clarke Foundation: Nominations were received for D. Wilson (ACT) and G.T. Briggs (Tas) and they were subsequently appointed to these positions.
Alf Robinson Foundation: Nominations were received for D. Wilson (ACT), R. Smith (Vic), Miss M. Patterson (Vic), G.T. Briggs (Tas).
The nominations for R. Smith (Vic), and Miss M. Patterson (Vic), were withdrawn and D. Wilson (ACT) and G.T. Briggs (Tas) were duly appointed.
- 3.17 Merit Award: Nominations were received for D. Bell (Vic), Mrs. J. Cross (Qld), Miss M. Patterson (Vic).
A ballot was held and the Congress resolved that D. Bell (Vic), and Mrs. J. Cross (Qld) should receive Merit Awards.
- 3.18 Life Membership: A nomination was received for Mrs. F. Wrighter OAM BEM (NSW) and it was resolved that as this nomination was not received by 31st December, 1984 that this nomination be dererred until the 1986 Annual Congress.
4. Mr. Arthur Eustace, President of the New Zealand Amateur Athletic Association and Secretary of the Oceania Amateur Athletic Association addressed the Congress.
Mr. Eustace stated that these exchanges between New Zealand and Australia were essential in helping each other become stronger forces in athletics.
5. Report of the Treasurer: (Appendix 1)
- 5.1 The President read the following recommendation from the Board of Directors:
"That as from 1st April, 1985 the Union will have paid Auditors so that audited statements can be submitted to Annual Congresses".
- 5.1.1 It was resolved that this recommendation be adopted.

5.1.2 A motion was put by Mr. C. Lee (NSW), seconded by Mrs. F. Wrighter (NSW) that the accounts of the Union for the financial year ended 31st March, 1985 be accepted.

5.1.3 On the recommendation of the Treasurer it was resolved that an amount be set aside for long service leave of staff members.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Report of the Board of Directors (Appendix 2)

6.1.1 It was resolved that the Report be received.

6.2 Report of the General Manager (Appendix 3)

6.2.1 It was resolved that the Report be received.

6.2.2 It was resolved that the President should write to Miss L. Neville, and Messrs. B. Gardner & H. Schubert thanking them for their help in the office.

6.3 Report of World Cup

6.3.1 It was resolved that this Report be deferred until later in the Congress.

6.4 Reports of Standing Committees (Appendix 4)

6.4.1 Report of the Records Committee

6.4.1.1 It was resolved that the report be received and that the recommendation regarding the appropriate penalty be referred to the Board of Directors but noting that the amount suggested was absurd.

6.4.2 Report of the Road & Cross Country Selection Committee

6.4.2.1 It was resolved that the Report be received.

6.4.3 Report of the Constitution Committee

6.4.3.1 It was resolved that the Report be received.

6.4.3.2 It was reported that the former Constitution Committee currently had a matter before it and the following motion was put:

"That it is the view of the Congress that the former Constitution Committee should continue with the matter before it and not referred to the new Committee".

6.4.3.3 The motion was withdrawn.

6.4.4 Report of the Selection Committee - Track

6.4.4.1 It was resolved that the Report be received.

6.4.4.2 It was resolved that matter of an entry card to grounds for selectors be referred to the Board.

6.4.5 Report of the Statistician

6.4.5.3 It was resolved that the Report be received.

6.4.5.4 It was resolved that a letter from Congress via the President be forwarded to Paul Jenes congratulating him on the work undertaken by him.

6.4.6 Report of the Walking Committee

6.4.6.1 It was resolved that the Report be received and that the Report be referred to the Board.

6.4.7 Report of the Technical Committee

6.4.7.1 It was resolved that the Report be received and the attention of delegates was drawn to the Report of Herb Lowe which is an excellent document on the upgrading of track facilities.

6.4.8 Report of the Officials Committee

6.4.8.1 It was resolved that the Report be received and it was noted that the Committee will be submitting new guidelines for testing Officials. Comments from Member Associations would be appreciated.

6.4.9 Report of the Standards Committee

6.4.9.1 It was resolved that the Report be received.

6.4.10 Report of the Women's Committee

6.4.10.1 It was resolved that the Report be received and the recommendations contained therein be referred to the Board.

6.4.11 Report of the Coaching Co-ordinating Committee

6.4.11.1 It was resolved that the Report be received.

7. MOTIONS UPON NOTICE

7.1 The following requests for amendments were discussed and approved by the majority of delegates present. These were then referred to the Constitution Committee to incorporate into the re-write of the by-laws and rules.

7.2 (Agenda Item 1) Submitted by the Secretary on behalf of the Board, seconded by Mr. C.D. Lee (NSW) that Law 3.5.3 be amended by deleting the first paragraph and inserting the words "Scoring Tables and Standards Committee of three members, to be elected all from the same state not necessarily from the congress delegates" and inserting the words "Standards Committee comprising Honorary Statistician and Competitions Manager".

7.2.1 An amendment was put by Mr. P. Brebner (SA), seconded by Mr. C.D. Lee (NSW) that the words "and National Coaching Co-ordinator effective 1986 and thereafter" be added.

The Law would then read:

Law 3.5.3 A Standards Committee of three members comprising Honorary Statistician, Competitions Manager and National Coaching Co-ordinator. Its duties shall be

The motion as amended was carried.

7.3 (Agenda Item 2) Adoption of paper on individual entries for Australian Track & Field Championships.

- 7.3.1 It was resolved to move into committee and the votes on each point be taken in isolation and rendered as one. The following was resolved:

ADMINISTRATION FOR INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES INTO TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS, UNDER 20 & OPEN, UNDER 16 & UNDER 18 AND ALL MULTIPLE EVENTS.

- a. An entry card will be designed to allow for the following copies:
 - (i) AAU
 - (ii) Member Association
 - (iii) Entrant
- b. Entry card completed by athlete and forwarded with the appropriate fee to the AAU office.
- c. Card checked and copy forwarded to Association.
- d. Associations select a State Team based on who has entered. Each State is permitted to enter up to three athletes per event. The Team will not need to be submitted to the Union until the Managers' Meeting
- e. Entrant receives copy of the entry card as an acknowledgement of entry together with a copy of the Rules and an entry pass. Athletes' costume - State if in a State Team - Club if an individual. All athletes to be in State uniform from 1987 and thereafter.
Entry standards will be enforced and published by October each year.
- f. Entry fee for 1986 - \$10 - \$5.00 Overseas Tour Fund
- \$2.50 AAU Administration
- \$2.50 Refund to States for administration
- g. The entrant must confirm their own participation on the day of the event at least one hour prior to the advertised starting time.
- h. Only finals and semi-finals should be held on the Saturday and Sunday, all heats and eliminations should be held on the days prior if necessary. This will mean detailed programmes of all championships must be prepared and must include heats and eliminations rounds of all field events in anticipation of the need for such to be conducted. These timetables should be published at least three months prior to competition.
- i. Trophies. The trophies currently competed for will be maintained based on the State Team composition advised by Associations.
- j. Relays. Each State will be permitted to nominate one team per event. All States will be automatically entered into the programme and will only have to advise the names of their team members one hour prior to competition when the lane draw will be done for relays. It must be declared at the Managers' Meeting if an individual not already entered would be in the State relay team.
- k. Entry standards will be enforced and published by October each year.
- l. For events where wind assistance is considered the allowance will be four metres per second.

- 7.3.2 The Victorian delegates showed their dissent to the deletion of club uniform.

- 7.3.3 It was resolved that the Board be requested to consider the competition uniforms to be worn for all other Australian Championships and make such recommendations to the next Congress.
- 7.3.4 It was resolved that an advice on the above should be circulated to Member Associations as soon as possible.
- 7.4 (Agenda Item 3) All Schools Championships
- 7.4.1 It was moved by Mr. P. Druitt (WA), seconded by Mr. D. Wilson (ACT) that the Rule be amended by altering it from one athlete per event to "two athletes per event be accepted.
- 7.4.1.1 An amendment was put by Mr. C.D. Lee (NSW), seconded by Mr. N. Ruddock (Tas) that the words "without qualifying standards and take effect from 1986" be added.
- The amendment was carried.
- The motion as amended was carried.
- 7.4.1.2 It was moved by Mr. P. Druitt (WA), seconded by Mr. P. Brebner (SA) that the Rule be amended by adding the words "That substitution be allowed up to one hour prior to the event."
- 7.4.1.2.1 An amendment was put by Mr. P. Brebner (SA), seconded by Mr. P. Druitt (WA) that the words "This shall apply for the 1985 Championships" be added.
- The amendment was carried.
- The motion as amended was carried.
- 7.4.1.3 It was moved by the General Manager, seconded by Mrs. F. Wrighter (NSW) that the Rule be amended as follows:
- Rule 9.2.4 An athlete shall be eligible to register as a member of a second association as a "second claim" member with the written consent of the association or the territory in which the athlete resides.
- 7.4.1.3.1 An amendment was put by Mr. D. Wilson (ACT), seconded by Mrs. F. Wrighter (NSW) that the words "with the written consent of the Association or the territory in which the athlete resides.
- The amendment was carried.
- The motion as amended was carried.
- 7.4.1.4 It was moved by the General Manager, seconded by Mrs. F. Wrighter (NSW) that the Rule be amended as follows:
- Rule 9.2.5 A second claim athlete cannot compete in national championships or interstate competitions as a representative of the association of which he or she is a second claim member.
- The motion was carried.
- 7.4.1.5 It was moved by the General Manager, seconded by Mr. S. Guilfoyle (Vic) that the Rule be amended as follows:
- Rule 9.2.6 Except for the restrictions imposed by Rule 9.2.5 a second claim member of an association shall have the same rights and obligations as any other member of the association.
- The motion was carried.

- 7.5 (Agenda Item 5) Selection Committee - members have a 3 year term with one person retiring each year. (Deferred from 1985 Extra-Ordinary Congress.
- 7.5.1 It was moved by the General Manager, seconded by Mr. N. Ruddock (Tas), that the procedure for the selection of the Track & Field and Winter Selection Committees be that a person be elected for a three year term with one retiring each year and that the Constitution Committee should determine how this is to be implemented.
- 7.6 It was moved by Mr. C.D. Lee (NSW), seconded by Mrs. F. Wrighter (NSW) that the Australian Federation of Amateur Race Walking Clubs be accepted as an Affiliate Member of the Union.
- 7.7 It was moved by Mr. C.D. Lee (NSW), seconded by Mr. P. Druiitt (WA) that Law 3.5.4 be amended as follows:
- Law 3.5.4 A Walking Committee of three members nominated by the executive of the Australian Federation of Race Walking Clubs provided that such members are members of the Union as from 1986. Its duties shall be:
- To recommend the events to be recognised as Australian Walking Championships.
 - To recommend Walk Judges' gradings to the Officials Committee.
 - To institute training schemes for Walking Judges.
 - To recommend appointments to the IAAF Panel of Walking Judges.
 - To conduct Annual Congresses of State Walking Clubs.
 - To advise the Union on any other matters pertaining to walking.
- The motion was carried.
- 7.7.1 The delegates from Queensland showed their dissent to the motion.
- 7.8 It was moved by the General Manager, seconded by Mr. C.D. Lee (NSW) that By-law 24 (7) be amended to read "Management Group".
- An amendment was put by Mr. C.D. Lee (NSW), seconded by the General Manager that the words "Management Group" be replaced by the words "Team Official"
- The amendment was carried.
- The motion as amended was carried.
- 7.9 (Agenda Item 8)
- Moved by Mr. S. Guilfoyle (Vic), seconded by Mrs. M. Mahony (Vic) that:
- "For the season 1985/86 the Australian Athletic Union capitation fee of \$4.50 be waived".
- An amendment was put by Mr. S. Guilfoyle (Vic) seconded by Mrs. M. Mahony (Vic) by inserting words "a member of a Little Athletics Club joining an Australian Athletic Union Club" after 1985/86 and "for one season only" after the word "waived".
- The amendment was lost.
- The motion was lost.

- 7.9.1 Moved by Mr. S. Guilfoyle (Vic), seconded by Mrs. M. Mahony (Vic) that:
"An Association registration fee of \$10.00 be set for season 1985/86 for an athlete in under 13, under 14 and under 15 age groups who wish to register with one Association, but also participate in activities, competitions, and championships conducted by the other Association."
The motion was lost.
- 7.10 Consideration of the C.D. Lee Paper on Australian Championships.
It was resolved that this matter be referred to the Board for a proposal to be put to the next Congress.
- 7.10.1 It was resolved that the two matters of (i) the staging of the Under 16 & Under 18 Multiple Event Championships, Under 20 & Open Australian Track & Field Championships in one venue (ii) the staging of the same Championships in Canberra be referred to the Board for a proper submission, make Rule changes as necessary and that this be done at the Board meeting to be held before Christmas and the details be distributed to Member associations by December 1 so that Member Associations may consult all relevant groups of people. i.e. athletes, administrators, officials and coaches.
- 7.10.2 A vote was taken re conducting Under Sixteen Championships and resulted in 3 Member Associations voting no and 4 voting in favour.
8. REPORT ON WORLD CUP IV
- 8.1 Mr. Brian Roe spoke to the meeting on the progress of World Cup IV and it was resolved that the following should be forwarded to the General Manager of World Cup IV:
"That this Congress views with concern the fact that World Cup was not represented by the General Manager or his Deputy and that there was no written report presented to Congress.
The matter of lack of publicity and promotion was viewed with great concern."
9. Australian Athletic Confederation
- 9.1 It was resolved that Member Associations must abide by the conditions as laid down by the Union regarding dual registration.
- 9.1.1 A motion was put by the General Manager, seconded by Mr. C.D. Lee (NSW) that the wording of 1 (e) as follows:
e. Restricted athletes.
This category is confined to athletes with dual registration and allows such athletes to compete under Australian Athletic Union Rules in Australia and competition authorised by the AAU or its Member Associations.
The motion was carried.
10. It was moved by Mr. S. Guilfoyle (Vic), seconded by Mr. C.D. Lee (NSW) the President should approach the President of the Australian Little Athletics Union with an invitation to accept Associate Membership of the Union if this is accepted it become effective immediately.

The motion was carried.

11. The President invited Mrs. Peg Smith, Secretary of the Australian Association of Veterans Athletic Clubs to speak to the Congress.
12. The President invited Mr. Mel Hastie, President of the Australian Little Athletics Union to speak to the Congress.
- 12.1 Mr. Hastie stated that he looked forward to the ALAU becoming an Associate Member of the AAU and hoped that the invitation would be accepted at the time of the ALAU Annual Meeting.
- 12.2 A motion was put by Mr. I Rogers (SA), seconded by Mr. P. Brebner (SA) that Congress approve the staging of a non-championship Under 16 Multiple Event and a women's triple jump non-championship event for Under 16, Under 18, Under 20 & Open competitors at the time of the 1986 Australian Track & Field Championships.

The motion was carried.

There being no General Business the President thanked all delegates for their attendance and declared the Congress closed at 10.30a.m.

| ADMIN | INTER COMP IN AUST | T & F CHAMPS | SCHOOLS T & F CHAMPS | COACH ING | U/S TEAM TRAVEL | FULL HUN TEAM TROU | AUST MARA | JUNIOR DEVEL. | OLYMPIC GAMES | PROM OTION AL MAT. | DEVELOP MENT | TOTAL |
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TEAM TRAVEL

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|---------------------|--|--|--|--|-------|--|--|--|--|--|--|-------|
| Under 20 USA | | | | | 68589 | | | | | | | 68589 |
| Women's 10km Walk | | | | | 4924 | | | | | | | 4924 |
| Under 19 SE ASIA | | | | | 29579 | | | | | | | 29579 |
| SEOL | | | | | 12378 | | | | | | | 12378 |
| Women's 10Km Road | | | | | 2199 | | | | | | | 2199 |
| World Indoor | | | | | 14686 | | | | | | | 14686 |
| World Cross Country | | | | | 48715 | | | | | | | 48715 |

COMPETITION:

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|------------------------|--|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|-------|
| Toyota Count Down | | 8977 | | | | | | | | | | 8977 |
| Australia Games | | 67906 | | | | | | | | | | 67906 |
| International Series | | 56238 | | | | | | | | | | 56238 |
| U16/U17A Championships | | | 9624 | | | | | | | | | 9624 |
| U20/Open Championships | | | 22000 | | | | | | | | | 22000 |
| M E Championships | | | 4906 | | | | | | | | | 4906 |

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| Surplus (Deficit) for year | 202100 | 133122 | 45593 | 13617 | 27104 | 181069 | 9539 | 199577 | 9955 | 61151 | 8193 | 16279 | 907294 |
| | 9387 | 5668 | (4268) | 1383 | 8980 | | 2751 | 90211 | 31295 | | (3640) | (6998) | 134269 |

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| Transfer Surplus (Deficit) to Administration | (6987) | (5668) | 4768 | | | | (2251) | | | | 3640 | 6998 | |
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| Operating Surplus (Deficit) | 2400 | | | 1383 | 8980 | | | 90211 | 31295 | | | | 134269 |
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AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC UNION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 31.03.1984

WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES AS AT 31.03.1983

(1) GENERAL FUND

| <u>1984</u> | <u>(Particulars)</u> | <u>1983</u> | <u>1984</u> | <u>ASSETS</u> | <u>1983</u> |
|-----------------|--|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 2629 | Accumulated Fund balance 31.3.84 | 12629.47 | | 200906 | Commonwealth Savings Bank |
| | Surplus | <u>2359.93</u> | 15029.40 | | - Sydney |
| | Unallocated Income 83/84 | | <u>21000.00</u> | 450 | - Melbourne 00 |
| | | | 35029.40 | | 41543.22 |
| 17435 | Sundry Creditors | | 55891.07 | 40000 | Petty Cash Advance - Sydney |
| 22192 | Provision for Annual Leave | 11921.00 | 75141 | | - Melbourne |
| | Provision for Long Service Leave | <u>2128.12</u> | 19119.12 | 75141 | Investments/Short Term Deposits |
| | | | | | Sundry Debtors |
| | | | | | Stock valued at lower of cost |
| | | | | | and net realisable value |
| | | | | | 17510.29 |
| 14539 | Suspense Accounts | | | 55154 | Equipment & Furniture - Cost |
| | Australian Marathon | 90210.92 | | | Less Accumulative Depreciation |
| | Council | 8979.96 | | 27551 | |
| | Junior Development | 31725.27 | | 5757 | Suspense |
| | Schools Championship | <u>1982.94</u> | 131869.09 | | WORLD Cup |
| | | | | | Athletes Trust Account |
| 54253 | Australian Sports Commission - Advance | | | | |
| | Administration | 18500.00 | | | |
| | Development | 7000.00 | | 1000 | Prepayments |
| | Team Travel | <u>11741.00</u> | 37241.00 | | |
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| | Australian Social Industry - Advance | | | | |
| | Administration | 17000.00 | | | |
| | Junior Development Commission | 26290.00 | | | |
| | Schools Championships | 10600.00 | | | |
| | Winter Championships | <u>8590.00</u> | 67200.00 | | |
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| <u>\$367945</u> | | | <u>\$341349.68</u> | <u>\$367945</u> | <u>\$341349.68</u> |

(2) RONALD W. CLARKE FOUNDATION

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|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Balance 31.3.1984 | 45123.04 | Cash - Commonwealth Savings Bank | 12025.97 |
| Interest (net of Bank Charges) | <u>8702.93</u> | Investments | |
| Less Allocations | 53825.97 | Australian Savings Banks Series 19 | 4000.00 |
| | <u>1800.00</u> | 12.75% 1.12.1988 | |
| | | State Electricity Commission | 25000.00 |
| | | 15.0% due 1/12/1998 | |
| | | Australian European Finance | |
| | | Corporation Ltd - 24 hour call | <u>11000.00</u> |
| | | | <u>40000.00</u> |
| | <u>\$52025.97</u> | | <u>\$52025.97</u> |

(3) ALF ROBINSON MEMORIAL WALKER FOUNDATION

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Balance 31.3.1984 | 2247.49 | Cash Commonwealth Savings Bank | 2354.70 |
| Interest (net of Bank Charges) | <u>107.27</u> | | |
| | <u>\$2354.76</u> | | <u>\$2354.70</u> |

(4) WILHELMUS TEAM TRAVEL FUND

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Balance 31.3.1984 | 10460.00 | Cash Commonwealth Savings Bank | 19392.98 |
| Interest | 1075.35 | | |
| Entry Fees | <u>13345.00</u> | | |
| | <u>24830.35</u> | | |
| Less Team Travel Fund | | | |
| Contributions | <u>24385.53</u> | | |
| | <u>\$446.82</u> | | |
| Sundry Creditors | <u>\$18746.16</u> | | |
| | <u>\$19392.98</u> | | <u>\$19392.98</u> |

AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC UNION

ADMINISTRATION BUDGET 1985/86

AND PROJECTED ADMINISTRATION BUDGET 1986/87

| INCOME | ACTUAL | REVISED | ACTUAL | ACTUAL | BUDGET | PROJECTED |
|-------------------------------------|---------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-------------------|
| | 1983/84 | BUDGET 1984/85 | 31/3/1985 | 30/6/1985 | 1985/86 | BUDGET 1986/87 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Administration Fees | 13202 | 2000 | 6559 | 2170 | 5000 | 5000 |
| Affiliation Fees | 295 | 1000 | 1275 | 450 | 1275 | 1275 |
| Registration Fees | 86948 | 85000 | 88113 | 31549 | 80000 | 90000 |
| Interest | 12151 | 8000 | 12145 | 3292 | 10000 | 10000 |
| Commonwealth Govt. Grant | 70500 | 72000 | 72500 | 18500 | 72000 | 72000 |
| Newsletter | 2404 | 2500 | 1874 | 547 | 2000 | 2000 |
| Sundry Receipts | 1720 | 1500 | 3161 | 21909 | 3000 | 5000 |
| Sponsorship Sanyo | 22500 | | | - | | |
| Sponsorship Adidas | 1500 | 2000 | 2000 | | 2000 | 2000 |
| Australian Sugar Indust. | | 20000 | 16800 | 17400 | 20000 | 20000 |
| Sponsorship TAA | 5201 | 5000 | 1560 | - | 7000 | 10000 |
| Sponsorship Mars | 2500 | | 2500 | - | 2500 | 2500 |
| Sponsorship Other | 2348 | | 3000 | 3000 | | |
| | 221269 | 199000 | 211487 | 98817 | 204775 | 219775 |
| EXPENDITURE | | | | | | |
| Australian Winter Championships | | 8000 | 5382 | - | | |
| Affiliation Fees | 517 | 1000 | 798 | - | 1000 | 1000 |
| Congress Expenses | 2410 | 3000 | 6579 | - | 6000 | 6500 |
| Congress Delegates Expenses | 4409 | 5000 | 3786 | - | 5000 | 6000 |
| Depreciation | 3952 | 4000 | 4790 | 2500 | 10000 | 15000 |
| Electricity | | | | - | 5000 | 5500 |
| Entertainment | 4313 | 2000 | 2495 | - | 5000 | 3000 |
| Expenses Board Meetings | 17096 | 20000 | 13387 | 458 | 12000 | 15000 |
| General Expenses | 5992 | 3000 | 3674 | 1190 | 3000 | 3000 |
| Insurance | 1424 | 3000 | 3232 | - | 4000 | 5000 |
| Newsletter | 2689 | 3000 | 3666 | 1012 | 4000 | 4000 |
| Office Cleaning | | | | | 1600 | 1800 |
| Officers' Expenses | 5979 | 6000 | 3241 | 430 | 4000 | 5000 |
| Periodicals Library | 2347 | 4000 | 2087 | 690 | 2000 | 2000 |
| Postage | 3571 | 7000 | 5358 | 839 | 6000 | 7000 |
| Printing & Stationery | 8102 | 9000 | 6645 | 565 | 8000 | 10000 |
| Provision for Long Service Leave | 12201 | 2000 | 2000 | 500 | 2000 | 3000 |
| Rates | | | | | 1500 | 2000 |
| Rent | 5002 | 10000 | 5004 | 1446 | 10000 | 10000 |
| Repairs Office Equip. | 999 | 1000 | 484 | - | 1000 | 1000 |
| Salaries & Allowances | 92823 | 119000 | 103702 | 21491 | 125000 | 137500 |
| Superannuation | 4922 | 6000 | 4811 | 726 | 6000 | 6500 |
| Telephone - Telex | 7844 | 10000 | 13292 | 3870 | 10000 | 12000 |
| GM Travel & Entertain. | 4260 | 5000 | 2616 | 677 | 5000 | 5000 |
| NCC Travel & Entertain. | 3299 | 4000 | 1273 | - | 5000 | 5000 |
| Typing Assistance | 563 | 1000 | 823 | 424 | 1000 | 1000 |
| World Cup | 1931 | 7000 | | 14062 | 10000 | - |
| Committee Expenses | 2656 | 4000 | 2724 | 17 | 3000 | 4000 |
| Taxation Advice | | 3000 | 250 | - | | - |
| Management Report | | | | 813 | 10000 | - |
| | 199301 | 250000 | 202190 | 51710 | 266100 | 276800 |
| Surplus (Deficit) | 21968 | (51000) | 9387 | 47107 | (61325) | (57025) |

AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC UNION (Appendix 2)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT TO THE 1985 ANNUAL CONGRESS

1. The Board of Management met on four occasions:

23rd, 24th & 25th November, 1984, Canberra
16th & 17th February, 1985, Sydney
28th March, 1985, Canberra
18th & 19th May, 1985, Sydney

Matters of immediate interest to Associations requiring their attention were brought to notice in the course of normal administrative procedures. A copy of the minutes of the four Board Meetings listed above with papers presented at those meetings were distributed to all Associations.

2. Incorporation: An Incorporated body was established in the name of Australian Athletic Union on 9th July, 1985. As delegates are aware it is planned to disband the Association and hand over all its assets and liabilities to the new incorporated body. The incorporated body will give better legal protection to all Member Associations and individuals. The incorporation process was a very lengthy and costly one but one which the Board of Management believes will be to the best advantage of Australian athletics and in the best interest of the sport.
3. Management Survey. During the course of the year a management survey was undertaken by W.D. Scott on the effectiveness of the Union's administration. The study was undertaken by Mr. Barry P French and a copy of his report has been circulated to States for their information.

Major decisions arising from this report were the change of title of the Sydney appointee to Competitions Manager and a shift of responsibilities to include the overseeing of national competitions and the appointment of a full time administrative officer.

4. World Cup. Arrangements for World Cup are well in hand and it is hoped that a small surplus will be derived from the organisation of this major event. In November, 1984 the Union hosted a meeting of the IAAF Council in Canberra. Council reviewed the facilities and organisation of World Cup Four during their stay in Canberra.
5. Towards 2000. Unfortunately not a lot has happened in regard to this concept in the past twelve months. A meeting was conducted by Mr. Paul Druitt with the Administrative Group and some recommendations have been circulated to State Associations.

The incoming Board of Management will be required to formulate a five year development plan as this request has been forthcoming from the Sports Commission. It is therefore hoped that the Towards 2000 concept will move a little faster in the coming year.

RICK PANNELL,
GENERAL MANAGER,
ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC UNION (Appendix 3)

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER TO THE 1985 ANNUAL CONGRESS

1. ADMINISTRATION: Throughout the year a number of changes have taken place in the administration of the Union. This covers all areas including personnel, titles and office premises.

Throughout the year Jean Roberts, Brian Roe, Sue Bicknell and Debbie Crumpton resigned and were replaced with Fletcher McEwen and Nerida Anderson. Debbie Crumpton has not yet been replaced. The position occupied by Mrs. Lynda Davey was upgraded to a full time position and unfortunately Mrs. Davey could not continue in a full time position and Mr. Tony Lahy was appointed as an administrative officer.

Through the sponsorship of the Australian Sugar Industry Dale Horrobin was appointed in June as the Junior Development Officer and is working closely with the National Coaching Director and the other coaching arms of the Union.

Because of the increase in staff and the need for new equipment the office at Olympic Park became too small and we finally moved at the end of June into premises at 710-722 Mt. Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds. We are still settling into these premises but when this period is over I am sure the move will be for the best as it gives us far more space in which to work and the ability to expand should we need to.

The long awaited computer from Wang should be with us very shortly. It was hoped that it would be available much earlier than this however when things are being donated one cannot be too pushy.

A new telex machine has been installed in the new premises and the photo copy machine will be upgraded in the near future.

I would like to draw the Conference's attention to the financial statements and highlight the turnover for 1985 of \$1,041,568. This has increased dramatically since 1978 when only one person was employed on a part time basis and the turnover was \$24,733 and in 1979 when four people were employed the turnover was \$48,847.

From the above and referring to items of international competition and other matters further on in this report the Conference can see that the role of the Union has changed markedly over the last five years and the service to the States and athletes has increased. It is hoped that in the coming year with more staff and better equipment we will be able to service the States and athletes much better than we are currently doing and further develop and promote our sport in Australia.

2. SPONSORS:

Australian Sugar Industry In the past twelve months we have secured sponsorship from the Australian Sugar Industry for all our Championships and the establishment of a Junior Development Programme. The sponsorship totalled \$1.1 million and has provided significant benefits to the sport, particularly through the Junior Development Programme which is now making its presence felt throughout the country. It is hoped that the Sugar Industry will remain with the Union even through its troubled times in the commercial world as the Junior Development Programme needs a firm foothold in its establishment to ensure its success. I would like to thank Spectator Sport and in particular Mr. Chris Simmond for his assistance in regard to the Sugar Industry sponsorship and look forward to continuing the association with the Sugar Industry and Spectator in the coming year.

News Limited The initial three year contract with News Limited concluded this year and final negotiations for another 3 year contract are just about to be completed. Brian Roe, in his capacity as Race Director of the Marathon, has done an excellent job in setting up the organisation of this event and it behoves us now to capitalise on this organisation and promote the event further to increase its numbers. Although not a large amount of money is made as a surplus on the marathon the benefits the Union receives by having an additional office in Sydney and staff together with the contact through News Limited and Network Ten have proved enormously helpful over the last three years.

Mars The Five Star Award continues to operate throughout Australia and Mars are looking to increasing their involvement in this programme with new launches in various States in the coming twelve months. Initial discussions have taken place with representatives of Mars in regard to a development programme for the Five Star Award and it is hoped that a full promotional and development programme in regard to the Five Star Award in schools will be finalised by the end of the year for implementation in 1986/87.

Adidas The contract with Adidas as official supplier of uniforms to the Union concluded earlier this year and was re-negotiated after receiving tenders from both Adidas and Nike. Adidas, through the auspices of Bob Lay who has been most helpful over the past three years. I am aware of problems in regard to the clothing issues that we have and these have been highlighted with Mr. Lay and every effort will be made to rectify this in the current contract. I am personally grateful for Bob's assistance over the past three years and Adidas' additional help at various times when we were looking for the financial assistance to undertake various projects which has resulted in Adidas contributing a further \$20,000 to assist athletics over the previous three years.

I look forward to the next three years of working in association with Bob Lay and Adidas in regard to teams. Australian teams are growing each year and this area is becoming a most important one for the finances of the Union.

TAA The contract with TAA concludes in October, 1986. Our total turnover of domestic travel in the past twelve months from August, 1984 has been just over \$100,000. I would take the opportunity to thank Mr. John Presley who has been our sales representative for the last three years for his assistance.

International Travel International travel over the last twelve months has grown and it has been in the interest of the Australian Athletic Union not to align ourselves with one airline or agent. I believe we secure the best fares that we can in the circumstances and would like to thank Gullivers Travel, Osprey Travel, Qantas, Jetset and Mitsui Travel for their assistance in the past twelve months. International travel undertaken by the Union in the twelve months' period ending July, 1985 was \$285,735.

3. INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: The domestic series of international meetings was again undertaken this year but unfortunately not to the level we would have wished as a sponsor was not forthcoming. Adidas came to the party and assisted with one meeting and funds from the Commonwealth Games Association were used to try and get as many athletes as possible to the three meets conducted. Unfortunately TV was not possible for the series and this made it difficult to obtain sponsorship.

It is the intention of the Union to continue with these international meets in the coming year as they play a vital role in the preparation of athletes for international competition and the selection of teams.

The number of Australian teams selected this year has been the most we have ever had. Since August, 1984 we have had the following teams selected:

Under 18 Tour of S/E Asia - September, 1984 (15)
Women's Road Championships - November, 1984 (1)
World Indoor Games - January, 1985 (8)
Australia Games - January, 1985 (30)
World Cross Country Championships - March, 1985 (25)
Under 20 Tour of USA - April/May, 1985 (24)
World Marathon Cup - April, 1985 (10)
Multiple Event Tour of China - May, 1985 (5)
Pacific Conference Games - June, 1985 (50)

Total: Teams - 9 Athletes & Officials - 168

I believe we are now catering for the needs of athletes and coaches in regard to overseas competition and with the introduction of the World Indoor Championships in 1987 and the World Junior Championships in 1986 this area of our sport will increase even more so over the next 3 - 5 years and give the necessary experience and opportunities to athletes to further themselves.

4. AUSTRALIA GAMES: The first Australia Games were held in Melbourne in January, 1985 and although it was not the most opportune time to have senior elite athletes present the undertaking by the Union to base the meeting on an international junior match was most successful. The competition between England, New Zealand and Australia with an Under Twenty Track Match was of great benefit to not only our athletes but the athletes from the other two countries concerned. The two night carnival was very successful in regard to competition and attendance.

I believe the Union should be involved with future Australia Games in some form or other however, if the Australia Games Foundation wishes to meet their requirements of providing elite senior competition, more notice will have to be taken of the time of the year which suits athletes as it most difficult to secure athletes in this day and age with so many international competitions being conducted around the world.

5. AUSTRALIAN BICENTENNARY CELEBRATIONS: Further to the report given at last year's Annual Congress the Union has still to receive concrete endorsement of the Around Australia Relay Project submitted in September, 1983 to the Authority. We understand however that it will be taken up by the Authority as a major project of the Bicentenary Celebrations and we have been advised by the Sports Division of the ABA that acceptance of our project and the amount of funding available to us as a seeding grant will be advised by the end of October.

I would like to thank Chris Simmond and Spectator Australia for their assistance over the past twelve months in regard to this project. Spectator Australia has indicated that they would assist us in securing sponsors for this project which is estimated to have a budget of 2½ - 3 million dollars.

The Authority has asked the Union to conduct a major international competition in this twelve month period and investigations are currently under way as to ways and means in which this can be undertaken. The Union will also have a number of events which are normally conducted endorsed as Bicentenary events.

6. GOVERNMENT GRANTS: The amount of funds being made available by the Federal Government is increasing year by year and the Australian Athletic Union has been most fortunate in the past twelve months to have received a total of \$252,500 from various sources of Federal Government. This has been made up as follows:

| | |
|--|----------|
| Sports Development Grant | \$138,00 |
| World Cup | 10,000 |
| National Athletic Award Scheme | 98,500 |
| Department of Foreign Affairs for international teams to Australia | 6,000 |

The above contribution by the Federal Government makes them a major sponsor of the Union of which we are most grateful and look forward to their continued support in the coming twelve months.

7. TRUST ACCOUNTS: Because the amount of grant monies available to athletes is increasing from a large number of various sources, the work involved with the trust accounts has increased dramatically over the last twelve months which has led to the appointment of a full time person to oversee the finances of the Union. The turnover for this year, \$1,041,568 indicates the volume of work involved in the finances of the Union which is far too much to expect an honorary person to undertake. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Joan Cross for all her work. Joan will now oversee the work undertaken by the administrative officer of all the finances and advise the Board on financial matters in regard to the Union as Treasurer as against the more practical workload she has been undertaking in the past three years.

A special form has been devised in the past twelve months to assist athletes claiming money from trust accounts. It appears that athletes consider that any funds they get should be used by them for whatever purposes and not as set out under the IAAF Rules. I have endeavoured to point this out to a number of athletes over the past couple of years but with little success. The Trust is registered with the Victorian Government and we must undertake to operate the trust in accordance with Victorian Trust Laws. This is another athletes point athletes unfortunately not understand. It is hoped however that with these new forms that some of these problems we have been experiencing in the past will be overcome.

The matter of athlete advertising which has been a problem in previous years has not been so much of a problem this last year. It appears that we have finally got our message through to athletes in regard to being careful of appearing in advertisements without referring first to the Union office and all contracts undertaken last year with the exception of one, were done via this office and for a reasonable fee.

8. AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT: In the past twelve months the Australian Institute of Sport has seen a number of personnel changes. Tony Rice has taken the position of Coach Co-ordinator in the place of Mr. Kelvin Giles. Norm Osborne has been appointed to replace the late Gary Knoke in the hurdles/sprints area. In addition to this Dr. Cheffers appointed Peter Farmer on a part time basis in the pole vault and hammer throw area.

The past twelve months has seen the AIS providing more services to non-resident athletes. I believe this is a great step forward and commend them for this initiative.

The Institute has also assisted the Union by hosting athletes from other countries in the past twelve months in conjunction with the Union as well as by themselves. This can only benefit Australian athletics and help with the PR image of the Union overseas.

The Institute has also, last year, for the first time, brought a coach from overseas to conduct clinics and seminars and assist Australian athletes. This is another good initiative established by the Institute however has brought to light the need for more co-operation with the Union when these sorts of projects are undertaken to ensure the States and the Union can get maximum benefit from having someone like Mac Wilkins visit and use them during their time in Australia.

There has been a request made to the Coaching Co-ordinator to formulate a five year development plan for athletics in Australia to incorporate not only a national programme but state programmes and the role of the Institute. We look forward to a more coherent plan and use of the Institute facilities to maximise the dollar available to athletics through this source and reap as many benefits to the sport as we can through this resource.

9. COACHING: With the appointment of Dale Horrobin as Junior Development Officer and the new look administrative coaching structure set out and adopted by the Coaching Committee and the Board we have in the past twelve months been able to cover the administrative role of athletes' services. We have split the athletes' services in junior area and senior area with Dale being given the responsibility of junior development of athletes and senior development of athletes being undertaken by Tony Rice via his role at the Institute. This now leaves us only one major administrative area to cover, support system officer and this will complete the major hierarchical structure of the coaching development plan.

It has now been established that regular meetings will be held between Fletcher McEwen, Tony Rice, Marlene Mathews and Dale Horrobin. This should help to overcome any communication problems we have had in the past and also speed up the development of the coaching area.

The Group Directors have now been in place for twelve months and are making their presence felt by helping the national event coaches and spreading the load of work involved. We look forward to further developments and initiatives from these people in the coming twelve months.

It has been the practice in the past to only appoint people to the National Squad every twelve months. This has caused a number of minor problems in regard to servicing these people and it has now been resolved that the National Squad will stay in place and will be reviewed on a six monthly basis. This will hopefully give a little more stability to the squad and the ability to national event coaches to service these people on a regular basis.

10. I would like to take the opportunity of thanking Miss Lil Neville, Mr. Henri Schubert and Mr. Bert Gardiner for the many hours of voluntary help they afford us in the office. Without their help it would be necessary to employ further staff to carry out the arduous tasks undertaken by this trio.
11. To Mrs. Mabel Robinson and Mrs. Jeanette Brown I would like to say thank you for all their thought and assistance throughout the past twelve months. I look forward to working with these two competent ladies for many years to come and the new staff who have joined us in the last six months. I would like to thank the President and the Board for their support and particularly those people on the Board and on Standing Committees of the Union who have acted on my requests without delay, thus making my tasks much easier over the last twelve months.

I look forward to the next three years of the development of the sport in Australia, particularly to -

the continuance of the Junior Development Programme and the World Junior Championships

the development of the coaching system and further assistance to senior athletes via the National Squad

further promotion of the sport in the eyes of the general public

the first celebration of a centenary by a Member Association

the staging of the Veterans World Championships in 1987

and the exciting concept of an 'Around Australia Relay' as athletics contribution to our country's bicentenary celebrations in 1988.

RICK PANNELL,
GENERAL MANAGER

However, I believe this is an area which can be investigated in the next 12 months. The athletes who drop out at the last minute still caused many problems in the last 12 months.

The selection of the World Cup teams was completed with the aid of a phone hook-up and this proved very satisfactory and enabled the 3 selectors to have equal opportunity of stating their choice.

As convenor of selectors I have not received any complaints from athletes and I would like to add that I have been kept well informed with results.

My sincere thanks to my fellow selectors, John Gilbert and Joyce Bonwick and also to the patient office staff, Jeanette Brown and Mabel Robinson who have been very helpful at all times.

PAM TURNEY, CONVENOR, ROAD AND CROSS COUNTRY SELECTION COMMITTEE

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

1985 has happily been a quiet year for the Constitution Committee in that no disputes were referred to it for consideration. The only matter referred to the Committee related to second claim registration of athletes. Draft rules to provide for this have been drawn and submitted to the Executive Director.

SCOTT CHESTERMAN, CONVENOR, CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

SELECTION COMMITTEE - TRACK

The Selection Committee was required to make a number of major selections throughout the season. These were the Pacific Conference Games, World Indoor Games, Eschborn and Lugano Cups, Under 20 teams to compete against England and New Zealand to tour the USA and a multiple event tour of China.

The Committee also finalised the selection criteria for the 1986 Commonwealth Game:

There were a number of problems created with selections this year. For the first time a team was selected to compete indoors which created problems as to how to assess outdoor performances for indoor competitions where 99% of Australian athletes have had no experience.

The team was chosen mainly from the Olympic Team and others who had shown early season form. The disappointing aspect was however that a few top athletes insisted that they were wanting to be selected whilst they were carrying injuries which were unknown to the selectors. Some of these athletes withdrew at a late stage which prevented replacements as entries had closed.

The Under 20 team provided a different problem. Who was eligible (age). As there is no centralized registration system in the AAU there is no foolproof way of knowing who are juniors and who are not. The selection Committee does not have all birthdates. Far too much time and cost was spent on this before the team was finalised. I was still very concerned that someone may have missed out. At this point I wish to thank some Associations who were very co-operative in supplying information.

Whilst overall standards continue to rise in most events it is clear that the steeplechase is declining whilst men's distance running is marking time.

AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC UNION (Appendix 4)

REPORTS OF AAU STANDING COMMITTEES TO THE 1985 ANNUAL CONGRESS

REPORT OF THE RECORDS COMMITTEE

During the year the AAU Board approved an inaugural set of Records for men and women Under 16 group.

The Board re-affirmed its policy that Australian Records will be allowed in mixed competitions and also by juniors whilst competing in senior events.

The AAU Almanac of Records and Results is available for persons wishing to know the records broken during the past year.

The continuing apathy of some State Associations in failing to notify the AAU of prospective records broken, and thereafter taking up to 12 months to forward a completed application form continues to be the prime matter of concern. To comply strictly with the AAU Constitution thereby disallowing forms exceeding the prescribed 6 months limit would be upsetting to athletes. The Board might consider its options, possibly increasing the \$4 fine, to encourage offending Associations to take an interest in completing and forwarding forms promptly.

The AAU Board approved a number of new distances for which records may be granted: Women - 1,000m track, 2,000m track, 20,000m track, 1 hr track, 25,000m track and 30,000m track.

The following under age records were introduced: Women - U/18 1,000m track, U/18 2,000m track, U/20 1,000m track, U/20 2,000m track; Men U/18 1,000m track, U18 2,000m track.

This resulted primarily from the IAAF approving new events for World Records. The Commonwealth Records Officer has also indicated that these new events will also become established as events for Commonwealth Records.

GRAEME NICHOLLS, CONVENOR, RECORDS COMMITTEE

ROAD AND CROSS COUNTRY SELECTION COMMITTEE

During the past 12 months the above Committee has managed to do the majority of it's work by phone and letter. As convenor I have attempted to keep in regular touch with my fellow selectors by these means.

During the year we have set criteria for the Commonwealth Games Marathons, the Women's 15k World Championship (road) and revised qualifying times for the Commonwealth Games Marathons.

One of our prime concerns this year was to get the best possible teams away for the World Cross Country Championships. We did this with every faith in our selections which were made immediately after the trial. The results were very disappointing. Following this we reviewed our criteria, method of selecting, time of the trial, etc., but decided that for 1986 at least, we must maintain a stable approach to selection criteria and policies rather than rush changes because of the negative results on this occasion.

We encountered the usual problems with short notice invitations and consequent selections. A suggestion that invites be classified, thus enabling the selections to bypass elite athletes when, for instance, a 'B' invite is being dealt with. This raises immediate problems when the promoters specify a time and/or athlete.

WALKING COMMITTEE

To the President and members of Congress.
It is with deliberation I submit the 1984/85 report on behalf of the Walking Committee.

Not everything has been cheerful in the sport of race walking this year, particularly on the judges side. Fortunately the gloom has not dampened all when one analyses the spirit and enthusiasm of our walkers.

The Committee has at all times worked to uphold the duties as set down in Law 3.5.4 of the AAU Constitution and the IAAF Handbook.

The new system of appointing judges for Australian Championships and Trials has not proved as successful as the previous method. On several occasions judges who have made themselves available have not been able to act due to the fact that for some reason their names were not made available to the Walking Committee and therefore they missed out on appointments after having travelled to the venues of Championships or selection trials at their own expense

Under the previous method whereby all names were submitted to the Walking Committee it was possible to make up panels in accordance with the numbers of judges available under the rules for particular events and all judges were given an opportunity to act in turn.

The Committee therefore would like to recommend that the latter system be re-introduced.

Attached is a sample of the procedure adopted by the Committee to allocate all panels.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rick, Jeanette, Mabel and Committee Members Jill and Ray for their assistance.

MARION PATTERSON, CONVENOR

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The Technical Committee received a bad jolt during the past year in the death of our member and Convenor, Mr. Herb J. Lowe, OBE. His passing was sudden and is greatly regretted by all who knew him.

This vacancy has been filled by Mr. Fred Napier of Western Australia who has for many years been a member of the National Championships Technical Committee. Welcome Fred.

Herb Lowe left the Union and athletics generally a great memory and a valuable report in his "Survey of International Athletic Track Facilities" which he carried out in Europe during 1984. This report is a welcome volume in any athletic library.

This past year has been quiet as no matter has been referred by the AAU to the Committee for study and report since my appointment as Convenor.

The members of the Committee thank the Union for the appointment and look forward to assisting athletics in the future.

RAY C. FRITH, CONVENOR

OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

The Officials Committee still continues to progress. The number of officials who have been graded in one or more subjects shows in the following:

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|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Australian Capital Territory | 32 graded officials |
| New South Wales | 131 " " |
| Queensland | 128 " " |
| South Australia | 50 " " |
| Tasmania | 25 " " |
| Victoria | 92 " " |
| Western Australia | 61 " " |

a total of 519 graded officials

There are also approximately 200 officials who have successfully passed the theory examination but still have to complete a practical examination to be graded.

As the Committee has been grading for 4 years, and there has now been sufficient opportunity for the "older" officials to be graded on a practical basis only, it has been decided that as from May, 1986 there will be no exemptions from the theory examination, and to be graded, officials must complete both a theory and a practical examination.

The Committee continues to work well, they have worked as a team, met as often as possible, and as Convenor, I do thank them all for the splendid support and co-operation they have given me.

F.E. WRIGHTER, CONVENOR

EXAMPLE TO WALKING COMMITTEE REPORT

| AAU | | 1 OPEN MEN 5000 | 2 U/20 MEN 5000 | 3 OPEN WOMEN 5000 | 4 U/20 WOMEN 3000 |
|---------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | Ray Smith | VIC | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| 1 | Allan Johnson | VIC | | 2 | 3 |
| 1 | Marion Patterson | VIC | | 2 | 3 |
| | Stan Jones | VIC | 1 | | 3 |
| 2 | Jill Huxley | NSW | 1 | | 3 |
| 2 | Trevor Huxley | NSW | 1 | | 4 |
| 2 | Tony Veceillo | NSW | | 3 | 4 |
| 2 | Judy Veceillo | NSW | | 2 | 3 |
| 3 | Peter Wilson | NSW | 1 | | |
| 3 | Bob Young | NSW | | 2 | |
| 2 | Joyce Petfield | QLD | Declined at last minute | | |
| Trainee | Allan Hearn | ACT | | | 4 |

It is also encouraging to note the excellent performances in under age championships which augers well for the future.

I was also very impressed with the competitive temperament of many of our female athletes who are able to compete close to their best in major meets. The overall success of our Olympic team was very pleasing and fully justifies the size selected. It should provide a good springboard for success at future Games.

I would like to recommend to the AAU that a card be produced which admits the selectors and/or any other official the AAU considered essential to any athletic meeting in Australia. I found it highly embarrassing to ask for tickets on a number of occasions for myself and co-selector for the Australia Games. As I had spent 4-5 weeks of hard work and cost not only selecting a team but also providing the competitors for the invitation events, I had rather imagined I might be invited to attend.

There are still no IAAF standards for the World Junior Championships in 1986. If the IAAF do not set standards by the end of October (which is very late) then the Selection Committee will set criteria and standards.

I would like to remind all Associations that the Committee is accessible and will respond to all queries. The Committee also welcomes any suggestions and constructive criticism.

PAUL JENES, CHAIRMAN OF SELECTORS - TRACK

STATISTICIAN

I have had a mixed year with statistics. I still found it very difficult to get results from some Associations. On the other hand NSW and Queensland have an excellent results roundup which makes my job easier.

Winter results are still a problem. Some Associations forget that they are also part of the season. Walk results in particular are hard to come by.

During the first half of the season I prepared a summary of results for Australia and ranking lists which were sent to each Association. As none were ever published or commented on I assumed that no one was interested and I ceased the exercise in January. In particular I am very disappointed with the AAU News. The result summaries were fully published in British and German athletic magazines which gave me the impression that there is more interest in Australian performances overseas than in Australia.

I am still very disappointed in the lack of interest in the AAU Almanac. Apart from the statistics there are records and also results of all national championships. I am sure that there would be greater interest shown if it was more heavily advertised in Association newsletters and also sold at all venues.

This year's almanac carries a top 20 all-time list for each event as well as far more details as to wind readings, position in race and birthdates. The lists themselves are between 30-50 deep. Unfortunately I am still without a computer and doing them by hand is a very time consuming exercise.

I wish to thank each Association for supplying me with the missing birthdates I asked for and their co-operation during the season.

Could Associations please make sure that if wind readings are taken that they are included in the results. I also need full results of major meetings such as International, interstate and state championships.

PAUL JENES, STATISTICIAN

REPORT OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

This Committee has met regularly during the past 12 months to consider results and ranking lists and to discuss trends in each event. Informal meetings have been held with athletes, coaches and officials from all States to gain feedback on the validity of the standards established for 1984-85 and to consider possible adjustments.

One letter was received from Clive Lee which asked for consideration to be given to raising the standards to ensure that NSW does not have to cope with a schools team of 200 plus. This letter focused attention on several issues which the committee feel have major implications for our sport.

Essentially the problem we have to resolve the perhaps conflicting need of -

1. State administrators who have the problem of selecting, funding and managing large teams.
2. The coaches who would prefer standards set so that large numbers of athletes can attend National Championships. In some cases the Nationals are the only chance for many athletes to compete on a different track during a season.
3. The sponsors, who at present also prefer to see more athletes at the Nationals.

In an attempt to achieve a compromise our committee is endeavouring to set standards which will attract 16 competitors for each event. This number will ensure viable heats on the track while not being too many for the field events, particularly if judicious use is made of qualifying rounds. Our standards for 1985-86 should be in your hands via Fletcher McEwen. Trust they do not cause too many problems.

ALAN LAUNDER,
CONVENOR

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

During the past months, the Committee has not been given to much activity. Thus, it may be necessary for the role of the Committee to be re-examined in view of the current standards of female competition throughout Australia, as well as the decline in registered competitors (female) in some States. A suggestion is that the Congress may wish to develop stronger terms of reference for the Committee.

1. Need to be made aware, at all times, of any developments, programs designed for women, etc., which are operational in Europe.
2. Lines of communication be established with similar Committee in other countries.
3. Study of document - Women, Sport and the Media - as presented to the Federal Government be done by the Committee and where necessary, action taken.
4. Triple Jump to be included on program of events for the Australian Championship in 1986. If there is sufficient interest, the event become a National Championship event as from 1987. (NB. The triple jump is now being held on programs in GDR, DDR, USA. As means of introduction, lectures for women are now being given in the UK.)
5. In order to implement the triple jump, National Event Coach be asked to visit States to conduct clinics/lectures in conjunction with State Event Coaches.
6. In view of the World Junior Championships, is it necessary to alter age grouping for our athletes to coincide? For women - Under 19 years of age during the year of competition.

7. As there is a 10,000 metre road race for women on World Junior Championship program, recommend that this be implemented into an Australian program.

This Committee has a vital role to play in the progress of track and field athletics in Australia. It requires a commitment from all to make it succeed.

Margaret L. Mahony,
Convenor.

COACHING CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

The Coaching Co-ordinating Committee has met on six occasions during the last twelve months and has achieved most of the goals wet down for 1985 in our forward planning programme.

We were sorry to lose Dr. Jean Roberts as National Coaching Director at the beginning of the year and for some six months we were operating without any real leadership from the AAU.

However, we were delighted with Fletcher McEwen's appointment and the Committee's congratulations and best wishes are extended to him.

The Committee has continued to make recommendations to the AAU Executive on team coach appointments and has developed a selection criteria for the next 4 years which will take coaches through the system beginning with minor representative teams leading up to major international teams.

In addition to the appointment of 19 National Event Coaches and 5 Group Directors for a further 4 year term, 5 Junior coaches were appointed to work with the Commission on Junior Development.

During the twelve months the Committee has submitted to the AAU Board forward planning programmes covering the next four years for the development of junior and elite athletes and has reviewed and updated the coaching programme for a similar period.

In accordance with these projected plans the following camps and seminars have been planned and supported by the AIS under the National Training Centre Scheme -

- August - Junior Athlete Development Camp
- September - National Event Coaches & Group Directors Conference
- October - National "Jumps" Event Seminar
- January 1986 - National Level II Coaching Course
- May 1986 - Junior Squad Training Camp to include members of Junior World Championship team.

All in all, I believe the last twelve months has been the most productive period for this Committee and we look forward to a continuance of this productiveness in all areas of athlete and coach development.

Marlene Mathews
Convenor.
