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HELD AT THE ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF VICTORIA

QUEEN STREET, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 15TH & 16TH AUGUST, 1987

MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association
Queensland Athletic Association
Victorian Athletic Association
Athletic Association of South Australia
Athletic Association of Western Australia
Athletic Association of Tasmania
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
Australian Little Athletics Union
Australian Athletic Confederation

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

(Elected by AAU of A)

+ Hugh R. Weir, CBE	1957
C. Ronald Aitken, CBE	1965
+ Arthur J. Hodsdon, MBE	1965
+ Norman G. Hutton	1965
Leonard B. Curnow, OBE	1968
+ Robert E. Graham, OBE	1968
+ George Soper	1969
+ F. Theo Treacy, OBE	1969
C. Herbert Gardiner	1974

(Elected by AWAU)

Miss Gwen Bull, BEM	1962
Miss Nell Gould, BEM	1962
Mrs. Doris Magee, AM, MBE	1962
Miss Lillian Neville	1962
Mrs. Mavis Ebzery, OAM	1967
Mrs. Maisie McQuiston, BEM	1971
+ Mrs. Margaret Cahill	1972
Mrs. Mabel Robinson, MBE	1973
Mrs. Joyce Bonwick	1978
H. George Carruthers, MBE	1977

(Elected by AAU)

Thomas C. Blue, BEM	1980
Clive D. Lee	1984
Florence E. Wrighter, OAM, BEM	1986

AUSTRALIAN ATHLETIC UNION INC

Minutes of the Third Annual General Meeting of the Union held at the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria, 123 Queen Street, Melbourne on Saturday and Sunday, 15th & 16th August, 1987.

First Session - Saturday, August 15 - 9.00am to 12.10pm
Second Session - Saturday, August 15 - 2.00pm to 5.30pm
Third Session - Sunday, August 16 - 9.00am to 12noon

1. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATES:

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

Also present: Competitions Manager - J. Lambert, Minute Secretary - Mrs. J. Brown

Delegates: Queensland - J. Bailey, R. Brandis
New South Wales - Mrs. F.E. Wrighter, OAM, BEM, C.D. Lee (Sat. only) R.M. Durie, OAM (Sun. only)
Australian Capital Territory - D.P. Wilson, P. Hamilton
Victoria - Mrs. L. Downes, S.M.L. Guilfoyle
Tasmania - Mrs. M. Ebzery, OAM, N.J. Ruddock
South Australia - Mrs. K. Edwards, D. Prince
Western Australia - P.R. Druitt, J. Baguley
Northern Territory - R. Ralph
Australian Track & Field Coaches Association - Dr. J. Boas
Aust. Association of Veterans Athletic Clubs - Mrs. P. Smith (Sat. only)
Australian Little Athletics Union - M. Hastie (Sat. only)

Life Members: Miss L. Neville, Mrs. M. McQuiston, BEM

Observers: T. Rice (AA of WA), G. Mason (VAA)

Apologies: Ms. M. Mathews (AT & FCA), Ms. A. Genders (NT), D. Blythe (ALAU), Mrs. D. Magee, AM, MBE, Miss N. Gould, OAM, BEM and Mrs. J. Bonwick.

2. READING OF NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

2.1 The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting

2.2 The President declared open the Annual General Meeting of the Union and extended a welcome to all members present, especially welcoming Mrs. Kath Edwards, General Manager of the AA of SA and Mr. John Baguley from WA to their first meeting of the Union.

3. OBITUARY

The meeting showed a mark of respect for Mrs. Nance Kiely, Mrs. Norma Boyd and Waldo Turner all of whom has passed away since the last General Meeting.

4. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

First let me welcome you all to the 1987 Annual General Meeting of the Australian Athletic Union, the third we have held since incorporation. In particular I welcome Mel Hastie, the President of the Australian Little Athletics Union and those delegates who are attending for the first time, Kath Edwards, John Baguley and Rick Ralph. I said at our last meeting that you as the elected delegates of our Member Associations must now take the bullet between the teeth and decide the direction in which the Union must go. It is even more urgent now twelve months later.

You have before you an Annual Report which you will be asked to adopt so I will not review in detail our activities for the year ended 31 March, 1987. Competitively, we have spread our wings far and wide, the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh and the World Junior Championships in Athens were successful ventures as were the other international tours. At home the New South Wales Centenary celebrations were the highlight and those of us who were privileged to attend some of those celebrations certainly enjoyed themselves and we wish the Association well in the future. We were unsuccessful in bidding for the 1991 World Championships in Perth but I am certain that the excellent presentation of that bid enhanced our chances for a second bid. We were successful of course in being granted the World 15K Road Running Championship for Women in Adelaide next year. The domestic season was successful though I must deplore the actions of four States in not submitting reports for inclusion in the Annual Report.

The Board has not met as frequently as I would have liked but its meetings have been fruitful. The topic which has most occupied the Board's attention has been the "Athletics Towards 2000" proposals. You must not take these proposals lightly. At Tullamarine on Thursday morning the Australian Sugar Industry Board announced its continuance of its sponsorship of our programmes - particularly the Junior Development Programme - to the tune of \$1,000,000 over the next two years. The Deputy Chairman of the Board, Mr. Eric White, said that the Sugar Industry had chosen our sport for their sponsorship two years ago because of the vision of "Athletics Towards 2000". Later that morning, we had a meeting with the Australian Sports Commission during which we were questioned closely about our profile outside our immediate boundaries.

It is clear to me - and to the Board - that we must show ourselves as leaders in our sport. You represent our constituent members. You must talk to those at the coal face and you must be prepared to take chances and progress. If we don't, we regress. We will discuss how to progress "Athletics Towards 2000" later in the agenda. Please be positive in those discussions. I charge you to consider the sport in a national context. I wish you well in your deliberations.

I thank the Board for its work and support for me in what has been a difficult year for me personally. I thank in particular the Deputy President, Mrs. Flo Wrighter, for standing in for me for some months when I was unable to carry out my duties. Finally I thank the staff for another year of continued loyal service. They all work very hard in the interests of our sport far and beyond the call of duty.

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF 2ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

5.1 It was moved N. Ruddock (Tas) seconded P. Drutt (WA) that subject to the substitution of the word "Congress" for "Council" in Minute 13.3 the Minutes of the 2nd Annual General Meeting be accepted as a true and correct record.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 2ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

6.1 Minute 10.14 It was moved C.D. Lee (NSW), seconded Mrs. F. Wrighter (NSW) that one set of Trustees be elected for the Foundations that are held on behalf of the Union.

The motion was carried.

6.2 Minute 11.8.2 It was reported that the Board had made a ruling that only performances recorded at recognised meetings of Associations would be accepted in future.

6.3 Minute 12.5.2 It was reported that the matter of the women's triple jump, pole vault, hammer throw and steeplechase events had been referred to the Scientific & Medical Commission and they are deliberating.

6.3.1 It was moved C.D. Lee (NSW), seconded P. Drutt (WA) that the Commission be asked to expedite this report in view of the fact that the Union now has two of these events as Australian Championships and to obtain from the USA their records of the triple jump and ask them what they are doing in respect of the other events.

6.3.2 It was moved Mrs. F. Wrighter (NSW), seconded D. Prince (SA) to ask the Oceania delegate and Ms. Mathews to gather information on the women's hammer throw, triple jump, pole vault and steeplechase at the forthcoming meetings to be attended in Rome.

6.4 Minute 12.1.1 It was noted that only three Associations had responded to this request and the President reported that at the Board of Directors meeting in February, Directors were allocated the task of writing various papers and that these papers had been discussed at the Board Meeting in July but there had been insufficient time to correlate these to present to this meeting. The President also reported that a proposal had been received from the ACTAA to be established as a region of the Union and the Board had agreed to accept that proposal in principle. The President further reported that some members of the Board had had a meeting with the Australian Sports Commission who had promised assistance with State Governments in relation to funding from those bodies.

6.4.1 It was moved D. Wilson (ACT), seconded N. Ruddock (Tas) that the oral report of the President be received.

The motion was carried.

6.4.2 It was moved D. Wilson (ACT), seconded N. Ruddock (Tas) that the Board be authorised to negotiate with the ACTAAA and New South Wales AAA that ACT be a region by 1st April, 1989 or earlier if possible and that legal advice be sought on this matter re the Memorandum and Articles.

7. Election of Officers, Committees, Life Members, Merit Awards and Trustees

7.1 The Secretary reported that the NSWAAA had withdrawn the name of Mr. John F. Treloar as a nomination for President.

7.2 It was resolved that the scrutineers for the elections would be Mr. J. Lambert and Mr. B. Quick to be overseen by Mrs. M. McQuiston.

7.3 President: There being only one nomination for President, Mr. G. Briggs was declared appointed.

7.4 Honorary Treasurer: Nominations were received for Mrs. J. Cross (Qld) and Mr. S.M.L. Guilfoyle (Vic).

Mr. S.M.L. Guilfoyle (Vic) was elected.

7.5 Board of Directors: (2 year period) Nominations were received for Mr. G.T. Briggs (Tas), Mrs. J.M. Cross (Qld), Mr. P.R. Druitt (WA), Mrs. W.M. Ey (SA), Mr. S.M.L. Guilfoyle (Vic), Mr. B.S. Roe (NSW) and Mr. D. Wilson (ACT). Mr. G.T. Briggs (Tas) withdrew his nomination.

A ballot resulted in the following people being elected: Mrs. J.M. Cross (Qld), Mr. S.M.L. Guilfoyle (Vic) and Mr. D.P. Wilson (ACT).

7.6 Honorary Statistician: Mr. P. Jeness (Vic) was appointed unopposed to the office of Honorary Statistician.

7.7 Constitution Committee: Mr. P. Lucas, Mrs. F.E. Wrighter and Mr. B. Roe (NSW) were appointed unopposed to the Constitution Committee. Mrs. F.E. Wrighter was appointed Convener.

7.8 Records Committee: Ms. R. Jenkins, Mr. G.R. Nicholls and Mr. M. McLaughlin (Vic) were appointed unopposed to the Records Committee. Ms. R. Jenkins was appointed Convener.

7.9 Officials Committee: Nominations were received for Mrs. M. Ebzery OAM (Tas), Mr. J. Forrest (Qld), Mrs. B. Pearl (SA), Mr. G.W. Tempest (WA), Mr. D. Wilson (ACT), Mrs. F.E. Wrighter (NSW) and Mrs. J. Hines (Vic).

All of the above were elected and Mrs. F.E. Wrighter (NSW) was appointed Convener.

7.9.1 Mr. D.P. Wilson (ACT), Mrs. F.E. Wrighter (NSW) and Mr. J.D. Forrest (Qld) were elected to the Executive of the Officials Committee. Mrs. F.E. Wrighter was appointed Convener of the Executive.

7.10 Walking Committee: Nominations were received for Mrs. J. Huxley (NSW), Miss M. Patterson (Vic), Mr. R. Smith (Vic), Mr. H. Summers (Vic) and Mr. P. Waddell (ACT).

A ballot was held and the following were elected: Mrs. J. Huxley (NSW), Miss M. Patterson (Vic) and Mr. H. Summers (Vic). Mrs. J. Huxley (NSW) was appointed Convener.

- 7.11 Technical Committee: Nominations were received for Mr. R.C. Frith (NSW), Mr. I. Galbraith (ACT), Mr. F.W. Napier (WA) and Mr. D.McL. Proudfoot (Vic).

The following were elected: Mr. R.C. Frith (NSW), Mr. I. Galbraith (ACT), Mr. F.W. Napier (WA). Mr. I. Galbraith (ACT) was appointed Convener.

- 7.12 Women's Committee: Mrs. J. Cross (Qld), Mrs. W. Ey (SA) and Mrs. M. Mahony (Vic) were appointed unopposed to the Women's Committee. Mrs. W. Ey was appointed Convener.

- 7.13 Selection Committee - Track & Field & Walks: Nominations were received for Mr. D.P. Cross (Qld), Mr. P. Jenes (Vic), Mr. B. Roe (NSW) and Mrs. P. Turney (Vic).

A ballot was conducted and Mr. D.P. Cross (Qld), was elected for 2 years, Mr. P. Jenes (Vic) was elected for 3 years and Mrs. P. Turney (Vic) was elected for 1 year. Mr. P. Jenes (Vic) was appointed Convener.

- 7.14 Selection Committee - Cross Country & Road Running: As only three nominations were received a ballot was held to determine the term of office of those nominated. The ballot resulted in the following:

Mr. B. Roe (NSW) was appointed for 3 years, Mr. C. Wardlaw (Vic) was appointed for 2 years and Mrs. P. Turney (Vic) was appointed for 1 year. Mrs. P. Turney (Vic) was appointed Convener.

- 7.15 Trustees: (R.W. Clarke Foundation): There being only two nominations, Mr. D.W. Jowett (Qld) and Mr. D.P. Wilson (ACT) were appointed.

Alf. Robinson Foundation: There being only two nominations, Mr. D.W. Jowett (Qld) and Mr. D.P. Wilson (ACT) were appointed.

- 7.16 Merit Award: Nominations were received for Mrs. J. Petfield (Qld) and Mr. H. Schubert (Vic).

A ballot was held and the Congress resolved that Mrs. J. Petfield (Qld) and Mr. H. Schubert (Vic) should receive the Merit Award of the Union.

- 7.17 Life Membership: A nomination was received for Mr. F.W. Napier (WA).

A ballot was held and the meeting resolved not to award Life Membership to Mr. F.W. Napier.

8. Report of the Board of Directors

8.1 Sponsors It was moved R. Brandis (Qld), seconded C. Lee (NSW) that the General Manager be instructed to make note of matters which have been raised and the concern viewed in the matter of the Five Star Award Scheme and the agents operating that Scheme in his negotiations for renewal of the sponsorship.

The motion was carried.

8.2 Mr. P. Drutt (WA) thanked the Union for the support provided to the West Australian Development Corporation and the Western Australian Athletic Association in their bid to stage the 1991 World Track & Field Championships.

8.3 Analysis of Registration It was moved S. Guilfoyle (Vic), seconded N. Ruddock (Tas) that the Board, in consultation with Member Associations, be directed to discuss with the Australian Track & Field Coaches Association the viability of the under 20 age group and devise ways and means of retaining and encouraging athletes into that group.

The motion was carried.

8.4 Decline in Numbers It was moved R. Brandis (Qld), seconded J. Bailey (Qld) that the Board be requested to institute an urgent review of the decline in registrations over the last 10 years with the view to arresting that decline.

The motion was carried.

8.4.1 It was moved S. Guilfoyle (Vic), seconded R. Ralph (NT) that the Board be directed to communicate with the Board of the Australian Little Athletics Union with a view to conducting a joint meeting to discuss ways and means of increasing athlete participation in athletics.

The motion was carried.

9. Report of the Treasurer

9.1 It was moved J. Cross, seconded S. Guilfoyle (Vic) that the report of the Treasurer be received.

The motion was carried.

9.2 It was moved S. Guilfoyle (Vic), seconded C. Lee (NSW) that the financial statements of the Australian Athletic Union Inc. for the year ended 31st March, 1987 be adopted.

The motion was carried.

9.3 It was moved C. Lee (NSW), seconded S. Guilfoyle (Vic) that the full details of the 1986 Australian Marathon Championships and details of all individual competitions and projects as listed on page 13 of the Treasurer's report be prepared by the Treasurer, submitted to the Board at the October meeting and circulated with the minutes of the October meeting of the Board.

The motion was carried.

9.4 IAAF World Cup Canberra 1985 Pty. Limited

9.4.1 It was noted that the Board had resolved that a separate Organising Committee would not be appointed for Union run events again.

9.4.2 It was moved S. Guilfoyle (Vic), seconded D. Wilson (ACT) that the accounts of IAAF World Cup Canberra 1985 Pty. Limited for the years 1985, 1986 and 1987 be adopted.

The motion was carried.

9.5 1987/88 Administration Budget

9.5.1 It was moved C. Lee (NSW), seconded N. Ruddock (Tas) that the budget for 1987/88 be received and adopted and that the Finance Committee be asked to prepare a triennial budget and that that Committee prepare a rolling triennial budget in future.

The motion was carried.

10. Reports

Staff Reports

10.1 Report of the Competitions Manager

10.1.1 It was moved S. Guilfoyle (Vic), seconded D. Wilson (ACT) that, subject to a minor drafting amendment in the 3rd paragraph on page 1 and deleting items 1, 2 & 3 on page 2, the report of the Competitions Manager be received.

The motion was carried.

Mr. C. Lee spoke to the meeting on behalf of the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association re the Australian Marathon being conducted in Sydney every year.

10.1.2 It was moved C. Lee (NSW), seconded S. Guilfoyle (Vic) that this Annual General Meeting ask its Member Associations to submit applications to stage the 1988/89/90 Australian Marathon Championships with details of their proposals before 15th December, 1987 and that the General Manager should seek from the companies and television stations with which he is currently negotiating what options or alternative sites they would consider and the Board make a decision at its October meeting in the light of the information received.

10.1.2.1 An amendment was put by C. Lee (NSW), seconded P. Hamilton (ACT) that the year 1988 be deleted and 1991 be added.

10.2.1.2 The amendment was carried.

10.1.2.3 The amendment became the motion which read as follows:

"That this Annual General Meeting ask its Member Associations to submit applications to stage the 1989, 1990 and 1991 Australian Marathon Championships with details of their proposals before 15th December, 1987 and that the General Manager should seek from the companies and television stations with which he is currently

negotiating what options or alternative sites they would consider and the Board make a decision at its October meeting in the light of the information received."

The motion was carried.

10.1.2.4 It was noted that in submitting proposals for the above Championships Member Associations should note that they must meet permit guidelines and also note dates already allocated to marathons in the fixtures list.

10.2 Report of the Coaching Co-Ordinator

10.2.1 It was moved N. Ruddock (Tas), seconded C. Lee (NSW) that with a drafting amendment on page 2, the report of the Coaching Co-ordinator be received.

The motion was carried.

10.3 Report of the Junior Development Officer

10.3.1 It moved P. Drutt (WA), seconded D. Prince (SA) that the report of the Junior Development Officer be received.

The motion was carried.

Reports of Standing Committees

10.4 Report of the Coaching Co-ordinating Committee

10.4.1 It was moved F. Wrighter (NSW), seconded P. Drutt (WA) that the report of the Coaching Co-ordinating Committee be received.

The motion was carried.

10.5 Report of the Statistician

10.5.1 It was moved C. Lee (NSW), seconded D. Prince (SA) that the report of the Statistician be received and that Mr. Jones be thanked for his continued work on behalf of the Union.

The motion was carried.

Member Associations were asked to note that Ranking Lists would be published regularly and it was imperative that all results were forwarded to the Selectors and the Union Office.

10.6 Report of the Technical Committee

10.6.1 It was moved L. Downes (Vic), seconded P. Drutt (WA) that the report of the Technical Committee be received.

The motion was carried.

10.7 Report of the Officials Committee

10.7.1 It was moved F. Wrighter (NSW), seconded M. Ebzery (Tas) that the report of the Officials Committee be received.

The motion was carried.

10.8 Report of the Constitution Committee

10.8.1 It was moved F. Wrighter (NSW), seconded C. Lee (NSW) that the report of the Constitution Committee be received.

The motion was carried.

10.8 Report of the Records Committee

10.8.1 It was moved C. Lee (NSW), seconded F. Hamilton that the report of the Records Committee be received.

The motion was carried.

10.9 Report of the Selection Committee - Track & Field

10.9.1 It was moved L. Downes (Vic), seconded D. Wilson (ACT) that subject to the deletion of paragraphs 4 & 5 the report be received.

The motion was carried.

10.10 Report of the Women's Committee

10.10.1 It was moved F. Wrighter (NSW), seconded C. Lee (NSW) that subject to minor drafting amendments, the report of the Women's Committee be received.

The motion was carried.

10.11 Report of the Distance Running Commission

10.11.1 As the written report did not relate to the year ending 30th March, 1987 the report was withdrawn and an oral report given.

10.11.1 It was moved C. Lee (NSW), seconded S. Guilfoyle (Vic) that the oral report of the Distance Running Commission be received.

The motion was carried.

10.12 It was moved S. Guilfoyle (Vic), seconded L. Downes (Vic) that all reports must relate to the year ended 31st March only.

The motion was carried.

11. Reports of Associations

11.1 It was moved R. Brandis (Qld), seconded J. Bailey (Qld) that the report of the Queensland Athletic Association be received.

The motion was carried.

11.2 It was moved S. Guilfoyle (Vic), seconded L. Downes (Vic) that the report of the Victorian Athletic Association be received.

The motion was carried.

11.3 It was moved P. Drutt (WA), seconded S. Guilfoyle (Vic) that the report of the Athletic Association of Western Australia be received.

The motion was carried.

11.4 It was moved L. Downes (Vic), seconded R. Brandis (Qld) that the report of the Australian Association of Veterans Athletic Clubs be received.

The motion was carried.

11.5 It was resolved that in future there should be a combined report on the activities of the Junior Development Commission and the Junior Development Officer to be written by the Junior Development Officer.

11.6 The following Member Associations apologised to the meeting for not submitting an Annual Report:

NSWAAA, AA of SA, ACTAA, AAT, NTAA

12. Motions Upon Notice

12.1 Article 30 (a) (Agenda item 1) Submitted by the Constitution Committee, moved by the Secretary, seconded by F. Wrighter (NSW) that Article 30 be amended by inserting the words "Queensland Athletic Association Incorporated" and "Victorian Athletic Association Incorporated".

12.1.1 An amendment was put by S. Guilfoyle (Vic), seconded C. Lee (NSW) that the motion be "inserting where appropriate and deleting the appropriate words".

12.1.1.1 The amendment was carried and became the motion.

12.1.1.1 The Article would then read:

Voting Rights 30. (a) Subject to Article 31, at every general meeting of the Union every person present who is an Authorised Delegate or a duly appointed representative of a Member which is then entitled to vote shall on a show of hands have one vote and, subject to paragraph (b) of this Article 30, shall be entitled on a poll to exercise in the name and on behalf of the Member by which he was appointed the number of votes set out below opposite the name of that Member:

Athletic Association of South Australia Incorporated	- 2 votes
Athletic Association of Western Australia (Incorporated)	- 2 votes
Australian Capital Territory Athletic Association Incorporated	- 2 votes
Athletic Association of Tasmania	- 2 votes
New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association	- 2 votes

Queensland Athletic Association Limited	- 2 votes
Victorian Athletic Association Incorporated	- 2 votes
Northern Territory Athletic Association Incorporated	- 1 vote

The motion was carried.

- 12.2 Article 36(a) Submitted by the Victorian Athletic Association, moved S. Guilfoyle (Vic) seconded P. Druitt (WA) that Article 36(a) be rescinded and replaced with the following:

The Board shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, one of whom shall be a male and one of whom shall be a female, a Treasurer, and four other persons, at least one of whom shall be a male and at least one of whom shall be a female.

- 12.2.1 An amendment was put by S. Guilfoyle (Vic), seconded L. Downes (Vic) that this Notice be referred to the Board for consideration in the light of discussions at this meeting.

The amendment was carried and became the motion.

The motion was carried.

- 12.3 Article 40 (Agenda item 3) Submitted by the Secretary, moved R. Pannell, seconded F. Wrighter (NSW) that the Article be amended by inserting the word "Annually" after the word "place" in the first paragraph.

The Article would then read:

Nominations and election to the Board 40. The election of the members of the Board of Management shall take place annually in the following manner

- 12.3.1 An amendment was put by S. Guilfoyle (Vic), seconded L. Downes (Vic) that this Notice be referred to the Board for consideration in the light of discussions at this meeting.

The amendment was carried and became the motion.

The motion was carried.

- 12.4 Article 36 (d) Submitted by the Victorian Athletic Association, moved S. Guilfoyle (Vic), seconded P. Druitt (WA) that Article 36(b) be rescinded and replaced with the following:

Article 36(b) In respect of the President, Vice Presidents and Treasurer no more than two shall be members of the same member association.

12.4.1 An amendment was put by S. Guilfoyle (Vic), seconded L. Downes (Vic) that this Notice be referred to the Board for consideration in the light of discussions at this meeting.

The amendment was carried and became the motion.

The motion was carried.

12.5 Article 36(d) Submitted by the Secretary, moved R. Pannell, seconded S. Guilfoyle (Vic) that the following Article be added:

Article 36(d) The Treasurer shall reside in the same city as the Head Office of the Union.

12.5.1 An amendment was put by S. Guilfoyle (Vic), seconded L. Downes (Vic) that this Notice be referred to the Board for consideration in the light of discussions at this meeting.

The amendment was carried and became the motion.

The motion was carried.

12.6 Article 39(a) and 39(b) (i) & (ii) (Agenda item 6) Submitted by the Secretary on behalf of the Constitution Committee, moved by F. Wrighter (NSW), seconded P. Druitt (WA) that Article 39(a) and 39(b) (i) & (ii) be rescinded and replaced with the following:

A retiring member of the Board shall retain office until the dissolution or adjournment of the meeting at which his successor is elected.

12.6.1 An amendment was put by S. Guilfoyle (Vic), seconded L. Downes (Vic) that this Notice be referred to the Board for consideration in the light of discussions at this meeting.

The amendment was carried and became the motion.

The motion was carried.

12.7 Article 40(a) (Agenda item 7) Submitted by the Victorian Athletic Association, moved S. Guilfoyle (Vic), seconded P. Druitt (WA) that Article 40(a) be rescinded and replaced with the following:

40. (a) Any member association may nominate any eligible person for election to the Board provided that:-

1. The nominee is a resident of the state of the nominating member association;
2. The nomination is made by the Board of Management of the member association; and

3. The number of nominations by any one member association may not exceed the number of vacancies to be filled.

- 12.7.1 An amendment was put by S. Guilfoyle (Vic), seconded L. Downes (Vic) that this Notice be referred to the Board for consideration in the light of discussions at this meeting.

The amendment was carried and became the motion.

The motion was carried.

- 12.8 Article 40(h) (Agenda item 8) Submitted by the Victorian Athletic Association, moved S. Guilfoyle (Vic), seconded P. Druitt (WA) that Article 40(h) be rescinded.

- 12.8.1 An amendment was put by S. Guilfoyle (Vic), seconded L. Downes (Vic) that this Notice be referred to the Board for consideration in the light of discussions at this meeting.

The amendment was carried and became the motion.

The motion was carried.

- 12.9 Article 40(h) (Agenda item 9) Submitted by the Secretary on behalf of the Constitution Committee, moved R. Pannell, seconded F. Wrighter (NSW) that if Notice of Motion 3 is adopted a new Article 40(h) be added:

Article 40(h) would read:

A separate ballot shall be held for the election of the male Vice President and a separate ballot shall be held for the election of the female Vice President. A separate ballot shall be held for one male member of the Board and a separate ballot shall be held for one female member of the Board. The remaining vacancies shall be filled from amongst men or women nominated for such vacancies.

- 12.9.1 An amendment was put by S. Guilfoyle (Vic), seconded L. Downes (Vic) that this Notice be referred to the Board for consideration in the light of discussions at this meeting.

The amendment was carried and became the motion.

The motion was carried.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE NOTE: If the notices of motion are carried the following consequential amendments will have to be made:

- 12.10 Article 24 (Agenda item 10) Submitted by the Secretary, moved R. Pannell, seconded F. Wrighter (NSW) that Article 24 be amended to read:

Chairman 24. The President shall preside as chairman of every general meeting of the Union at which he is present and willing to act. If the President shall not be present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding such meeting, or if present be unwilling act, one of the Vice Presidents shall act as chairman, or if the Vice Presidents not be present (or being present be unwilling to act) the Members present by Authorised Delegate or by representative shall choose one of the number to be chairman of the meeting.

- 12.10.1 An amendment was put by S. Guilfoyle (Vic), seconded L. Downes (Vic) that this Notice be referred to the Board for consideration in the light of discussions at this meeting.

The amendment was carried and became the motion.

The motion was carried.

- 12.11 Article 34 (Agenda item 11) Submitted by the Secretary, moved R. Pannell, seconded F. Wrighter (NSW) that Article 34 be amended to read:

Expenses 34. The reasonable expenses of the President (or in the event of the President being unable to attend any general meeting, one of the Vice Presidents), the Secretary and the Treasurer in attending general meetings of the Union shall be paid by the Union. At the direction of the President and the Secretary, the reasonable expenses of a clerical assistant in attending a general meeting may be paid by the Union.

- 12.11.1 An amendment was put by S. Guilfoyle (Vic), seconded L. Downes (Vic) that this Notice be referred to the Board for consideration in the light of discussions at this meeting.

The amendment was carried and became the motion.

The motion was carried.

- 12.12 Article 40(f) Submitted by the Secretary, moved R. Pannell, Seconded F. Wrighter (NSW) that Article 40(f) be rescinded.

- 12.12.1 An amendment was put by S. Guilfoyle (Vic), seconded L. Downes (Vic) that this Notice be referred to the Board for consideration in the light of discussions at this meeting.

The amendment was carried and became the motion.

The motion was carried.

12.13 Section IV 23(2) Submitted by the Secretary, moved S. Guilfoyle (Vic), seconded N. Ruddock (Tas) that Section IV 23(2) Ineligibility for competition be deleted and replaced with the following:

Section IV 23(2) Ineligibility for competition
An athlete who has attained the age of 12 years will automatically be declared to be ineligible for competition (notwithstanding the investigation rules of the Union) under the rules of the Union by ..."

12.13.1 It was moved F. Wrighter (NSW), seconded R. Ralph (NT) that the motion be withdrawn, that the Constitution Committee be requested to frame an appropriate amendment to formulate a policy whereby an athlete returning a positive drug test is suspended from competition immediately and whereby if he is found guilty after the investigation procedures have been observed then he/she will be automatically declared ineligible.

The motion was carried.

12.14 Rule 10.18 Submitted by the ACT Athletic Association, moved D. Wilson (ACT), seconded P. Hamilton (ACT) that Rule 10.18 be deleted and replaced with the following:

Each athlete shall wear the uniform of his/her club (if registered) unless his/her association has chosen a representative team of up to three athletes per event who may wear the uniform of that association. Associations may only choose first claim registered athletes.

12.14.1 An amendment was put S. Guilfoyle (Vic), seconded N. Ruddock (Tas) that the words "up to three athletes per event who may" be replaced with the words "of athletes who shall" and the word "may" in the second last line be replaced with the word "shall".

The amendment was carried and became the motion.

The Rule would then read:

Rule 10.18 Each athlete shall wear the uniform of his/her club (if registered) unless his/her association has chosen a representative team of athletes who shall wear the uniform of that association. Associations shall only choose first claim registered athletes.

The motion was carried.

13. General Business

13.1 It was moved S. Guilfoyle (Vic), seconded R. Durie (NSW) that the meeting suspend standing orders to enable matters of general business to be discussed and resolved.

The motion was carried.

13.2 It was moved R. Durie (NSW), seconded F. Wrighter (NSW) that entry standards be re-introduced for Australian Track & Field Championships as soon as practical.

13.2.1 An amendment was put S. Guilfoyle (Vic), seconded M. Ebzery (Tas) that the words "as soon as practical" be replaced with 1st April, 1988.

The amendment was carried and became the motion.

The motion was carried.

13.2.2 It was moved R. Durie (NSW), seconded S. Guilfoyle (Vic) that the matter of the lodgement of entries be referred to the Board of the Union to come back to Member Associations with some procedure on how we are going to get the information and what it is effectively going to be, bearing in mind the report of Brian Roe.

The motion was carried.

13.3 The Chairman tabled amended Championship dates and it was noted that it would be re-drafted and distributed to Member Associations.

13.4 It was moved N. Ruddock (Tas), seconded M. Ebzery (Tas) that the Board consider a common entry fee for all Australian Championships and that the uniform of open entrants in Australian Championships be discussed by the Board.

The motion was carried.

13.5 Mr. Durie (NSW) drew the attention of the meeting to the fact that Sydney Athletic Field will be closed from 1st April, 1988 until 26th September, 1988.

13.6 Mr. Mel Hastie (Australian Little Athletics Union) spoke to the meeting and apologised for his absence on the second day of the Meeting. He stated that he and Don Blythe would be standing down as President and Secretary of the ALAU.

13.6.1 It was resolved unanimously by acclaim to record the appreciation of the services of Mel Hastie and Don Blythe to the sport of athletics in Australia during their terms of office.

13.7 The President thanked all delegates for their contribution and manner in which issues were deliberated and wished each Association best wishes for the remainder of the season.

13.8 Mrs. Wrighter (Vice President) thanked the President for the able way in which he chaired the meeting.

The President declared the meeting closed.