

WORLD ASSOCIATION OF VETERAN ATHLETES

PROMOTING VETERAN ATHLETICS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WAVA COUNCIL HELD AT EUGENE ON JULY 26, 1989

Present: C. Beccalli (in the Chair), A. Sheahen, P. Smith, R. Fine,
C. Green, B. Cushen, H. Axmann, J. Blair, H. Chandra,
J. Figueras, D. Pain, D. Farquharson, A. Lynn (Secretary)
(J. Alzamora in attendance).

Distribution: All above, B. Taylor, J. Serruys

1. MISCELLANEOUS

The Secretary distributed various World Championship documentation.

It was agreed that WAVA would host a dinner (later changed to luncheon) for the Eugene-Springfield organisers; Peg volunteered to organise.

2. REGIONAL REPORTS

Reports were distributed to the Council and discussed. The following are particular points which arose:

2.1 Asia (11 Affiliates): H. Chandra will follow up Brunei which has not affiliated to WAVA. The Asian Veterans' Championships in Taiwan were very successful; Malaysia holds the next Championships in 1990. H. Chandra expressed the hope that the I.A.A.F. Development Committee might provide financial support to Veterans' activities in the near future.

2.2 South America (10 Affiliates): It is hoped that Guyana will soon affiliate. The 5th South American Veterans Championships will be in Montevideo in 1990. Sao Paulo may bid for 1995 WAVA World Championships. ASUDAVE thinks that 2,000 South Americans would compete in Sao Paulo. It was noted that 35% of the Veterans are females - an unusually high figure.

2.3 North America: 1988 Regional Veterans' Championships in Toronto went well. 1990 may be in Trinidad or Puerto Rico. Don Farquharson stated that Canada would consider bidding for the 1997 WAVA World Championships. The recently completed U.S. Master Championships in San Diego, open to all nationalities, had been very successful. D. Pain commented that the San Diego Track Club would be willing to step in to hold a WAVA World Championship if WAVA had a city drop out but would require about two years' notice. D. Pain was requested to supply a written report on the Region's activities.

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2.4 Oceania: Only Australia and New Zealand have the economy to support international Championships but the smaller islands were encouraged to promote other Championships. There are a large number of island countries within this Region - J. Blair to supply A. Lynn with a comprehensive list. Regional championships will be held at Auckland 1990 and Norfolk Island, 1992; New Zealand is bidding for the 1995 WAVA World Championships. Australia has contributed strongly in numbers of athletes and is now anticipated to increase its financial support. D. Pain suggested a two-tiered entry fee for individuals from rich/poor economy countries to help spread the sport. Submasters W30 and M35 events were of importance as some areas within the Region had a relatively shorter life expectancy.

2.5 Europe (27 Affiliates): H. Axmann reviewed his report, concentrating on the importance of bringing the East Bloc countries into the Veterans' fold. The 1990 Championships would be in Budapest. D. Pain raised the issue of Europe not allowing athletes from other Regions to compete in their Championships; H. Axmann noted the number in the Championships and felt that a Regional Championship should be strictly for that Region. The general feeling of the WAVA Council was that participation in the Regional Championship was a matter for the Region to decide.

3. STADIA AND NON STADIA COMMITTEES

R. Fine wished to wait until after the Stadia technical Committee meeting; C. Green circulated a report and commented on the difficulties encountered in getting committee members active. Both V.Ps. will report to the General Assembly.

4. WAVA AND T.V. COVERAGE

D. Pain reported that the best opportunity for T.V. coverage was with the WAVA Championships being held in the U.S.A. A sports network agreed to cover them, its affiliated stations were enthusiastic, but despite strenuous efforts no sponsor could be found. D. Pain considered that "Veterans" is not a marketable name - network called it "Seniors Games" but to no avail. The program "48 Hours" were hot prospects but dropped the idea because of another program on aging.

A Sheahen noted that the "Senior Olympics" organisation had bought time on a sports network (ESPN).

5. FUNDRAISING

This had been successful in the U.S. for Eugene but this was probably national pride at work and the approach might not work in a country raising money for a city in another country. P. Smith suggested that D. Pain write a paper on "How we did it in the U.S.A." to go out with bid documentation - D. Pain agreed.

R. Fine agreed to prepare a paper on promoting a Trust Fund for WAVA activities (not the World Championships).

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6. AGE GROUP QUALIFICATION

In order to eliminate any confusion, D. Pain proposed, J. Blair seconded the following change to By-law 1.3:

"An athlete's age-group shall be determined by his date of birth; throughout any Championships, an athlete shall compete in the age-group for which he qualifies on the first day of those Championships and in no other age-group. The underlining shows the change. Agreed."

7. CHAMPIONSHIP COMPUTER PROGRAM

There was a discussion concerning the championship control computer program developed for Melbourne and being used in Eugene. P. Smith pointed out that the program belongs to Arnold Smith, the programmer; he will not give it away but will allow other Championships to use it provided the Organising Committee contacts him. It is essential that any enhancements/updates to the program are fully documented and sent to him.

It was decided that it would be a responsibility of the WAVA Executive Vice President to keep informed on this program and ensure its use.

8. ROME ACCOUNTS

The Melbourne General Assembly had required the Organisers of the 1985 Rome WAVA Championships to provide a final financial accounting. The Treasurer had received this and outlined its contents. D. Pain proposed, H. Axmann seconded:

"That WAVA formally accepts the accounting of the Rome 1985 WAVA World Veterans' Championships and releases the Italian Organising Committee from any further financial obligations." Agreed."

9. QUALIFIERS FROM HEATS

It was agreed that the maximum runners per heat for the 800/1500m at Eugene would be 12 and 15 respectively. The heat winners must progress to the next round. R. Fine will inform the Meet Director.

For the 1991 WAVA Championships the Stadia Committee will draw up a draft Competitor's Handbook.

10. BUDGET FOR 1989-91

There was a brief discussion and it was left to A. Sheahen to prepare a draft budget for the first meeting of the new WAVA Council on August 6th.

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11. **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Vice President will prepare a paper outlining what the responsibilities of such a Committee would be.

12. **SITE SELECTION FOR FUTURE WAVA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Currently, this is a joint responsibility President/Exec. V.P./ Past President.

13. **WAVA HISTORIAN**

D. Farquharson agreed to a unanimous request from the Council that he takes on the role of WAVA Historian and keeper of memento.

14. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

14.1 C. Green was concerned at the cost of making a bid for the WAVA Championships; he suggested developing a pool of bidders and having rotational bidding. A. Lynn felt that this would lead to lack of competition and put the WAVA contract at risk. In any case, it was the right of the WAVA General Assembly to make a free choice. D. Pain and C. Beccalli supported the Secretary. However, if the Southern Hemisphere is overdue for a Championship and there is North-South competition the WAVA Council might make a recommendation to the General Assembly.

14.2 **Women's Javelin**

B. Cushen brought up the case in the U.K. of a W50 competitor using a 500gm Javelin when the 400gm is the specified implement. It was agreed that the 500gm is not legitimate.

14.3 **W35 v W40**

B. Cushen reported that the French delegate to the I.A.A.F. Women's Committee would be recommending that the threshold age for Women Veterans be raised to 40 years. It was agreed that this is a WAVA General Assembly matter, not the I.A.A.F. Women's Committee.

ALASTAIR LYNN
Secretary, WAVA

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To: The WAVA Council.

161, Harrison Drive,
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Nov 19th, 1989.

Dear Friends,

I have pleasure in enclosing the Minutes of the four Council meetings held in Eugene. Believe me, the minutes covering our final meeting were quite challenging as we covered so much ground, went back and forward on some topics and, of course, spent hours in the process! However, it was very important that we succeeded in covering so much ground.

I spent three days in Milan last month working with Cesare on the consequences of the IAAF meetings in Barcelona. His report has now been cleared by the IAAF and I am currently having it retyped; it will be mailed to yourselves and all the WAVA Affiliates in the next few days, along with various other documents.

The dates for the 1990 Council visit to Turku have now been set. The arrival date is June 4th and the departure date June 9th. I am discussing with Finnair the possibility of a world-wide package deal if we all travel by that airline (or travel to their nearest terminal) so please do not make any travel arrangements until you hear from me. In the meantime, please complete the enclosed form and return to me before 31st December, 1989.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Alastair Lynn,
Secretary, WAVA.

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J. Serruys, B. Cushen, H. Axmann, J. Blair, H. Chandra,
J. Figueras, D. Pain, D. Farquharson, A. Lynn (Secretary).
(in attendance J. Alzamora)

In attendance
(part): P. Mundle (Records)

Distribution: The WAVA Council

NOTE: This was a long meeting and by necessity it was sometimes necessary to move from one agenda item to another and back again; these minutes record by item, not chronological order of discussion!

1. INTRODUCTION

The President welcomed Jacques Serruys and Bill Taylor, the two newly-elected Vice Presidents.

2. I.A.A.F.

The forthcoming I.A.A.F. Congress at Barcelona was discussed. (Three Council members - C. Beccalli, B. Cushen, H. Axmann are members of the I.A.A.F. Veterans' Committee which will meet there.) It was agreed that we will not request a formal I.A.A.F. "Contract" (at least not at this stage) and that we will rely on numerous individual contacts to develop favourable attitudes. We were extending our relationships with Eastern Countries and further progress in this direction should be made with the European Veterans' Championships being held in Budapest.

3. STADIA COMMITTEE

Two meetings had been held in Eugene - one by R. Fine and, subsequent to the General Assembly, one by B. Taylor.

- 3.1 The General Assembly had voted clearly to retain medal standards.
A. Lynn suggested that we balance achieving medal standards with the competitive nature of the sport, as had been done successfully in Canada for ten years.

Bill Taylor proposed, Don Farquharson seconded:

"If there are only three competitors in an event the third-placed competitor must achieve or better the published medal standard before being awarded the third place medal; if only two competitors, the second must achieve or better the published medal standard before being awarded the second place medal; if only one competitor he must achieve or better the published medal standard before being awarded the first place medal"

Agreed

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✓ Bill Taylor will work with Peter Mundle and Wilf Morgan to review the medal standards used at Eugene; they will also prepare non-mandatory "fitness standards" which people should achieve before entering for the WAVA World Veterans' Championships.

Bob Fine proposed, Cesare Beccalli seconded:

"No medal standards will be prepared for all the 90+ events or for the four new women's events (steeplechase, hammer, pole vault, triple jump) until the Stadia Committee considers it has sufficient data on which to base such medal standards."

Agreed

3.2 Bob Fine proposed, Don Farquharson seconded:

✓ "The WAVA Council shall appoint a Safety Judge with authority to withdraw from competition any athlete who is improperly performing the event or whose continued participation in that competition would, in the opinion of the Safety Judge, endanger the athlete's health or the progress of other competitors; the Safety Judge may exercise his authority through deputies and both the Safety Judge and any deputies shall be clearly identifiable as such."

Agreed

It was agreed that there will be no "bending of the rules" for older competitors as this would destroy the legitimacy of the event.

3.3 It was noted by D. Pain that P. Spangler had avoided the barrier in the cross-country but in view of the age-group and that he was the only competitor no action would be taken.

3.4 The Stadia and Non Stadia Committees will be responsible for the appointment of judges for the Jury of Appeal.

3.5 Decathlon/Heptathlon/Pentathlon:

David Pain proposed, Al Sheahen seconded:

✓ "When both decathlon/heptathlon and pentathlons are in the programme, the decathlon/heptathlon will be held at the beginning (first two days) and the pentathlons at the end of the Championships. A competitor may compete in the decathlon/heptathlon or in the pentathlon but not in both."

Agreed

Bob Fine proposed, Bill Taylor seconded:

"The men's pentathlon will be (in order):
Long jump, javelin, 200m, discus, 1500m.

The women's pentathlon will be (in order):
Hurdles, high jump, shot put, long jump, 800m" Agreed

✓
Pain ✓
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It was agreed that WAVA requests Turku to hold both Decathlon/Heptathlon and Pentathlons in 1991 although at the time of signing the contract Turku is only committed to the Decathlon/Heptathlon. This was agreed on an 8:5 split.

Jim Blair proposed, Bill Taylor seconded:

**"At the age of M60 the decathlon becomes a heptathlon,
at the age of W55 the heptathlon becomes a pentathlon"**

Defeated 11:2

- 3.6 Records: It was agreed that a pending world veterans' record be dismissed after two years from the date of submission if not confirmed by documentary proof, unless the Records Chairperson has reason to prolong this period.

Peter Mundle suggested that it would be very useful if the Organising Committee had a specific appointee to look after record applications.

Bob Fine proposed, David Pain seconded:

"The Meet Manager will appoint a Record Clerk for properly recording all World Record applications." Agreed

Bob Fine proposed, Jim Blair seconded:

"World veteran records or, where appropriate, world veteran 'best performances' shall be recognised for each of the five-year age-groups listed in Sub-section 1.2 of the By-Laws and also for each five-year age-group older than those listed and denominated accordingly. Three years must elapse from the time an event is sanctioned by WAVA to when it can be listed as an official world record event." (last sentence is new). Agreed

Peter Mundle was requested to ensure that he had secure computer back-up facilities. Bob Fine suggested that a Computer Committee would be helpful, incorporating the Melbourne Championship program.

The Stadia and Non Stadia Committees will maintain a close liaison with the Records Chairperson and will be finally responsible for approving all new World Records.

- 3.7 A discussion was held regarding the spacing for the M70+ high hurdles aimed at helping the athletes.

Bill Taylor proposed, Jim Blair seconded:

"That the 80m hurdles spacing for M70+ be 7m between hurdles."

Agreed 9:4

David Pain then proposed, seconded by Al Sheahan:

"That a uniform distance of 8m between hurdles be established for the 80m hurdles event, regardless of age or sex"

This was ruled out of order in view of the bylaw just passed.

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3.8 Bill Taylor proposed a series of changes resulting from the Stadia Committee:

"That the M50/M55 Intermediate hurdles revert back to 400m"

Agreed 9:3 (1 abstention)

"That WAVA create a standard specification for the 400gm javelin."

Agreed

"That the length of wire for the Women's hammer be reduced by 5cms for all age-groups."

Not agreed

Jim Blair proposed, Bridget Cushen seconded:

"For the Women's hammer throw only, the maximum length of the wire is specified." Agreed

Al Sheahen proposed, Jim Blair seconded:

"Use of either the old I.A.A.F. javelin or the new specification I.A.A.F. 800 gms javelin is permitted for M40-M55 inclusive."

Agreed 11:2

Bob Fine proposed, Al Sheahen seconded:

✓ "Relay races, over 4 x 100 metres and 4 x 400 metres, shall be conducted in five-year age divisions between teams entered by affiliates; relay teams may be declared at any time between twenty-four hours and one hour before the scheduled start of the event." Agreed

"In all WAVA World Championship road races and cross-country the team scoring will be three-member teams by five year age-groups with athletes permitted to drop down in age subject to declaration before the race." Agreed

✓ 3.9 Bob Fine raised increasing the distance of the Womens 10K walk to 20K to bring it in line with the men's event and to differentiate it more from the track 5K. The Secretary commented that this went totally against the vote at the Women's Assembly and wondered why we should try to force this so-called "equality". It was agreed that a brief questionnaire on this matter would be agreed by B. Cushen and J. Serruys and circulated to the Affiliates by the Secretary.

3.10 It was agreed that the Chairperson of both the Stadia and Non Stadia Committees would keep in close touch with the Secretary so that he could circulate to the WAVA Council any items requiring major discussions in between Council meetings.

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4. FIDAL

Guiseppe Spanedda and Ricardo Cattelli, representing FIDAL, joined the meeting briefly. FIDAL is taking over responsibility for Veterans in Italy but the WAVA Affiliate, IMITT Club Italia, will continue to be responsible for international competition. On a motion by Cesare Beccalli, seconded by Bob Fine, it was agreed that FIDAL be recognised as the WAVA Italian Affiliate once IMITT Club Italia has received a signed document from FIDAL guaranteeing that the Veterans' activities will continue under WAVA rules.

5. BUDGETS

- 5.1 A discussion was held on the draft budget. A number of additions were made and the final format is attached to these minutes. The Executive V.Ps. budget includes a provision of \$1,000 for obtaining a fax machine. The President's fax is being depreciated at 20% per annum and when the President ceases to be President the fax will be purchased by WAVA so that the individual does not incur lost interest on capital. It was noted that there is some latitude in the budgets for the President and Secretary because of the developing nature of WAVA and the increase in expenses which ensues. The Turku 1990 budget includes a provision for taking Barbara Kousky to this meeting. The projected deficit is \$11,150.
- 5.2 Henceforth Regional Delegates will receive up to 90% of their travel costs with a minimum of 10% coming from the Region (subject to bylaw 8. Expenses of the Council).
- 5.3 The Secretary reported that the Eugene Director had approached him regarding costs of meeting rooms at the Hilton. This was being claimed by the Hilton on the basis that the occupancy of hotel rooms had been less than envisaged.

Bob Fine proposed, David Pain deconded:

"The President, Secretary and or Treasurer may spend up to \$500 for meeting room rental. Agreed.

(Note: in the end, it was not necessary!)

5.4 Regional Magazines:

Support had been given since Melbourne (apart from NMN) to British, Australian and ASUDAVE publications. A discussion followed on the objectives of such support - distribute WAVA information as widely as possible, develop Veterans' activities and so on. Perhaps there were better ways of achieving our objectives. Alastair Lynn proposed, Jim Blair seconded:

"That WAVA in the even years donate from \$1,500 to \$2,000 per Region to support the marketing of the Regional athletic activities. Regional Delegates, in conjunction with the Regional Council, will report to the WAVA Council on the use of this subsidy. Agreed

This replaces support for Regional magazines.

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5.5 J. Serruys has passed the WIGAL balance of \$736.04 to the WAVA Treasurer.

5.6 Jim Blair proposed, Bill Taylor seconded:

"That the provisional budget, as amended, be accepted." Agreed.

6. TURKU

It was agreed that the Executive Vice President would form a computer sub-committee of:

Adrian Smith (designer of Championship program) - Chairperson

Willie Sandquist (Eugene) and Peter Mundle as members.

\$750 is allocated towards this Committee's costs. Its objective is to ensure the continued use and development (carefully documented) of this excellent program.

7. NON STADIA

Jacques Serruys circulated a document (attached) with suggestions aimed at developing the World Veterans' road programme. The ideas expressed in the document did not coincide with current developments. It was pointed out that the introduction of a 10K road race in Eugene had proved to be very successful, much better than some earlier road championships run under the previous system.

There was some difference of opinion as to the best route to follow and it was agreed that J. Serruys would prepare a document, bearing in mind both his ideas and the current thinking, for circulation to the Council at least three months before we meet in Turku in June 1990. J. Serruys will send this document to the Secretary for circulation by the end of February.

8. HISTORIAN

Don Farquharson accepted the Council's invitation to become the official WAVA Historian and collector of memorabilia, costs to be met from the Past President's budget.

9. FUTURE WAVA WORLD VETERANS' CHAMPIONSHIPS

For 1993/1995 it was preferable to have Southern to Northern hemisphere. However, it looks as though in practice the bids will be in reverse.

It was agreed that the Executive Vice President would take responsibility for screening bids and for preparing a comprehensive "Guide to Bidding" for potential bidders. This guide would be an enhancement of the documents used for the U.S. Site Selection and for the 1991 bids. R. Fine will prepare this guide and circulate before the 1990 Turku meeting so that it can be discussed at that time.

David Pain suggested that it might be advantageous to visit a city before accepting its wish to present a bid. He felt that the standard of presentation of bids was not good and this was another area where the Executive Vice President would assist prospective bidders.

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10. **WAVA FLAG**

The Council felt that this was more a statement than a flag - review again at Turku, 1990.

11. **LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

Review at Turku, 1990

12. **EUGENE**

It was agreed that Bob Fine would draft letters from the President to Eugene-Springfield, TAC Veterans, and the Eugene Register-Guard.

13. **INDIA & PHILIPPINES**

The WAVA Sub-Committee at Barcelona (C. Beccalli, B. Cushen, H. Axmann) will make it clear to the A.A.F.I that both Veteran groups in India must be involved and that until this is completed the IVAF remain the WAVA Affiliate. B. Cushen will send 20 copies of the WAVA Handbook (when revised) to the IVAF for distribution to the Indian States.

Despite some conflicting "information" it was agreed that the VPAC is our Philippine Affiliate but this will be reviewed at Turku if any other hard evidence surfaces.

14. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

14.1 Blazers - the idea of having green coloured jackets for the WAVA Council was dropped.

14.2 M80+ - on a suggestion by D. Farquharson it was agreed to give thought to decreasing some of the longer distance events (e.g. cross-country) for these older runners.

14.3 Development Funds - requests to be documented and sent to the Secretary by March 31 for discussion at Turku, 1990.

14.4 D. Farquharson will prepare a list of people who have participated in all WAVA Championships; this list will be published in the next WAVA Handbook.

15. **FINALLY** -----

Bill Taylor, on behalf of his colleagues, thanked the President and Secretary for their efforts (stamina) during this marathon session of the new Council.

Alastair Lynn,
Secretary, WAVA

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PROPOSED BUDGET

OCT. 1, 1989 TO DEC. 31, 1991

APPROVED

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
REVENUES:							
1. Affiliate Fees	10000						
2. Entry Fees-Turnu	63000						
3. Sanction Fee-Turnu	6000						
4. Interest	4000						
TOTAL REVENUES				83000			
EXPENSES:							
1. POSTAGE, FAX, ETC.	750	11400		750	17350		
President	3000			4200			
Executive V-P	800			1800			
V-P Stadia	200			600			
V-P Non-Stadia	200			600			
Secretary	6000			7000			
Treasurer	800			1000			
Women's Rep	200			200			
Past President	200			200			
Eco V-P Book	1000			1000			
2. COMMUNICATIONS		18000			22000		
Records	1000						
Natl Masters News	5400						
WAVA Handbook	5600						
Regional Magazines	6000				10000		
3. PRESENTATIONS		600			800		
4. DEVELOPMENT		2000			2000		
5. INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS		89000					
Turnu - 1990					12000		
" 1991					30000		
" 1990 (Kosky)					2000		
6. MISC. TRAVEL		4000			4000		
7. PRESIDENT'S TRAVEL		4000			4000		
TOTAL EXPENSES				79000	94150		
SURPLUS				4000	- 11150		

SUGGESTIONS NON STADIA PROGRAM

The Eugene meet is showing us that the big choice of events was not to the benefit of the athletes. A lot of athletes have to face injuries and the cross-country confirms that many of them were not fit because they entered too many events. Because we have to start with a new long distance program and because the non-stadia committee has jurisdiction over all non-stadia events and because the vice president, road and country, shall be responsible for all road-running, road-walking and cross-country matters and, subject to instruction from the council, I will make a proposal for a new program. This program was also expressed in the meeting of the non-stadia committee and also by the experienced road-runners.

We agree that the marathon should be included in the track and field program because this tradition was always in the Olympic program and the Wava program.

We agree also that we are not in favor of having a track and field program that takes more than eight days competition. This means that to include a full road race program is just not possible.

We suggest having the road race program in the even years. This championship will include 10K, 25K and cross-country. We will leave it to the Council to make the decision about the walking program. Because the road walkers and the track walkers are the same athletes, they must have their program together. So we can add walk to the track and field program or we can add the walk to the road race program.

We will require AIMS certificate of measurement and also we would like to include the WAVA road races in the AIMS calender.

We would like to have five-year age groups to the oldest competitor.

We would like to insist that all participants of the road races receive a medal because this tradition stands for twenty years.

We propose that the bidding be asked for 1992 and 1994 for non-stadia recommendation to WAVA Council for decision by late 1990.

We propose not to have a 10 K in Turku.

Name: 1 WAVA World Veterans (Walk and)

Road Race Championships

J. Serruys

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J. Figueras, D. Pain, D. Farquharson, A. Lynn (Secretary).

In attendance: Dr. Thaddeus Bell

Apology for J. Alzamora

Absence:

Distribution: All above, B. Taylor, J. Serruys

1. PRESENTATION ON DRUGS

Dr. Thaddeus Bell gave a comprehensive and most interesting presentation on drugs in sport. When the overhead charts have been "cleaned up" the Secretary will arrange for copies to be distributed to the Council.

A lively discussion followed this presentation. It was agreed that the introduction of testing would be expensive and very difficult to interpret as many older athletes had to use medically prescribed drugs. It was generally felt that the best course to follow would be one of education, with particular use of articles via the National Masters News.

2. PHILIPPINES

Olivia Aquino represented the VPAF (current Affiliate) but despite adequate warning time no representative of the AMAPHIL (former Affiliate) appeared. D. Pain reported strange behaviour when approach made by AMAPHIL for the recently held U.S. Masters' Nationals at San Diego and an unusual distribution female: male of 32:24. The VPAF President, Col Constantino, is apparently recognised by the I.A.A.F.

No national masters' championships had been held in 1989 due to stadium reconstruction but Ms. Aquino assured the meeting that VPAF will hold masters' championships within one year.

It was agreed that the VPAF will remain the WAVA Affiliate but every effort must be made to co-operate with, and absorb, AMAPHIL so that all Philippine veterans are represented. The VPAF will keep both the Asian and WAVA Secretaries informed on progress.

3. INDIA

The IVAF is the current WAVA Affiliate, the AIVAA was the former WAVA Affiliate.

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Both groups were interviewed separately and then together. There was reiteration of previous charges and claims!

Following a suggestion by C. Beccalli, who had met earlier with the two groups, it was agreed:

- 3 IVAF + 2 AIVAA members would represent India at the 1989 General Assembly;
- a Sub-Committee of the WAVA Council (C. Beccalli, B. Cushen, H. Axmann, C. Green = WAVA members who are also members of the I.A.A.F. Veterans' Committee) would meet with the AAFI (Indian open athletics - I.A.A.F. Affiliate) in Barcelona and discuss the formation of an overall Veterans group which would encompass both the IVAF and the AIVAA. It was hoped that by the time the WAVA Council meets in 1990 this overall group will be established. In the meantime the IVAF remains the WAVA Affiliate.

4. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Arrangements were reviewed; the Council discussed the various proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 WAVA World Veterans' Championships

D. Pain suggested that every second championship could be held in Europe due to their numbers; however, the feeling of the Council was that this was not entirely practical and we should stick with the suggested schedule agreed last year in Eugene.

5.2 Travel Expenses - Regional Delegates

This will be discussed at the first meeting of the new Council.

5.3 Trinidad and Tobago

A. Sheahen reported that one competitor had arrived without sanction from the National Veterans' body. It was agreed that she must pay her National subscription or face disqualification.

5.4 Svetla Zlateva

She had been banned for life for drugs. It was agreed to allow her to compete unless her country (Bulgaria) protested.

6. FINALLY (FOR THE "OLD" COUNCIL)

A. Sheahen, on behalf of the Council, congratulated the President and Secretary on the handling of the Council meetings.


Alastair Lynn,
Secretary, WAVA

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WAVA COUNCIL HELD AT EUGENE ON JULY 25, 1989

Present: C. Beccalli (in the Chair), A. Sheahen, P. Smith, R. Fine,
C. Green, B. Cushen, H. Axmann, J. Blair, H. Chandra,
J. Figueras, D. Farquharson, A. Lynn (Secretary)
(J. Alzamora in attendance)

Apologies

for Absence: D. Pain (wrapping up U.S. Masters National)

Distribution: All above, B. Taylor, J. Serruys

1. TREASURERS'S ITEMS

1.1 After review of the facts, the Council, on motions by R. Fine, seconded by J. Figueras, **approved** that D. Farquharson be reimbursed for his air fare to Eugene via Vancouver and A. Lynn be reimbursed for the full cost of the car hire from Vancouver. It was noted that A. Lynn would pay all the gas costs himself.

1.2 The procedures for arranging travel were reviewed and the following new bylaws were **approved**:

1. WAVA will reimburse travel expenses of Council members, when authorised, by the most direct and least expensive air fare reasonably available from a regular airline.
2. Except for emergency meetings, Council members are obligated to schedule travel sufficiently in advance to obtain the lowest economy fares.
3. All requests for reimbursement shall be supported by receipts or other supporting documentation acceptable to the Treasurer (includes invoices in advance of meeting - bylaw 6.13).
4. If a council member is eligible for reimbursement from a third party source, such as his sports federation, the member shall not be entitled to duplicated reimbursement by WAVA.
5. In no event shall a Council member receive travel or other related reimbursement when the member has not actually personally incurred that expense.

1.3 Accounting Period - at the Treasurer's request the Accounting Period start date was changed from October 1st to January 1st. (see 6.1 - 6.6 in Constitution and Bylaws subsequently published as of August 2, 1989).

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2. I.A.A.F.

It was regrettable that the I.A.A.F. Veterans' Committee had postponed their 1989 meeting from Eugene to Barcelona. However, C. Beccalli reported that it was for purely administrative reasons. Hans Skaset, Chairman of that Committee, would be with us for several days in Eugene. We have to take note of the politics in sport and aim to work with, but not under, the I.A.A.F. I.A.A.F. will definitely have a Veterans' wing of some description. Various comments were made by members of the Council such as I.A.A.F. support in Eastern Europe, education of the I.A.A.F. concerning Veterans' meets, concern that the I.A.A.F. did not understand the complexity of organising a veterans' World Championships.

The following motion, proposed by R. Fine and seconded by A. Sheahen was approved:

"WAVA seeks to cooperate with the I.A.A.F, nationally and internationally, on an arrangement guaranteeing the continuing presence of WAVA in Veterans' athletics."

B. Cushen raised two issues - the position of professionals competing in the British Veterans' indoor championships and the new events for women. On the former she was asked to prepare a report for the WAVA Council; on the latter she had to prepare a report for the I.A.A.F. Women's Committee in Barcelona. On a proposal by R. Fine, seconded by J. Blair, the following was approved:

"WAVA spends up to U.S. \$100.00 to provide a video of the new Women veterans events: triple jump, hammer, pole vault, steeplechase."

3. MEDAL STANDARDS

Ray Callaghan's letter re medal standards had been well received. A. Sheahen proposed, P. Smith seconded:

"Suspend the medal standards for the 1989 Championships"

Defeated 10 - 2

J. Blair proposed, C. Beccalli seconded:

"As medal standards are still being applied that a special medal award be made to people placing but not making the standard."

Agreed 10 - 2

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It was decided that

- the Stadia technical committee would discuss
- the WAVA Council would not make any recommendation re standards to the General Assembly.

4. 1991 CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. Lynn reported that the contract had been signed with Turku but was still under discussion with Mulhouse due to their very late bid. Zagreb was unlikely to bid.

A. Lynn proposed, A. Sheahan seconded the following new by-law:

"Any city wishing to bid for the WAVA World Veterans' Athletic Championships must contact the Secretary at least 180 days before the General Assembly at which the bid will be made; the contract must be signed by the city's Organising Committee at least 60 days before that General Assembly."

Agreed

5. ISRAEL

B. Shaw had spoken to the European Veterans' Assembly at Malmo re moving Israel into the European Group but had been unsuccessful. The WAVA Council agreed that this was correct in the light of the I.A.A.F. Regions.

However, for historical WAVA reasons, Aruba would remain with ASUDAVE.

6. DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE V.P.

C. Green raised this issue as to whether the duties of this position could be extended. A. Lynn queried if the position was necessary, particularly in the light of the new Stadia-Non Stadia Committees which were chaired by the relevant V.Ps.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Executive V.P. would be involved in site selection and preparing the groundwork for bids for the WAVA World Championships.

7. PRESIDENT'S TIE VOTE

C. Green queried whether this was democratic as it gave the President a second vote in the event of a tie in the General Assembly. It was decided to review this at a later date.

8. RELATIONSHIP WITH I.A.A.F.

C. Green suggested an addition to the WAVA Constitution - a clause 2E "To establish a formal relationship with the I.A.A.F." It was agreed that Clause 15 covers this point adequately.

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9. **MASTERS GAMES - DENMARK**

A. Sheahen reported that there were only about 5,000 entries over all sports - financial failure was likely.

10. **WAVA HANDBOOK**

There was a general feeling in the Council that we should print ourselves due to the delays from the I.A.A.F. printing. However, we will proceed with the I.A.A.F. if they express a strong wish to continue printing.

It was agreed that the translations required overhauling - Hans/Jorge/Bridget for German/Spanish/French.

11. **EQUIPMENT**

Tie - minimum number was too expensive
Flag - produced in Australia
P. Smith to send logo originals to A. Lynn.

12. **AGE ELIGIBILITY**

A. Sheahen queried if date of eligibility for the age group should be the first day of the Championships or the age at the individual's first competition within the Championships. It was suggested that this would use up computer space with an excessive number of dates; however, no decision was made and further thought is to be given to this matter.


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January 3, 1989

Ms. Barbara Kousky,
Executive Secretary,
VIII World Veterans' Championships
P.O. Box 10825,
Eugene, Oregon
U.S.A. 97440

Dear Barbara,

Thank you for your letter of December 12, 1988.

To answer your questions:

1.

W.A.V.A. Council Meetings

Room to be large enough for say 20 people (to allow for visitors to the Council meetings). Please book July 25 and July 26, 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. We would like a buffet lunch (charged to W.A.V.A.) each day for the Council. We will certainly require additional Council meetings but the dates are not predictable at this time. The full list of confirmed meetings is given in the extract of Council minutes I sent you last May.:

2 Council meetings/5 Regional meetings/1 Stadia + 1 Non-Stadia Meeting/Women's Meeting/General Assembly/Participation forum/Technical Committee.

2.

Women's Meeting

Theoretically, there can be as many delegates at this meeting as at the General Assembly as votes are allocated in the same way. Whilst this has never happened, the increasing participation by women may increase the number wishing to attend. I am sending a copy of this letter to Bridget as she, as Chairperson, should decide.

3.

W.A.V.A. General Assembly

Please allow for 175 people; W.A.V.A. will host a buffet lunch similar to Melbourne.

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4.

Dates for Council

I agree to the arrival date of July 24; the departure date is August 8. As the Council is arriving early, W.A.V.A. bears the cost of July 24 and 25 accommodations; our contract is for accommodation covered by the Organizing Committee from "day before to day after Championships".

From my recollection of the Hilton, these rooms, I think, would automatically be double rooms (our contract stipulates only single rooms). Is my supposition correct? In the next month or so I will write the Council to get confirmation of arrival/departure and double-single. Thirteen rooms are required (the Council is one short as there is no African representative).

Best wishes to you all for a great and successful 1989!

Yours sincerely,

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

cc. B. Cushen, Women's Representative
A. Sheahen, Treasurer

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TO: ALL WAVA COUNCIL MEMBERS.

24th June, 1989.

AGENDA FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS AT EUGENE. (all at Hilton).

This is not intended to be an exhaustive list - there must be other in addition to those listed. The order is not a suggested list of priority and the items will be covered according to the Council's wishes.

- 10:05 1. Payment of travel expenses to Eugene-1989.
- 9:30 2. The Treasurer's paper on criteria for future Council travel expenses (enclosed).
- 10:20 3. The Treasurer's paper on WAVA Accounting Periods (enclosed).
- 10:40 4. IAAF update. (C. Beccalli).
- 9:45 5. Regional reports- as agreed at our meeting on May 2nd, 1988, written reports to the Council by the Regional Delegates who are responsible for supplying copies for the Council.
- 11:40 6. Stadia and Non stadia Committees- written reports for Council.
- 11:45 7. Medal standards- recommendations from Bob Fine (also please see (12:15-13:00 Lynn) Ray Callaghan's paper enclosed).
- 2:00 8. 1991 bids. *July 18-28 \$6000 SANCTION*
- 2:20 9. Israel- membership and Region (A. Sheahen).
- 2:43 10. Role of Executive VP (C. Green, A. Lynn). *SITE-SELECTION*
- X 11. W40- 300m. hurdles? (A. Sheahen).
- 3:04 12. President's tie vote (C. Green).
- 10 MIN. B*
3:30 13. Constitution- add Clause 2E "To establish a formal relationship with the IAAF"? (C. Green).
- 3:36 14. Printing of next WAVA Handbook (A. Lynn).
- 11:50 15. Bylaw changes re Non Stadia committee (C. Green).
- 16. Review the proposed Constitutional and Bylaws changes to be considered at the General Assembly.
- 3:49 17. Note New Zealand's intention to bid for the 1995 Championships.
- 12:10 18. WAVA and TV coverage (D. Pain).
- 3:50 19. WAVA tie/patch/flag/logo (C. Beccalli/P. Smith).
- 3:57 20. Eligibility-date Championships start or date of first event (A.S.).
- 1:45 21. Paper on fund raising (D. Pain).
- 2:10 22. Ray Foley's proposals.

23. Any other business. - *T. report*
Master Games

NOTE: THE FIRST COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE AT 9.30am ON TUESDAY, JULY 25th.

for Kivsky/Jordan to go to Finland
Jury of Appeal

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I have arranged the following appointments:

FRIDAY, JULY 28th:

- 9.30am : Dr. Thaddeus Bell will address the Council on the subject of drugs in sport.
- 11.0am : Interview two organisations from the Philippines concerning WAVA Affiliation.
- 2.00pm : Interview two organisations from India concerning WAVA Affiliation.

I hope you all have a pleasant journey to Eugene. Our accommodation and all meetings are in the Hilton.

See you soon,

Yours sincerely,

Alastair

Alastair Lynn,
Secretary, WAVA.

P.S. I realise there are some other items--

- 3:10 24. Current financial status - audited accounts
- 3:35 25. Legislation committee(A.S.).
- 3:40 26. Site selection Committee(A.S.).
- 3:45 27. WAVA Historian(A.S.).

NEW COUNCIL:

Support for Regional
Development

A.

- 2:11 Dave's motion on staying in age-group.
- 2:20 Computer program
- 2:30 Rome Accounting
- 2:50 800/1500
- 3:05 Time trial
- ~~3:10 Treasurer's Report~~
- Alastair*

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April 4, 1989

Dear Alastair:

Per our discussions, the following are my own personal By-Laws recommendations to the Council, to be put on the agenda in Eugene.

6. FINANCE

1. WAVA's accounting period shall be of ^{two} ~~two~~ ^{ONE} year's duration and shall commence on the first day of ~~October~~ JANUARY of each ^{even-numbered} ~~odd-numbered~~ year;

2. Affiliation Fee for ^{Two} ~~Two~~ ^{ONE} year^s

Number of delegates	Affiliation fee for Two ONE year
1	US\$ 100 50
2	US\$ 200 100
3	US\$ 300 150
4	US\$ 400 200
5	US\$ 500 250

3. Affiliation fees shall be payable ^{ANNUALLY} ~~in-two-equal~~ (delete remainder of paragraph 3).
on the 1st day of JAN. of each even-numbered year.

6. Before the thirty-first day of ~~October~~ JANUARY of each year, the Treasurer shall submit to the Council a report on the year ending on the ~~thirtieth-day-of-September-of-that-year~~ PREVIOUS DECEMBER 31.

CAPITALS indicate additions to text; lines drawn through indication deletions.

Also on the agenda, I'd like to include a discussion of:

- 1) Forming a "legis^lation" Committee
- 2) Forming a "Site-selection" Committee
- 3) Appointing a WAVA Historian (Don F. might like to do this).

Best regards,

Al Sheahen

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P.S. For clarification, I also propose that the Council consider proposing the following Constitutional Amendment to the General Assembly:

10.B. The affiliates in each Region shall constitute a Regional Association of WAVA. THE ALIGNMENT OF COUNTRIES INTO REGIONS IS AS FOLLOWS:

AFRICA (48)

Algeria
Angola
Benin
Botswana
Burkina Faso
Gabon
Gambia
Ghana
Guinea
Ivory Coast
Kenya
Lesotho
Liberia
Libya
Madagascar
Malawi

Burundi
Cameroons
Central African
Republic
Comores
Mali
Mauritania
Mauritius
Morocco
Mozambique
Niger
Nigeria
Rwanda
Sao Tome
Senegal
Seychelles

Congo
Djibouti
Egypt
Ethiopia
Equatorial Guinea
Sierra Leone
Somalia
Sudan
Swaziland
Tanzania
Tchad
Togo
Tunisia
Uganda
Zambia
Zaire
Zimbabwe

OCEANIA (13)

American Samoa
Australia
Cook Islands
Fiji

Guam
Marshall Islands
Nauru
New Zealand

Papua New Guinea
Solomon Islands
Tongo
Vanuatu
Western Samoa

NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA (32)

Auguilla
 Antigua & Barbuda
~~Aruba~~
 Bahamas
 Barbados
 Belize
 Bermuda
 British Virgin Island
 Canada
 Cayman Islands
 Costa Rica

Cuba
Dominica
Dominican Republic
Grenada
Guatemala
Haiti
Honduras
Jamaica
Mexico
Montserrat
Netherlands Antilles

Nicaragua
Puerto Rico
St. Kitt's
St. Lucia
St. Vincent
El Salvador
Trinidad & Tobago
Turks & Caicos
Islands
U.S.A.
Virgin Islands

ASIA (41)

Afghanistan
Bahrain
Bangladesh
Bhutan
Brunei
Burma
People's Republic
of China
Hong Kong
India
Indonesia
Iran
Iraq
Israel

Japan
Jordan
Kampuchea
Korea
D.P.R. Korea
Kuwait
Laos
Lebanon
Macao
Malaysia
Maldives
Mongolia
Nepal
Oman

Pakistan
 Palestine
 Phillipines
 Qatar
 Saudi Arabia
 Singapore
 Sri Lanka
 Syria
 Chines Taipei
 Thailand
 United Arab
 Emirates
 Vietnam
 Yemen (PDR)
 Yemen (AR)

SOUTH AMERICA (13)

Argentina
Bolivia
Brazil
Chile
Aruba

Colombia
Ecuador
Guyana
Panama

Paraguay
Peru
Surinam
Uruguay
Venezuela

EUROPE (35)

Albania
Andorra
Austria
Belgium
Bulgaria
Cyprus
Czechoslovakia
Denmark
Finland
France
Federal Republic
of Germany
German Democratic
Republic

Gibraltar
Great Britain &
N. Ireland
Greece
Hungary
Iceland
Ireland
Italy
Liechtenstein
Luxembourg
Malta
Monaco

Netherlands
Norway
Poland
Portugal
Rumania
San Marino
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Turkey
U.S.S.R.
Yugoslavia

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2 June 1989

To: Alastair Lynn
From: Al Sheahen

Re: Council Agenda in Eugene

Subject: WAVA Council Travel Expenses

Dear Alastair:

As Treasurer, I've always assumed that WAVA travel expenses are to be paid at the "best-available fare." However, there apparently is nothing in writing, so I would propose the following, for Council approval:

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- 4) If a Council member is eligible for reimbursement from a third party source, such as his or her sports federation, the member shall not be entitled to duplicated reimbursement by WAVA.
- 5) In no event shall a Council member receive travel or related reimbursement when the member has not actually personally incurred that expense.

Rationale: It is not proper to place upon the Treasurer's shoulders the responsibility of passing upon the propriety of Council travel-expense-reimbursement claims. The adoption of a clear and concise policy by the Council should relieve the Treasurer of having to make arbitrary decisions.

We all know that Council members devote many volunteer hours to the performance of their duties. Nevertheless, their dedication to the program should not be construed as an option to spend more of WAVA's limited funds than is necessary.

AS
Al Sheahen, Treasurer

By-law #14