

Secretary's Report
1976-77

1. Introduction:

The 15th Annual Conference of the federation marks the conclusion of a year which can be stated to have been one of consolidation rather than full of 'International flavour'. To assist the consolidation in administration, the new committees set up, viz: A.V.F. Coaches Commission, A.V.F. Finance Committee, A.V.F. Sport Organising Committee; have all contributed to widening the base of the organisational pyramid of the federation and the efforts of those persons working on these committees must be applauded.

Though the past year has seen little in the way of international flavour, the immediate future appears promising. Hopes are held out for the visit of an international coach to Australia; for Perth to be accorded the right to stage the 2nd Asian Volleyball Championships; participation of Australian National Teams in the World Championships elimination tournament for the Asian Zone; further acknowledgement of the A.V.F. Inc. as a federation wishing to take a vital part in the administration and organisation of the Asian Zone; and for experience to be gained in international competition for our junior players.

Like all other sporting associations in Australia, our biggest disappointment has been the failure of the Federal Government to assist sport financially. However, we do applaud the efforts by the Confederation of Australian Sport, to which this federation has become a member; to unite all sporting bodies in the Commonwealth in an effort to bring to the Federal Government's attention the need of financial assistance in order that sport in Australia can compete on equal terms with the rest of the world.

2. Playing Activities:

Four major Australian Championships were conducted during the year, the Australian Open Championships in Brisbane, Under 17 in Canberra, Under 20 in Adelaide and Club Championships in Melbourne.

Results:

<u>Australian Open</u>		<u>Australian Under 17</u>	
<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
1. Victoria	1. S.A.	1. Q'land	1. Vic.
2. S.A.	2. Vic.	2. Vic.	2. S.A.
3. Q'land	3. Q'land	3. S.A.	3. Q'land
4. NSW	4. NSW	4. ACT	4. NSW
5. W.A.	5. Tas	5. NSW	5. ACT
6. A.C.T.	6. ACT	6. W.A.	6. W.A.
7. Tas.	7. W.A.		

Australian Under 20

<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
1. Victoria	1. South Australia
2. Q'land	2. Vic.
3. S.A.	3. Q'land
4. NSW	4. NSW
5. ACT	5. Tas
6. W.A.	6. ACT
	7. W.A.

Results of Australian Club Championships were not received.

The staging of the Australian Under 17 Championships was the inaugural championship of same and the standard of play reflected excellent omens for the future of Australian Volleyball.

3. AVF Executive Meetings:

Executive meetings were held in Canberra (3 July 1976), Adelaide (28 Aug. 1976) and in Melbourne (22nd January 1977). The meetings were all well attended and all business transacted was carried out with accord.

4. International Considerations:

The growing awareness of the Asian Volleyball Confederation of the role that Australia might play in Asian Zone affairs was very manifest throughout the year. Undoubtedly prompted by the successful staging of the 1st Asian Championships

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tments in New Zealand include a two day tournament in Christchurch, two day tournament in Nelson and a Test Match series in Wellington on the evening of Saturday 14th May. Travel in New Zealand has been paid in advance and accomodation for the tour's entity has been offered free by the host nation in the form of billet accomodation. The composite number of Australian tourists is 29, comprising 12 female players, 2 coaches of womens team, manageress of womens team, 1 referee, 10 male players, 2 coaches and 1 manager. Mr. Jim Mackenzie, (ACT) was appointed as Manager of the Mens Team following the withdrawl of Mr. D.Northey (WA). Mr. Mackenzie was an applicant for the position at the time of the A.V.F.'s voting on the appointment and his appointment was confirmed following the Hon. Secretary contacting the Hon. Treasurer and Vice-President of the A.V.F.Inc. as to their considerations on the matter.

For all air travel to and from New Zealand and for internal travel in New Zealand comprising bus and air fares, every member of the 29 strong delegation has paid the sum of \$229.00.

Both the Manager and Manageress, in consultation with the Hon. Secretary, have carried out their duties with meticulous precision and when the delegation leaves for New Zealand will be outfitted with 'walking-out' dress, track suits, ties, etc. befitting an Australian Team travelling abroad.

Presentation pennants, lapel badges, etc., have been purchased following sanction from the A.V.F. Treasurer.

10. A.V.F. Book Agency:

Following approaches made to the Canadian Volleyball Association and with sanction granted at the A.V.F. executive meeting in Adelaide in August 1976, the Hon. Secretary has negotiated with the C.V.A. for the purchase of coaching books for re-sale to volleyball enthusiasts within Australia. Sales have been excellent and a profit to the A.V.F.Inc. has already been realized even though all books purchased have not been sold.

11. Australian Olympic Federation:

Relations with the Australian Olympic Federation have remained cordial and with promise. The next meeting of the A.O.F. will be held in Melbourne on the weekend 30th April-1st May to which the A.V.F.Inc. is entitled to representation of two (2) delegates. Mr. E.Hayman, President A.V.F.Inc. will attend the meeting and it is to be asked of the Vice-President, Mr. Lebedew, if he will attend as the second delegate in that the Hon. Secretary will be absent in Sydney in his coaching duties with the Australian Mens Under 20 Team in its preparation for the New Zealand tour.

12. Correspondence:

Correspondence received and correspondence-out from the A.V.F. Secretary remained heavy for the past year. Exact numbers of letters out must be in approximation owing to the misplacement of the petty-cash book which itemized all postage up till January 1977. A figure of approximately 600-800 letter OUT is not a realistic figure.

13: Volleyball Journal:

Australia's Own Volleyball Journal, edited by Mr. W. Lebedew, must be accorded the credit it deserves. However, the journal is in jeopardy of becoming defunct owing to small subscription income. Efforts are to be made at the A.V.F. 1977 Conference to assure that the journal 'keeps going' by placing emphasis on State Associations to be responsible for distribution and collection of subscriptions.

14: Resignation of Mr. Arjis Lozenicins:

Mr. A. (Harry) Lozenicins, record Secretar of the A.V.F.Inc. since 1972, has advised the A.V.F.Inc. of his resignation owing to ill-health. Harry has served both the Victorian Amateur Volleyball Association and the A.V.F.Inc. with great credit for now over 15 years and his absence from this year's Australian Open Championships will be greatly missed.

Harry was honoured with Life Membership at the A.G.M. of the V.A.V.A. this year, an honour deservedly won. He has served, from memory, the V.A.V.A. as President, Vice President and Secretary; the Australian Volleyball Federation as Record Secretary and as Chairman of the Australian Volleyball Referees Commission. All positions held by Harry have been carried out with fearless attention to duty and his representation of the V.A.V.A. to A.V.F.Inc. meetings over the years have

AUSTRALIAN VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION INCORPORATED.
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RECORD SECRETARY'S REPORT 1976/77.

After years of begging, threatening etc. we have now achieved nearly total success in team and individual registration. Thankyou all for your cooperation. Enclosed please find forms for Tasmania (Men & Women), New South Wales (Men & Women), A.C.T. (Men & Women), Victoria (Men & Women).

Missing Western Australia, South Australia and Queensland.

See how easy it is to make a liar of oneself. Records Secretary can only be as good as the information is forwarded to him. Accuracy in forwarding, compiling and distributing depends initially on supply of this information.

I thank all my colleagues for their help and assistance, their devotion and professional approach to the running of A.V.F. Inc.

Because of poor health I find it impossible to be among you, nevertheless please accept my greetings each and everyone of you, and may next years work be more rewarding than the last.

Signed: A. LOZENICINS
(Records Secretary
A.V.F. Inc.)

AUSTRALIAN VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION INC.

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive of A.V.F.Inc. held at Melbourne Airport, on Saturday 22nd January 1977.

Present: E.Hayman (President), R.Foot (Hon. Secretary), Mrs J.Peksis (Treasurer), W.Lebedew (Vice President), A.Lozenicins (Record Secretary), G.Cox (ACT), R.Rutter (NSW) W.Gollong (VIC), B.Couzner (AVF Coaches Commission), N.Herringe (Tas) R.Jackson (W.A.). Queensland was not present and did not tender any apology.

Meeting Opened: 12.15pm . The Chairman congratulated Mr. A. Lozenicins for his being honoured with Life Membership by the V.A.V.A. Acclaimed by all.

Apologies: Nil .

Minutes of Previous Meeting Moved: N.Herringe Sec: W.Gollong "That the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record". CARRIED

Business Arising: The Hon. Secretary dealt with matters from the minutes that needed clarification,

- Correspondence:
- a. To C.V.A. re. Olympic Films..reply-not ready as yet.
 - b. C.V.A.- No knowlegé of Taiwanese visit invitation.
 - c. Mr. Lebedew and Mrs Rutter...letters re. China proposed tour.
 - d. Rothmans- advising of airfares for coaches.
 - e. Industries Assistance Commission- to hand to Chairman S.O.C.
 - f. Dept. of Enviroment, Housing and Community Development- re Japan Foundation and proposal for visit of International coach from Japan.
 - g. A.O.F.- seeking information of membership of A.V.F.
 - h. Mr. Rutter- notification of Under 17 Championships at Nowra.
 - i. A.V.C.- notification of Perth and Hongkong as nominees to stage 1979 Asian Championships.
 - j. International Coaches course in Czachoslovakia.
 - k. Australian Confederation of Sports.
 - l. Rules and Regulations of World Junior Championships and Asian Regional Junior Championships to be conducted in Hongkong.

The correspondence was accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Prior to distribution of report and financial statement, the Treasurer brought to notice that minutes of past executive meetings did not give all pertinent information on Treasurer's reports and that it would serve better if copies of the reports and financial statements were distributed with minutes in the future. The Chairman stated that the Hon. Secretary would note the request and that as from henceforth copies of statements, reports, etc. would be distributed with the minutes. (B.B. Copies of financial statement already distributed to states).

The Hon. Treasurer read from the Treasurer's report and thereafter gave summary of income and expenditure as per, information sheets already distributed to states.

Matters Arising from report and financial statement:

- A. The question of the outstanding money owed to A.V.F. in respect of Miss Fisher was raised. Miss Fisher owed the A.V.F. the sum of \$26.01 for assembly costs of teams for the 1st Asian Championships.

Moved: R.Rutter Sec: A.Lozenicins "That Miss Fisher be written to by the A.V.F. Treasurer and advised that if outstanding amount payable in respect of assembly costs to Asian Championships not be paid by end of February, that she will be suspended by A.V.F.Inc."....CARRIED

- B. Olympic Tickets: Treasurer and President to arrange for finality of matter.

- C. Montreal Accomodation: Moved. A.Lozenicins Sec: R.Jackson; "That accomodation deposit be written-off" CARRIED

- D. Q.V.A.: No move as yet by QVA to pay outstanding dues.

- E. Mr. Jackson, (W.A.) stated that it becoming known of exact figures with respect W.A.V.A. that all fees will be paid immediately thereafter.

- F. Matters re. fines in respect of QVA, NSWVA and VAVA were clarified.

- G. Q.V.A. to be advised that it is suspended until fine is paid.

- H. Mr. Lebedew stated that system of registration, affiliations and fines payments left a little to be desired and suggested that perhaps the Finance Committee might be responsible for collections of all monies and that failing payments,

Mr. Lebedew stated that very few changes had been made since last executive meeting to the format. Advertising can be included. 200 have been printed-distributed 25 to A.V.F. and 25 to each state.

Initial costs: First 200. \$159.00 Further costs: 400-5000...10centseach.
Advertising: Need for advertising to off-set costs.

Moved: J. Peksis Sec: G. Cox "That advertising in Facilities and Equipment Booklet be handled at National level by Sport Organising Committee" CARRIED

Mr. Lebedew stated that he would report on advertising gains by April A.G.M. States to confer with Mr Lebedew if they can gain other advertising.

Payment of \$158.00 for initial printing costs was paid following approval of the meeting.

c. Rules and Regulations of Australian Championships: Mr. Lebedew asked that all comments with reference to the proposal as printed be in his hands by 28th Feb.

Mr. Lozenicins brought to notice that all states MUST make an affirmative reply, whether in favour or not, by 28th Feb. It was foreshadowed by the Chairman that the Hon. Secretary would make this a matter for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Mr. Cox stressed that the re-introduction of Grand Finals in Australian Champ's was important for consideration, but pointed out thereto, that if, and when, Grand Finals were re-included, that an extra day would be required.

Mr. Jackson (W.A.) thereon inquired if the 1977 Open Championships in Perth was to conform to the proposed Rules and Regulations. The answer was NO as the 1977 Championships were to be conducted as per, the A.V.F. By-Laws.

d. General: Mr. Rutter asked if it was possible to approach the government again to ascertain if import duties on volleyballs could be lifted. Reference was made to W.A. firm, J.L. Burley, who had been more than responsible for the Fed. Gov't not granting a By-Law for lifting of duties in 1975. J.L. Burley had stated that they made a volleyball in Australia which was 'suitably equivalent' to the top volleyballs. Mention was made that the Hon. Secretary had approached the firm for the sale of balls to A.V.F. for testing; this request had been refused. Mr. Lebedew stated that perhaps the A.V.F.S.O.C. could go into this matter further as the commission gained momentum in its duties.

Mr. Rutter asked if the W.A.V.A. was to use Tachikara balls in the Easter Championships, to which Mr. Jackson replied that MOLTEN balls would be used. Mr. Lebedew pointed out that the balls must be leather, not synthetic leather, as balls of the latter variety were not acceptable and the A.V.F.R.C. would not condone use of same following the problems that arose in the Brisbane Open Championships.

It was resolved however, that the MOLTEN BALL would be acceptable for the Easter Championships provided the ball measures up to standards required by the AVF.

The Japan Foundation:

The Chairman gave a full verbal background to communication received from the Department of Environment, Housing and Community Affairs which outlined a proposal for visit of Japanese Coaches of various sports to Australia for period 6 months to 2 years. It was intended that the A.V.F. should apply for the services of a coach for 2 years to carry out duties including;

- Schools..(possibly)
- National and State Squads.
- Armed Services
- Coaching of Coaches, etc. etc.

To this proposal, sanction from the A.V.F. was required. State responsibilities thereafter would need to be clarified. The responsibilities of the A.V.F. would be for total overall programming of visit and liaison with states re. itinery, finances, travel, etc. that there would be a need for a co-ordinator in each state.

Mr. Couzner: stated that he would be pleased if the A.V.F. Coaches Commission could be conscripted into the project and he offered on behalf of the commission to be the co-ordinator for the proposed visit on behalf of the A.V.F. Inc.

The Chairman stated that possibly the coach would need to be rostered for 3 monthly periods in each state.

Discussion: Mr. Couzner stated that details of the visit would need to be worked out- give responsibility of same to Coaches Commission as it would serve to give commission an important project to make the commission more viable and vital than it was at the moment. He then stated that it would also require each state to appoint a liaison officer.

all known information, offer the subsidy of \$75.00 and after reply being received from all concerned, that a decision be then made to nominate or not in the tournament.

It was then Moved: R.Rutter Sec: J.Peksis;- "1. That the A.V.F. write to the ASIAN Volleyball Confederation and Hongkong Volleyball Association and request an extension of the closing date in order that the A.V.F. might nominate teams for the tournament;-

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2. That all squads' members and officials be written to and informed that the A.V.F. is giving consideration to nominating teams in the Hongkong Junior Qualification Tournament; give costs involved; that A.V.F. will subsidize each member to the maximum amount of \$75.00 each. Further, that all members be made to note the clash of dates of the Australian Open Championships and the Hongkong Tournament. All answers to be received by the Hon. Secretary of the A.V.F., 7 days after date of receipt of letter". CARRIED

Following a question put by the Hon. Secretary, it was agreed that irrespective of playing strength, and providing that a full contingent of players are available, that the proposed participation in the tournament would go ahead.

Tour of Australian States by Coaches Mr. J.Hiller and Mr. E.Kolodoczka:

The Secretary re-affirmed that Rothmans have approved \$1170.00 for air fares in respect of the tour. However, out-of-pocket expenses and accomodation costs have not been approved.

The Chairman gave an opinion that the project should now be passed on to the A.V.F.Coaches Commission.

Mr. Couzner stated that he had spoken to both coaches and both are in favour of the tour, but at a later date than February. He went on to state that accomodation could be provided per. billets in each state visited.

The Secretary reminded the meeting that \$500.00 had been appropriated in the budget for coaching expenses for the year, and that this amount had been promised as A.V.F. contribution in the original submission to Rothmans. It was then agreed that the \$500.00 would be so appropriated.

It was then confirmed that state associations would be responsible for costs of court hire, etc. for conduct of coaching clinics/classes in each state.

Moved: B.Couzner Sec: W.Lebedew: "That coaching programme in respect of tour of Messrs. Hiller and Kolodoczka would from henceforth become the prerogative of the Coaches Commission" CARRIED

Mr. Couzner will promulgate all states with itinery following arrangements being finalized with the coaches.

Asian Qualification Tournament-World Championships- Men and Women-Dec.1977-Jan.1978:

It was generally agreed that although the venue and the dates had not been finalized as yet, that the tournament would be held in Hongkong, and that planning be accorded for same.

Discussion ensued at this point on the availability of players, costs of the venture, etc.

Moved: W.Lebedew Sec: G.Cox "That letters be sent to all players and officials of Australian Open Squads to the effect that the A.V.F. is to consider nominating for the World Championships eliminations, and to seek replies from the said players/officials of their availability, in order to assist the A.V.F. determine if interest suffiecient to warrant A.V.F. nominating for the championships" CARRIED.

Mr. Lebedew stated that perhaps the A.V.F. should nominate immediately for the elimination tournament.

Candidature of Perth for staging 2nd Asian Volleyball Championships:

The Hon. Secretary reiterated on matters preceeding the meeting whereby following the A.V.F. being advised per. letter that at the Hongkong meeting two (2) nominees had been named to stage the 2nd Asian Championships (Hongkong and Perth) that he had advised the W.A.V.A. of the decision and requested a submission to be prepared by the W.A.V.A. and forwarded to him for action.

Mr. Lebedew stressed that the submission must be FULL and COMPLETE, every detail, no matter how small, must be included.

Deadline for the submission- 31 March 1977.

General Business:

1. Mr. Gollong (Vic) asked the Hon. Secretary if he considered it a viable proposition for the V.A.V.A. to print scoresheet blocks, as the last set of scoresheets had been sold to W.A.V.A. Mr. Rutter stated that the N.S.W.V.A. intended to get scoresheets from Taiwan at a cheaper rate, but quality of paper, etc. was unknown at this stage.
2. Selection of Australian Teams: Following discussion on this matter it was:
 Moved: W. Lebedew Sec: A. Lozenicins "That the A.V.F. Coaches Commission consider implications of selection of Australian Teams and put forward recommendations and suggestions to A.V.F. Inc.".....CARRIED
3. Volleyball Journal: Mr. Lebedew gave a short introduction to the history of the journal and of the problems manifest in the immediate past re. subscription numbers, and sales. He foreshadowed that unless response was to prove more forthcoming that the printing of any further editions remained in jeopardy, with the possibility also of discontinuation of the journal.
 The Chairman gave an opinion that it would be retrograde if the journal was to become defunct. He then stressed that for the journal to survive there must be more distribution
 With reference to the journal, the Chairman stressed that support of the journal was very important and must not be allowed to become defunct.
 The matter was referred to the A.G.M. for deliberation.
4. Video Tapes of Asian Championships:
 The Chairman stated that as yet, the tape had not been received.

meeting closed 7.40pm

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Chairman

15. Nomination to Life Membership, Mr. Walter Lebedew:

Our federation approaches a milestone ~~in~~ its short history by the awaited consideration and decision at the 1977 A.V.F. Conference of the awarding of LIFE MEMBERSHIP to Mr. Walter (Wally) Lebedew.

It is both fitting and deserved, that Mr. Lebedew, a member of the A.V.F. executive since foundation, the longest serving office bearer of the A.V.F., be nominated for this honour.

Wally was the foundation Hon. Secretary of the A.V.F. and filled this position with credit for the period of 14 years. He was elected to the Vice-Presidency of the A.V.F. in 1976. He has been a tireless worker for the federation in all its years of existence and his energies never 'flagged' in the formative years when misunderstandings were the common denominator at annual meetings.

Behind every sporting administrator, there is a woman, a very understanding woman too, who has to put up with numerous deprivations caused by her husband's voluntary and seemingly endless work at the desk, on the phone or at meetings. Paula Lebedew also deserves the thanks of the A.V.F. for her understanding and patience.

Mr. W. Lebedew, Life Member of the A.V.F.Inc. is an honour richly deserved by its intended recipient!

16. Acknowledgements:

A Secretary can only do the work he does when he is given every assistance to carry it out with expediency following information being received. I would therefore thank each and every state association, and its Secretary, for their attention to all matters for which I have sought information over the past year.

Also, I would express my sincere thanks to an executive committee that has sought the common good of volleyball progress in this nation of ours. I bring to mind the thoroughness of the Treasurer in her figures and her attention to small detail; to Wally Lebedew for his efforts in bringing the A.V.F. Sport Organising Commission to fruition and for his skill in bringing the Australian Volleyball Journal to an Australian -Wide acceptance. Special mention must go to our retiring Records Secretary, Harry Lozenicins, who although ill, carried out his intended duties with credit.

Lastly, I express my gratitude and appreciation to the President, Mr. Eric Hayman for his every efforts to assist the promotion of volleyball in Australia by the expending of his valuable time as well as the expense from his own pocket.

Robert F. Foot
Hon. Secretary
8th April, 1977

'feather in the cap' for both Australia and the perpetrators of the proposal. Lebedew and Mr. Eric Hayman, should this proposal be accepted in due course.

Further recognition of this federation by the A.V.C. is manifest in the appointment of Australian representation to the Technical Committees of the Asian Zone. Places have been given for Australian representatives on the Sports and Referees Committees and these positions are expected to be named and ratified at the 1977 AVF Conference following submissions of names from the A.V.F. Sports Organising Commission and the A.V.F. Referees Commission.

This federation also enjoins the hope that the City of Perth will be accorded the right to host the staging of the 2nd Asian Volleyball Championships. These championships are scheduled to be held in 1979 and the A.V.C. has received nominations to stage the said championships from Hongkong and the City of Perth. It is expected that a case for acceptance of the City of Perth as the venue will be put forward at A.V.C. meetings in Hongkong (April 1977) and Tokyo (November 1977) by the A.V.F. President who has stated his intention to attend both meetings.

5. Prospects of International Matches for Australian Open Teams:

At the initiative of the A.V.F. executive at its meeting in Canberra in July 1976, efforts have been made to attract top club teams from Japan, Korea, Philippines and Indonesia. To date, all efforts have proven unfruitful. Further correspondence has been sent of late to both Japan and Korea in the hope that visits to Australia might be negotiated.

6. Financial Assistance to Sport:

The disappointment engendered last year by the Federal Government's action in withdrawing all financial assistance to sport has been felt by this federation in the past year to no small extent. The formation of the Confederation of Australian Sport, to which this federation has become a full member, remains, at the moment, the only avenue by which all sporting bodies can keep on applying pressure to the government to lift its embargo on financing of sport. Efforts by a number of constituent state associations to conscript funds from their respective state governments are to be applauded.

This Federation awaits with much interest the move afoot in Federal Government circles for the appropriation of \$3 million dollars to be given annually to sporting bodies for national titles travel and international travel.

7. The Japan Foundation:

Following an approach made to this federation in January 1977, the federation has submitted an application for the Japan Foundation, to give consideration to having a Japanese Coach of international status visit Australia for a period of two (2) years as from June 1977. This submission has been followed up by the Hon. Secretary of the A.V.F.Inc. as recently as Monday 4th April with the Department of Environment, Housing and Community Affairs from whom a reply was given that as yet no information has been received by that department on any appointments via the Japan Foundation.

8. Ansett Airlines of Australia-A.V.F.Inc. Contract:

Following overtures to the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer of the A.V.F.Inc. by Ansett Airlines of Australia in February 1977, a new contract has been ratified by Ansett Airlines. This contract will be fully explained at the 1977 Annual Conference of the A.V.F.Inc.

9. Promotion and Sponsorship:

At a meeting held in Sydney, attended by the A.V.F. President and Mr. J. Griffiths, President of the N.S.W.V.A., a promising meeting ensued between these two gentlemen and a leading promotional firm based in Sydney re. the possibility of having the sport of volleyball promoted in all states via. the media of television. To date full explanation and details of transactions are known to only the immediate executive members of the A.V.F.Inc. but this matter is expected to be fully explained and deliberated upon at the 1977 Annual Conference.

10. Tour of Australia by Australian Coaches; Messrs J.Hiller & E.Kolodoczka:

With air fares met from the Rothmans National Sport Foundation and with itinerary planned in conjunction with the named coaches by the Secretary-Treasurer of the A.V.F. Coaches Commission, Mr. B. Couzner, Mr. Hiller and Mr. Kolodoczka will undertake a coaching tour of Australian States and the A.C.T. in May-June, 1977.

11. Australian Youth Teams Tour of New Zealand:

Following the invitation received from the New Zealand Federation of Volleyball Clubs for Australian Junior Teams to visit New Zealand and, further, following

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It was thereafter Moved: R.Rutter Sec: J.Peksis: "That the A.V.F. supports the candidature of the city of Perth to stage the 1979, 2nd Asian Volleyball Championships"....CARRIED.

Asian Volleyball Confederation..Technical Committees Appointments:

The Hon. Secretary informed the meeting that the A.V.C. had appointed Australian representatives to the Asian Zone Sports Committee and Asian Zone Referees Committee.

Discussion followed on the desirability of having these appointments filled, and nominations were given to fill the appointments. However, it was generally agreed that the appointments should be in the first instance the prerogative of the elected A.V.F. Sports Organising and Referees Commission.

It was then moved R.Rutter Sec: J.Peksis "That the A.V.F. S.O.C. and A.V.F.R.C. be asked to recommend to the A.V.F.Inc. their nominations to A.V.C. Technical Committees"....CARRIED

Leyland Scholarship Scheme:

The Hon. Secretary reported that the Aust.Olympic Federation had received funds from Leyland Australia, these funds to be appropriated for the assisting of top class sportsmen and women to travel abroad or to better their ability as a competitor or as preparation for the following olympics. It was agreed that this scheme should be looked upon as an exclusive one and that at the moment the A.V.F.Inc. had no nominations for the receiving of financial assistance.

Australian Selection Badges:

The Hon. Secretary tabled badges purchased from Taiwan which were to serve the purpose for presentation to those members who had been selected in the Honorary Australian 12 following the 1976 Australian Junior Championships.

The question was then asked if the badge idea would be a continuing thing, and if so, who would finance-state associations or the A.V.F?

Mrs Peksis complimented the A.C.T.A.V.A. on its initiative in this matter and expressed her opinion that the project was worth while and in future should be A.V.F. financed.

Mr. Lebedew gave an opinion that as the selection of Honorary Australian 12's was an A.V.F. prerogative, the presentation and payment for badges should likewise be the responsibility of the A.V.F.

It was then: Moved J.Peksis Sec: R.Rutter "That A.V.F. adopt the practice of providing Australian Selection Badges for Honorary 12's at Australian Junior and Australian Youth Championships"....CARRIED

Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary to liase on purchase and design of badges.

1977 Australian Mens and Womens Volleyball Championships-Perth:

Mr. Jackson (W.A.V.A.Inc.) gave an address on matters pertaining to organising and administration of the Australian Championships. Points included:

Very few states had paid nomination fee.

Draw to be revised.

Histories of players required as soon as possible. To this, it was pointed out that as per. A.V.F. By-Laws, histories and team lists were not required till 3 weeks before the commencement of the titles.

Transport: Bookings on states behalf if required.

Opening Ceremony: Sir Charles Court has been asked to open the championships.

1977 Annual General Meeting-Perth:

The Hon. Secretary stated that he had seen fit to consider having this years meeting to begin at 1.30pm in order to have Referees Seminar in the morning of the same day. A long discussion then followed, with points raised including: the need of time for referees to meet; considerations of having all technical committees meet before conference; that the need for having technical committees meetings prior to A.G.M's now becoming more to the fore in that the number of committees are increasing, etc.etc. The following times for the meetings in Perth were resolved as follows:

Referees Commission.....1.30pm

Annual Meeting3.30pm

Coaches Commission.....Sunday 10th April 5.00pm

The Chairman stated that it might serve best if the submission be carried out by the executive, possibly Secretary and self, and that states could write to Hon. Secretary to give support to application. He furthered his remarks by stating that perhaps the committee might consist of the President, Secretary, Treasurer and 2 members of the A.V.F. Coaches Commission. Also, the Chairman recommended that the Secretary and he meet with Japanese Embassy officials during his visit to Canberra in February, the action of which could well serve to give support to the A.V.F.'s application for the coach. He then reminded the meeting that the A.V.F. was competing with other sporting bodies in Australia for the services of coaches.

Mr. Rutter then expressed a disagreement with the Chairman over his comment that the A.V.F. should not give consideration to use the coach for schools' coaching.

Mr. Foot stated that in the first instance there needed to be general agreement that the A.V.F. submit an application. (agreed). He then stated that the application must be handled in the first instance at the national level, and that following the possible receiving of notification that our submission was successful, that all manifestations of organization required for the coach's visit can be gone into in co-operation with states and the A.V.F. Coaches Commission.

Individual items in questionnaire to be submitted to Japan Foundation were then read aloud and answers thereto agreed upon.

Co-ordinating Committee: Moved A. Lozenicins: Sec: G. Cox "That the co-ordinating committee be the President, Secretary and Secretary-Treasurer of the A.V.F. Coaches Commission; with the Hon. Treasurer co-opted as required" CARRIED

It was thereafter resolved that the A.V.F. Hon. Secretary should give a concise outline on all matters relevant to the Japan Foundation and the possibility of a visit of a Japanese Coach to Australia; that the project has been given full approval by the A.V.F. and that the A.V.F. Coaches Commission and State Coaches Commissions will be co-opted to assist more fully when result of submission is made known to the A.V.F. Mr. Couzner to give considerations in interim period to all manifestations of programme, itinerary, etc, pending approval of the submission by the Japan Foundation.

Coffee Break.

Asian Junior Qualification Tournament-Hongkong-13-20 April 1977:

In introducing the subject, the Chairman gave a brief outline on past considerations whereby the A.V.F. executive had previously decided not to nominate for the World Championships in Brazil, but that since the last meeting, the Asian Zone meeting in Hongkong had decided to stage an Asian Zone qualification tournament in Hongkong in April.

General Discussion followed; points included:

Quote of \$882.00 for fares, accommodation, tours, etc. had been received by the Hon. Secretary. Mr. Rutter gave another quote of \$840.00. Mr. Foot gave quote Perth-Hongkong-Perth at \$772.00.

Mr. G. Cox gave mention that as the qualification tourney was in the Asian Area, and as the A.V.F. was seeking to lure teams to Australia, that presence at the championships by Australian Teams would be of good public relations value.

Mr. Hayman opinionated that this particular tournament was a more viable proposition and a distinct possibility for Australian participation was manifest. A question was put as to subsidies from A.V.F. for squads' members and officials. Mrs Peksis replied that the budget did appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 per. year for International Representations. The Chairman thereupon gave an individual figure of subsidy to the amount of \$100.00 per. person could be considered.

The Hon. Secretary mentioned that team numbers would need to comprise a minimum of 10 players in view of past experiences with illness and injury to players on overseas visitations.

The figure of \$75.00 per. person was then considered in view of possible numbers to comprise the full delegation.

Mr. Cox, whilst expressing his personal wish that he did not seek to bring up old matters, stressed that owing to the decision of the A.G.M. that Australian teams would endeavour to participate in the now abortive World Championships for juniors, a decision revoked at the Adelaide executive meeting, that the lesson should have been learnt thereby that the A.V.F. must not make any decisions on matters of this kind in the future unless absolutely certain that such decisions would be put into effect. He concluded his statement by giving an opinion that perhaps one way to

Record Secretary's Report: Mr. Lozenicins apologised for his non-appearance at meetings since the Canberra meeting owing to illness. In consequence thereto, he could only give a verbal report.

- a. Record Secretary had offered to take over control of all uniforms, equipment, etc. To date, nothing had been received except letters from Hon. Secretary asking if he had received uniforms, etc.
- b. Records: From time to time, records had been received from some states. Mr. Lozenicins then further commented that it would appear as if some states has expressed difficulty in obtaining registrations from country area, in so stating, referring to the small number of registrations from South Australia. Mr. Lozenicins then stated that there was certainly 'room for improvement' in regards getting registrations to the Record Secretary on time.
- c. In conclusion, the Record Secretary expressed his personal thanks to all attending for their 'putting up with him' during the past year. He furthered his remarks by thanking all those who had expressed best wishes and sent cards during his recent bouts of illness.

Matters Arising: Mrs Peksis stated that she had a number of records at her home intended for Record Secretary, but which had been posted to her. It was affirmed that all records should go to the A.V.F. Record Secretary..NOT the A.V.F. Treasurer. However, monies paid in respect of registrations, can go to the AVF Treasurer, direct.

Uniforms: Mr. Foot stated that correspondence had been exchanged between Mr. and Mrs Dell and self re. uniforms. Mr. Foot to pick up uniforms when he visits Tasmania in February.

Records: Mr. Rutter inquired as to reason for need of names, addresses, club, age, etc. from state bodies. Mr. Lozenicins replied that club names are required for record purposes. Mr. Rutter gave an opinion that perhaps states could give numbers, denoting numbers from each regional association.

The point was thereafter raised for a better form for registration of players, a form which all states followed suit. A.V.F. could produce the form in order to acquire uniformity of registrations. Mr. Lozenicins stated that what Record Secretary required is name, club and if junior or not.

It was then Moved: J. Peksis Sec: N. Herringe " That the A.V.F. give firm direction of format of required form to be lodged in respect of registration of players carried out in consultation with the Record Secretary".

Adjourn for Lunch.

Mr. Lebedew suggested that with regards to the type of form, that a form be lodged at 6 monthly periods from all states giving numbers of previously registered players in the same year, plus names of new players to be registered plus giving estimated numbers of players who might be playing in a variety of competitions but whose players are not registered direct with the State Bodies. e.g. YMCA's, schools, etc,

r. Rutter made mention that information he had received had given promise that the N.S.W.C.H.S.S.S.A. is to affiliate direct with the NSWVA at a nominal fee. This action would give numbers, if not extra finance to the NSWVA..numbers that could be valuable to act as vindications for sponsorship, etc.
The motion, as put, was CARRIED.

Moved R. Rutter Sec: J. Peksis "That the Record Secretary's report be accepted"

CARRIED

The Chairman thanked the Record Secretary for his work carried out and rendered appreciation for his efforts in expedition of his duties.

Sports Organisation Commission:

- a. Asian Zone Submission: Mr. Lebedew read in full a prepared submission given to the A.V.C. meeting held in Hongkong on 28th November. The submission gave rise to a proposal for the changing of geographical boundaries of the Asian Volleyball Confederation and reasons for change thereto. A map, showing proposed changes in boundaries was distributed to the meeting. The Chairman reiterated that he had mentioned this matter at the previous executive meeting. He stated that commendations had been received from J.V.A. re. the proposal. The Chairman stated that as he intended to go to Hongkong for next meeting, that he would expect this matter to be further clarified in Perth at AGM.

R.Rutter (NSW) W.Gollong (VIC), B.Couzner(AVF Coaches Commission), N.Herringe (Tas)
R.Jackson (W.A.). Queensland was not present and did not tender any apology.

Meeting Opened: 12.15pm . The Chairman congratulated Mr. A. Lozenicins for his being
honoured with Life Membership by the V.A.V.A. Acclaimed by all.

Apologies: Nil .

Minutes of Previous Meeting Moved: N.Herringe Sec: W.Gollong "That the minutes
be accepted as a true and correct record". CARRIED

Business Arising: The Hon. Secretary dealt with matters from the minutes that needed
clarification,

- Correspondence:
- a. To C.V.A. re. Olympic Films..reply-not ready as yet.
 - b. C.V.A.- No knowledge of Taiwanese visit invitation.
 - c. Mr. Lebedew and Mrs Rutter...letters re. China proposed tour.
 - d. Rothmans- advising of airfares for coaches.
 - e. Industries Assistance Commission- to hand to Chairman S.O.C.
 - f. Dept. of Environment, Housing and Community Development- re Japan
Foundation and proposal for visit of International coach from Japan.
 - g. A.O.F.- seeking information of membership of A.V.F.
 - h. Mr. Rutter- notification of Under 17 Championships at Nowra.
 - i. A.V.C.- notification of Perth and Hongkong as nominees to stage
1979 Asian Championships.
 - j. International Coaches course in Czechoslovakia.
 - k. Australian Confederation of Sports.
 - l. Rules and Regulations of World Junior Championships and Asian Regional
Junior Championships to be conducted in Hongkong.

The correspondence was accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Prior to distribution of report and financial statement, the Treasurer
brought to notice that minutes of past executive meetings did not give all pertinent
information on Treasurer's reports and that it would serve better if copies of the
reports and financial statements were distributed with minutes in the future. The Chairman
stated that the Hon. Secretary would note the request and that as from henceforth
copies of statements, reports, etc. would be distributed with the minutes.
(B.B. Copies of financial statement already distributed to states).

The Hon. Treasurer read from the Treasurer's report and thereafter
gave summary of income and expenditure as per, information sheets already distributed to
states.

Matters Arising from report and financial statement:

- A. The question of the outstanding money owed to A.V.F. in respect of Miss Fisher
was raised. Miss Fisher owed the A.V.F. the sum of \$26.01 for assembly costs of
teams for the 1st Asian Championships.

Moved: R.Rutter Sec: A.Lozenicins "That Miss Fisher be written to by the A.V.F.
Treasurer and advised that if outstanding amount payable in respect of assembly
costs to Asian Championships not be paid by end of February, that she will be
suspended by A.V.F.Inc."....CARRIED

- B. Olympic Tickets: Treasurer and President to arrange for finality of matter.
C. Montreal Accomodation: Moved. A.Lozenicins Sec: R.Jackson; "That accomodation
deposit be written-off" CARRIED

D. Q.V.A.: No move as yet by QVA to pay outstanding dues.

E. Mr. Jackson, (W.A.) stated that it becoming known of exact figures with respect
W.A.V.A. that all fees will be paid immediately thereafter.

F. Matters re. fines in respect of QVA, NSWVA and VAVA were clarified.

G. Q.V.A. to be advised that it is suspended until fine is paid.

H. Mr. Lebedew stated that system of registration, affiliations and fines payments
left a little to be desired and suggested that perhaps the Finance Committee
might be responsible for collections of all monies and that failing payments,
that penalties for non-payments should increase to substantial heights.

I. The Hon. Secretary read aloud clause in Constitution re. non-payment of fees
and the penalty of suspension until the next Annual Conference.

Mr. G.Cox thanked Treasurer for excellent preparation of report. This sentiment
was seconded by the Chairman. Moved. N.Herring Sec: W.Lebedew "That report be adopted"
CARRIED

Mr. Lebedew stated that he would report on advertising gains by April A.G.M. States to confer with Mr Lebedew if they can gain other advertising.

Payment of \$158.00 for initial printing costs was paid following approval of the meeting.

c. Rules and Regulations of Australian Championships: Mr. Lebedew asked that all comments with reference to the proposal as printed be in his hands by 28th Feb. Mr. Lozenicins brought to notice that all states MUST make an affirmative reply, whether in favour or not, by 28th Feb. It was foreshadowed by the Chairman that the Hon. Secretary would make this a matter for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Mr. Cox stressed that the re-introduction of Grand Finals in Australian Champ's was important for consideration, but pointed out thereto, that if, and when, Grand Finals were re-included, that an extra day would be required.

Mr. Jackson (W.A.) thereon inquired if the 1977 Open Championships in Perth was to conform to the proposed Rules and Regulations. The answer was NO as the 1977 Championships were to be conducted as per the A.V.F. By-Laws.

d. General: Mr. Rutter asked if it was possible to approach the government again to ascertain if import duties on volleyballs could be lifted. Reference was made to W.A. firm, J.L. Burley, who had been more than responsible for the Fed. Gov't not granting a By-Law for lifting of duties in 1975. J.L. Burley had stated that they made a volleyball in Australia which was 'suitably equivalent' to the top volleyballs. Mention was made that the Hon. Secretary had approached the firm for the sale of balls to A.V.F. for testing; this request had been refused. Mr. Lebedew stated that perhaps the A.V.F.S.O.C. could go into this matter further as the commission gained momentum in its duties.

Mr. Rutter asked if the W.A.V.A. was to use Tachikara balls in the Easter Championships, to which Mr. Jackson replied that MOLTEN balls would be used. Mr. Lebedew pointed out that the balls must be leather, not synthetic leather, as balls of the latter variety were not acceptable and the A.V.F.R.C. would not condone use of same following the problems that arose in the Brisbane Open Championships.

It was resolved however, that the MOLTEN BALL would be acceptable for the Easter Championships provided the ball measures up to standards required by the AVF.

The Japan Foundation:

The Chairman gave a full verbal background to communication received from the Department of Environment, Housing and Community Affairs which outlined a proposal for visit of Japanese Coaches of various sports to Australia for period 6 months to 2 years. It was intended that the A.V.F. should apply for the services of a coach for 2 years to carry out duties including;

- Schools..(possibly)
- National and State Squads.
- Armed Services
- Coaching of Coaches, etc. etc.

To this proposal, sanction from the A.V.F. was required. State responsibilities thereafter would need to be clarified. The responsibilities of the A.V.F. would be for total overall programming of visit and liaison with states re. itinery, finances, travel, etc. that there would be a need for a co-ordinator in each state.

Mr. Couzner: stated that he would be pleased if the A.V.F. Coaches Commission could be conscripted into the project and he offered on behalf of the commission to be the co-ordinator for the proposed visit on behalf of the A.V.F. Inc. The Chairman stated that possibly the coach would need to be rostered for 3 monthly periods in each state.

Discussion: Mr. Couzner stated that details of the visit would need to be worked out - give responsibility of same to Coaches Commission as it would serve to give commission an important project to make the commission more viable and vital than it was at the moment. He then stated that it would also require each state to appoint a liaison officer. Mr. Rutter gave an opinion that he viewed that the first responsible person to plan the visit would need to be the Hon. Secretary.

Mrs Peksis followed this up by giving the opinion that the Treasurer would need to be implicated owing to financial considerations manifest in the proposal.

Mr. Rutter asked if it was intended for the application to be forwarded from Canberra. answer.. YES .

ASIAN VOLLEYBALL CONFEDERATION AND HONGKONG VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION
request an extension of the closing date in order that the A.V.F. might
nominate teams for the tournament;-

(and)

2. That all squads' members and officials be written to and informed that the A.V.F. is giving consideration to nominating teams in the Hongkong Junior Qualification Tournament; give costs involved; that A.V.F. will subsidize each member to the maximum amount of \$75.00 each. Further, that all members be made to note the clash of dates of the Australian Open Championships and the Hongkong Tournament. All answers to be received by the Hon. Secretary of the A.V.F., 7 days after date of receipt of letter". CARRIED

Following a question put by the Hon. Secretary, it was agreed that irrespective of playing strength, and providing that a full contingent of players are available, that the proposed participation in the tournament would go ahead.

Tour of Australian States by Coaches Mr. J. Hiller and Mr. E. Kolodoczka:

The Secretary re-affirmed that Rothmans have approved \$1170.00 for air fares in respect of the tour. However, out-of-pocket expenses and accommodation costs have not been approved.

The Chairman gave an opinion that the project should now be passed on to the A.V.F. Coaches Commission.

Mr. Couzner stated that he had spoken to both coaches and both are in favour of the tour, but at a later date than February. He went on to state that accommodation could be provided per. billets in each state visited.

The Secretary reminded the meeting that \$500.00 had been appropriated in the budget for coaching expenses for the year, and that this amount had been promised as A.V.F. contribution in the original submission to Rothmans. It was then agreed that the \$500.00 would be so appropriated.

It was then confirmed that state associations would be responsible for costs of court hire, etc. for conduct of coaching clinics/classes in each state.

Moved: B. Couzner Sec: W. Lebedew: "That coaching programme in respect of tour of Messrs. Hiller and Kolodoczka would from henceforth become the prerogative of the Coaches Commission" CARRIED

Mr. Couzner will promulgate all states with itinerary following arrangements being finalized with the coaches.

Asian Qualification Tournament-World Championships- Men and Women-Dec.1977-Jan.1978:

It was generally agreed that although the venue and the dates had not been finalized as yet, that the tournament would be held in Hongkong, and that planning be accorded for same.

Discussion ensued at this point on the availability of players, costs of the venture, etc.

Moved: W. Lebedew Sec: G. Cox "That letters be sent to all players and officials of Australian Open Squads to the effect that the A.V.F. is to consider nominating for the World Championships eliminations, and to seek replies from the said players/officials of their availability, in order to assist the A.V.F. determine if interest sufficient to warrant A.V.F. nominating for the championships" CARRIED.

Mr. Lebedew stated that perhaps the A.V.F. should nominate immediately for the elimination tournament.

Candidature of Perth for staging 2nd Asian Volleyball Championships:

The Hon. Secretary reiterated on matters preceding the meeting whereby following the A.V.F. being advised per. letter that at the Hongkong meeting two (2) nominees had been named to stage the 2nd Asian Championships (Hongkong and Perth) that he had advised the W.A.V.A. of the decision and requested a submission to be prepared by the W.A.V.A. and forwarded to him for action.

Mr. Lebedew stressed that the submission must be FULL and COMPLETE, every detail, no matter how small, must be included.

Deadline for the submission- 31 March 1977.

The Chairman stated that he will be in Perth in March 1977 and that he intended to follow this matter up with the W.A.V.A. at the time in the hope that a submission could be finalized and sent to the A.V.F. Secretary for action in order to have the submission in the hands of the A.V.C. by the appointed date.

It was pointed out that irrespective of the meeting in Hongkong in April 1977, that the final decision re. the successful nominee would be known in November 1977.

'International flavour'. To assist the consolidation in administration, the new committees set up, viz: A.V.F. Coaches Commission, A.V.F. Finance Committee, A.V.F. Sport Organising Committee; have all contributed to widening the base of the organisational pyramid of the federation and the efforts of those persons working on these committees must be applauded.

Though the past year has seen little in the way of international flavour, the immediate future appears promising. Hopes are held out for the visit of an international coach to Australia; for Perth to be accorded the right to stage the 2nd Asian Volleyball Championships; participation of Australian National Teams in the World Championships elimination tournament for the Asian Zone; further acknowledgement of the A.V.F. Inc. as a federation wishing to take a vital part in the administration and organisation of the Asian Zone; and for experience to be gained in international competition for our junior players.

Like all other sporting associations in Australia, our biggest disappointment has been the failure of the Federal Government to assist sport financially. However, we do applaud the efforts by the Confederation of Australian Sport, to which this federation has become a member; to unite all sporting bodies in the Commonwealth in an effort to bring to the Federal Government's attention the need of financial assistance in order that sport in Australia can compete on equal terms with the rest of the world.

2. Playing Activities:

Four major Australian Championships were conducted during the year, the Australian Open Championships in Brisbane, Under 17 in Canberra, Under 20 in Adelaide and Club Championships in Melbourne.

Results:

<u>Australian Open</u>		<u>Australian Under 17</u>	
<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
1. Victoria	1. S.A.	1. Q'land	1. Vic.
2. S.A.	2. Vic.	2. Vic.	2. S.A.
3. Q'land	3. Q'land	3. S.A.	3. Q'land
4. NSW	4. NSW	4. ACT	4. NSW
5. W.A.	5. Tas	5. NSW	5. ACT
6. A.C.T.	6. ACT	6. W.A.	6. W.A.
7. Tas.	7. W.A.		

Australian Under 20

<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
1. Victoria	1. South Australia
2. Q'land	2. Vic.
3. S.A.	3. Q'land
4. NSW	4. NSW
5. ACT	5. Tas
6. W.A.	6. ACT
	7. W.A.

Results of Australian Club Championships were not received.

The staging of the Australian Under 17 Championships was the inaugural championship of same and the standard of play reflected excellent omens for the future of Australian Volleyball.

3. AVF Executive Meetings:

Executive meetings were held in Canberra (3 July 1976), Adelaide (28 Aug. 1976) and in Melbourne (22nd January 1977). The meetings were all well attended and all business transacted was carried out with accord.

4. International Considerations:

The growing awareness of the Asian Volleyball Confederation of the role that Australia might play in Asian Zone affairs was very manifest throughout the year. Undoubtedly prompted by the successful staging of the 1st Asian Championships and by the continued personal presence of the Australian President, Mr. Hayman, to meetings, both at F.I.V.B. and Asian Zone level, Australia has become one of the focal points of interest by our volleyball colleagues in Japan, and for that matter, the Asian Region. This federation's proposal for consideration to be given for the re-zoning of the Asian Zone has been received with acclaim and it will be a

12 female players, 2 coaches of womens team, manageress of womens team, 1 referee, 10 male players, 2 coaches and 1 manager. Mr. Jim Mackenzie, (ACT) was appointed as Manager of the Mens Team following the withdrawal of Mr. D. Northey (WA). Mr. Mackenzie was an applicant for the position at the time of the A.V.F.'s voting on the appointment and his appointment was confirmed following the Hon. Secretary contacting the Hon. Treasurer and Vice-President of the A.V.F.Inc. as to their considerations on the matter.

For all air travel to and from New Zealand and for internal travel in New Zealand comprising bus and air fares, every member of the 29 strong delegation has paid the sum of \$229.00.

Both the Manager and Manageress, in consultation with the Hon. Secretary, have carried out their duties with meticulous precision and when the delegation leaves for New Zealand will be outfitted with 'walking-out' dress, track suits, ties, etc. befitting an Australian Team travelling abroad.

Presentation pennants, lapel badges, etc., have been purchased following sanction from the A.V.F. Treasurer.

10. A.V.F. Book Agency:

Following approaches made to the Canadian Volleyball Association and with sanction granted at the A.V.F. executive meeting in Adelaide in August 1976, the Hon. Secretary has negotiated with the C.V.A. for the purchase of coaching books for re-sale to volleyball enthusiasts within Australia. Sales have been excellent and a profit to the A.V.F.Inc. has already been realized even though all books purchased have not been sold.

11. Australian Olympic Federation:

Relations with the Australian Olympic Federation have remained cordial and with promise. The next meeting of the A.O.F. will be held in Melbourne on the weekend 30th April-1st May to which the A.V.F.Inc. is entitled to representation of two (2) delegates. Mr. E. Hayman, President A.V.F.Inc. will attend the meeting and it is to be asked of the Vice-President, Mr. Lebedew, if he will attend as the second delegate in that the Hon. Secretary will be absent in Sydney in his coaching duties with the Australian Mens Under 20 Team in its preparation for the New Zealand tour.

12. Correspondence:

Correspondence received and correspondence-out from the A.V.F. Secretary remained heavy for the past year. Exact numbers of letters out must be in approximation owing to the misplacement of the petty-cash book which itemized all postage up till January 1977. A figure of approximately 600-800 letter OUT is not a realistic figure.

13. Volleyball Journal:

Australia's Own Volleyball Journal, edited by Mr. W. Lebedew, must be accorded the credit it deserves. However, the journal is in jeopardy of becoming defunct owing to small subscription income. Efforts are to be made at the A.V.F. 1977 Conference to assure that the journal 'keeps going' by placing emphasis on State Associations to be responsible for distribution and collection of subscriptions.

14. Resignation of Mr. Arjis Lozenicins:

Mr. A. (Harry) Lozenicins, Record Secretar of the A.V.F.Inc. since 1972, has advised the A.V.F.Inc. of his resignation owing to ill-health. Harry has served both the Victorian Amateur Volleyball Association and the A.V.F.Inc. with great credit for now over 15 years and his absence from this year's Australian Open Championships will be greatly missed.

Harry was honoured with Life Membership at the A.G.M. of the V.A.V.A. this year, an honour deservedly won. He has served, from memory, the V.A.V.A. as President, Vice President and Secretary; the Australian Volleyball Federation as Record Secretary and as Chairman of the Australian Volleyball Referees Commission. All positions held by Harry have been carried out with fearless attention to duty and his representation of the V.A.V.A. to A.V.F.Inc. meetings over the years have been ones highlighted by his wish to promote volleyball within Australia.

All members of the A.V.F.Inc. will undoubtedly join with me in wishing Harry every good wish and success in the future; thank him sincerely for his efforts over the years; and for a speedy recovery to health.

Following submissions of names from the A.V.F. Sports Organising Commission and the A.V.F. Referees Commission,

This federation also enjoins the hope that the City of Perth will be accorded the right to host the staging of the 2nd Asian Volleyball Championships. These championships are scheduled to be held in 1979 and the A.V.C. has received nominations to stage the said championships from Hongkong and the City of Perth. It is expected that a case for acceptance of the City of Perth as the venue will be put forward at A.V.C. meetings in Hongkong (April 1977) and Tokyo (November 1977) by the A.V.F. President who has stated his intention to attend both meetings.

5. Prospects of International Matches for Australian Open Teams:

At the initiative of the A.V.F. executive at its meeting in Canberra in July 1976, efforts have been made to attract top club teams from Japan, Korea, Philippines and Indonesia. To date, all efforts have proven unfruitful. Further correspondence has been sent of late to both Japan and Korea in the hope that visits to Australia might be negotiated.

6. Financial Assistance to Sport:

The disappointment engendered last year by the Federal Government's action in withdrawing all financial assistance to sport has been felt by this federation in the past year to no small extent. The formation of the Confederation of Australian Sport, to which this federation has become a full member, remains, at the moment, the only avenue by which all sporting bodies can keep on applying pressure to the government to lift its embargo on financing of sport. Efforts by a number of constituent state associations to conscript funds from their respective state governments are to be applauded.

This Federation awaits with much interest the move afoot in Federal Government circles for the appropriation of \$3 million dollars to be given annually to sporting bodies for national titles travel and international travel.

7. The Japan Foundation:

Following an approach made to this federation in January 1977, the federation has submitted an application for the Japan Foundation, to give consideration to having a Japanese Coach of international status visit Australia for a period of two (2) years as from June 1977. This submission has been followed up by the Hon. Secretary of the A.V.F.Inc. as recently as Monday 4th April with the Department of Environment, Housing and Community Affairs from whom a reply was given that as yet no information has been received by that department on any appointments via the Japan Foundation.

8. Ansett Airlines of Australia-A.V.F.Inc. Contract:

Following overtures to the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer of the A.V.F.Inc. by Ansett Airlines of Australia in February 1977, a new contract has been ratified by Ansett Airlines. This contract will be fully explained at the 1977 Annual Conference of the A.V.F.Inc.

9. Promotion and Sponsorship:

At a meeting held in Sydney, attended by the A.V.F. President and Mr. J. Griffiths, President of the N.S.W.V.A., a promising meeting ensued between these two gentlemen and a leading promotional firm based in Sydney re. the possibility of having the sport of volleyball promoted in all states via. the media of television. To date full explanation and details of transactions are known to only the immediate executive members of the A.V.F.Inc. but this matter is expected to be fully explained and deliberated upon at the 1977 Annual Conference.

10. Tour of Australia by Australian Coaches; Messrs J.Hiller & E.Kolodoczka:

With air fares met from the Rothmans National Sport Foundation and with itinerary planned in conjunction with the named coaches by the Secretary-Treasurer of the A.V.F. Coaches Commission, Mr. B. Couzner, Mr. Hiller and Mr. Kolodoczka will undertake a coaching tour of Australian States and the A.C.T. in May-June, 1977.

11. Australian Youth Teams Tour of New Zealand:

Following the invitation received from the New Zealand Federation of Volleyball Clubs for Australian Junior Teams to visit New Zealand and, further, following notification of availability to make the tour by 15 female members, 10 male members, 4 coaches and 1 manager, arrangements have been finalized for a visit to New Zealand by the Australian Under 20 Teams during the period 6th-15th May 1977. Playing

Asian Volleyball Confederation..Technical Committees Appointments:

The Hon. Secretary informed the meeting that the A.V.C. had appointed Australian representatives to the Asian Zone Sports Committee and Asian Zone Referees Committee.

Discussion followed on the desirability of having these appointments filled, and nominations were given to fill the appointments. However, it was generally agreed that the appointments should be in the first instance the prerogative of the elected A.V.F. Sports Organising and Referees Commission.

It was then moved R.Rutter Sec: J.Peksis "That the A.V.F. S.O.C. and A.V.F.R.C. be asked to recommend to the A.V.F.Inc. their nominations to A.V.C. Technical Committees"....CARRIED

Leyland Scholarship Scheme:

The Hon. Secretary reported that the Aust.Olympic Federation had received funds from Leyland Australia, these funds to be appropriated for the assisting of top class sportsmen and women to travel abroad or to better their ability as a competitor as preparation for the following olympics. It was agreed that this scheme should be looked upon as an exclusive one and that at the moment the A.V.F.Inc. had no nominations for the receiving of financial assistance.

Australian Selection Badges:

The Hon. Secretary tabled badges purchased from Taiwan which were to serve the purpose for presentation to those members who had been selected in the Honorary Australian 12 following the 1976 Australian Junior Championships.

The question was then asked if the badge idea would be a continuing thing, and if so, who would finance-state associations or the A.V.F?

Mrs Peksis complimented the A.C.T.A.V.A. on its initiative in this matter and expressed her opinion that the project was worth while and in future should be A.V.F. financed.

Mr. Lebedew gave an opinion that as the selection of Honorary Australian 12's was an A.V.F. prerogative, the presentation and payment for badges should likewise be the responsibility of the A.V.F.

It was then: Moved J.Peksis Sec: R.Rutter "That A.V.F. adopt the practice of providing Australian Selection Badges for Honorary 12's at Australian Junior and Australian Youth Championships"....CARRIED

Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary to liase on purchase and design of badges.

1977 Australian Mens and Womens Volleyball Championships-Perth:

Mr. Jackson (W.A.V.A.Inc.) gave an address on matters pertaining to organising and administration of the Australian Championships. Points included:

Very few states had paid nomination fee.

Draw to be revised.

Histories of players required as soon as possible. To this, it was pointed out that as per. A.V.F. By-Laws, histories and team lists were not required till 3 weeks before the commencement of the titles.

Transport: Bookings on states behalf if required.

Opening Ceremony: Sir Charles Court has been asked to open the championships.

1977 Annual General Meeting-Perth:

The Hon. Secretary stated that he had seen fit to consider having this years meeting to begin at 1.30pm in order to have Referees Seminar in the morning of the same day. A long discussion then followed, with points raised including: the need of time for referees to meet; considerations of having all technical committees meet before conference; that the need for having technical committees meetings prior to A.G.M's now becoming more to the fore in that the number of committees are increasing, etc.etc. The following times for the meetings in Perth were resolved as follows:

Referees Commission.....1.30pm

Annual Meeting3.30pm

Coaches Commission.....Sunday 10th April 5.00pm

Sport.Org.Commission.....Sunday 10th April 5.00pm.

Following these decisions, discussion further ensued on possible need to hold meetings on days other than those at present accepted for meeting days. Consideration could be given to allowing 'rest days' in competitions, days which could serve as meeting days.

A.V.F. Coaches Commission. Also, the Chairman recommended that the Secretary and he meet with Japanese Embassy officials during his visit to Canberra in February, the action of which could well serve to give support to the A.V.F.'s application for the coach. He then reminded the meeting that the A.V.F. was competing with other sporting bodies in Australia for the services of coaches.

Mr. Rutter then expressed a disagreement with the Chairman over his comment that the A.V.F. should not give consideration to use the coach for schools' coaching.

Mr. Foot stated that in the first instance there needed to be general agreement that the A.V.F. submit an application. (agreed). He then stated that the application must be handled in the first instance at the national level, and that following the possible receiving of notification that our submission was successful, that all manifestations of organization required for the coach's visit can be gone into in co-operation with states and the A.V.F. Coaches Commission.

Individual items in questionnaire to be submitted to Japan Foundation were then read aloud and answers thereto agreed upon.

Co-ordinating Committee: Moved A.L. Zencins: Sec: G. Cox "That the co-ordinating committee be the President, Secretary and Secretary-Treasurer of the A.V.F. Coaches Commission; with the Hon. Treasurer co-opted as required" CARRIED

It was thereafter resolved that the A.V.F. Hon. Secretary should give a concise outline on all matters relevant to the Japan Foundation and the possibility of a visit of a Japanese Coach to Australia; that the project has been given full approval by the A.V.F. and that the A.V.F. Coaches Commission and State Coaches Commissions will be co-opted to assist more fully when result of submission is made known to the A.V.F. Mr. Couzner to give considerations in interim period to all manifestations of programme, itinerary, etc, pending approval of the submission by the Japan Foundation.

Coffee Break.

Asian Junior Qualification Tournament-Hongkong-13-20 April 1977:

In introducing the subject, the Chairman gave a brief outline on past considerations whereby the A.V.F. executive had previously decided not to nominate for the World Championships in Brazil, but that since the last meeting, the Asian Zone meeting in Hongkong had decided to stage an Asian Zone qualification tournament in Hongkong in April.

General Discussion followed; points included:

Quote of \$882.00 for fares, accommodation, tours, etc. had been received by the Hon. Secretary. Mr. Rutter gave another quote of \$840.00. Mr. Foot gave quote Perth-Hongkong-Perth at \$772.00.

Mr. G. Cox gave mention that as the qualification tourney was in the Asian Area, and as the A.V.F. was seeking to lure teams to Australia, that presence at the championships by Australian Teams would be of good public relations value.

Mr. Hayman opined that this particular tournament was a more viable proposition and a distinct possibility for Australian participation was manifest. A question was put as to subsidies from A.V.F. for squads' members and officials. Mrs Peksis replied that the budget did appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 per. year for International Representations. The Chairman thereupon gave an individual figure of subsidy to the amount of \$100.00 per. person could be considered.

The Hon. Secretary mentioned that team numbers would need to comprise a minimum of 10 players in view of past experiences with illness and injury to players on overseas visitations.

The figure of \$75.00 per. person was then considered in view of possible numbers to comprise the full delegation.

Mr. Cox, whilst expressing his personal wish that he did not seek to bring up old matters, stressed that owing to the decision of the A.G.M. that Australian teams would endeavour to participate in the now abortive World Championships for juniors, a decision revoked at the Adelaide executive meeting, that the lesson should have been learnt thereby that the A.V.F. must not make any decisions on matters of this kind in the future unless absolutely certain that such decisions would be put into effect. He concluded his statement by giving an opinion that perhaps one way to assist overcome past discretions would be to have separate groups or committees to administrate or organize such like activities or planning.

Mr. Hayman stressed that on this particular occasion, that the Hongkong tournament was a more practical consideration.

Action: It was thereafter agreed that the appropriate action to take on the matter to hand in the immediate, would be to have all squads' members promulgated with

To date, nothing had been received except letters from Hon. Secretary asking if he had received uniforms, etc.

- b. Records: From time to time, records had been received from some states. Mr. Lozenicins then furthered comment that it would appear as if some states has expressed difficulty in obtaining registrations from country area, in so stating, referring to the small number of registrations from South Australia. Mr. Lozenicins then stated that there was certainly 'room for improvement' in regards getting registrations to the Record Secretary on time.
- c. In conclusion, the Record Secretary expressed his personal thanks to all attending for their 'putting up with him' during the past year. He furthered his remarks by thanking all those who had expressed best wishes and sent cards during his recent bouts of illness.

Matters Arising: Mrs Peksis stated that she had a number of records at her home intended for Record Secretary, but which had been posted to her. It was affirmed that all records should go to the A.V.F. Record Secretary..NOT the A.V.F. Treasurer. However, monies paid in respect of registrations, can go to the AVF Treasurer, direct.

Uniforms: Mr. Foot stated that correspondence had been exchanged between Mr. and Mrs Dell and self re. uniforms. Mr. Foot to pick up uniforms when he visits Tasmania in February.

Records: Mr. Rutter inquired as to reason for need of names, addresses, club, age, etc. from state bodies. Mr. Lozenicins replied that club names are required for record purposes. Mr. Rutter gave an opinion that perhaps states could give numbers, denoting numbers from each regional association.

The point was thereafter raised for a better form for registration of players, a form which all states followed suit. A.V.F. could produce the form in order to acquire uniformity of registrations. Mr. Lozenicins stated that what Record Secretary required is name, club and if junior or not.

It was then Moved: J.Peksis Sec: N.Herringe " That the A.V.F. give firm direction of format of required form to be lodged in respect of registration of players carried out in consultation with the Record Secretary".

Adjourn for Lunch.

Mr. Lebedew suggested that with regards to the type of form, that a form be lodged at 6 monthly periods from all states giving numbers of previously registered players in the same year, plus names of new players to be registered plus giving estimated numbers of players who might be playing in a variety of competitions but whose players are not registered direct with the State Bodies. e.g. YMCA's, schools, etc,

Mr. Rutter made mention that information he had received had given promise that the N.S.W.C.H.S.S.A. is to affiliate direct with the NSWVA at a nominal fee. This action would give numbers, if not extra finance to the NSWVA., numbers that could be valuable to act as vindications for sponsorship, etc. The motion, as put, was CARRIED.

Moved R.Rutter Sec: J.Peksis "That the Record Secretary's report be accepted"

CARRIED

The Chairman thanked the Record Secretary for his work carried out and rendered appreciation for his efforts in expedition of his duties.

Sports Organisation Commission:

- a. Asian Zone Submission: Mr. Lebedew read in full a prepared submission given to the A.V.C. meeting held in Hongkong on 28th November. The submission gave rise to a proposal for the changing of geographical boundaries of the Asian Volleyball Confederation and reasons for change thereto. A map, showing proposed changes in boundaries was distributed to the meeting. The Chairman reiterated that he had mentioned this matter at the previous executive meeting. He stated that commendations had been received from J.V.A. re. the proposal. The Chairman stated that as he intended to go to Hongkong for next meeting, that he would expect this matter to be further clarified in Perth at AGM. Upon Mrs Peksis raising matter of Oceania Zone, the Chairman stated that it would assist greatly if a feed-back from Oceania Region on proposal could be relayed to A.V.F. by Perth meeting.
- b. Equipment Booklet: Mr. Lebedew distributed copies of the booklet as prepared by him following approval of same being printed at the prior executive meeting.