

# WAVA

World Association of Veteran Athletes

TO : THE WAVA COUNCIL

FROM : WAVA SECRETARY

JULY 4, 1990.

Dear Friends,

Enclosed are the minutes of the meetings in Turku; an information circular will be going to the WAVA Affiliates next week.

I will at that time also send the Council David's draft contract.

Hope all goes well with you.

Sincerely,



Alastair Lynn



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MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE  
WAVA COUNCIL HELD AT TURKU  
JUNE 4-8, 1990

Present: Cesare Beccalli (in the Chair), Bob Fine, Jacques Serruys, Bill Taylor, Bridget Cushen, Hari Chandra, David Pain, Jim Blair, Jose Figueras, Don Farquharson, Al Sheahan, Alastair Lynn (Secretary).

Notes: J. Serruys, due to Race Organization commitments, did not attend the June 8 meeting; Hans Axmann was unable to attend due to illness (he appointed J. Serruys as representative of Europe); Barbara Kousky attended parts of the meetings dealing directly with the Turku '91 organization and gave considerable assistance in a variety of ways to the Council.

June 4 There was a preliminary Council meeting before we were joined by the Turku Organizing Committee.

The following items were discussed at this preliminary meeting:

1. It was agreed that medal standards, in accordance with Bylaw 1.10 would be applied. Some changes to these standards were approved.
2. The Meetings' programme for 1991 would be:-  
WAVA reception and dinner for the  
Organizing Committee - July 16 at 7:00 p.m.  
Women's General Meeting - July 19 at 3:00 p.m.  
Opening Ceremony - July 19 at 7:00 p.m.  
Regional Meetings - July 22 at 9:00 a.m.  
Stadia/Non Stadia meetings - July 22 at 1:00 p.m.  
General Assembly - July 24 at 9:30 a.m.  
Competition Banquet - July 24 at 7:30 p.m.
3. Bob Fine reported that to use our "Capers" computer software would involve the organisers in unacceptably high new hardware costs and this aspect would be discussed during the course of the week.
4. Items to be discussed with the organizers included the high cost of accommodation, shuttle service from dormitories to stadia and from airport, the need for emergency housing for arrivals who had omitted to book ahead, discount for travel organizers in each country.
5. If possible, and to fit in as far as possible with the timing for the Womens' Meeting, the decathlon and heptathlon should be held at different venues.

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6. We would retain both javelin options for the M40-M55 groups.
7. It was not possible at this preliminary meeting to resolve the question of the location of World Road Race Championships; the Organising Committee would be advised of our decision on June 6.

At this point, members of the Turku Organising Committee joined the meeting. Mr. Hansen, Chairman, delivered a welcoming speech and C. Beccalli responded. It was suggested by the WAVA Secretary that it would be more productive if the sections of the O.C. and WAVA with common interests met in groups. This was done and the rest of the morning passed in useful discussion dealing with schedules, computer, accommodation, entry booklet format and so on.

In the afternoon, after being entertained to a delightful lunch by the City of Turku, a tour was made of the stadia, road race and cross-country venues.

We were very impressed by the Stadia - three stadia are likely to be used. The facilities and the high state of upkeep are excellent. Some criticism was expressed regarding the start of the cross-country course - loose gravel coming down fairly quickly to a narrow grass route before reaching a more traditional-type course. This was pointed out to the O.C. and they were requested to review the start. It was also considered that the road walk course was too narrow and the O.C. was requested to consider a route in the downtown area which was wide and flat and would be suitable if it could be closed off to traffic.

A most enjoyable welcoming dinner was hosted by the O.C. that evening.

#### June 5

This was the first WAVA Council meeting ever held on board ship; we sailed on a Silja line vessel from Turku to Maarianhamina, flying back in the evening.

#### 1. WORLD ROAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Jacques Serruys, Vice President Non Stadia, presented his suggestions regarding moving at least some of the World Road Racing Championships from the WAVA World Veterans' Championships in the "odd years" to a separate Championship in the "even years". He had polled the Non Stadia Committee: 9 in favour/1 against/1 neutral regarding such a change.

A variety of views were expressed. Jim Blair was concerned that such a move might be detrimental to the Regional T. & F. meets. The following motions were then presented.

Proposed Bob Fine, seconded Bill Taylor (bylaw):  
"The Marathon and Walks are part of the WAVA World Veterans' track and field Championship; the 10K road running race is not." **Agreed unanimously.**

The feeling of the meeting was to have the World Road Racing Championships (25K, 10K) in the even years **separate** from the Regional track and field championships.

Proposed Bob Fine, seconded Al Sheahan (bylaw):  
"In the **even** years WAVA will sanction a World Championship 10K and 25K road running race." **Agreed (11-1)**

The cross-country will remain with the T. & F./Marathon Walks Championship in the odd years, at least for the time being. This discussion again raised the issue of rotation of venues for WAVA World Championships.

Proposed Bob Fine, seconded David Pain:  
"It is the intent of WAVA that all World Veterans' Championships should be rotated amongst the Six Regions." **Agreed unanimously.**

It is recognised, of course, that whilst this is "intent" it is obviously dependent on the availability of suitable bidders. It was suggested that the Non Stadia Committee sends to the WAVA Secretary recommendations for the road race sites; the WAVA Council can then recommend to the WAVA General Assembly.

## 2. ACCOMMODATION

The Council expressed concern at the prices being charged for accommodation (much higher than indicated by Turku at their presentation in Eugene) and the lack of discount for travel organizers bringing groups to Finland. The Chairman of the O.C. denies any responsibility, having contracted this aspect to Kaleva Travel, the official Finnish travel agency for the WAVA Championships. The WAVA Council does not agree with the O.C. Chairman's view. After representations by the WAVA Secretary, following B. Kousky's visit earlier this year, some downwards adjustment had been made but the prices were still very high. The reason given was that our Championships were in the "low season" for Turku hotels and that they would have a very expensive "gearing up" for the large influx of WAVA people.

There is also a question regarding the true number of beds available - again reality does not appear to match the statistics given at the Presentation. In addition, an ad in the N.M.N featuring a major Turku hotel - the Hamburger Börs - indicated another, lower level of prices.

It was agreed that cancellation of the Championships would be very difficult - too little time for another city to organise, our contract not being specific in terms of accommodation costs (it never has been). The WAVA President and B. Kousky would discuss options with Kaleva and the O.C. (later R. Fine and A. Lynn were added to this sub-committee).

It was noted that in D. Pain's forthcoming review of the WAVA Championships' Contract clause(s) would be added to cover this factor.

3. **10K or 20K ROAD WALK - WOMEN**

Bob Fine proposed that the 20K walk be substituted for the 10K walk for women. There was no seconder. Bridget Cushen reminded the Council that the Women's Assembly voted in favour of the 10K.

A. Lynn reported the following result of the postal vote:-

For 10K: Great Britain, U.S.A., Belgium, India, Holland, New Zealand, Norway. Switzerland. Korea, Japan, Uruguay.

For 20K: F.R.G., Ireland, Spain  
Finland voted 10K (older) and 20K (younger)

The Council agreed that the 10K would be retained.

4. **JAVELIN**

A sub-committee of Bill Taylor, Jim Blair and Al Sheahen felt that we should move to **one** specification as soon as possible; it would greatly simplify judging. This will be discussed at Turku '91 but both javelins will be accepted at Turku '91 as it is too late to change for these Championships.

5. **SPECIAL 100M at TURKU**

Following a successful innovation at the U.S. Masters Championships in San Diego in 1989, David Pain suggested that we introduce the idea at Turku '91.

Proposed D. Pain, seconded A. Sheahen:

"Hold non-championship, age-graded male and female 100M races, between age-group gold medalists, to be held on the relays' day at the WAVA World Veterans' Championships in Turku in 1991." **Agreed - 9 for, 1 against, 2 abstentions.**

6. **LONG-HAUL FLIGHTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Proposed A. Lynn, seconded D. Farquharson:

"On any flight where the flying time on any one leg is 8 hours or more, a Council member is entitled to business class travel up to 25% more than the economy fare."

**Defeated 2 for, 4 against, 6 abstentions.**

7. **POSSIBLE WAVA CHAMPIONSHIPS IN JAPAN**

Bridget Cushen raised a number of issues - cost, danger of earthquakes, attitudes to women - regarding the possibility of Japan being the 1993 venue. Hari, Cesare, Alastair, Al, Bob, David and Jacques all spoke favourably of their experiences with Japanese Veterans.

8. **BIDS FOR 1995 WAVA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

8.1 New Zealand will hold a special meeting before the deadline specified in bylaw 2.2 to decide if they will proceed with a bid.

8.2 J. Figueras informed the Council that South America would decide in November 1990, if a bid will be made.

9. **BIDS BOOKLET**

Bob Fine was congratulated on this booklet; he will revise as necessary; the Secretary will advise Affiliates that this publication is available on request.

June 6

1. **5000M**

Problems have been encountered in past championships - sections are supposed to contain runners of roughly equal ability but sometimes one or two fast competitors - accidentally or by design - appear in a slow section.

It was suggested by Messrs. Pain and Sheahen that heats and finals be held, up to the same age pattern as the 1500M. Bob Fine disagreed whilst Bill Taylor liked the idea but queried the effect on the overall schedule. A. Lynn expressed similar sentiments to Bill Taylor. Messrs Pain and Sheahen had already discussed this point with the organizers and there was a window in the schedule where the finals could be inserted.

Proposed Al Sheahen, seconded David Pain:

"That heats and final for the 5000M be introduced at Turku in 1991." **Agreed - 7 for, 4 against, 1 abstention.**

It was agreed that the maximum numbers would be 24 heats and 20 final.

2. WORLD WEIGHT PENTATHLON

Bill Taylor recommended that this be introduced outside of the WAVA Championship (day after) and organised by the athletes, not the Turku O.C.

Proposed Bob Fine, seconded Jim Blair:

"That WAVA sanctions a World Weight Throwing Pentathlon for Veterans at Turku in 1991." **Agreed unanimously.**

Bill Taylor will write to McKenna, copy P. Martin.

3. WAVA/IAAF RULES

The usefulness of requesting IAAF to make alterations to their rules when WAVA uses IAAF rules with some modifications for Veterans was queried. Raise again in Turku, '91.

4. WAVA HANDBOOK

We were running into potentially very high translation costs (it appears that last time we were accidentally grossly undercharged!). One route would be to ask the National Affiliates to translate for us. Jorge Alzamora had already translated Constitution & Bylaws and the history into Spanish, free of charge.

In view of the variety of options:

Proposed by Bob Fine, seconded by Bill Taylor:

"The WAVA Council authorises the Secretary to arrange for the translation and printing of the WAVA Handbook in the most advantageous way for WAVA." **Agreed unanimously.**

5. COMPETITORS' SURVEY

The Council gave a vote of thanks to the Secretary for organizing and reporting on this interesting survey.

A discussion was held regarding repeating it in 1991 or 1993, taking into account cost at a time of tight budgets.

Proposed Bill Taylor, seconded J. Serruys:

"That the competitors survey be repeated in 1993 but not 1991." **Agreed unanimously.**

6. THRESHOLD AGE FOR WOMEN VETERANS

It had been agreed at the Eugene General Assembly that 35 v 40 as the initial year for Women Veterans should be discussed by the Council.

Bridget Cushen circulated a paper. Based on her recommendations the Council felt that the age should remain at 35 years and will therefore **not** be presented as a constitutional change to the Turku General Assembly by the Council. The matter will be discussed at the Women's General Meeting in Turku.



7. I.A.A.F

Hans Skaset, Chairman of the I.A.A.F. Veterans Committee did not appear as promised. C. Beccalli reported comments from C. Green on the I.A.A.F. Veterans' Committee and WAVA. Cesare reiterated that the Veterans Committee had no authority over WAVA and that their purpose had been to serve as a link. The I.A.A.F Congress's decision on WAVA's authority over Veterans' activities protects WAVA from moves done without the full approval of the I.A.A.F. Congress.

The contents of C. Beccalli's I.A.A.F.-approved letter to the WAVA Affiliates arising from discussions at Barcelona were discussed. The Council did **not** agree that a resolution should be put to the WAVA General Assembly that after the 1991 General Assembly the final authority for deciding on which Association in any given country is the WAVA Affiliate be passed from WAVA to the I.A.A.F. It was considered that this is a fundamental right of WAVA, not the I.A.A.F. This point was put strongly by the Secretary and other members.

The discussion then moved to having an I.A.A.F. representative as a voting member of the WAVA Council. It was generally felt that if this occurred there would be no need for the I.A.A.F. Veterans' Committee.

Proposed Bob Fine, seconded Jacques Serruys:

"It is the position of the WAVA Council that if the I.A.A.F. wishes to have a voting representative on the WAVA Council then the WAVA Council will propose the relevant constitutional amendment to the WAVA General Assembly."

**Agreed unanimously.**

The Council then discussed the matter of fees for WAVA Affiliates who are integrated into the I.A.A.F. Affiliate for that country. A variety of points of view were presented, resulting in the following:-

Proposed Bob Fine, seconded Jim Blair:

"The acceptance or rejection, and disposition, of any funds received from the I.A.A.F. is subject to approval by the WAVA Council." **Agreed - 6 for, 5 against, 1 abstention.**

Proposed Bob Fine, seconded Bill Taylor:

"The WAVA President is authorized to accept, for the next 2 years, a \$15,000 grant per year from the I.A.A.F."

**Agreed - 10 for, 2 against**

The WAVA President will notify the I.A.A.F. re both the I.A.A.F. voting representative on the WAVA Council and the resolution re I.A.A.F. grants via the Veterans Committee at Budapest on July 1, 1990.

Proposed Al Sheahen, seconded Bob Fine:

"If written notification of a grant is not received by the Treasurer from the I.A.A.F. by August 15, 1990, sufficient to cover all affiliation fees due from WAVA I.A.A.F. Affiliates, then the Treasurer is authorised to bill all countries in default. If actual payment is not received by September 15, 1990, then the Treasurer is authorised to bill all countries in default." **Agreed - 11 for, 1 abstention.**

8. **AFRICA**

Colonel Pascal had been appointed Delegate to WAVA from Africa. However, as we still had no affiliation forms from Africa (two are required) he could not take part in Council meetings. The Secretary had written to him early this year but no reply has yet been received.

C. Beccalli reported that there were some indications of a softening attitude to South Africa by the I.A.A.F. but that it was premature to consider them coming back into the WAVA fold (see Constitution 3.G)

B. Cushen reported that Mrs. Agnes Mwangira (Kenya) is eager to get Women Veterans active in Africa.

9. **ISRAEL**

Europe has accepted Israel - their veteran athletes will compete at Budapest.

10. **WAVA CONSTITUTION CLAUSE 10C**

Proposed Bob Fine, seconded Alastair Lynn:

"That the WAVA Council proposes to the WAVA General Assembly that the Affiliates composing each Region shall be the same as those established by the I.A.A.F., except where exceptions are permitted by the I.A.A.F."

**Agreed unanimously.**

Aruba historically has been permitted to be associated with the South American (ASUDAVE) region rather than the North American region.

11. **JAPANESE BID FOR 1993 WAVA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

A strong Japanese delegation presented to the WAVA Council. The content of the bid was impressive and they are well-advanced with arrangements, including a statement on accommodation costs.

They confirmed:- New University all-weather track in 1992, floodlights and scoreboard in main stadium, marathon start 4:00 p.m., will not have sun covering for seats in main stadium but will supply hats and umbrellas! Fast food will be available.

June 7

1. **ROAD RACES**

The decision to sanction separate 10K/25K road running World Championships involves the following:-

1.1 Bidders book (based on the T. & F. version) requested - Jacques Serruys to prepare.

- Non Stadia Committee will still meet at World Veterans' T. & F. Championships.
- 1992 is the first championship (no 10K road run at Turku '91).
- Sanction fee of \$500 from successful bid city
- Bids for 1992 and 1994 to be sought - the same time regulations for contacting the Secretary as given in Bylaw 2.2

There was some discussion around the WAVA fee and Jose Figueras stated that too high a figure could damage the chances of South America ever holding the road championships.

Proposed Bob Fine, seconded Bridget Cushen:

"For Non Stadia World Veterans' Championships the WAVA fee cannot be more than U.S. \$10.00 and may be less than this at the discretion of the WAVA Council." **Agreed unanimously.**

2. **WAVA MEDALS**

The idea of WAVA providing Championship medals was briefly discussed - the general feeling of the Council was that each Championship city should have its own distinctive medal; discuss again sometime in future.

3. **TREASURER**

Melbourne and Eugene do **not** owe WAVA any money. Eugene is still working on the final accounting and Al Sheahen will ask them for an interim statement. The Secretary will write

a low-key but firm letter to Jordan/Kousky asking for it to be available by September 30, 1990.

Europe, as it is entitled to do, has verbally requested U.S. \$2,000 towards its Championships. It was noted that this would be paid on receipt of a formal written request from the European Veterans.

On another matter, itemised statements for travel to Seoul are to be examined by the Treasurer.

It was agreed that because of the world-wide location of our members it was not practical for all the Council members to book by the same airline. However, some economies had been achieved by travelling via Finnair (2 in U.S.A., 1 in Canada free).

The Treasurer went through his report in detail, emphasizing the costs we were incurring between Eugene and Turku. The Treasurer was warmly thanked for his report.

One issue which arose from this discussion was the matter of voting based on participation in the WAVA World Veterans' Championships. J. Figueras noted that this made matters more difficult for the poorer countries.

Proposed by C. Beccalli, seconded by A. Lynn:  
"WAVA will review the voting allocation procedure to take into some account attendance at Regional Championships as well as World Track & Field and Road Championships."  
**Agreed unanimously.**

Proposed by D. Pain, seconded by D. Farquharson:  
"The Treasurer will prepare a proposition on voting procedure and distribute to the Council by May 31, 1991."  
**Agreed unanimously.**

4. **COUNCIL NOMINATIONS**

As is customary, the Council prepared a slate for the next General Assembly. The procedure was by secret vote with the number of votes cast being unannounced.

President: Candidates C. Beccalli, A. Lynn,  
Council nominated **A. Lynn**

Secretary: Candidates D. Pain, B. Cushen  
Council nominated **D. Pain**

There was only one candidate for each of the other posts and the following are nominated by the Council:

**B. Fine** (Exec. V.P.), **A. Sheahen**, (Treasurer),  
**H.C. Taylor** (Stadia V.P.), **J. Serruys** (Non Stadia V.P.)

The Women's Representative does not require prior nomination.

5. The remainder of June 7 was taken up by a reception and lunch in Helsinki with Minister of State Iikka Kanerva and attendance at the Great Britain v Finland track and field meet in the Helsinki Olympic Stadium.

June 8

As was noted earlier, J. Serruys was not present for the meeting held on this date.

1. **COUNCIL NOMINATIONS**

J. Figueras raised the procedure used - he would have liked earlier warning and perhaps nominations could be done nearer the time of elections. D. Farquharson pointed out that it was invaluable to have discussions about nominations and that this was our only opportunity. The Secretary explained that intimation had been given that this would arise in the Agenda circulated in advance of our meetings, and that the procedure was absolutely consistent with the WAVA Constitution and traditional Council practice. C. Beccalli agreed that the procedure was correct.

There was some discussion as to whether the Council should make nominations but the tentative proposal was withdrawn. Proposed Jim Blair, seconded Alastair Lynn:  
"At the Council meetings in Turku '91 Bob Fine will present procedures for nominations by the Council for General Assemblies in 1993 onwards." **Agreed unanimously.**

2. **STATIONERY**

The Secretary presented the new Logo and notepaper design which had been created by his daughter, Elspeth Lynn. It was well received.

3. **FLAG**

Discuss at Turku '91.

4. **1993 CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Proposed Bob Fine, seconded David Pain:  
"That the minimum fee for the Xth World Veterans' Championships for sanction is U.S. \$15,000."

**Agreed unanimously.**

Proposed David Pain, seconded Al Sheahen:  
"The WAVA fee for the competitors is increased from U.S. \$14 to U.S. \$15 for the Xth World Veterans' Championships."

**Agreed - 10 for, 1 against**

5. **VETERANS' THRESHOLD AGES**

Proposed C. Beccalli, seconded D. Pain:  
"The current Veteran age start points of W35 and M40 are to remain." **Agreed unanimously.**

N.M.N. will publish B. Cushen's paper on Women's start age; she will put it on the agenda for the Women's General Meeting in Turku '91. It was agreed that qualifying age remains specific date of birth, not year.

6. **REGIONAL REPORTS**

6.1 **North America** David Pain reported on considerable progress. The marathon will be held in the Yukon Territory, Canada, in June and the T. & F. Championships at Trinidad & Tobago, late August. His report had been given to the Secretary but as it had not been duplicated a copy is enclosed with these Minutes.

6.2 **Oceania** Jim Blair announced that Australia had now joined. He asked that Oceania's concerns as expressed in the report be considered most seriously. All concerns from all Regions will be on the WAVA Council's agenda for Turku '91. Oceania report circulated at meeting.

6.3 **Asia** It was strongly recommended by Hari Chandra that we leave India to work through its current problems with competing Veterans' organisations. Hari also commented on how the Veterans' organisation had developed in Singapore. Asia report circulated at meeting.

6.4 **South America** - Jose Figueras commented that all ASUDAVE Affiliates are independent of, but recognised by, their local I.A.A.F. Affiliate. South American report circulated at meeting.

6.5 **Africa** No report, no confirmed Affiliates to date.

6.6 **Europe** No report due to illness of European Delegate. C. Beccalli reported preparations well underway for European Veterans' T. & F. Championships in Budapest. Some possible constitutional changes are underway.

Two motions arose from the Regional discussions:

Proposed R. Fine, seconded D. Pain:  
"The WAVA Council recommends that the events in WAVA Regional Championships are the same as in the WAVA World Championships." **Agreed unanimously.**

Proposed R. Fine, seconded J. Blair:  
"All Regional reports accepted and Regional Championships approved." **Agreed unanimously.**

7. **COMPUTER**

A. Smith, the original programmer, had been invited to chair the Sub-committee but had declined. Smith, Callaghan, another Australian, Willie Sundquist (Eugene), Pete Mundle with R. Fine in the Chair composes this sub-committee. "Capers" is not compatible with the competition hardware in Turku but will be used to list all competitors and produce confirmation letters. Kaleva has its own program for hotel accommodation.

The documentation of the Eugene updates is not yet completed. This documentation will probably be printed for easy reference and/or put on disc - decision next year.

8. **LONG DISTANCE RACES FOR M80+/W80+**

Non Stadia Committee is invited to comment on whether distances for these older athletes should be shortened.

9. **M35 FOR MALE VETERANS**

D. Pain made a statement of belief in dropping the threshold age but agreed that problems of jurisdiction, accommodation, timing were all against; decision not to pursue (see also earlier paragraphs).

10. **I.A.A.F. VETERANS' MEETING**

Agenda for their Budapest meeting is attached. C. Beccalli will send a report on this meeting to the Secretary for circulation.

B. Cushen raised the subject of drug testing at Veterans' meets and the possibility of the "Flying Squad" visiting Turku in '91. It was felt that drug-testing is premature amongst Veterans due to such issues as medication required by older people and also cost.

Proposed A. Lynn, seconded J. Blair:

"The I.A.A.F. Veterans' Committee at Budapest will be informed that drug testing cannot be implemented at the WAVA World Veterans' Championships in Turku, 1991, but will recommend that drug-testing be implemented as soon as possible after Turku." **Agreed: 6 for, 5 against.**

Proposed D. Pain, seconded J. Blair:

"That the WAVA Council submit to the WAVA General Assembly at Turku that WAVA introduces a bylaw authorising drug-testing at WAVA World Veterans' Championships." **Agreed - 10 for, 1 against**

11. **MASTERS GAMES**

C. Beccalli and B. Cushen were requested to ask via the I.A.A.F. Veterans Committee, that the I.A.A.F. make a definitive public statement against the Masters Games if these Games seem likely to continue. D. Farquharson reported that it is believed that Minnesota has withdrawn from the 1993 Games due to heavy financial losses at previous Games.

12. **D. PAIN'S LETTER**

D. Pain wished to send a letter under the Council's name to Hans Skaset re the possibility of sending a signal to South African athletes via the Veterans. C. Beccalli ruled discussion out of order and the subsequent vote of 5-5 upheld his decision.

13. **COUNCIL MEETINGS AT TURKU, 1991**

We start on July 16 at 9:00 a.m. and it is therefore necessary for all Council members to be in Turku for the start of that meeting. The Secretary will send out the usual form for booking of rooms in due course.

14. **GIFTS TO ORGANISERS**

Clocks have been given in the past to leading members of the Organising Committee. We are looking for a change and Council members are to inform the Secretary within 90 days of today of any new ideas. The person with the winning idea will be responsible for purchasing the items.

D. Farquharson was given permission to purchase WAVA pens but without the place and date being printed.



15. VARIOUS

- 15.1 C. Beccalli will consider the need, if any, for sub-committees on merchandising, medals, sponsors, trust funds.
- 15.2 A. Sheahen reported that the Eugene organisers had promised a P. & L. statement within 30 days.
- 15.3 B. Cushen will check the distribution of I.A.A.F. publications to the WAVA Council.
- 15.4 Item re Clause 5A (G.A. Minutes page 8) withdrawn by Bill Taylor.

16. ACCOMMODATION.

C. Beccalli, B. Kousky, R. Fine, A. Lynn reported on further meetings. During a break in the Council's meetings today they had met Kaleva's Mr. Haapamaki and Mrs. Ojanen. After lengthy discussion they had left them with a suggestion which involved 3% onto the prices and 10% discount to travel organisers in other countries as the main items. Kaleva representatives were warm to our suggestions but were not empowered to make financial decisions. The WAVA President expects to hear from Kaleva early in the week of June 11. The situation is not satisfactory but it is questionable what else could be done.

17. FINALLY -----

Bill Taylor, on behalf of the Council, thanked the WAVA President and Secretary for their efforts during a very busy week.

 Alastair Lynn.  
Secretary, WAVA

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: TURKU, JULY 16th, 1991 AT 9:00 a.m.**

# WAVA

World Association of Veteran Athletes

To: WAVA AFFILIATES  
WAVA COUNCIL

From: WAVA SECRETARY  
July 8th, 1990

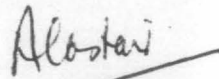
Dear Friends,

Attached is the report on the visit to Turku by the  
WAVA Council.

I hope you like the new logo and layout - it was designed by  
Elspeth Lynn, one of my daughters.

Please contact me at any time you think I can be of assistance.  
Good running, jumping, throwing and walking!

Yours sincerely,



Alastair Lynn,  
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Dear Friends,

The WAVA Council visited Turku at the beginning of June; the purpose of this visit was to view all the facilities and to discuss with the Turku Organising Committee the Entry Booklet and the many other details associated with the holding of the WAVA World Veterans' Championships next year; in addition there were many items to be discussed by the Council as this was our only opportunity to meet together between Eugene '89 and Turku '91. This letter summarises the main conclusions.

#### 1. Turku '91

Preparations are well underway; the three stadia to be used are in first-class condition and are very well kept. All are 400m. tracks with all-weather surfaces, the main stadium being near the centre of the town and the others being about 10km away - a free shuttle service will operate. The Council made some suggestions concerning the initial section of the cross-country course and also suggested alternatives to the race-walk route. We had no comment on the marathon route. With the well-known Finnish experience in track&field and the excellence of all the facilities we have no doubt that the Championships will be a most enjoyable experience.

By the time you receive this letter some of you will have received the Entry Booklet which was finalised during our visit. The Council discussed the cost of accommodation which is higher than we have experienced in past Championships but it does reflect the level of the Finnish economy. However, accommodation costs do include a buffet-style breakfast.

From our experiences we know Turku will welcome all visitors and competitors with great friendliness!

#### 2. Competition '91

2.1 The major decision made at the Council meetings regarding competition was that we will not have a 10K road running race at the World Veterans' Championships but that the following pattern will be adopted:

In the "odd" years we will have the track&field Championships which

will include the marathon, cross-country and road walks; In the "even" years WAVA will hold a road running World Championship for 25K and 10K. The first of these events will take place in 1992.

This decision was taken in the light of the heavy programme of distance events and following strong representations made by the WAVA Non-Stadia Committee.

2.2 The road race walk distance for women remains at 10K; this decision reflects the wishes of the Women's Meeting at Eugene and survey carried out amongst WAVA Affiliates.

2.3 Heats and Finals will be introduced for the 5000m. (up to the same upper age as the 1500m.). This has been introduced in view of the fact that it is very difficult to ensure that sections are fairly seeded when timed finals are used.

2.4 The M40-M55 javelin throwers will have the option of either javelin at Turku but this may be changed after these Championships.

2.5 On the day of the relays men's and women's 100m races, non-championship and age-graded, will be held for the age-group 100m gold medallists.

2.6 WAVA has sanctioned a World Weight Throwing Pentathlon to be held immediately after the WAVA Championships finish; this will be in Turku but it is the responsibility of the athletes to organise, not the Turku Organising Committee.

### 3. Meetings

The meetings schedule is: Women's Meeting July 19 at 3.00pm; Regional Meetings July 22 at 9.00am; Stadia and Non Stadia Meetings July 22 at 1.00pm; WAVA General Assembly July 24 at 9.30am.

You are reminded of the following:

Presentations for bids for both the 1993 and the 1995 WAVA Championships will be made at the '91 General Assembly. Any city wishing to bid must contact the Secretary at least 180 days before the General Assembly.

Nominations for Candidates for the WAVA Council and any proposed changes to the Constitution & Bylaws must be in the Secretary's hands ninety days before the date of the General Assembly.

### 4. Threshold Age for Women Veterans.

It was agreed at the Eugene General Assembly that 35v40 as the initial year to qualify as a Women Veteran should be discussed by the Council.

The discussion was based on a paper presented by Bridget Cushen (copy attached). The Council decided that the age should remain at 35; however, the matter will be on the agenda for the Women's Meeting at Turku.

#### 5. Competitors Survey

This survey will not be repeated at Turku but it is planned to hold the next one at the '93 Championships.

#### 6. Bids for the '93 Championships.

The Prefecture of Miyazaki, in Japan, is the only bidder to date for these Championships. A team from Miyazaki, including the Governor, gave an impressive presentation to the WAVA Council at Turku. They are well advanced in their preparations for presenting to the WAVA General Assembly next year.

#### 7. WAVA Regions

The WAVA Council will propose to the General Assembly that the WAVA countries composing each Region shall be the same as those included in the IAAF Region except where exceptions are permitted by the IAAF ... The WAVA exception is that Aruba is part of South America.

#### 8. I. A. A. F.

The Council discussed aspects of the letter sent out by WAVA President Cesare Beccalli to all WAVA Affiliates at the end of last year. The chief points that arose were:

- The Council will NOT put forward a resolution to the Turku General Assembly to enable the IAAF to have the final decision as to which Association in a given country is to be the WAVA Affiliate. The Council felt most strongly that this is WAVA's decision.
- It is the position of the WAVA Council that if the IAAF wishes to have a voting representative on the WAVA Council then the WAVA Council will propose the relevant constitutional amendment to the WAVA General Assembly in Turku.
- The acceptance or rejection, and disposition, of any funds received from the IAAF is subject to approval by the WAVA Council.

It was noted by the WAVA Council that on the agenda for the meeting of the IAAF Veterans' Committee, which was set up by the IAAF as a means of communication with WAVA., had an item concerning drug testing. The following resolutions were passed by the WAVA Council....

"The IAAF Veterans' Committee at Budapest will be informed that drug testing cannot be implemented at the WAVA World Veterans' Championships in Turku, 1991, but will recommend that drug testing be imple-

mented as soon as possible after Turku".

"The WAVA Council submit to the WAVA General Assembly at Turku that WAVA introduces a bylaw authorising drug-testing at the World Veterans' Championships".

Clearly, The Council realises the possible need but we must know more about the effect of necessary medications which many older people must take and also the cost of such a programme....and the WAVA General Assembly must approve such action through a bylaw.

#### 9. Regional Championships

All Regional Championships were approved.

#### 10. Nominations for the 1991 WAVA Council Elections.

In accordance with the Constitution and past practice the Council discussed nominations to be presented to the Turku General Assembly. The procedure was by secret vote with the number of votes cast not announced.

President: Candidates: C. Beccalli, A. Lynn:

Council nominated: A. Lynn.

Secretary: Candidates B. Cushen, D.Pain:

Council nominated: D. Pain.

There was only one candidate for each of the following posts and the Council nominated: R. Fine for Executive Vice President; A. Sheahen for Treasurer; H.C. Taylor for V.P.Stadia; J. Serruys for V.P. Non-Stadia. WAVA Affiliates can, of course, make other nominations.

#### 11. Bid Booklet.

Bob Fine has put together a comprehensive bid booklet to guide potential bidders regarding the requirements which have to be satisfied before a bid can be presented to the WAVA General Assembly. This publication is available on request to Bob Fine.

#### 12. Finally....

A special thanks to all the friendly people in Turku who made the Council's visit most enjoyable - I'm looking forward to competing there in '91!

See you in Turku....

Sincerely,



Alastair Lynn,

Secretary, WAVA.

## SHOULD VETERAN WOMEN BE AGED 35 OR 40?

A Discussion Paper ( by Bridget Cushen )

Equality for men and women in athletics is a success story for the World Association of Veteran Athletes, indeed we were the first to hold international championships for the marathon; teams events in the 10k cross country; the introduction of the hammer as an exhibition event in the 1985 Rome Championships, the triple jump in Melbourne and finally the pole vault and steeplechase in Eugene in 1989. All these events were enthusiastically supported by experience and responsible female competitors who were well aware of their own capabilities or limitations. Now, the IAAF are following our lead and gradually phrasing in these events to their world programme.

There is, however, one area where misunderstanding or a feeling of inequality still exists, that is in the disparity in age groups. A male competitor is a veteran at 40 but a woman is classified a veteran at aged 35. This is not for any physiological or psychological reason. It was based on sound argument at WAVA's first congress when delegates noted that;

- i. wives, on average, tend to be four years younger than their husband, thus, a 35 year old wife would be left sitting in the stands unable to join her husband competing on the track;
- ii. we were concerned about the number of women who leave the sport to start a family or just feel too old in their late twenties and who never return;



iii. in some countries once a female competitor leaves college or university there is simply no competition for her unless she is of international standard; only the most dedicated continue to train.

The appended table gives some interesting statistics; although there are more in the W40 age group than in the W35, it is interesting to note that very often a sole representative falls into the W35 age group. Would she really have carried on if she had to wait over 20 years? True, more older women are now coming into the sport, but they are predominantly from the developed countries and women over 35 have competed in the Olympics, but they are exceptions.

This subject will be on the agenda at the Women's Meeting in Turku, we would like to hear from as many women as possible, particularly those from the smaller countries.

WORLD ASSOCIATION OF VETERAN ATHLETES

Female competitors in 35/40/45 Age Groups at the last two World Championships

	W35	W40	W45	Total No. all ages					
Melbourne 1987	185	264	209	1,070	representing	22.29%	of the total overall entry of	4,800	
Eugene 1989	199	256	236	1,337	"	27.15%	"	"	4,925

A random selection of smaller countries (athletically) shows that W35 age group are frequently the only entry representing that country, i.e. Cuba and Guyana.

MELBOURNE 1987

EUGENE 1989

	W35	W40	W45	Total No. (all ages)	W35	W40	W45	Total number (all ages)
Austria	2	1	-	5	-	2	-	4
Belgium	1	-	1	6	1	2	1	8
Cuba	1	-	-	1	No entries men or women			
Colombia	-	-	1	9	-	2	1	13
Cz.	-	1	1	2	-	2	2	4
France	2	3	1	10	6	5	3	19
Greece	-	2	-	2	4	-	-	4
Hungary	-	3	2	8	2	-	3	9
India	5	6	2	18	12	11	6	43
Ireland	-	1	-	1	3	1	-	5
Israel	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Japan	1	-	1	9	-	1	1	10
Mexico	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	3
Portugal	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Philippines	-	1	-	1	6	9	3	22
Singapore	1	-	1	2	1	-	1	2
Sri Lanka	-	2	3	7	4	2	2	8
Switz.	5	3	2	11	2	5	1	10
Uruguay	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	1

Countries represented in Eugene for the first time:

Argentina	-	1	1	2
Brazil	-	1	1	6
Bulgaria	1	1		2
Guyana	1	-		1
Poland	2	-		3