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AUSTRALIAN VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION INCORPORATED

Hon. Secretary's Report: Year 1978-79:

Presented for adoption at the Annual General Meeting of the Australian Volleyball Federation Incorporated held in Perth, W.A. on Sunday 2nd September 1979.

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## For Year April 1978- August 1979.

**Summary:** It has been a very long year! The decision by the A.V.F.Inc. to hold the 1979 A.G.M. in Perth in September for a double purpose: viz. to assist in the celebrations of the W.A. 150th Anniversary and to hold the A.G.M. at a date so that Technical Commissions of the A.V.F.Inc. could hold their A.G.M.'s; has caused the past 'year' of the Federation to be extended to a 17 month period.

The past year can be looked upon as one of continued expansion with the great hope that the oncoming year will be one which will bring VOLLEYBALL at all levels more to the public eye. Our hopes lie in the facts that we now have a full-time National Executive Director whose credentials and qualifications give promise of the attainment of the much desired further public image of our sport and for that much further desired, requirement, publicity and income. We welcome Mr. John Ostermeyer to our ranks and I am sure I speak for all, that we look forward to his service to our sport and assure him of our full co-operation in the forthcoming year.

It has been of much activity at the Executive level. 3 full Executive Meetings have been held, numerous A.V.F.Finance Committee Meetings have been convened to give answer to the appointment of the National Executive Director, preparation of Government Submissions, appropriation of Government Funds, negotiating with internal and international airlines for contracts, negotiating with Government Departments for assistance and to determine capital income and expenditure. The Treasurer and Secretary of the Federation have had quite a year to carry out their respective and necessary duties!

Further, the Technical Commissions of the A.V.F.Inc. have been very active. The Coaches Commission worked many long and hard hours to arrange, administrate, and conduct the extremely successful International Coaches Course conducted in Adelaide in December 1979 and the conducting of Annual Coaching Seminars for the past two years have proved very informative for all coaches attending. The Sports Organizing Commission has been implicated with the preparation of a draft submission for the timetabling of Annual A.V.F. Championships and has given many hours to the production of booklets concerning Rules and Regulations of National Championships and has given much time to the endorsement of volleyballs and volleyball equipment. Last, but not least, the Referees Commission has further progressed to the extent that more National Referees are now in existence; has inaugurated, and had accepted, new inclusions in the A.V.F.C. By-Laws, designed to assist raise the overall competence of refereeing in Australia. Further, the Australian Volleyball Rule Book has been prepared printed and distributed all over the country.

On the International scene, the A.V.F. has been represented at F.I.V.B. (Rome) and Asian Volleyball Confederation Congresses and our Youth Teams have made their initial entry to the Annual Pacific Rim Volleyball Championships. Further, composite Australian Mens and Womens Teams participated in the Invitation Tournament in Noumea, New Caledonia, with great success. As I write our Youth Teams are participating in the 1979 Pacific Rim Championships in Hawaii and our Open Mens and Womens Teams are preparing for participation in the 2nd Asian Volleyball Championships to be held in Bahrain and Hongkong, respectively.

Good on-going relationships continue to exist with the Department of Home Affairs, the Australian Olympic Federation, the Asian Volleyball Confederation and the Confederation of Australian Sport.

### 1. EXECUTIVE MEETINGS:

Five (5) Executive Meetings were held in the past year: 20 June 1978-Melbourne; 26 August 1978-Geelong; 16 December 1978-Adelaide; 10 Feb. 1979-Canberra; and 30 June 1979-Sydney. At all meetings save for the Geelong meeting all States were represented by their delegates. These meetings were held in order to carry out the general administrative and financial

and determination thereto.

With a great deal of time at meetings being devoted to matters of importance, other matters including the consideration of reports from Managers and Coaches deriving from International Competition, have not as yet been considered. It is known in some quarters that there is a little apprehension that such reports have not been considered. Further, there has been contention that Executive Meetings have been concluded when the full Agenda had not been considered. These are matters that will need determination for the forthcoming year.

## 2. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

The Finance Committee, comprising Mr. E. Hayman, Mrs J. Peksis, Mr. L. Cox and Mr. R. Root, plus the inclusion of Mr. B. Couzner when required to assist in Government Submissions, has met several times during the past year in order to determine policy on financial matters of concern to the Federation. Meetings were held in Adelaide (twice), Canberra (twice), Sydney and Melbourne...also Geelong. For the greater part of the year, business at these meetings consisted of deliberations on the employment of a National Executive Director. The Hon. Treasurer was forced to work long and hard to derive a budget for the past year following the Federal Government deciding that there would be no grants for the administering of sporting bodies. Individual or collective meetings with Qantas, Ansett, Department of Home Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs were also part of the duties of the Finance Committee during the past year.

## 3. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SPORT:

Since the 1978 A.G.M. of the Federation submissions to Department of Home Affairs for financial assistance for a variety of projects both at home and overseas, have been made on two occasions. The results of the 1978 submission is already known to member associations. Results of the 1979 submission will not be known until the budget session of Federal Parliament.

In respect of a number of projects applied for, the Hon. Secretary, has been in constant touch with the Department of Home Affairs in order to answer questions that have arisen from our submissions. Negotiations with the same Department concerning the money to be appropriated for the appointment of a National Executive Director have been amicably negotiated following conferences with the Department Officers by the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Federation.

Reciprocal China Tour: Following a decision being made by the A.V.F. to commend to the Department of Home Affairs and the Department of Foreign Affairs that a reciprocal visit to Australia be made by Chinese Teams, the Finance Committee deliberated fully on the preparation of a proposal which upon completion and printing, was forwarded to the two departments concerned. The submission to the said departments arose following a meeting of the President and Secretary of A.V.F. with Mr. P. Brettell (Department of Home Affairs) and Mr. B. Mullins (Department of Foreign Affairs.) Constituent State Associations assisted greatly in the preparation of the submission following information being sought from all State Associations.

## 4. AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC FEDERATION:

Cordial and fruitful relationships have been continued with the A.O.F. over the past year. The A.V.F. President and Hon. Secretary attended the 1978 A.G.M. of the A.O.F. in Melbourne in December.

Arising from submissions made to the A.O.F.'s Forward Planning Committee, the A.V.F. was granted the amount of \$3,000 in 1978 and a further \$3,000 for 1979. The President met with the A.O.F. Forward Planning Committee on 14th June 1979 to put forward a case for a grant for 1980.

## 5. CONFEDERATION OF AUSTRALIAN SPORTS:

The A.V.F. has continued as a member of the C.A.S.

During the period 1st-4th June 1978, all States were represented at the C.A.S.'s 'Sports Australia 1978' seminar held at the University of Sydney. The seminar was in two parts, viz: administration and coaching, and all who attended gave witness to the benefit of the attendance. The A.V.F. assisted financially to ensure the attendance of all State and A.V.F. delegates.

The huge volume of mail being sent to all affiliated sporting bodies with the C.A.S. prompted the A.V.F. Finance Committee to sanction the payment of a required fee to the C.A.S. in order to have all State Associations of the A.V.F. sent material, direct, from the C.A.S.

Of late months, the C.A.S. has conducted Sports Forums in capital cities including, Perth, Adelaide and Hobart. Similar forums are to be held in October 1979 in the cities of Sydney and Brisbane. The C.A.S. was informed by the A.V.F. Secretary that the A.V.F. expressed its concern that Canberra A.C.T. had been by-passed as a venue for the staging of a Sports Forum.

The A.G.M. of the C.A.S. will be held on Saturday 17th November, 1979, at the Lyle Theatre, Redmond Barry Building, Melbourne University, Swanston St, Melbourne at 9.30am. Two delegates may attend the meeting, with only one (1) having the right to vote. The A.G.M. of the C.A.S. Coaches Assembly, will be held at the same venue on the same day at 2.00pm. following a combined luncheon.

## 6. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Mr. John Ostermeyer:

We welcome to our ranks Mr. John Ostermeyer of Melbourne who as of 1st September will fill the role of National Executive Director of the Federation. An exciting challenge lies ahead, not only for John, but for volleyball as a whole, as the appointment of John to the position heralds in a new era in our sport.

John's professional background augurs well for volleyball's future. A Bachelor of Arts at the Australian National University and well versed in business procedure, he has served with distinction in the role of National Executive Director of the Australian Fencing Association prior to taking up his appointment with the Australian Volleyball Federation.

In the new era of volleyball, it is to be expected that there will be changes, either minor or major, in the administrative processes of the Federation and to this end all present Office Bearers have pledged their full support. In the immediate, it is expected that John will seek to familiarise himself with volleyball at all levels, viz: State, National and International, in so doing, visiting, in turn, all States in the near future.

## 7. AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Six (6) Australian Championships have been conducted since last April. All championships showed further proof of the growing skill attainment of our players. It was pleasing to see that the Under 15 Championships were acknowledged as a bona-fide Australian Championships and the success of the first Under 15 championships, conducted in Canberra A.C.T., has ensured this championship to be a permanent fixture in the A.V.F. Calendar.

Results of the Championships were as follows:

1978 Open Championships: Adelaide:

WOMEN:

1. South Australia

MEN:

1. Victoria

6. V.A.
7. Tasmania

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7. Tasmania

1978 Under 17 Championships-Bundaberg,Q:

WOMEN

1. Queensland
2. Victoria
3. N.S.W.
4. South Australia
5. A.C.T.
6. Tasmania

MEN

1. Queensland
2. South Australia
3. Victoria
4. A.C.T.
5. N.S.W.
6. Tasmania

1978 Under 20 Championships-Geelong,Vic:

WOMEN

1. Victoria
2. South Australia
3. A.C.T.
4. Queensland
5. N.S.W.
6. Tasmania
7. V.A.

MEN

1. South Australia
2. Queensland
3. Victoria
4. N.S.W.
5. A.C.T.
6. Tasmania
7. V.A.

1978 Under 15 Championships-Canberra,A.C.T:

WOMEN

1. A.C.T.
2. N.S.W.
3. Victoria
4. South Australia
5. Tasmania

MEN

1. Victoria
2. South Australia
3. A.C.T.
4. N.S.W.
5. Tasmania

1979 Open Championships-Sydney,N.S.W:

WOMEN

1. South Australia
2. Victoria
3. N.S.W.
4. Queensland
5. V.A.
6. A.C.T.
7. Tasmania

MEN N

1. Victoria
2. N.S.W.
3. Queensland
4. South Australia
5. V.A.
6. A.C.T.
7. Tasmania

1979 Under 17 Championships-Warrnambool,Vic:

WOMEN

1. Victoria
2. A.C.T.
3. N.S.W.
4. Tasmania
5. Queensland
6. South Australia

MEN

1. South Australia
2. Victoria
3. Queensland
4. N.S.W.
5. A.C.T.
6. Tasmania

Australian Championships reports in respect of all six (6) championships have been received. It is understood that reports have been circulated to all States by host States.

The Australian Club Championships were not conducted in 1978. For 1979, the V.A.V.A. has made an approach to the A.V.F. to conduct the championships at a designated venue in Victoria.

N.S.W. State Leagues: A State League is at present being conducted in N.S.W. with the A.C.T.A.V.A. also entering teams. Well organised, this

a. 1978 Pacific Rim Volleyball Championships:

Australia made its inaugural appearance in the Pacific Rim Volleyball Championships in Hilo, Hawaii, during the month of August 1978. This tournament attracts entries from Womens and Mens Teams from nations including Canada, U.S.A., Japan, Korea, China and Mexico. Further teams from British Columbia (Canada), Hilo, Hawaii and Honolulu, Hawaii, also participate.

Australian Under 20 Womens and Mens Youth Teams participated in this tournament and though results showed that our teams did not fare well overall, the experience gained was of great benefit to those who attended as we came up against the might of teams that finished in the first 11 placings in the last World Junior Championships.

b. International Invitation Tournament--Noumea--New Caledonia:

Australian Mens and Womens Open Teams performed with great credit in the International Invitation Tournament conducted in Noumea, New Caledonia, during the period 27 May--3rd June, 1978. Australian Teams won both the Womens and Mens Championships.

c. 1979 Pacific Rim Volleyball Championships:

As I type this report, our Youth Teams are participating in these Championships for the second year in a row. I hold great hopes that both teams will record better results than last year. I deem one unfortunate aspect of this year's tour is that in the Mens Team, only one (1) player, B. Borgeaud, had experience last year--all others in the team making their inaugural appearance. I base my comment on the fact that I had personally hoped that at least a small number of last year's players would have been able to make the trip, and by so doing, assist the new players to train and prepare psychologically for the matches that lay before them. The last minute withdrawal of Vice-Captain, Ted Kalkhoven of Victoria not only possibly weakened the playing potential of the Mens Team, but also possibly precluded a twelfth player from making the trip and thus gaining the experience.

Of further note with regards this years Mens Team, was the withdrawal of Assistant Coach, J. Dunstan and Coach, R. Foot, both withdrawals owing to financial difficulties.

d. International Coaching Courses Representations:

Three coaches attended International Coaching Courses abroad during the past year. These were:

T. Sprlyan	V.A.	Czechoslovakia.
P. Marr	Q.	Czechoslovakia.
R. Foot	A.C.T.	United States.

Mr. Sprlyan and Mr. Marr gained F.I.V.B. Level I Certification and Mr. Foot was successful in gaining F.I.V.B. Level II Certification.

e. F.I.V.B. International Congress: 1978--Rome, Italy:

The Chairman, Mr. Eric Hayman J.P. and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Australian Volleyball Coaches Commission attended the F.I.V.B. 1978 Congress conducted in Rome, Italy. Apart from the important contributions made at the Congress by Messrs. Hayman and Couzner, many contacts were made with members of the F.I.V.B., A.S.C. and Olympic Solidarity, contacts which have, or will, be of immense benefit to Australian Volleyball. Further, the personal representation of the A.V.F. by our two delegates made possible the consolidation of the staging of the International Coaches Course, Adelaide, S.A. in December, whereby Olympic Solidarity was promised and the services of Mr. Lerne Suvala (C.V.A.) were secured to lead the course.

Mrs. J. Hayman accompanied her husband to Rome and also attended the F.I.V.B. Congress.

i. The Australian Womens and Mens Open Representative Teams are at present preparing for participation in the 2nd Asian Volleyball Championships (Olympic Qualifications) which are to be held in Hongkong and Bahrain, respectively, during the month of December 1979. Dates for these championships are as follows:

Men-Bahrain- From 16th to 23rd December 1979.  
Women-Hongkong-From 5th to 13th December 1979.

ii. The Australian Volleyball Federation has accepted an invitation from the Indonesian Volleyball Association to have its Mens and Womens Teams participate in an International Invitation Tournament to be conducted in Jakarta, Indonesia, during the period 19th-21st January 1980. Teams known to be participating in this tournament include Taiwan and Hongkong. This tournament is being held in commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of the Indonesian Independence.

The A.V.F. has decided that actual participation will depend to the greater extent on the amount of government finance appropriated towards this project, following government funds being made known.

iii. Mr. Juho Looever has applied, and has been accepted, as the A.V.F.'s nominee to the International Referees Course to be conducted in Jakarta, Indonesia, during the period 15th-21st September 1979.

iv. Following the A.C.T.A.V.A. putting forward a submission to the A.V.F. for a proposal that the A.V.F. nominate to stage the 1980 Pacific Rim Volleyball Championships in Canberra A.C.T. during the period 16th-24th August 1980; to which the A.V.F. gave sanction, and by a vote taken thereafter by member nations of the Pacific Rim Volleyball Council, I am pleased to state that the 1980 Pacific Rim Volleyball Championships will be held in Canberra on the dates abovementioned.

At the A.V.F. Executive Meeting on 30 June 1979, an A.V.F. appointed Organising Committee was appointed. The committee comprises:

Mr. Eric Hayman, J.P.	President A.V.F.
Mrs J. Pelmsis	Treasurer A.V.F.
Mr. R. Foot	Secretary A.V.F.
Mr. Gordon Duffus	President A.C.T.A.V.A.
Mr. J. Ostermeyer.	A.V.F. Executive Director (ex-offi)

A plan framework has been prepared for the commencement of planning towards this very important and prestigious tournament and the first meeting of the elected Organising Committee with A.C.T.A.V.A. representatives was held in Canberra on Friday 27th July.

v. Inaugural Commonwealth Cup: 1981:

Following representation at a meeting convened in Rome, Italy, at the time of the F.I.V.B. Congress, 1978, it has been reported that the Commonwealth Volleyball Championships will be inaugurated for participation by Mens Teams only. The first Commonwealth Cup Titles will be held in England during the month of September 1981. The A.V.F. has nominated for the 1981 Commonwealth Cup and has upheld a suggestion that the championships also include a Womens Championships.

At the inaugural meeting of interested persons, held on 28th September, 1978 and attended by delegates from Australia (Mr and Mrs Hayman), Zambia, Scotland, Canada and England, an organising commission was elected comprising Mr. Peter Wardale (President) and Eileen Pratt (Secretary);, both of England.

vi. 1st Asian Junior Volleyball Championships-Men:

The Asian Volleyball Confederation has advised that the First Asian

Federation to nominate the Australian Youth Team for these Championships.

The A.V.F. has received no communication whatsoever as to the likelihood of an Asian Junior Womens Volleyball Championships also being conducted.

#### 9. INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

The A.V.F.Inc. has paid all fees for affiliations to the Asian Volleyball Confederation and International Volleyball Federation for the current year.

#### 10. A.V.F. SPORT ORGANISING COMMISSION:

A somewhat busy year has been the prerogative of this commission. work have included:

- Amendment of the Rules and Regulations Booklet.
- Appearance at the Industries Assistance Commission in order to put forward a case for the lifting of duty on volleyballs.
- Approval of volleyballs and volleyball equipment.

Further, it has been called on on no less than 3 occasions to prepare a draft outline of a Calendar of Events for Australian National Titles. Proposals thereto are still under scrutiny of this commission.

Of late, the S.O.C. has been called upon to prepare an inclusion to the Rules and Regulations regarding Jury commitment at National Titles and regulations as to procedure of appeals arising from disciplinary actions being taken against players or officials.

The S.O.C. has been under the Chairmanship of Mr. W. Lebedew with more than able assistance from the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Barry Cousner.

#### 11. A.V.F. COACHES COMMISSION:

By far the biggest demand on this commission during the past year has been the staging of the International Coaches Course held in Adelaide during the period 4th December to 18th December at the Salisbury College of Advanced Education. Under the course leadership of Mr. L. Suwala of Canada and assisted by Mr. D. Shimazu of Japan, and attended by 25 Australian representatives and representation from New Zealand, Kuwait, Japan and Papua New Guinea, the course received extensive press coverage. Though marred in the concluding stages whereby the course had to be concluded one day early owing to a prevailing air transport strike, the course proved an immense success. Possibly the greatest benefit to be gained from the course was for Australian Volleyball to gain so many internationally recognised coaches. Undoubtedly, all States who had representatives on the course will benefit in the long run.

Rather than state names whereby I might miss out someone who might deserve praise, congratulations are expressed to all the many helpers, assistants and go-betweens who made the course the success it was.

Annual General Meetings of the Coaches Commission were held in Adelaide (1978) and Sydney (1979), both at the time of the Australian Nationals. Both meetings were reasonably well attended. Office Bearers for 1979 were the same as for 1978, these being:

Chairman: Mr. B. Stirzaker. S.A.  
Secretary-Treasurer: Mr. B. Cousner. S.A.

Highly successful National Coaching Seminars were also held in 1978 and 1979 at Easter. These seminars proved well attended and the contents very informative. Lecturers for the 2nd National Seminar in Sydney (1979) included Mr. N. Wykrota, Mr. B. Nettleton, Joanne Dempsey, Y. Hashihara, K. McElroy, Ken Ereen, J. Griffiths, B. Minnikin, Dr. Mick Guerin and Brigitte Hermanis. A booklet containing papers delivered at the 1978 Coaching Seminar has

Government for the initial production of the Level I Course. Further, the production of same will answer the much sought need of the inauguration of a National Accreditation Scheme. The Coaches Commission is to be congratulated on its initiative for the production of the Level I Theory Course.

It is understood that preparations are already in hand for the production of a Level I practical booklet and Level II theory course.

The A.V.F.C.C. has been represented at all A.V.F. Executive Committee meetings held during the past year by Mr. B. Couzner. Mr. Couzner has also attended Finance Committee meetings, as requested, in order to put forward recommendations from the commission for inclusion in the A.V.F.'s submission to the Federal Government for financial assistance to sport.

## 12. AUSTRALIAN VOLLEYBALL REFEREES COMMISSION:

With six (6) National Championships conducted in the past 16 months, demands on referees have been quite heavy. Further, Australian Referees have travelled abroad to the following venues:

Noumea: Mr. J. Hiller and Mr. R. Crompvoets.  
Hawaii: Mr. Ken Breen (B.Foot also officiated)

The commission has sought to have an International Referee domiciled in each Constituent State and to this end had hoped that during 1979 another two (2) national referees would attend International Courses conducted abroad. At present, International Referees exist in Victoria, South Australia, Queensland, New South Wales and the A.C.T. None at present exist in Western Australia and Tasmania. It had been hoped that nominees might be proven forthcoming from the two (2) latter mentioned States to undertake the International Referees Course to be held in Jakarta, Indonesia, in September 1979. However, this was not to prove the case.

Mr. J. Loover will attend the course in Jakarta.

At present, 12 National Referees and 7 International Referees exist within the confines of Australia. Though the number appears healthy, it has been viewed by the A.V.R.C., with concern, that the majority of these referees, though possibly very active within their own States, have not attended as independent referees at National Championships for, in some cases, a number of years. In consideration that the skill of our players is rising, that referees need to be in constant deliberation as to the latest International Rules and Interpretations, that at the Open Championships it is required that the best referees be in attendance, and that as the Coaching Accreditation Scheme now implemented by the A.V.C.C. has demands for refereeing credentials, the A.V.R.C. has now implemented a scheme whereby referees are now required to be in attendance at at least one National Championship (Open, Under 20, Under 17 ~~and~~ Under 15) every two years. Failure to comply will cause the defaulting referee to forfeit his grading until he/she fulfills attendance and theoretical and practical examination requirements. Upon this scheme being implemented as per. a motion passed at the 1979 A.G.M. of the commission, and general consideration that the 2 year attendance requirement should be retrospective, the Grading Panel of the A.V.R.C. has taken action against a number of referees who have not fulfilled the requirements.

The full Grading Panel, as elected at the 1979 A.G.M. of the A.V.R.C. will meet in Sydney in late September to consider upgrading of a number of referees who have been recommended for upgrading arising from performances at the 1979 Under 17's and those who will be recommended following performances at the 1979 Under 20 Championships.

Australian International Referees at present abroad, or who are preparing to officiate abroad, are as follows:

Mr. J. AOSTAS (NSW), at present in Hawaii.  
Mr. Ken Breen (Q) To officiate at Bahrain on the occasion of  
the 2nd Asian Volleyball Championships.  
Mr. R. Cropproets (SA). To officiate at Hongkong on the occasion  
of the 2nd Asian Volleyball Championships.

At the A.G.M.'s (1978-1979) of the A.V.F.C., the following Office  
Bearers were elected:

Chairman: Mr. R. Foot - Canberra.  
Secretary-Treasurer: Mr. J. Loocher- New South Wales.  
Registrar: Miss. T. Tarnogursky, South Australia.

An Australian Volleyball Rule Book has been produced by the Chairman  
of the A.V.F.C. and copies have been sent, complimentary, to all  
Referee Commissions' Office Bearers and Constituent State Associations  
Office Bearers. Already a number of sales have been made. The first  
issue of the rule book comprises 2000 copies and are being sold to  
Referee and State Bodies at \$1.20 each. It is to be the practice that  
as new rules or interpretations are made known, that amended rule books  
will be published. Further, should new Office Bearers of the A.V.F.  
or Constituent Associations occur, these will be included also.

It is considered that the production of the Rule Book will give  
a uniform knowledge of the rules and interpretations thereto all over  
Australia and will also serve as a directory of contacts at both the  
State and the National Level.

The A.V.F. has loaned the A.V.F.C.C. \$500 towards the costs of production  
of the first issue of rule books.

### 13. AIRLINE CONTRACTS:

#### Ansett Airlines:

The contract between the A.V.F. and Ansett Airlines of Australia has  
been continued throughout the past year. However, amendments have been  
made to concessions granted by Ansett to the Federation following  
negotiations between the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs J. Peksis and Ansett.  
At the A.V.F. Executive Meeting held in Adelaide in December 1978, the  
A.V.F. re-affirmed that Ansett was the official internal carrier for the  
Federation. However, this affirmation has not stopped at least one  
State from carrying out negotiations with a rival airline and it has been  
brought to attention of late that a second State Association has been  
approached by a rival internal airline and has chosen to fly with that  
same airline.

One cannot denigrate actions by State Associations to fly other than by  
Ansett when cheaper fares or better concessions are able to be  
negotiated. Undoubtedly cheaper fares assist players and officials get  
to championships. However, as has been openly stated at A.V.F. meetings,  
in that the A.V.F. recognises Ansett, and that Ansett has promised to  
match any offer by rivals, it does appear that there has been lack of  
communication between States and the Hon. Treasurer who has often stated  
that if in knowledge of the full particulars of an offer from another  
airline, this knowledge could be used in further negotiations with  
Ansett.

It must be considered that via. the Ansett contract, the ongoing  
business of the Federation has been greatly assisted whereby A.V.F.  
Office Bearers are assured of F.O.C. travel.

It is viewed with concern that whilst there exists a contract with  
Ansett, and that the Federation has on two occasions upheld that Ansett  
is the official carrier for the Federation, that States do not uphold  
same. This oversight of a small number not only jeopardises the contract  
but is causing concern to at least one A.V.F. Office Bearer who has  
given opinion that should the Ansett contract not be observed that a  
resignation could prove forthcoming.

supported by the President and Hon. Secretary, an International Contract between the A.V.F. and Qantas Airlines of Australia was affected on July 10th, 1979. Conditions of the contract were promulgated to all A.V.F. Office Bearers and Office Bearers of Constituent State Associations. Very good relationships have continued with Qantas over the past 12 months and I can personally vouch that on no small number of occasions, Mr. Mendl, Qantas Manager, Canberra, went far out of his way to ensure the best possible price and best service available was made manifest for Australian teams or Australian individuals who have travelled abroad.

The initial contract with Qantas was for one (1) year. The contract expires for the first year on 10 July. The contract is therefore ready for re-negotiation.

#### 14. A.V.F. BOOK AGENCY:

The selling of coaching books purchased from either Canada or America has been continued from the Hon. Secretary's desk in Canberra. During the past year 105 separate book orders, comprising sales to the amount of approximately \$2250.00 have been made, thus attesting to the fact that such literature is sought. Postage rates have been increased for orders owing to the high costs involved to send interstate orders. The stocking of the paper cover P.I.V.B. Coaches Manual has been ceased owing to slow sales. All other books as advertised are now in stock and orders are sought to assist clear stock.

#### 15. VOLLEYBALL JOURNAL:

Under the editorship of Mr. Walter Lebedev, the journal has continued to be a source of information on matters at home and abroad. In an effort to have a more technical journal with better presentation than is manifest at the moment, efforts were made in the 1978 submission for financial assistance from the Federal Government, to have the funds made available. Unfortunately, the A.V.F. did not receive funds for this project.

#### 16. CORRESPONDENCE:

There has been a huge increase in inward and outward correspondence during the past year. Whereas figures for 1977-78 stood at over 700 individual items of outward postage totalling \$240.00, the figure for the past year was 1194 outward items of postage amounting to over \$500.00 for postage payments. The figures vindicate my assertion of last year that the volume of mail will increase.

I wish to tender my thanks to all Constituent Associations and A.V.F. Office Bearers for their immediate attention to answering mail over the year. Your attention to duty has speeded up the administration of the Federation.

#### 17. WORK HOURS OF SECRETARY:

Though never as yet accused of not recognizing my responsibilities as Secretary of the Federation, I have, for the past 12 months, kept a 'log' of work hours involved in tending to the duties associated with the Secretariat. Not counting attendances at meetings or the many occasional visits to Government Offices, etc, and not taking into consideration any duties associated with any other position I might hold in the service of the Federation, my log shows that I have totalled over 500 hours. Were it not that I am in possession of a telephone, the number of hours would have been greatly increased!

Though it may appear on the surface that I am giving a personal appraisal of my work, this is not intended. What I wish to point out thereto is that whilst I have logged up the hours mentioned, so too have the other A.V.F. Office Bearers of the Federation giving much time to service on behalf of the Federation. For my person. I ask

Mr. Walter Lebedev, Vice-President and Life Member of the A.V.F. Inc. who has continued to Edit the journal and who has played a very active role with the Sports Organising Commission; and to Mr. R. Rutter who has sought to keep matters right with respects to registrations of players and continues to be highly respected for his contributions at Executive Meetings at times when contentious matters have been raised. Nor must I forget the contributions made by Mr. Barry Couzner, who has filled the double role of Secretary-Treasurer of the Coaches Commission and Secretary of the Sports Organising Commission.

What has gone in the past years, and what has happened in the past year, must only be looked up as stepping stones to the future. Important years lie ahead for the sport of Volleyball in Australia and the lead must come from A.V.F. and Constituent State Office Bearers. All of us must also pledge our full support to the coming works of our National Executive Director, Mr. John Ostermeyer; what have been deemed as 'hopes' in the past must start to become a reality; we must re-affirm our aims in order to bring the sport of volleyball into focus with the media; we must seek to be represented abroad, both at congresses and tournaments, in order that AUSTRALIAN VOLLEYBALL will not only be further recognised than is apparent at present, but also to vindicate to the world that we are a growing volleyball nation in numbers as well as in playing strength. When this happens, so too will our sport, as success breeds success.

I consider that we have the manpower, fortitude and will to make these things happen. What do you think?

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Hon. Secretary