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December 29, 1987

To: ALL W.A.V.A. COUNCIL MEMBERS

Dear Friends,

I hope you all had safe and pleasant journeys home from Melbourne. It was a pleasure to work with you and I am sure that we can make this a very successful Council for all our veteran athletes and their special needs.

I have a number of items to pursue subsequent to our meetings in Melbourne. This is the first instalment.

- Minutes of the Council Meetings on 3rd & 5th December.
- Updated list of countries, showing current affiliates and others.
- List of Council names and addresses (would members please advise me of errors or additions by return mail so that I can proceed with the new stationery.) Each telephone number requires the appropriate international prefix, which can be obtained from the telephone directory when required.
- Plus a copy of a letter from the South African Masters A.A. and my reply.

Please note that because the President had an unforeseen business conference which conflicted with the original dates the EUGENE PREVIEW meeting dates are changed to:

Arrive April 28th
Depart May 3rd.

Barbara Kousky, at Eugene, has agreed to these new dates. Eugene is providing the travel costs for:

President
Women's Representative
Executive V.P.
V.P. Track & Field

She will obtain the air tickets and SEND THEM to the above four individuals (she has their addresses). The remainder of the Council will obtain their own tickets; the Secretary, Treasurer, V.P. Long Distance and Past President will be fully-reimbursed by W.A.V.A.; the Regional Delegates should receive U.S.\$300 towards their travel costs (hopefully they will also be helped by their Regional Associations).

Regarding the Note at Para 4.3 of the Dec.5th Minutes I now understand from a recent telephone conversation with Bob that we are going with the heptathlon/decathlon events within the Games. However, he will be asking Eugene if they would organise a pentathlon plus a weight pentathlon immediately after the official end of the Games.

We are trying to standardise our communications; the system mainly in use is Facsimile (Fax). I have found this system very reliable for international communications when speed is essential. Pitney Bowes is the company supplying Facsimile equipment in Canada; Pitney Bowes will probably supply in other countries as well; there may be other companies who also supply Facsimile equipment. It is expected that the President & Treasurer will instal this equipment; anyone else who has access to this system should let me know.

I wish you a happy and prosperous 1988,

Yours sincerely,



Alastair Lynn
Secretary
W.A.V.A.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE W.A.V.A. COUNCIL
MELBOURNE, DECEMBER 5th, 1987

Present: C. Beccalli (President), H. Axmann, J. Blair, B. Cushen, J. Figueras, D. Farquharson, R. Fine, C. Green, D. Pain, A. Sheahen, P. Smith (part), A. Lynn (Secretary).

In Attendance: H. Chandra (for Haryomataram), O. Flaherty.

1. MINUTES OF MEETING ON DECEMBER 3rd, 1987

The Secretary read these minutes; C. Green proposed, B. Cushen seconded, that the minutes be accepted. AGREED

2. TREASURER

A. Sheahen and A. Lynn had discussed the handover.

2.1 A. Sheahen had received a copy of the letter used to explain the fee structure and invoice affiliates annually. A similar letter is used for reminders to slow payees.

2.2 A. Lynn will close the books on January 15, 1988, and transfer W.A.V.A. assets, less Secretary's working account, to a Los Angeles bank during the third week of January. The delay arises from the fact that the co-signer for the Toronto W.A.V.A. account, D. Farquharson, will not be back in Toronto until January 15th.

2.3 A budget will be prepared by the Treasurer. Normally this would be required by January 31st, but due to transfer not occurring until mid-January R. Fine proposed, D. Farquharson seconded, that the Treasurer be given until February 15th, 1988 for despatch of the budget. AGREED.

2.4 The Treasurer indicated that he intended to budget US\$300 for mailing/telephone costs for each of the V.P. (T&F) and V.P. (LD) in view of the envisaged committee structure. He will also recommend U.S. \$500.00 for the Technical Committee and that the travel costs of the Records Chairman to the Games be covered by W.A.V.A.

Any member of the Council who wishes other items to be included in the proposed budget should contact A. Sheahen before January 15th. D. Farquharson reminded the Council of grants to less-developed areas.

2.5 A. Sheahen & A. Lynn recommended that no change be made in the By-laws regarding the keeping of W.A.V.A. funds in U.S. dollars (see item 1(b) in Minutes of Dec.3). AGREED

2.6 In order to overcome delays in signing cheques (2 signatories required) the following was recommended by the President/Secretary/Treasurer:

- Five signatures are lodged with the Los Angeles bank .
- Treasurer who signs all cheques.
- President, Secretary, V.P. (T&F), North American Regional Delegate.
- The Treasurer would contact the President by Fax to get fast approval; the most convenient of the other signatories (usually D. Pain) would then be empowered to add the second signature. The Council agreed to this procedure which, however, requires a changes to By-law Section 6, Para 11; A Sheahen proposed, D. Pain seconded, that this By-law be changed to:

"All cheques shall be signed by the Treasurer and counter-signed by the President or by any Council member so authorized in writing by the President."
AGREED

2.7 On a separate matter the Council discussed a letter from Walter Fuckert, East Germany, requesting that W.A.V.A. pay his hotel bill of AUD\$471.00 as he had done some work on the scoring tables. No commitment had been made to Mr. Fuckert and his country is not an affiliate of W.A.V.A. The Council decided AGAINST any payment.

3. FINANCIAL POSITION WITH MELBOURNE ORGANIZERS

The Secretary reported that the Melbourne Organizers had so far paid W.A.V.A. the following W.A.V.A. fees:

U.S. \$30,000 (before the Secretary's departure from Toronto)
U.S. \$11,200 (in AUD dollars at Melbourne)

With the final number of paid entries being 4,600 this leaves U.S. \$4,800. still to be paid. The organizers promised to clear this amount by late January; the Council accepted this schedule. The Secretary commented that John & Peg Smith had been most helpful to him in clearing payments through the local bank. (Peg: please send residual W.A.V.A. fees by bank draft to A. Sheahen). Under the Contract W.A.V.A. is due 25% of the net profit (if any), payment not later than March 6, 1988. The Treasurer will contact John Smith, Organizer's Treasurer, during the second half of February regarding this payment.

4. CONTRACT WITH EUGENE

4.1 The contract for the VIII World Veteran Athletics Championships had been signed.

4.1 Eugene had agreed to stage a 10K Road Championship (see Minutes Dec. 3, Para.4).

4.3 Eugene had also indicated its willingness to stage heptathlon/decathlon instead of the pentathlon. There was some discussion on this option. B. Cushen stated that the Women's Meeting preferred a pentathlon with possibly a heptathlon after the conclusion of the Championships. The meetings of athletes at the Technical Committee indicated a preference for heptathlon/decathlon within the championships. R. Fine proposed, A. Sheahen seconded that the heptathlon/decathlon replace the pentathlons within the Championships. This was AGREED on a vote of 8:3.

NOTE: Subsequent to this Council Meeting the V.P. (T&F) received a number of comments suggesting that the athletes might be better served by retaining the pentathlon within the Championships, not introducing the heptathlon/decathlon. The issue must be finally decided at the Eugene pre-view meeting (or earlier).

4.4 Pre-view meeting at Eugene: the Organizers have agreed to the following dates for our meeting to review facilities, documentation and discuss general W.A.V.A. issues:

Arrive at Eugene : May 6th
Depart from Eugene : May 11th

The organizers are responsible for the following costs:

Travel & Hotel Rooms for: President
Women's Representative
V.P. (T&F)
either V.P. (L.D) or Executive V.P.

The latter decision rests on the better deal available to the Organizers from the airlines for New Zealand or Australia. W.A.V.A. is responsible for the rooms for all the remaining Council members, the travel costs of the elected officers (including the Past President), plus, if possible, a U.S. \$300 donation to the travel costs of each of the Regional Delegates.

5. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

A copy of R. Fine's report is attached. The paper was accepted as it stood although there was some debate over the M50/M55 400m. hurdles. The recommendation to drop the distance to 300m. was AGREED on a vote of 7:3.

Regarding the pentathlon/heptathlon/decathlon issue please see 4.3 above and NOTE.

The optimum date of introducing technical changes due to the different track & field months in the two hemispheres was raised. R. Fine proposed, J. Blair seconded the following By-law.

"Any modifications of the technical rules take effect the following May 1st." AGREED

The council accorded a vote of thanks to R. Fine for his work in chairing the Technical Committee, which is the major responsibility of the Executive Vice President.

6. NEW STADIA (T&F) AND NON-STADIA (L.D.) COMMITTEES

By-laws are required to cover the structure of these new Committees.

C. Green proposed, R. Fine seconded the following (on the basis that, if successful, then clauses would be placed in the Constitution):

9. Non-Stadia Committee. (Long Distance & Race Walking)

a. This Committee shall have jurisdiction over all non-stadia events including but not limited to:

1. Road Running
2. Cross Country
3. Race Walking

b. The Committee shall be chaired by the W.A.V.A. Vice President for non-stadia events.

c. There shall be ten members of the Committee plus the chairperson.

d. Each of the W.A.V.A. Regions shall have the right to appoint one delegate to this Committee, within 45 days after the close of the W.A.V.A. Championship Games, held in odd-numbered years.

If any Region does not notify the chair by letter or wire, post marked within said 45 days, the chair can then appoint a party to the Committee. Such a party may come from any part of the world.

e. The sponsors of the next W.A.V.A Games shall have the right to appoint whoever will be in charge of non-stadia events to the Committee, under the same Rules and Procedures as stated in section 9d.

f. The Vice-President for non-stadia events shall have the right to appoint three members to the Committee.

g. Voting by mail shall be permitted.

10. Stadia Committee (Track & Field)

a. This Committee shall have jurisdiction over all stadia events, including but not limited to:

- i. all running and walking events held on a track as part of a track meet;
- ii. all field events;
- iii. weight pentathlon;
- iv. all multi-discipline events such as the Pentathlon, Decathlon and Heptathlon.

b. The Committee shall be chaired by the W.A.V.A. Vice President for stadia events.

c. There shall be ten members of the Committee plus the chairperson.

d. Each of the W.A.V.A. Regions shall have the right to appoint one delegate to this Committee, within 45 days after the close of the W.A.V.A. Championship Games, held in odd-numbered years.

If any Region does not notify the chair by letter or wire, post marked within said 45 days, the chair can then appoint a party to the Committee. Such a party may come from any part of the world.

- e. The sponsors of the next W.A.V.A Games, shall have the right to appoint whoever will be in charge of stadia events to the Committee, under the same Rules and Procedures as stated in section 10d.
- f. The Vice-President for non-stadia events shall have the right to appoint three members to the Committee.
- g. Voting by mail shall be permitted.

AGREED

The Secretary will write to all affiliates (c.c. R. Fine/C. Green) and will ask them to respond back to him regarding their co-operation.

7. WOMEN'S MEETINGS

B. Cushen reported on the well-attended Women's Meeting. She had been re-elected as Women's Representative on the W.A.V.A. Council.

She commented on the sole representative of the Philippines who was unaware that there is a Veterans Organization in that county. (The Secretary commented that this person had paid the affiliation fee herself at the General Assembly). H. Chandra will write to the Philippines Association regarding her (c.c. Secretary).

A number of the representatives attending this meeting were unaware of the existence of a W.A.V.A. Handbook.

8. MULTI-EVENTS

The President has the discretion to appoint individuals to work on such a project, defined as having other sports disciplines, eg. swimming, cycling, support major championship immediately before or after our World Championships, or possibly concurrent, at the same city. D. Pain reported that Eugene declined such a concept, partly due to the size of the town. The President and Past President, and others, generally spoke against the idea as it is felt that the volunteer effort required for the Stadia and Non-Stadia events was a considerable load without adding other sports, even if these sports would supply additional interested people. C. Green supported to some degree the M-E concept, eg. as it had been planned for Hamilton in 1990.

The feeling of the Council was that we were not interested at this time in promoting a "Veterans Olympics". However, we should keep in touch with other sports organizations supporting veterans' activities.

9. SPONSORSHIP

The President also has the discretion to appoint individuals to work on sponsorship. This is a subject which requires more specific effort than hitherto.

10. PROFESSIONALISM

It was generally agreed that money prizes would NOT be awarded in W.A.V.A. Meets. The idea of organizers providing travel expenses for "top athletes" was acceptable but was not a W.A.V.A. responsibility. A. Sheahen was requested to put less emphasis on highlighting money prizes in the N.M.N., if possible.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Re Para 6 in Minutes of December 3/87, R.Fine suggested "International Masters News" instead of N.M.N.; A. Sheahen will consider.

11.2 D. Farquharson raised the renewal of the current insurance premium due March 1st. The Treasurer will first examine if a W.A.V.A. American Express or Mastercard would automatically give us sufficient cover. If not, premiums to be reviewed; A. Sheahen/D. Farquharson to be in contact.

11.3 Honorary Vice Presidents: Agreed that there would be no certificate but would be recorded in W.A.V.A. Handbook. Position is viewed as applicable only to people who do not intend to seek future election to W.A.V.A. Council.

11.4 Substitutes for Regional Delegates - substitutes do NOT have the right to vote at Council or General Assembly Meetings.

- 11.5 Chairman of Records Committee - NO right to vote at General Assembly.
- 11.6 Co-opting O. Flaherty to W.A.V.A. Council - suggestion by D. Farquharson was registered but not accepted. The procedure of co-opting former office holders could lead to considerably enlarged Council in future - unacceptable on management and cost grounds.
- 11.7 R.Fine suggested two possible Standing Committees:
- Law & Legislation
 - Site Selection.

These ideas will be discussed at the Eugene pre-view meeting. It is noted that O. Flaherty distributed site selection criteria and that the U.S. Masters have procedures based on their screening for the U.S. 1989 bid.

- 11.8 A. Sheahen, on behalf of N.M.N., requested articles from the following:

<u>Person</u>	<u>General Content</u>	<u>Delivered to N.M.N.by</u>
C. Beccalli	Overview	Jan. 10
P. Smith	The 1987 Games	Feb. 10
R. Fine	Stadia Events	Mar. 10
C. Green	Non-Stadia Events	Apr. 10
A. Lynn	The W.A.V.A. Programme	May 10

Articles from other Council members, including Regional Delegates, would be welcome at any time!

- 11.9 Asia - The Secretary will write to Mr. Haryomataram for permission for H. Chandra to receive copies of all W.A.V.A. correspondence to the Asian Regional Delegate.
- 11.10 Men/Women in Same events - B. Cushen commented that two women had run in the M.60 Steeplechase. (The women were there by invitation). This is against I.A.A.F. rules and the following By-law was AGREED.

"Men and Women must compete in separate sections of W.A.V.A. Championship track events."

- 11.1 Awards Ceremonies & Fitness to compete: D. Pain presented draft By-laws as follows:
- a. AWARDS CEREMONY
During competition no awards ceremony shall be conducted in a manner which interferes with the competition being conducted at the same venue.
 - b. FITNESS TO COMPETE
If due to age, infirmity, lack of athletic skill, or physical fitness a competitor cannot perform to a minimum standard established by W.A.V.A. the organizing committee may refuse to accept the entry of such an individual and the referee may remove said individual from the competition.

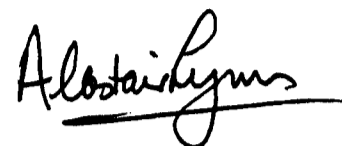
It was agreed that whilst the intent is desirable there could be difficulties in wording. The Secretary will present draft wording at the Eugene Pre-View Meeting.

- 11.2 D. Farquharson raised the matter of press releases. It was AGREED that this was the responsibility of the President and/or Secretary and that no other Council member was authorised to issue such statements.

11.3 Letter from Peg Smith: A preliminary discussion was held on her letter dated December 4/87; a full discussion on the issues raised will held at the Eugene Pre-View meeting.

12. NEXT MEETING

At EUGENE, OREGON, May 7th. If possible, specific items for the Agenda should be sent to the Secretary not later than April 2nd.



Alastair Lynn
Secretary,
W.A.V.A.

REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Two meetings were held by the Technical Committee. The first meeting was held on Friday. The following attended: Owen Flaherty, Cesare Beccalli, Willi Koster, Colin Shafto, Pat McNab, Jim Blair, Bridget Cushan, Jim Puckett, Showy Brooks, David Burton, Bill Taylor, Walter Fuckert, Phil Raschker, Phil Mulkey, Al Sheahen, Ian Hume, Ray Foley, Haryomataram.

The second meeting was held on Tuesday ^{Parlavliet} and was the following attended: Arthur May, Jim Blair, Jan ~~Parlielieb~~, Ian Hume, Colin Shafto, Al Sheahen, Rex Harvey, Gary Miller, Wilhelm Koster, Harold Gahr, Heinrich Clausen, Pete Mundle, Christel Miller, Carina Graham, Bill Taylor, Walter Dahlin, Rolf Merten, Hans Stickler, Hans Axmann.

At the first meeting the following actions were taken:

1. A sub-committee was appointed to be chaired by Rodney Chernock, of Great Britain, to establish decathlon/heptathlon tables. These tables are to be composed in five year groupings using age grading factors to be determined by the sub-committee so that a potential of 1000 points could be scored in each of the individual events in the decathlon/heptathlon. Consideration is to be given to the ~~net~~-weighting of these multi event disciplines in accordance with the IAAF weightings. It is requested that these tables be completed by April 1, 1988. It was the reasoning of the committee it would be easier to adjust for the various differences in implement weights, hurdle heights and distances by establishing different 1000 points basis by five year groupings and that by having the same potential maximum points in each five year age division would serve as a basis of comparison between the various age groups.

2. A sub-committee chaired by Al Sheahen of the United States would establish age-grading tables on a yearly basis for all of the running, race walking, and field events for men and women, utilizing the method devised by Charles Phillips.

The sub-committee chairmen can select the members of their respective committees but it was recommended that Walter Fuckert and Mr. Koch be members of the decathlon/heptathlon sub-committee and that Charles Phillips and Pete Mundle be members of the age-grading sub-committee.

At the second committee meeting the following actions were taken:

1. The 300 meter hurdles include those ^{male} athletes over seventy years of age;
2. The 2000 meter steeplechase include all men over seventy years of age;
3. The Men 50 to 59 high hurdles be reduced to 100 meters and the hurdles be placed 8.5 meters apart (this was passed unanimously);
4. The men's 50 to 59 year old 400 meter intermediate hurdles be reduced to 300 meters;
5. The new IAAF javelin be used in the 40 to 59 year men's age divisions;
6. In all of the javelin throws that no mark be required to tabulate a performance;
7. In the women's 50-59 year old high hurdles that the space between the hurdles be reduced from 8 to 7 meters, so that the distances will be 12 meters to the first hurdle, 8 meters between the hurdles (8 hurdles in all) and 19 meters from the last hurdle to the finish.

8. A women's heptathlon be held consisting of the shot put, high hurdles, long jump, high jump, 200, javelin, and 800, to be run in the same order as held by the IAAF.

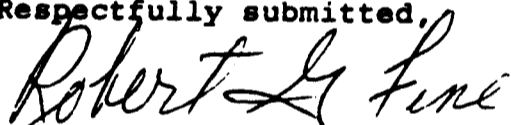
The following proposals were discussed and rejected:

1. To decrease the distance to be run in the 70+ ^{HURDLES} ~~steeplechase~~ from 300 meters to 200 meters;
2. To decrease the distance for the 40m to 49 men's high hurdles from 9.14 meters to 8.9 meters;
3. To reduce the hurdle heights from 33 inches to 30 inches in the men's 60 to 69 high hurdles;
4. To change the weights used by the men 50 to 59 in the shot put and the hammer to imperial weights rather than metric weights.

It was noted that the women wish to avail themselves of their right to have the same events as the men at the next World Games. Specifically, to have a women's pole vault, steeplechase and hammer throw.

Lastly, it was recommended that both the men's and women's pentathlon be dropped from the World Games and that they be substituted with the men's decathlon and women's heptathlon. In the event that this is not feasible for the meet sponsors, then it is urged that both pentathlons remain in the program and that the decathlon/heptathlon be held as separate events, either immediately before or after the World Games.

Respectfully submitted,



ROBERT G. FINE, CHAIRMAN TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
Dec. 1, 1987

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE W.A.V.A. COUNCIL
MELBOURNE, DECEMBER 3rd, 1987

Present: C. Beccalli (President), H. Axmann, J. Blair, B. Cushen, D. Farquharson, J. Figueras, R. Fine, C. Green, Haryomataram, D. Pain, A. Sheahen, P. Smith, A. Lynn (Secretary).

In Attendance: O. Flaherty.

1. TRANSFER OF DOCUMENTATION

O. Flaherty will arrange for the transfer of names, addresses, etc., of affiliates and documents relating to all current correspondence on his return to Spain.

A. Lynn and A. Sheahen will meet before the next Council meeting to discuss transfer of financial accounts and documents, including an up-date on the financial position as it has changed since September 30, 1987.

A. Sheahen will report to the next Council meeting on the transfer procedures and timetable, together with any additional comments. In this respect the following are to be considered:

- (a) The Secretary's request to hold an account of U.S. \$5,000.00 in Toronto to cover his expenses; periodic accounting would be made to the Treasurer. One signature would probably be sufficient for this account.
- (b) O. Flaherty suggested that W.A.V.A.'s assets be invested not only in U.S.\$ but also in Government bonds in the U.S.A., Japan, U.K., F.R.G. and Switzerland. Whilst there are some advantages perceived the President and others expressed some doubts, even if the Treasurer (and a possible sub-committee) received independent financial advice before taking such investment action.

The Secretary will inform the President when the Secretarial & Financial transfers are complete.

2. UPDATED INFORMATION FOR THE COUNCIL

R. Fine proposed, C. Green seconded, that the Secretary send to the Council the following:

Revised Constitution & Bylaws.
Updated Financial Report.
List of 50 current & former affiliates.
List of Council names & addresses.

This will be completed with all possible speed and will probably be done in two mailings.

AGREED

3. STATIONERY

The Secretary will prepare new stationery, using the existing logo. The draft will be approved by the President. Quantities will be sent to all Council members.

4. WORLD ROAD CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1990

C. Green stated that, as discussed earlier, the close proximity of the Eugene Games to the proposed Hamilton date concerned the Hamilton organisers as to the viability of their Meet. They had therefore decided not to hold the 1990 World Long-Distance Championships. This eliminates the need for any official W.A.V.A. visit to Hamilton w/o December 7th.

New Zealand would bid for the complete (stadia and non stadia) W.A.V.A. Championships in 1993 or 1995.

The President stated his appreciation for this early notice of cancellation.

A. Lynn raised the possibility of holding a 10K road race as part of the Eugene meet; D. Pain & C.Green will follow-up.

At this point D. Farquharson and P. Smith left the meeting because of other commitments.

5. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

R. Fine presented a report dated December 1, 1987 on the meetings of this Committee during the present Games. After a brief discussion it was decided that the Council should have time to consider it and discuss at the next Council meeting. It was, however, agreed that the age-grading project was not concerned with events which were W.A.V.A. Championships.

6. FUNDING OF NATIONAL MASTERS NEWS

A. Sheahen left the meeting for the duration of this discussion. It was felt that W.A.V.A. should evaluate the service and come to a decision at the Eugene preview meeting. In the meantime the Secretary was authorised to send U.S. \$1,200.00 to N.M.N. as a payment for January-June, 1988, incl. A request was made that the International section look "less North American".

7. EUGENE CONTRACT

C. Beccalli, A. Sheahen, O. Flaherty and A. Lynn to meet with the Eugene representatives on December 4th.

8. CONTACT WITH I.A.A.F.

The Council agreed with the President's suggestion that B. Cushen continue in her role as a liaison with I.A.A.F.

The proposed W.A.V.A./I.A.A.F. agreement document, prepared at Melbourne last year, was distributed. However, the President informed the Council that this particular document was now out-of-date.

It was agreed that the President would write to the Secretary General of I.A.A.F. (J. Holt) a letter containing the following (copies to Council & Hans Skaset):

Composition of New Council; Main findings of the General Assembly;
No other comments except good wishes.

A copy of the minutes of the General Assembly will be sent to the I.A.A.F. General Secretary by the W.A.V.A. Secretary when available.

The President stated that whilst there must be some flexibility in talking to I.A.A.F. members, he and the other Council members could not give any formal undertakings on behalf of W.A.V.A. All formal contact must be with the I.A.A.F. General Secretary and must be approved by the Council, who must receive a copy of all communications. Such communication would normally be made by the W.A.V.A. President or Secretary.

9. TRACK & FIELD/LONG DISTANCE COMMITTEES

R. Fine/C. Green to prepare proposed bylaws to cover this new structure.

10. OTHER ITEMS

R. Fine noted that we should cover the following before leaving Melbourne:

- 10.1 Multi events
- 10.2 Sponsorship
- 10.3 Professionalism

11. NEXT MEETING

Saturday, December 5th, 1987, at the V.I.P. or Yarra Room.



Alastair Lynn,
Secretary,
W.A.V.A.

Pres
Women or VP LDR
Exec VP
VP T+F

\$300 to each ~~of~~ Council
members who want to come

AGENDA FOR W.A.V.A. COUNCIL MEETING
AT MELBOURNE ON DEC 5, 1987

1. Minutes of last meeting
2. Treasurer's Recommendations
3. ^{Dec okayed, 8-3,} Engine Contract (10K Road position) (Preview Meeting)
4. Financial position with Melbourne Organisations
5. Technical Committee Report - okayed
6. Proposed byelaws on TrF/L.D. Committees - Passed
7. Multi-Events - Mixed feeling, Cesare will explore.
8. Sponsorship
9. Professionalism
10. Any other Business

Articles for NMN
Publish in NMN - minutes

John
Secretary
W.A.V.A.

Who is that?
Joe

4) 30K sent to LYNN

~~16K (AUS)~~

11,200 given in Mar

41,200 4,600 paid

Still owe \$4800.

By 3/6/88, OC will give

25% of profit.

Don suggest vote for Reuben ~~Chair~~
NO.

Don proposes Owen for Co-opted
member NO.

BF proposes LTL committee.

" " Site-sel. Comm

(both in ty-lours)

CB asks for recommendation
from all council members.

4
Don't emphasize
prize \$ IN NMN. "

— BECCALI, ADAMSON, LYNN, FARRA.

"INTERNATIONAL MASTERS NEWS" — FINE

WAVA won't give prize money. ←
(Expenses okay)

We have insurance for WAVA exec.

Premium due in March. \$600 to \$1100.

We overpaid in '87.

Bob suggests AA card to pay for AIRLINE TIX.

(AA ~~does~~ provides insurance.) Treas. will explore.
(check w/Don F)

WORLD VETERAN ATHLETES ADMINISTRATION 1987

Paper by Clem L.Green WAVA Delegate for Oceania, IAAF Veterans Committee and WIGAL Vice President.

Synopsis

This paper is for the attention of all member countries of the World Association of Veteran Athletes (WAVA), World Long Distance Runners (WIGAL), and members of the IAAF Veterans Committee and is a succeeding paper to that of Dec.1985 to WAVA Executive and the IAAF veterans committee and suggested for further notice to WIGAL Executive 1987 by Mr Don Farquharson of Canada, President of WAVA.

It is hoped this paper can be 'placed on the table' at the General Assembly of WAVA in Melbourne, November 1987.

The paper does not discuss issues below National level as the administration of groups within a national affiliate would normally be guided by their parent bodies. It is advanced for subsequent discussion nationally and regionally with the possibility of principles becoming policy, offering guidelines, and streamlining processes at the various levels of administration.

To distinguish the combined WIGAL and WAVA organisation from the two separate bodies as required by the IAAF, the letters WOVA have been used, standing for World Organisation of Veteran Athletics, which could, in the future, include allied sports.

A United World Veteran Athletic Body

1. Concept

Veteran athletics have proved that the combined strengths of Track and Field and Long Distance competitions along with the necessary administration must be recognised. The time has now arrived to plan well ahead for future events, the merger of WIGAL and WAVA and form a governing administration which will

1. build further ties between countries of the world,
2. encourage regional growth and co-operation,
3. assist affiliates in their growth,
4. co-operate with the IAAF for mutual benefit through the present (1987) proposed Agreement,
5. improve our liaison with other allied athletic activities for mutual benefits,
6. keep in mind the "cost-benefits" and limits of financial ability which would apply to members of all countries world wide on the basis of fair contribution in respect of relative national economies and the average veterans ability to meet costs in affiliate countries,
7. use the expertise and foundations already developed in existing organisations which can be invited to participate within this concept.

Note: Delay or failure to move now on the above principles will mean the veteran movement, which has much momentum now, could become complacent and lose both its drive and innovation which it now has within its grasp.

2A Basic Objects of Veteran Athletes

Concerns are in the

1. universal belief of the objects of the sport
2. freedom to choose their own fields of athletic endeavour
3. accessibility to training, enjoyment of age grade levels of competition and enjoyment of social and cultural interchange.
4. ability to participate within his own financial resource
5. reasonable contribution to administrative costs within the real ability to subscribe.
6. firm belief that all levels of administration act with co-operative economic efficiency both within and between levels of organisation.

2B. Administrative Structures

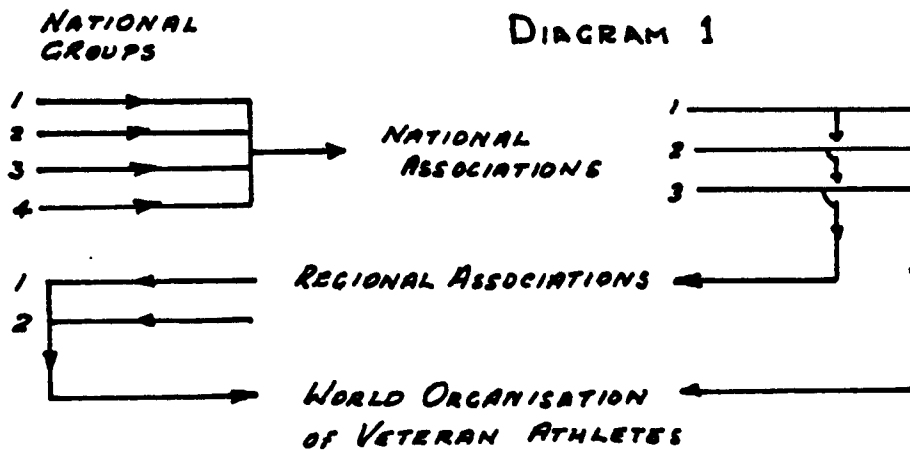
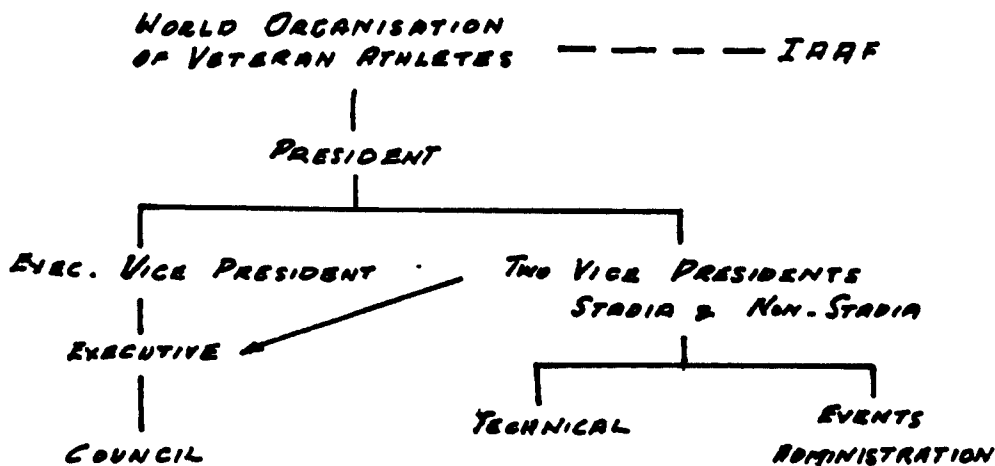
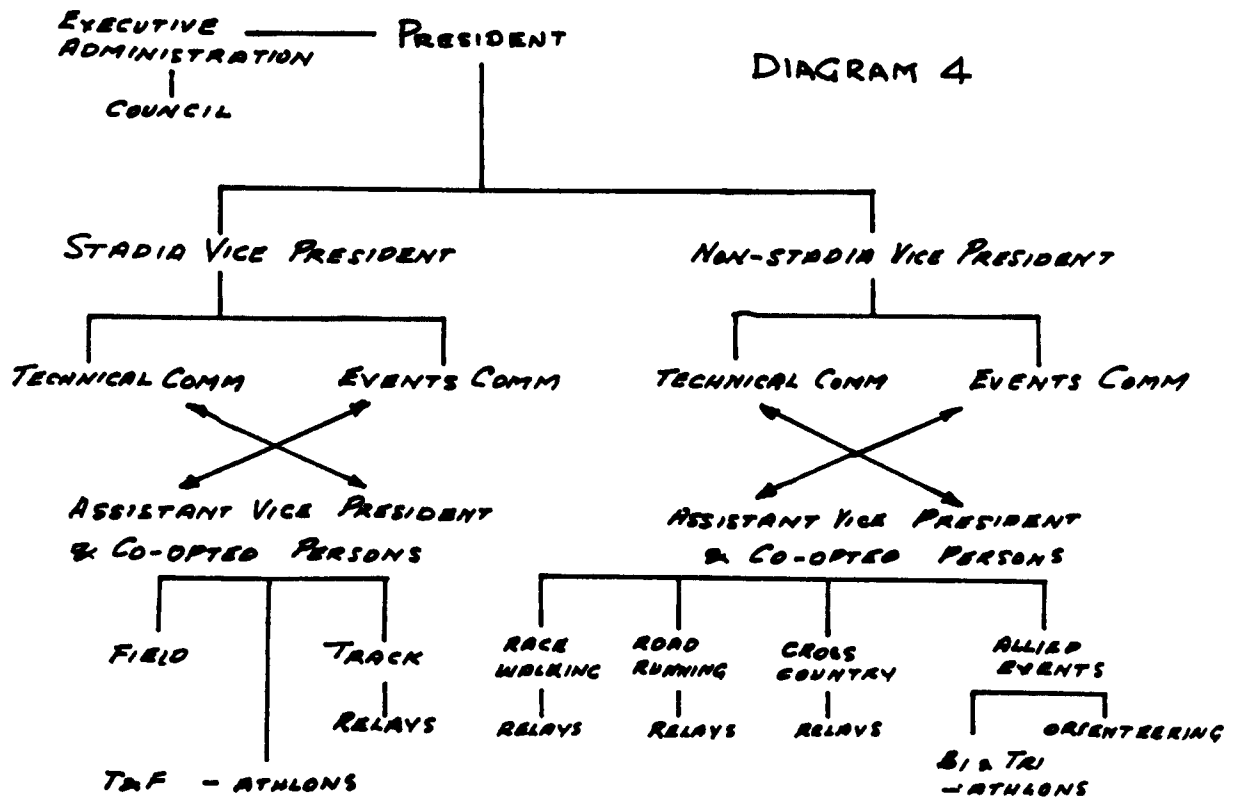
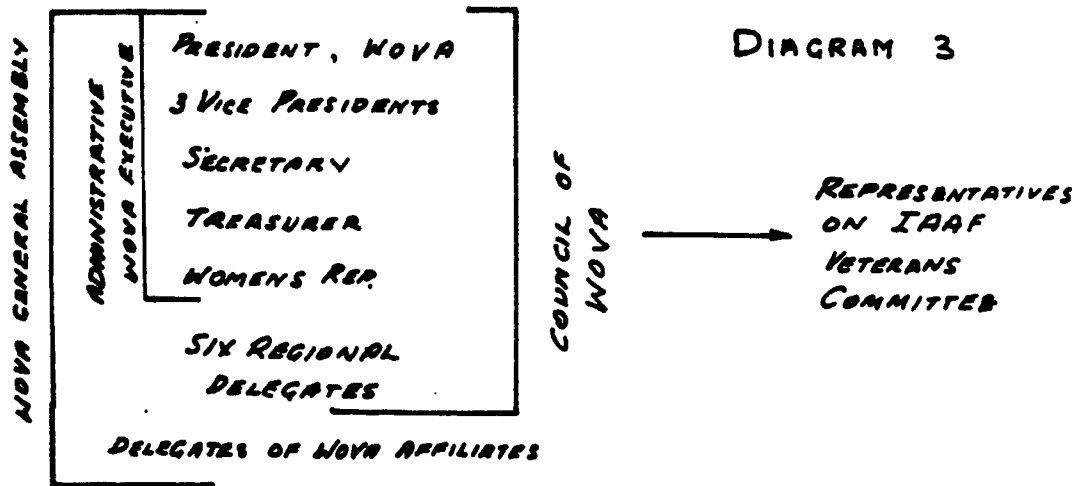


DIAGRAM 2





Comments:

Refer to diagram 3. The seven executive officers would receive some financial assistance for expenses on NOVA business. Regional delegates would receive some financial assistance from the regions in attending Council and Regional business. Officers for election at all levels of management are required to support their nomination by a published (written) concise statement of their background in athletic administration and veteran athletics.

WOVA to function on the 1986 WAVA Constitution and By-Laws or on remodelled (revised) versions of these.

WOVA to meet at least once annually at Executive level.

WOVA Council to meet at least biennially once before and once after the General Assembly.

The Technical and Events Committee (see Diagram 4) to

1. be appointed by the Council after the General Assembly
2. be headed by the two (non executive) vice presidents of WOVA
3. meet at time of appointment and one year before the next biennial world games.

- Notes:
1. The Council will be mindful in making the appointment(s) of assistant vice presidents of the venue of the next world veteran games.
 2. The "stadia" and "non stadia" committees will be responsible for the direction of the world events. Both committees will have power to co-opt persons to head specific areas of planning and administration of world events. With adequate preplanning by WOVA for World Games these comments above do not preclude a successful -bid country from setting up its own organisation prior to the "two years" before they are hosts.
 3. In WOVA-IAAF co-operation as set out in the proposed (1987) agreement, elected veteran members of the IAAF veterans committee are to come from the WOVA council level.

3. The Executive of WOVA

This body would be expected to

1. continue to carry out the present WAVA operating functions in a prudent economically efficient manner
2. produce a six-monthly budget and cash flow statement for its affiliates,
3. give guidance and requested advice assistance to affiliates and regional officers,
4. have its officers provide a report via the president to all affiliates and regional delegates,
5. carry out the "Objects" of the WOVA constitution with due diligence
6. carry out reasonable communications with affiliates and regions and to members of the executive,
7. keep in mind the expectations of veteran athletes for the movement to progress, to innovate and refresh its ideas for greater interest at all levels....to do otherwise leads to stagnation.
8. develop a positive, co-operative and understanding leadership role,
9. positively move into advance planning of world events and regional events up to eight years ahead and consider inviting bids for fair distribution world wide rather than relying on volunteer bids of affiliates,
10. develop regional competition and spread future events to developing areas rather than follow the elite or affluent network now pertaining,
11. consider biennial world events for both stadia and non-stadia competitions close in venue and timing so as to be less expensive to athletes or more affordable for the average wage earning or pensioner athlete,
12. consider the alternate years to item 11 above for the running of regional events to build up understanding between neighbouring countries and of their organisations and to develop the important social and cultural interchange.

4. Finance for Veteran Athletic Organisations:

4A. National and Regional

These levels provide benefits directly to members in

1. co-ordinating and assisting administration and events
2. providing intercommunications
3. having an executive to carry out their assembly's wishes and prosecute the objects of their constitutions.

Thus in principle all veteran athletes should be levied appropriate fees to support these organisations. However, national costs and levels of appropriate subscription vary from country to country depending on the country's economy, its average living wage, the expectancy of a standard of living, affordable and comparative ability to travel, and other factors, all of which have a bearing on variable rates which should apply to a regional levy or subscription. For example, compare Mexico with U.S.A., Spain with Germany, Pacific Island territories with Australia and so on... Regional fees must then be levied on the veteran's ability to meet what is a reasonable amount for that veteran's national circumstance.

4B WOVA

This body depends upon its financial support from countries affiliated to it: hence a wider disparity of "ability-to-pay" exists.

The present flat rate in U.S. dollars per assembly delegate to WAVA is not equitable. It is also not equitable on the basis of numbers within an affiliate country; for example, a country having 5000 veteran members compared with one having 600 members when the larger pays 5c per member, and the other pays 16c per member. This is often made worse by the exchange rate as well as the differential value of different currencies on Gross Domestic Product earned.

Apart from delegate subscription levies on countries of WOVA the above comments apply to the WOVA fees levied on athletes at World competitions over and above race fees.

WAVA and WIGAL would claim to be fair and democratic, but in the matter of present claims for administration financial support, these are not equitable. Under a united body as proposed for WOVA the economic inequalities must be remedied by a levy on membership linked with delegate admissibility. Economic elitism should not be condoned.

4C World "Games" percentage Profits.

Under the present contracts of WAVA with World Games hosts, WAVA can claim on a sliding scale relating to attendance figures. In future there could be other claims such as on spectator takings. WAVA does not rely on this for basic expenditure and this money then could well be devoted to assisting less affluent countries under a contractual agreement to meet certain reasonable conditions presented by the affiliate or group affiliate and the regional delegate. The money operated as a WOVA Trust. Similarly, countries achieving profits from world or regional competitions would be expected to pass to "trusts" which could help the region as well as its own national groups.

5. Communications

The speaking and/or corresponding with one another is vital for growth and progress. Producing the right amount of communication at and between levels of management is a sensitive issue where too much is expensive in time, money, and effort and too little breeds a slowing down process, suspicion and leads to loss of drive. The largest volume should be to the individual women and men who, in total, are the real strength of the movement, and this is at the national level.

National communication must

1. continually promote objects of the national constitution
2. encourage healthy dialogue
3. issue policy dialogue and invite comment
4. issue national veteran news including summaries of executive meetings' minutes.

Regional communication must

5. provide international regional co-ordination
6. distribute its own and upper policy news
7. provide reciprocal communication with WOVA

WOVA communication must

8. supply council members with proceedings of executive and sub-executive meetings and actions when delegates to Council would exercise discriminatory control,
9. supply affiliates with general routine notices as set out in its constitution and of actions taken as a result of General Assembly directives.
10. provide a co-ordinating role for all affiliates and regions
11. be the liaison, communication and co-ordination body with the IAAF through the IAAF veterans committee.

Clara L. Green

REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Two meetings were held by the Technical Committee. The first meeting was held on Friday. The following attended: Owen Flaherty, Cesare Beccalli, Willi Koster, Colin Shafto, Pat McNab, Jim Blair, Bridget Cushan, Jim Puckett, Showy Brooks, David Burton, Bill Taylor, Walter Fuckert, Phil Raschker, Phil Mulkey, Al Sheahen, Ian Hume, Ray Foley, Haryomataram.

The second meeting was held on Tuesday and was the following attended: Arthur May, Jim Blair, Jan Parliolieb, Ian Hume, Colon Shafto, Al Sheahen, Rex Harvey, Gary Miller, Wilhelm Koster, Harold Gahr, Heinrich Clausen, Pete Mundle, Christel Miller, Carina Graham, Bill Taylor, Walter Dahlin, Rolf Merten, Hans Stickler, Hans Axmann.

At the first meeting the following actions were taken:

1. A sub-committee was appointed to be chaired by Rodney Chernock, of Great Britain, to establish decathlon/heptathlon tables. These tables are to be composed in five year groupings using age grading factors to be determined by the sub-committee so that a potential of 1000 points could be scored in each of the individual events in the decathlon/heptathlon. Consideration is to be given to the ~~use~~ ^{weightings} of these multi event disciplines in accordance with the IAAF weightings. It is requested that these tables be completed by April 1, 1988. It was the reasoning of the committee it would be easier to adjust for the various differences in implement weights, hurdle heights and distances by establishing different 1000 points basis by five year groupings and that by having the same potential maximum points in each five year age division would serve as a basis of comparison between the various age groups.

2. A sub-committee chaired by Al Sheahen of the United States would establish age-grading tables on a yearly basis for all of the running, race walking, and field events for men and women, utilizing the method devised by Charles Phillips.

The sub-committee chairmen can select the members of their respective committees but it was recommended that Walter Fuckert and Mr. Koch be members of the decathlon/heptathlon sub-committee and that Charles Phillips and Pete Mundle be members of the age-grading sub-committee.

At the second committee meeting the following actions were taken:

1. The 300 meter hurdles include those ^{male} athletes over seventy years of age;

2. The 2000 meter steeplechase include all men over seventy years of age;

3. The Men 50 to 59 high hurdles be reduced to 100 meters and the hurdles be placed 8.5 meters apart (this was passed unanimously);

4. The men's 50 to 59 year old 400 meter intermediate hurdles be reduced to 300 meters; *Passed, 7-3.*

5. The new IAAF javelin be used in the 40 to 59 year men's age divisions;

6. In all of the javelin throws that no mark be required to tabulate a performance;

7. In the women's 50-59 year old high hurdles that the space between the hurdles be reduced from 8 to 7 meters, so that the distances will be 12 meters to the first hurdle, 8 meters between the hurdles (8 hurdles in all) and 19 meters from the last hurdle to the finish.

8. A women's heptathlon be held consisting of the shot put, high hurdles, long jump, high jump, 200, javelin, and 800, to be run in the same order as held by the IAAF.

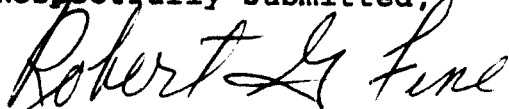
The following proposals were discussed and rejected:

1. To decrease the distance to be run in the 70+ ~~steeplechase~~^{HURDLES} from 300 meters to 200 meters;
2. To decrease the distance for the 40m to 49 men's high hurdles from 9.14 meters to 8.9 meters;
3. To reduce the hurdle heights from 33 inches to 30 inches in the men's 60 to 69 high hurdles;
4. To change the weights used by the men 50 to 59 in the shot put and the hammer to imperial weights rather than metric weights.

It was noted that the women wish to avail themselves of their right to have the same events as the men at the next World Games. Specifically, to have a women's pole vault, steeplechase and hammer throw.

Lastly, it was recommended that both the men's and women's pentathlon be dropped from the World Games and that they be substituted with the men's decathlon and women's heptathlon. In the event that this is not feasible for the meet sponsors, then it is urged that both pentathlons remain in the program and that the decathlon/heptathlon be held as separate events, either immediately before or after the World Games.

Respectfully submitted,



ROBERT G. FINE, CHAIRMAN TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
Dec. 1, 1987

WORLD ASSOCIATION OF VETERAN ATHLETES



Minutes of Meeting of Council at Olympic Park,
Melbourne on 26 November 1987

Present:- President Don Farquharson (Chair)
Bridget Cushen
Cesare Beccalli
Bob Fine
Jose Figueras (for Juan Kulzer)
Clem Green
Alastair Lynn
David Pain
Jacques Serruys
Owen Flaherty

Hannes Booysen
Norman Green) IGAL
Heung-Rok Kim)
Barbara Kousky)) Organising Committee for 1989 World Veteran
Tom Jordan)) Games at Eugene, Oregon, U.S.A.
Jim Puckett))

1. President Don Farquharson welcomed those present and said the meeting would allow the Council to discuss matters of common interest with IGAL and to meet representatives of the Organising Committee from Eugene, Oregon involved in the U.S. bid for the 1989 World Veteran Games.
2. President briefly recapitulated histories of WAVA and of IGAL. Amalgamation had already been agreed after joint WAVA/IGAL events in Korea in 1988. Future programme and any transitional problems had to be considered.
3. Clem Green was asked to speak on his paper about the future programme. He stressed that the programme had to be rationalised to minimise travelling costs for athletes. The Regions, except N. & C. America and Europe, needed to develop. Primary need was a co-ordinated programme with Regional Championships (both stadium and non-stadium) being held in all Regions in even-numbered years and World Championships (both stadium and non-stadium) being staged in odd-numbered years. There had been considerable advances, particularly in WAVA's administration and new Constitution. Now the greatest need was to plan a programme at least six years ahead. Alastair Lynn sought clarification. Would proposed new calendar commence 1991? Clem agreed.

4. Jacques Serruys stressed that WAVA's Long Distance Committee should be established before the end of the Melbourne Championships. President said the Vice-President (Road and Country) could appoint that Committee - no Constitutional change was involved. Clem Green advocated that it be a small committee.
5. There was a general discussion of the difficulties which WAVA had faced and was still facing. President specifically mentioned the costs of annual meetings of the Executives. Meetings of IAAF Veterans Committee and the preliminary visit to the venues of World Championships had meant that some of those costs had been met by IAAF and the World Championship organisers. Clem Green said he did not envisage additional costs of administration in what he was proposing. As the sole candidate for the Vice-Presidency (Road and Country), he undertook to appoint the Long Distance Committee and report thereon in 1988, probably at the Council meeting in Eugene, Oregon.
6. President asked Clem Green about the non-stadium championships already awarded to New Zealand for 1990 and, specifically, how he thought they would be affected by World Veteran Games in Eugene, Oregon in 1989. Clem considered that some adjustment of the 1989 programme would be required if the N.Z. events were not to be adversely affected. Norman Green thought that the entries for the 1990 events in N.Z. would not be affected by 1989 World Championships in Oregon.
7. Jacques Serruys confirmed that, following the WAVA/IGAL promotion in Korea in 1988, IGAL would not hold further elections, its Constitution would be set aside and IGAL would be dissolved. President said that the Treasurers of WAVA and IGAL could settle the financial details.
8. President brought the meeting to a close.

WORLD ASSOCIATION OF VETERAN ATHLETES

Minutes of Meeting of Council at Olympic Park,
Melbourne on 27/28 November 1987



Present: President Don Farquharson (Chair)
Bridget Cushen
Hans Axmann (28 Nov only)
Cesare Beccalli
Jose Figueras (for Juan Kulzer)
Bob Fine
Clem Green
Alastair Lynn
Jacques Serruys
Owen Flaherty

Hannes Booysen

1. President Don Farquharson welcomed those present before paying tribute to the late Wal Sheppard, Executive Vice-President, who had died in March 1986 after several years of excellent service to veteran athletics.
2. President said that, since the World Championships in Rome in 1985, the Council had been kept well-informed of WAVA's business by both President and Secretary.
3. President explained the protocol at functions and ceremonies during the Melbourne Championships. He had brought clocks and plates as presents for the Mayor, officers of the Organising Committee and Wal Sheppard's widow, Bonnie. Presentations would be by arrangement with the Executive Secretary of the Organising Committee, Peg Smith. Bonnie Sheppard would be invited to the meeting with the Mayor. Bob Fine and Alastair Lynn proposed/seconded that the Championships be dedicated to Wal Sheppard and this was carried unanimously. Agreed that there be secret ballots at General Assembly for elections and motions. Agreed that President would appoint three scrutineers at the General Assembly and that he would occupy the Chair for the entire meeting.
4. Agreed that President Don Farquharson, Jacques Serruys and Alastair Lynn, immediately following the Melbourne Championships, would inspect the facilities for the non-stadium World Championships in Hamilton, New Zealand in 1990. Only Jacques Serruys would incur extra costs in the visit. Any other Council member who wished to visit at own expense would be welcome. Clem Green gave an account of the programme, accommodation etc.
5. Alastair Lynn had distributed to Council members a statement of the affiliation position, including the fees relevant thereto, and also the Treasurer's Report to 30 September 1987. He explained and commented on each in detail. He mentioned, in particular, that WAVA's dialogue with IAAF had cost WAVA approx. US\$5000. Owen Flaherty proposed thanks to Alastair Lynn for excellent work as Treasurer and this was carried unanimously.

6. Agreed that the new Executive should decide on the contribution to National Masters News.
7. Owen Flaherty commented on his Secretary's Report to be submitted to the General Assembly. Secretary's task was made more difficult by the failure of about half of the affiliates to reply to questionnaires and other correspondence. In brief, they did not keep Secretary informed. He explained the outcome of his survey of athletes who were more successful as veterans than previously. The great majority were simply training harder. Clem Green thanked President and Secretary for their Reports and their work throughout the term.
8. Jacques Serruys said the new WAVA Handbook had been sent to all affiliates and would be sent to all IAAF members. Copies would be on sale at the meeting of General Assembly. The Council thanked Jacques for valuable work on this project. Agreed that next issue of Handbook would be the responsibility of the new Council.
9. Clem Green reported that the Fourth Oceanic Regional Championships would be held in 1988; he was pleased with the continuing development of veteran athletics in that Region. Hannos Booysen spoke on veteran athletics in South Africa and answered questions.
10. President adjourned the meeting on 27 November; it resumed on 28 November with Hans Axmann also present.
11. Alastair Lynn said that US.£.30,000 had been received from the organisers of the Melbourne Championships before leaving for Melbourne. A further US.£.10,000 had been received that day (28 Nov). He expected that all sums due, except approx. US.£.1,000, would be received before the conclusion of the Championships. He explained the subsistence payments to be made to the Council for incidental expenses during the Championships.
12. President raised the relationship between IAAF and WAVA. He recounted his telephone calls to IAAF Secretariat (particularly regarding the status of the draft agreement submitted in December 1986), his abortive visit to New York to meet President and General Secretary of IAAF, his unproductive telephone calls to Hans Skaset, Chairman of IAAF Veterans Committee - all had been to no avail. Agreed that matter be considered following Hans Skaset's visit to Melbourne when he was due to address the General Assembly. Bridget Cushen recounted her general discussion on the subject with IAAF General Secretary John Holt.
13. President gave details of late nominations of candidates for office submitted by the United States, Italy and Australia and said that he proposed to allow them. Owen Flaherty explained that he would feel obliged to propose to the General Assembly that the late nominations be disallowed. As Secretary, he had been unable to accept them. They did not comply with the requirements of the Constitution and, in this respect, the new Constitution did not differ from the first. Following a general discussion during which a majority of the meeting clearly favoured acceptance of the late nominations, Secretary agreed that he would not propose the rejection provided his views on the validity of the late nominations were made clear to the General Assembly. However, in any vote on the matter he would have to vote against acceptance. To do otherwise would be inconsistent with the position he had already taken both in Council and in letters to the affiliates who had submitted the late nominations.

14. Agreed that questions of sponsorship for WAVA, the establishing of a Trust Fund and multi-sport championships/festivals be remitted to the new Council.
15. President raised question of payments to winners of veterans classification in non-veteran races. It appeared difficult to stop it and WAVA's approval might be sought. Owen Flaherty considered that WAVA should not oppose for veterans what existed for non-veterans. If WAVA adopted an anti-cash stance, we would have to discipline veterans who won cash in non-veteran events and that would be extremely difficult. Agreed that, if asked, WAVA could make it clear that it disapproved of cash prizes but that assistance with travel expenses was a quite different matter.
16. The relationship of WAVA and the European Veteran Athletics Association was considered. President referred to the 'declaration of intent' between EVAA and the European Athletics Association. He then rehearsed the background to the problem of Israel's regional affiliation, including what transpired at the Regional Assembly in Malmo, 1986, where the Assembly failed to deal with Israel's application to affiliate to Europe in accordance with WAVA's Constitution. Owen Flaherty said that, at Malmo, a motion to exclude all non-European organisations from EVAA had been a breach of the WAVA Constitution. It was therefore invalid and should not have been accepted.
17. *A wishing* The meeting was given a brief description by Secretary of affiliation disputes in India, Sri Lanka, Taiwan and Korea. Each had more than one organisation ~~wish~~ to be affiliated to WAVA. The meeting was addressed briefly by Mr. Gregory G. de Silva, Sri Lanka.
18. Agreed that each candidate for office would be allowed to address the General Assembly for only two minutes.
19. The meeting discussed and agreed certain amendments to the contract to be put to the representatives of the Eugene, Oregon committee who would be bidding for the 1989 Championships on behalf of the United States.
20. President brought the meeting to a close.

WORLD ASSOCIATION OF VETERAN ATHLETES

Minutes of Meeting of Council at Olympic Park,
Melbourne, on 29 November 1987



Present: President Don Farquharson (Chair)
Bridget Cushen
Hans Axmann
Cesare Beccalli
Jose Figueras (for Juan Kulzer)
Bob Fine
Clem Green
Alastair Lynn
David Pain
Jacques Serruys
Owen Flaherty

Hannes Booysen

1. President Don Farquharson welcomed those present and invited two representatives of the All-India Veteran Athletics Association to address the meeting. They spoke in support of their organisation's claim to be accepted by WAVA as the affiliate for India and stated that the organisation led by Som Nath did not enjoy wide support in India. They deplored the actions of the Asian Veterans Athletic Association leading to the rejection of their organisation headed by Milkha Singh. Owen Flaherty explained to them that the actions of the Regional Association had been legitimate and reflected widespread discontent with Milkha Singh in the Region. He went on to explain the position in terms of the Constitution - that WAVA could have only one affiliate in each country and that the views of the Regional Association were of the utmost importance in deciding which organisation would be recognised. President explained the claims of the organisation established by Som Nath and confirmed that his organisation would be recognised at the General Assembly. They had paid affiliation fees whereas Milkha Singh's organisation had not. The situation, however, would be kept under review. The representatives of the All-India Veteran Athletics Association then left the meeting.
2. Alastair Lynn asked President to adjourn the meeting for a few minutes and leave the room, which he did. Alastair explained details of a presentation to be made to President at the General Assembly in recognition of his service to WAVA during five terms as President. President then returned and resumed the Chair.

3. The meeting discussed the contract to be offered in respect of the 1989 World Veteran Games. Bob Fine explained the relationship between The Athletics Congress of the United States and the Organising Committee in Eugene, Oregon. The relative merits and drawbacks of a scale fee (as in the 1985 Championships), a percentage of profits (as in the 1987 Championships) and a contract fee (on signing of contract) were discussed and it was agreed that a contract fee be stipulated. New WAVA fees (from competitors) and new entry fees were agreed and the amount of the contract fee was established. Agreed that the other party should be the Organising Committee in Eugene rather than The Athletics Congress. Also agreed that the preliminary visit by the Executive could be in the latter half of May 1988. The contract governing the 1990 non-stadium Championships in Hamilton, New Zealand, would be the responsibility of the new Council.
4. Agreed that delegates to the General Assembly could be replaced by alternatives in the course of the meeting but that it would be impracticable to name more than the starting delegates in the Minutes. Cesare Beccalli proposed that there should be election of three Vice-Presidents without specification of duties and that it be the responsibility of the new President to assign them. This proposal was rejected. Agreed that candidates for each office would draw for order of speaking.
5. President said sketches he had received for WAVA ties were unsuitable. Agreed that Alastair Lynn's daughter be asked to submit designs for tie and patch.
6. Agreed that Clem Green's proposals for Long Distance Running Committee, which he read, should be submitted to the new Council.
7. Agreed that Bob Fine would report from Technical Committee to new Council.
8. President tabled a letter from SEGAS, the national athletics federation of Greece, asking WAVA to endorse a SEGAS declaration on arms and peace. Agreed that WAVA should not be involved in such matters.
9. President brought the meeting to a close.

WORLD ASSOCIATION OF VETERAN ATHLETES



Minutes of Meeting of Council at Olympic Park,
Melbourne on 1 December 1987

Present: President Don Farquharson (Chair)
Bridget Cushen
Hans Axmann
Cesare Beccalli
Jose Figueras (for Juan Kulzer)
Bob Fine
Clem Green
Alastair Lynn
Jacques Serruys
Owen Flaherty

Hannes Booysen

1. President welcomed those present and outlined the facilities for the meeting of the General Assembly. Alastair Lynn and Owen Flaherty would be stationed at the entrance. Alastair would verify payment of affiliation fees, collecting same if necessary. On Alastair's authorisation, Owen would issue voting cards to delegates. Bridget Cushen would ensure only one entrance was in use. President would ensure separation of delegates and observers.
2. President reported that IAAF had informed the Organising Committee that Hans Skaset would not be present. He had arrived in London en route for Melbourne when it was discovered that he had not obtained a visa to enter Australia. President confirmed that he would proceed with his own account to the General Assembly of the negotiations to date between IAAF and WAVA.
3. The meeting considered IMITT Club Italia's proposal that Regional Delegates should have the same voting rights as elected officers. This was similar to Bob Fine's proposal that the distinction between the Executive and the Council as set out in the Constitution should be removed, save that Regional Delegates would not be entitled to re-imbusement of travel expenses. Owen Flaherty's opinion was that the latter proposal, which would entail an extensive amendment to the Constitution, could not be justified as it would not effect any change in practice. After discussion, it was agreed that Bob Fine's re-drafted proposal would be moved at the meeting of the General Assembly as an amendment of Cesare Beccalli's proposal.
4. The meeting considered IMITT Club Italia's further proposal that WAVA should not have an affiliate in any country where IAAF had none. After much discussion, it was agreed that, on the basis of IMITT Club Italia's letter dated 31 August 1987, the General Assembly would be asked to vote on the motion "That WAVA will not accept, or continue to recognise, as an affiliate any organisation whose national federation is suspended by IAAF." It was agreed that this motion, if carried, would have the

effect of suspending the South African Masters Athletic Association's membership of WAVA. It was also agreed that, if this motion was not carried, the General Assembly would be asked to vote on the motion "That, in the event of WAVA entering into an agreement with IAAF, WAVA will not accept, or continue to recognise, as an affiliate any organisation whose national federation is suspended by IAAF."

5. It was confirmed that the Council would entertain representatives of the Melbourne Organising Committee to dinner at 7.30 pm on Friday, 4 December 1987 when presentations would be made on behalf of WAVA.
6. Clem Green explained that, unless there was a curtailment of the distance events at Eugene, Oregon in 1989, the New Zealand Association of Veteran Athletes would be unable to proceed with the non-stadium World Championships already sanctioned for Hamilton in 1990. They would be cancelled, or, at best, they would have to be postponed.
7. Owen Flaherty introduced Som Nath, India, and gave a brief account of the discord in veteran athletics in India. President invited Som Nath to address the meeting. Som Nath claimed that Milkha Singh had issued no constitution, held no elections and exercised poor administration. Moreover, he was not a competitor. Som Nath had established a new veterans organisation in India with a constitution. Som Nath was assured that his organisation, having paid affiliation fees, was in good standing at present but he was encouraged to reconcile the differences which existed in India and, if possible, come to agreement with the national federation there.
8. Representatives of NZAVA explained their conviction that the Hamilton Championships, 1990, would suffer because of the Eugene Championships, 1989, unless the latter's distance events were curtailed. They wanted Eugene to drop the cross-country, marathon and road walks. Clem Green sought a compromise whereby Eugene would amend its distance events to 'unofficial' distances. The NZAVA representatives then withdrew. After discussion, it was agreed to take no further action and the representatives of NZAVA were so informed. They accepted the decision and intimated that the visit by WAVA officers to Auckland, arranged for the following week, might have to be cancelled.
9. President brought the meeting to a close.

Re: Composition of Long Distance [LD] or non-stadia Committee & Track & Field [TF] or stadia Committee.

NOTE: Initially these proposals can be put in the By-laws. If they prove successful they should then be placed in the Constitution.

9. Non-stadia Committee. (Long Distance & Race Walking)

a. This Committee shall have jurisdiction over all non-stadia events including but not limited to:

1. Road Running
2. Cross Country
3. Race Walking

b. The Committee shall be chaired by the WAVA Vice President for non-stadia events.

c. There shall be ten members of the Committee plus the Chairperson.

d. Each of the WAVA Regions shall have the right to appoint one delegate to this Committee, within 45 days after the close of the WAVA Championships Games, held in odd-numbered years.

If any Region does not notify the Chair by letter or wire, post marked within said 45 days, the Chair can then appoint a party to the Committee. Such a party may come from any part of the world.

e. The sponsors of the next ~~WAVA~~ WAVA

1) Games, shall have the right to appoint whoever will be in charge of non-stadia events to the Committee, under the same Rules & Procedures as stated in section 9 D.

F. The Vice President for non-stadia events shall have the right to appoint three members to the Committee.

G. Voting by mail shall be permitted.

10. Stadia Committee (Track & Field)

A. This Committee shall have jurisdiction over all stadia events, including but not limited to:

- i. all running & walking events held on a track as part of a track meet.
- ii. all field events
- iii. weight Pentathlon
- iv. all multi-discipline events such as the Pentathlon, Decathlon & Heptathlon

Then follow exactly the language used for non-stadia (section 9 B thru 9 G) just substituting "stadia" for "non-stadia"