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PROMOTING VETERAN ATHLETICS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IN COOPERATION WITH THE IAAF



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# MINUTES FROM WAVA COUNCIL MEETING IN MIYAZAKI, JAPAN, 1993

Meeting days:	Wednesday 6th of October	09.00	a.m.
	Sunday 10th of October	08.00	p.m.
	Monday llth of October	08.00	p.m.
	Thursday 14th of October	09.00	p.m.
	Friday 15th of October	09.00	p.m.

- Present: Cesare Beccalli (in the chair) Bob Fine, Bill Taylor, Jacques Serruys, Al Sheahen, Bridget Cushen (Oct. 6, 10 and 11), Hannelore Guschmann (Oct 14 and 15), César Moreno Bravo, Don Farquharson (Oct. 6, 10 and 11), Pascal Mouassiposso-Mackonguy, Hari Chandra, Hans Axmann, Rex Harvey, Jim Blair, Jorge Alzamora and Torsten Carlius (secretary). Laetitia Théophage, IAAF, most occasions
- 1. Opening of the Council meeting The President, Cesare Beccalli, welcomes all Council members and declares the meeting open.
- 2. Report from working groups (meetings Oct. 5)

The working groups on various technical matters give their short reports from meetings with the organizers yesterday. The situation seems to be quite satisfactory with very good preparations by the organizers.

Cesare Beccalli reports that the organizers have asked for a reduction in the WAVA fee with respect to the fact that all Japanese participants have not paid the fee (maraton, cross country especially). After a discussion Cesare Beccalli gets mandate to continue discussions with the Japanese on the condition that WAVA also gets some cost reductions/other advantages in a possible deal.

3. Jury of appeal

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Bill Taylor is responsible for forming the jury of appeal with regard to the Council members own competition.

# 4. Financial report

The Treasurer, Al Sheahen, reports that the sursplus for 1992-1993 will exceed the budgeted surplus essentially. The Council must find ways to use the economic resourses for the benefit of veterans' athletics. All Council members are expected to come up with proposals and ideas how to use the surplus.

Bridget Cushen asks for refunding of her total travel expenses of about US Dollars 2.400:- which exceed the amount for other European Council members but depends on the impossibility to decide travelling days due to her professional work. The Council decides by 8 votes against 6 votes to reimburse Bridget Cushen for her total travelling expenses.

The Council decides further to reimburse Brian Oxley for his

extra travelling expenses in connection with Council meeting in Miyazaki in May 1992 with US Dollars 500:-.

The Council decides to raise the daily allowance for the Council members to 50:- US Dollars a day due to changed rate for the Japanese yen.

## 5. Olympic glories

Cesare Beccalli suggests that WAVA uses some money for inviting former top athletes to WAVA World Championships as a way to attract more interest from all over the world for veterans' athletics and the World Veterans' Championships. The Council debates the issue without taking any decision at this moment.

#### 6. General Assembly

Bob Fine describes how the General Assembly will be organized, i.e. in the same way as in Turku in 1991. The seating will be arranged with guests in the front row, then all delegates and in the back rows spectators and all other interested. The Council will have its place on the podium in front of which will be arranged tables and chairs for the vote counting.

The bidders for future championships will be given 20 minutes each for their presentations. The Non-Stadia championships in 1994 and 1996 will come first and then the Stadia championships in 1995 and 1997.

#### 7. Women's Assembly

Bridget Cushen describes how the Women's Assembly will be arranged and asks for the Council members' help that only women are delegates and present.

## 8. Competition without national uniform

A request has come from one female USA athlete to be allowed to compete in 10 km race walk team without wearing national uniform due to religious reasons. The Council rejects the request by 12 votes against 2 votes.

## 9. Masters Games/GAISF

Cesare Beccalli gives a short historical survey on the relations between WAVA and Masters Games (Organization affiliated to GAISF), which have been very strained because Masters Games handled until now their activity without regard to other veteran activities and championships. WAVA har through IAAF recommended all veterans to abstain from participation and such a decision has also been taken for the next Masters Games in Brisbane in 1994. However, new signs have come from Masters Games that they want to build up a trustful future cooperation with WAVA which resulted in a meeting in London on July 15 and 16, 1993, between WAVA (Cesare Beccalli, Bill Taylor and Torsten Carlius) and Masters Games (Kai Holm, David Williams and Stan Perkins). As Masters Games at present level are more of a festival than of games/championships and the organizers of Masters Games wish to discuss suitable days, WAVA has no longer any reason to recommend veterans not to participate.

The report is approved by the Council and Cesare Beccalli/ Torsten Carlius are charged to follow the development carefully to assure WAVA's influence as Masters Games might develope into a veterans' Olympic Games.

#### 10. WAVA/IAAF relations

Cesare Beccalli reports that the IAAF Congress in Stuttgart, much due to the excellent performance by César Moreno Bravo, decided to delete any reference in the IAAF handbook to veterans' competition/rules and thereby giving all responsibility for these matters to WAVA. The only statement in the IAAF handbook is that veterans are women from their 35th year and men from their 40th year of birth. Cesare Beccalli expresses his and WAVA's great thank to César Moreno Bravo for his help.

Cesare Beccalli reports further that the veterans' movement in India has now combined into one organization which will contribute essentially to the development in India.

Jorge Alzamora reports that the similar problems in Peru now are solved to the benefit of the veterans.

The IAAF Veterans Committee will meet in Miyazaki on October 15 and the IAAF Vice-President Lamine Diack, Senegal, will also come to Miyazaki and attend the WAVA General Assembly.

Cesare Beccalli introduces Laetitia Théophage as the new liaison person in the IAAF office between INAF and WAVA.

Finally Cesare Beccalli reports that the IAAF office will be moved to Monaco before the end of 1993.

#### 11. Approval of regional championships in 1994

The WAVA Council approves of the following regional championships in 1994:

Africa	to be decided later	
Asia	Jakarta, Indonesia	Sept. 30-Oct. 2
Europe	Athens, Greece	June 3-12
North and Central		
America	Edmonton, Canada	Aug. 4-7
Oceania	Suva, Fiji	July 4-9
South America	Cali, Colombia	March 18-21

## 12. Veterans Cross Country

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Cesare Beccalli reports that Hungary has withdrawn their offer to stage the first World Veterans' Cross Country Championships in Budapest in 1994. The Council has changed its proposal to the General Assembly with the meaning that the Council is given the right to look further into the question and take such steps as can be positive for the cross country.

The Council has now the first opportunity to discuss the matter together including the distance proposal from Great Britain. After a debate the Council decides to withdraw its proposal on cross country totally, which means that cross country for the time being is included in the Stadia championships programme.

#### 13. Preach by Sri Chinmoy

A proposal from Sri Chinmoy to deliver a preach at the opening ceremony of the championships was handed over to the organizers to consider.

## SUNDAY 10th OF OCTOBER

The Council meeting started with information by Stan Perkins about next year's Masters Games in Brisbane (Sept. 26-Oct. 8). The Council members had also the opportunity to ask Stan Perkins about details not given. Cesare Beccalli expresses after the information a thank to Stan Perkins.

The Council had also the opportunity to meet Barbara Kousky and Heinrich Clausen who both had expressed views and ideas on how the WAVA Championships are and should be organized. They both /

wanted more technical competence which perhaps could be achieved by a technical committee compoed in the right way. Their ideas and views were handed over to the Council for consideration. Cesare Beccalli expresses also to Barbara Kousky and Heinrich Clausen a thank from WAVA for their great interest to develope the championships further.

## 14. Legal status of WAVA

Cesare Beccalli reports that he has talked with Pierre Weiss, IAAF, on this question but the IAAF proposal is to stay as the situation is to-day. Cesare Beccalli promises to have the question under continued attention.

## 15. Olympic Glories

The Council debates the question again (point 5) to make the idea more concrete. Cesare Beccalli explains his thoughts behind the proposal and refers among other things to positive examples like Bruges where top athletes have by their participation contributed to the developement of competitions. The Council finds the idea interesting but raises doubts whereas WAVA shall finance such participation by WAVA money. It would be more appropriate to find other financial sources to finance the project. No decision is taken and the Council members will think it over some days.

#### 16. Ekiden

Nippon Masters Athletic Union will invite to a Ekiden for veterans 1994 or 1995 and is prepared to pay travelling and accomodation expenses for some teams. The Council decides to ask the Non-Stadia Committee to consider the idea and come back to the Council.

# 17. Inspection of bidders

It seems more and more important that a WAVA-group visits all bidders before the General Assembly to have a apprehension to account for at the General Assembly as to the facilities/advantages and so on of resp- bidder. Such visit could be made after the signing of the contract and before the General Assembly and carried out by VP Stadia or Non-Stadia, Area Delegate and/or the person responsible for the bids within the Council. A second visit should be made to the next organizer before the General Assembly before the championships to check that all preparations are fulfilled as agreed upon.

To achieve such programme the wording in par. 2b in the By-Laws must be changed so that the contract shall be signed at least 120 days before the General Assembly. The Council decides unanimously on this change.

#### 18. Reduction of WAVA-fee

Cesare Beccalli reports that he has reached an agreement with the organizers on the reduction of WAVA-fee implying that the fee is reduced for those Japanese participants that only start in marathon and cross country. The fee for these athletes is reduced to 7.50 US Dollars and the number is estimated to about 4.000 participants. As compensation the organizers will take the expenses for facilities at the General Assembly and the Area Meetings. The Council approves of the proposal.

## MONDAY 11th OF OCTOBER

Before that Council meeting starts the Council has a discussion with the Italian delegation about competition for veterans of 55 years and older. Italy has at present introduced such prohibition but means that competition without result or starting lists and awards can be allowed. A very tense discussion follows between the WAVA Council and the Italian delegation where WAVA has no understanding whatsoever for the Italian apprehension. The discussion is ended by a declaration from WAVA that Italy may be expelled from WAVA if the prohibition is not lifted.

#### 19. Reception by WAVA

The Council finds it difficult to arrange a reception for the organizing committee as all suitable days and times are already filled with other activities. The Council's gratitude and appreciation is very great and as proof hereof the Council wants to invite the Governor with one or two persons more to the next World Veterans' Stadia Championships. This matter will be finally decided in details in cooperation with the Buffalo organizers in April 1994.

## 20. Road walk distances

There has been many views on the suitable road walk distances and the Council must present a comprehensive proposal to the General Assembly. After discussions the Council decides by 11 votes against 2 (2 abstentions) as follows:

<u>Stadia</u> 5 km track walk 10 km road walk

#### Non-Stadia

20 km road walk

all for men and women. This means that a road walk will continue to be arranged with the Stadia Championships which is a change from what has been distributed to all Affiliates. An information to all is therefore necessary.

## THURSDAY 14th OF OCTOBER

The Council meeting is opened with a warm welcome from Cesare Beccalli to Hannelore Guschmann, the new Women's Representative, who was elected after Bridget Cushen at the Women's Assembly when the latter could not stand for reelection as she has served 5 consecutive terms in this office.

## 21. Approval of committees

Torsten Carlius reports that he has received nominations for the Stadia, Non-Stadia and Records Committees. Some nominations as Area Delegates have not yet come.

The 3 Vice-Presidents form the Organizing Advisory Committee and Torsten Carlius, as General Secretary, handles matters re the Law and Legislation Committee.

Bob Fine will present names for the Doping Committe whereas the Council waits to appoint persons for the new Medical Committee awaiting definition of the working area for this committee. Both the Doping and the Medical Committee must work in close cooperation with the same IAAF Committees.

The Council decides to invite Pete Mundle to the next meeting day for a discussion re the Records Committee.

#### 22. Technical improvements

The questions raised by Barbara Kousky and Heinrich Clausen on October 10 are handed over to the Stadia Committee to consider and the committee is charged to be ready during spring 1994 so that the Council can make its decisions at the Council meeting in Buffalo 1994.

To draw up the guidelines Torsten Carlius will meet with Bill Taylor before year-end 1993 and then the Stadia Committee discusses the issues.

## 23. Non-Stadia report to the General Assembly

The Council decides that the Non-Stadia Committee studies item 5 (WAVA Championships 100 km) and has a proposal to the Council meeting in Buffalo 1994.

The Council finds the proposal about a head judge (item 2) interesting and asks Jacques Serruys to reserve one seat in the Non-Stadia Committee for such a person.

# 24. Stadia report to the General Assembly

The report is submitted to the Stadia Committee for consideration. All proposals must be ready for the Council meeting in Buffalo 1994.

#### 25. First meeting with Buffalo

A meeting with the organizers of the 1995 World Veterans' Championships shall be held here in Miyazaki before leaving. Preliminary dates for the Council meeting in Buffalo in 1994 can be July 25-28 and can give the Council the opportunity to visit the road championships in Toronto the following weekend. However, days must be set with the Buffalo organizers.

#### 26. Auditors

Giuseppe Galfetti, Switzerland, and Jack Loman, Canada, are reelected as WAVA auditors for the next 2 years period.

#### 27. Budget

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Al Sheahen will now revise his budget proposal to be approved by the Council.

Torsten Carlius suggests that WAVA shall change the accounting period so that it starts January 1st odd-numbered years and ends December 31 even-numbered years which will make it possible to:

- have the auditing during spring odd-numbered years and so have a auditors' report to present to the General Assembly
- present a definite profit-and-loss statement and balance sheet to the General Assembly
- have a budgetproposal to the General Assembly

all meaning that these documents are still timely and of interest for the delegates at the General Assembly. Torsten Carlius will present a proposal at the Council meeting in 1994.

The Area Delegates are charged to work out a proposal to share US Dollars 15.000:- for 1994 and 1995 between them. This can be confirmed in Buffalo in 1994.

#### 28. Entries to WAVA Championships

Bob Fine presents the following amendment to the WAVA By-Laws: Entries to all WAVA World Championships shall be submitted through the national WAVA Affiliate. If a competitor comes from a country that does not have a WAVA Affiliate then that competitor may enter directly. The WAVA Secretary shall submit a list of the WAVA Affiliates to the Organizing Committee at least 120 days prior to the start of the Championships. The Council may make an exception to this

## requirement for a specific WAVA Affiliate.



The Council approves unanimously of this amendment to the By-Laws.

#### 29. Insurances

The Council decides to look into various risks for WAVA and César Moreno Bravo undertakes the task to talk with IAAF how they have solved such matters.

The Council decides to raise the amount in par. 6j (bond for the Treasurer) from present US Dollars 10.000:- to 250.000:-.

#### 30. Fees in Championships contract

The Council decides that the sanction fees 1998 and 1999 shall be as follows: 1998 Non-Stadia Championships 2.000:- US Dollars

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<u>1999</u>	Stadia Championships	25.000:- US Dollars

#### 31. WAVA pin

Cesare Beccalli promises to present a proposal to the Council meeting in Buffalo 1994.

## FRIDAY 15th OF OCTOBER

#### 32. Council meeting in Buffalo 1994

The definite days for the Council meeting in Buffalo are set to April 13-17 with start preliminarily at lunchtime of April 13.

## 33. Records Committee

The Council discusses with Pete Mundle the routines for the Records Committee and underlines that the rules in the By-Laws (par. 5) shall be followed. Furthermore electronic timing is required for all distances up to 400 meter when a new world record is considered. The Council stands unanimously behind this requirement.

Torsten Carlius will introduce Pete Mundle to Laetitia Théophage to see what help the IAAF office can provide for WAVA in this area.

Torsten Carlius has asked the Area Delegates for a person each in the Records Committee and Pete Mundle is welcome to present another 4 persons for the committee.

# 34. Olympic Glories (ref. to par. 5 and 15)

The Council discusses again the question about Olympic Glories as a way to develope veterans athletics in areas where there is great need for help. The same wishes were expressed by some delegates at the General Assembly as consequence of the improved WAVA financial situation. The Council is aware of these wishes but even with the greater surplus the WAVA contributions must be steered to some geographical areas to be successful, for example Africa, the West Indies.

Just to pay for former top athletes' participation in WAVA Championships will not be enough to achieve the aim to develope veterans' athletics and the demand on those athletes selected must be that they are prepared to work for veterans in their home countries. The Council also states quite clearly that no money shall be paid directly to the athlete. A motion from Rex Harvey that there shall be some principal limitations

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WAVA shall use at most US Dollars 10.000:- of the special IAAF/WAVA budget

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- the project shall comprise at most 5 Olympic Glories at a first stage

is approved by 9 votes against 1 vote (4 abstentions) but the overall Council view is that financing should come from other sources than WAVA money.

After a long discussion the Council - in great agreement about the need for a developement project - charges Cesare Beccalli, César Moreno Bravo and Torsten Carlius to prepare a plan for a WAVA developement project to be discussed at the Council meeting in Buffalo 1994.

## 35. New bank for WAVA

The Treasurer proposes that WAVA changes bank as the present often is unknown abroad. The Council decides accordingly.

The Council decides that Al Aheahen, Cesare Beccalli, Bob Fine and Rex Harvey (2 in combination) shall sign WAVA cheques and other financial affairs.

# 36. Committee meetings

There is a great need for the Stadia and the Non-Stadia Committees to meet also in even-numbered years. The expenses for such meeting with all committee members present will however be very great and some limits must be stablished.

The Council decides that

- the <u>Stadia Committee</u> has the right to meet with 4 persons (the VP Stadia included) selected by the committee chairperson once every even-numbered year. Approved by 10 votes against 3 votes (1 abstention)
- the <u>Non-Stadia Committee</u> has the right to meet with 3 persons (the VP Non-Stadia included) selected by the committee chairperson in connection with the WAVA Road Championships every even-numbered year. Approved unanimously.

# 37. Closing of the Council meeting

The WAVA President, Cesare Beccalli, thanks all Council members for their interest and discussions during the Council meeting - extended over 5 days - in Miyazaki and hopes that the decisions taken will be to the best for veterans' athletics.

After a wish for good trips home Cesare Beccalli declares the Council meeting closed.

Torsten Carlius WAVA General Secretary

To the original of these minutes are attached the regional reports from the Area Delegates to the WAVA Council.

To: All WAVA Council members Laetitia Théophage, IAAF office

Dear Friends,

Please find with this letter the minutes from our Council meeting in Miyazaki. I have written them as one meeting even if we met at 5 different times but I have also marked the various days.

Best regards and see you all soon in Buffalo !

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# AGENDA

for WAVA Council meeting on October 6, 1993, in Miyazaki

- 1. Opening of the Council meeting
- 2. Report from Council meeting the day before re technical matters for the championships
- 3. Jury of appeal and Council members' presence during competitions days
- 4. The General Assembly
- 5. The Womens' Assembly
- 6. Competition without national uniform
- 7. Masters Games/GAISF
- 8. WAVA/IAAF relations
- 9. Hungarian withdrawal from Veterans' Cross in 1994 and planning for the future
- 10. Approval of regional championships in 1994 Asia: Africa: Europe: Athens, June 3-12 North & Central America: Edmonton, August 4-7 Oceania: Suva, July 4-9 South America: Cali, March 18-21
- 11. Legal status of WAVA
- 12. Council meetings in Miyazaki
- 13. Sundry
- 14. Closing of the Council meeting

who shall appoint at members as many members as necessary. There shall be at many members of the Counittee