



WORLD ASSOCIATION OF VETERAN ATHLETES

PROMOTING VETERAN ATHLETICS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD
IN COOPERATION WITH THE IAAF



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MINUTES FROM WAVA COUNCIL MEETING IN BUFFALO, USA, APRIL 10-14, 1994

Present: Cesare Beccalli (chair), Robert G. Fine, Bill Taylor, Jacques Serruys, Al Sheahen, Hannelore Guschmann, César Moreno Bravo, Pascal Mouassiposo Mackonguy, Hari Chandra Hans Axmann, Rex Harvey (not par. 30-35), Jim Blair, Jorge Alzamora and Torsten Carlus (secretary)

1. Opening of the Council meeting

The President Cesare Beccalli welcomes all Council members to this Council meeting and expresses his hopes that the meeting shall be constructive and successful.

2. Approval of the agenda

The proposed and beforehand distributed agenda for the Council meeting is approved with some items added under the point "Other items".

3. Report from meeting with Organising Committee in Buffalo

The Council has Sunday morning and afternoon met with the Organising Committee (OC) of next year's World Veterans' Championships in Buffalo and inspected facilities, accomodation and so on with positive impressions. Some administrative matters have also been discussed.

The meeting with the OC raised some questions that have to be evaluated a little bit more, i.e.

- Banquet day
- Validation of entries, especially those from USA
- Walking judges from various countries

The new WAVA By-Laws prescribe that all entries shall be submitted through the national WAVA Affiliate and that the WAVA Secretary shall submit a list of all the WAVA Affiliates to the OC at least 120 days prior to the start of the Championships.

After discussions the Council decides to add the following clause to the By-Laws (par. 12,1 after the first sentence):

Each such Affiliate shall inform the WAVA Secretary of its method of validating entries."

The Council votes with 12 votes in favour and 2 votes against to follow the By-Laws in this respect which means that the Secretary as soon as possible will forward a request to the Affiliates to receive their official stamp and signature which will be used to validate entries from the respective countries.

The invitation booklet is discussed with the organisers and it is clearly underlined that this must be approved by the Council before it is printed and distributed. The present text is gone through with the organisers who will then work out a new draft to send to all WAVA Council members for their approval. The answers from the WAVA Council are coordinated through the Secretary.

The banquet should be organised on July 19 and the time schedule must be reworked so that there are no competition at the time when the banquet starts. If this should be impossible the banquet should be organised on Sunday July 23 after the Closing Ceremony but this is a much worse alternative.

The Council decides with 6 votes against 5 upon a proposal from Al Sheahan to include an unofficial age-graded 100 metres race, without being a precedent, in the championships programme.

4. WAVA-jackets

Bob Fine raises the question of WAVA-jackets to be used in connection with WAVA Championships. Those jackets made for Miyazaki were very popular and new jackets can be bought from Japan at 12 US Dollars a piece. Bob Fine also suggests that WAVA lets organisers sell the jackets and that WAVA and the OC share expenses and profits.

The Council votes unanimously to produce jackets and with 13 votes against 1 to offer Buffalo this scheme. Bob Fine will handle the matter.

5. Daily allowances

The Council votes with 9 votes against 5 that the daily allowances to cover meals and other individual expenses shall be the same as in Miyazaki last year or 50 US Dollars a person and day.

6. Approval of Council minutes from Miyazaki

The Council approves of the minutes with the clarification that an integral merger WAVA-IAAF never was planned. In other words, WAVA continues to take care of the veterans' activities also on behalf of the IAAF as an autonomous organisation. Should the IAAF dissolve their Veterans' Committee - upon consideration that the WAVA Council is in fact their Veterans' Committee - this will not change the situation as the WAVA Council will continue to be elected by the WAVA General Assembly exactly like to-day.

7. Financial report

The Treasurer Al Sheahan accounts for the financial result for 1992-1993 which was much better than budget due to the higher WAVA-fees in Miyazaki but also to lower costs for Council members' travelling to and from Miyazaki and for administration. The special IAAF-WAVA money is not included as it remains with IAAF. This money covers expenses for cooperation/handbook/regional support as well as former annual fee to WAVA.

The Treasurer also accounts for the period after Miyazaki up to March 31 and underlines that WAVA has paid travelling expenses only for Stadia Committee members in connection with its meeting in Buffalo in January 1994.

A new financial report from the Championships in Miyazaki has been received and shows great contributions from the city.

The Treasurer will contact the auditors re audit of the financial statements 1992-1993.

8. Budget 1994-1995

The proposed budget for 1994-1995 has to be revised after this Council meeting with respect to various decisions and the new budget proposal will be distributed by the Treasurer to all Council members for voting by mail.

9. Number of Affiliates

The Secretary reports that the number of WAVA Affiliates now amounts to 104 after Mauritius, Ukraine and Slovakia have been approved. There are further 3 pending applications from Israel, Malta and Albania and all 3 are approved provided that the NGBs support the applications. The WAVA Secretary shall immediately ask for written authorisation as the Constitution requires.

The Council decides further to effect an updating of addresses, phone/fax numbers and contact persons every second year by the WAVA Secretary.

From India a letter has come with the information that the 2 clashing organisations have now been united into one after many years of conflict and dispute. Cesare Beccalli and the Asian Regional Delegate Hari Chandra are charged to clarify and report back the actual situation as soon as possible.

10. Age situation in Italy

Cesare Beccalli gives a report on the actual situation in Italy which does not seem to have improved since Miyazaki.

The Council decides unanimously to write to FIDAL and point out that WAVA rules are to be followed by all. An answer shall be requested within 30 days. If Italy does not comply with the rules FIDAL will be suspended in accordance with the WAVA Constitution. As consequence Italy will not have any vote at the European General Assembly in Athens in 1994 and not at the WAVA General Assembly in Buffalo in 1995, but Italian athletes will be allowed to participate.

Some days later it is reported that FIDAL has submitted the issue to IAAF for discussion and clarification. Cesare Beccalli and Torsten Carlus will follow the development and take necessary steps in line with the Council decision.

Hannelore Guschmann comments upon the French line not to allow women 35-39 to start in national meetings. This has already been disapproved in writing by WAVA but such discrepancy is not considered enough to suspend the Affiliate like in the Italian case.

11. Questions from Stadia Committee meeting in Miyazaki

Bill Taylor reports that he tries to find a solution to the problem of 2.000 metres steeplechase for women and elder men who need lower barriers. He has been in contact with the IAAF Women Committee but so far without any result. The discipline was on the programme of the South American Championships but no entry was received.

12. Questions from Non-Stadia Committee meeting in Miyazaki

The biggest problem are the walking judges who should come from at least 3 countries but normally come from only one. Further there is a need for a supervisor to see to it that the rules are followed.

Bob Fine suggests that WAVA underlines its opinion by stating that disqualification in race-walking at WAVA Championships must be made by 3 judges from at least 2 countries. The above 2 proposals are approved unanimously as WAVA policies.

The Non-Stadia Committee (Jacques Serruys) is charged to appoint supervisors for Toronto and Buffalo and, as it will probably be Barbara Dunsford both times, to offer her half of her travel expenses as compensation.

It is also established that regional championships are open only after regional decisions.

The Japanese will probably stage an EKIDEN in 1995 in Japan and according to Mr Kiyoshi Kounoike the organisers will invite some teams from abroad and pay travelling/board and lodge for these. The Non-Stadia Vice-President Jacques Serruys will follow the development and keep the WAVA Council informed.

13. Report from Stadia Committee meeting in Buffalo

The report has been distributed to the Council members. The meeting was concentrated to matters re the WVC in Buffalo in 1995 and to technical matters to be included in the next WAVA Handbook.

Matters re invitation booklet, opening and closing ceremonies, banquet and travelling/accomodation will be settled definitively with the organisers here in Buffalo.

14. Report from the Women's Representative

The Women's Representative Hannelore Guschmann reports that she has written to the French Association about which age groups shall be observed for women and Cesare Beccalli has written to the French President on the same matter but so far to no success. The discussions with the French will continue.

Hannelore Guschmann reports further that the Women's Committee in USA has been disbanded a week ago which must be interpreted in the way that they have no special women questions but only athletic questions for athletes. Hannelore Guschmann means also that men must be welcome to the Women's Assembly and that women must dare to raise any topic with men present.

15. Regional reports

The regional reports, enclosures to the original minutes, are discussed carefully by the Council. From the reports the following is especially underlined by the Regional Delegates:

Africa

The region would like to have 6.000:- US Dollars times appr. 20 countries to be able to raise interest and develop countries that to-day are not taking part in the veterans' activities - especially North-African/arabic countries. There are unfortunately no possibilities to allocate this sum but in the discussion it is suggested to ask the IAAF to send these countries a letter and to use the coming junior championships in Algeria for promotion.

Asia

The region has to-day 17 Affiliates of which about the half stage regular national championships. The activities are generally good but it is difficult to keep a continuous contact with new Affiliates as well as to raise interest in arabic and muslim countries. The Indian situation must be solved as soon as possible and HongKong has to-day some specific problems with regard to the union with China in 1997.

Europe

The European Championships in Athens will be the biggest ever and many new countries will participate for the first time. Part of the financial support in 1992-1993 was used to stimulate the Baltic countries to take part in the European Championships in 1992. More money would be very welcome to help the new countries. About 30 of the 35 European Affiliates stage national championships.

North and Central America & Caribbean

Only 50 % of the expected number took part in Miyazaki and most of the participants came from USA or Canada. The other Affiliates had very few veterans in Miyazaki. The time and the expenses account for the low number. The regional championships in Mexico in 1992 were good but had some technical shortcomings. The region wants more Affiliates but a weak economy does not allow so much promotion as desirable.

Oceania

The problems are as usual the distances. Jim Blair had the opportunity to visit Tahiti on his way to Buffalo and found many very interested veterans, a wonderful track and has urged them to apply for affiliation.

South America

The regional championships in Cali were well organised with a satisfactory number of participants. The situation in Peru is now solved and most countries in the region are taking part in the activities.

The Regional Delegates express their gratitude for having been given this opportunity to account for and discuss the regional activities with the WAVA Council.

Days for regional championships 1994 in Africa and Asia are changed as follows:

Africa	May 13-14	former	April 22-23
Asia	October 2-5	former	Sept. 30-Oct. 2

The situation in Durban and Africa can deteriorate as result of the national elections to be held in April. Cesare Beccalli is authorised to go to Durban to evaluate the situation which can create some difficulties for the WVC in 1997. No actions from WAVA can be taken now but to follow the developement. The General Assembly in Buffalo has to take decisions if such are necessary.

16. GAISF and World Masters Games

Cesare Beccalli reports that the IAAF President, Dr Primo Nebiolo, is member of the GAISF Board which blocks a WAVA participation. WAVA will discuss the situation with IAAF to see if WAVA can in some way be involved in GAISF as IAAF has now left the responsibility for veterans activities to WAVA.

The World Masters Games in Brisbane this year will probably have a great number of participants. Jim Blair has been invited to attend the athletic events and the Council decides to cover his expenses for accomodation by IAAF-WAVA money.

17. Drugtesting

Bob Fine reports on the preparations for drugtesting in Buffalo which is one point where WAVA and the OC in Buffalo do not quite have the same view. After discussions the Council decides to perform drugtesting in Buffalo in 1995 with César Moreno, Hannelore Guschmann and Dick Barry as responsible for the practical carrying-out.

18. Olympic Glories

Cesare Beccalli comments upon his formal proposal which has been distributed to the Council members. Also World Champions and other top level athletes could be thought of provided that they fill the necessary requirements.

After discussions the Council approves of proposal with 9 votes against 5 abstentions.

19. Legal status of WAVA

The question of having WAVA as an Incorporated Organisation was again discussed with respect to the fact that IAAF has now taken this step and Cesare Beccalli and Torsten Carlus promise to bring the matter up at the next coordination meeting with IAAF.

20. WAVA Handbook

Torsten Carlus has distributed the final draft to all Council members and this is approved by the Council with the following additions:

Constitution

The approved amendments must be presented to the General Assembly in Buffalo for final approval and will not be included in the 1994-1995 WAVA Handbook.

General Assembly, 4

- Voting right for Life Presidents elected by the General Assembly (new proposal)
Rejected by 9 votes against 2. 3 abstentions.

Council, 5(e)

- WAVA honorary auditors shall be elected by and report to the General Assembly
Approved by 13 votes against 0. 1 abstention.

General Assembly, 4(b)

- Increase number of most votes at General Assembly to 6
Rejected by the Presidential additional vote to break a tied vote, 7 votes in favour and 7 votes against.

Standing Committes, 9(g)

- The Organising Advisory Committee is abolished
Approved by 12 votes against 1 vote and 1 abstention

- Eligibility, 12(b)

The words "the Women's Assembly" shall be added
Approved unanimously

By-Laws

The approved amendments below by the Council will be included in the new WAVA Handbook 1994-1995.

- Discipline Committee shall consist of one Delegate from each Region plus the Chairman
Approved unanimously
- Doping Committee/Law and Legislation Committees shall consist of 10 members (one from each Region plus 4 others) plus the Chairman
Approved by 13 votes against 1 (Doping Committee) and 6 votes against 5 votes and 3 abstentions (Law and Legislation Committee)
- Medical Committee shall consist of 10 members (one from each Region plus 4 others) plus the Chairman
Approved unanimously
- Add "track walk 5.000 metres" to 14(b)
Approved unanimously
- Deletion of par 24 (3) "In Veteran's Combined Events, it is not required that the athlete attempt each event in order to continue in the competition and to be included in the final classification."
Rejected by 11 votes against 2 votes with 1 abstention

21. Scoring tables/age-factors - combined events

Torsten Carlius presents a book "Internationale Leichtathletik-Mehrkampfwertung" with all scoring tables, except for weight throwing, and age-factors for all combined events. The book has been produced by Wilhelm Köster and himself based upon the WAVA and IAAF rules and decisions. The Council expresses its pleasure and gratitude but finds unfortunately also that some age-factors are not correct due to later changes.

After discussions the Council decides that the now presented age-factors shall have a duration for at least the coming 4 years, i.e. 1994-1997, and to re-print the book at a cost of no more than 3.000 US Dollars. Consequently the age-factors will not be published in the new WAVA Handbook.

22. New financial year for WAVA

The Treasurer and the Secretary have both suggested that the financial year of WAVA shall be changed but present each one proposal:

Al Sheahan: The financial year shall be from one General Assembly to the next ordinary Assembly.

Torsten Carlius: The financial year shall begin January 1st odd-numbered year and end December 31st even-numbered year

The Treasurer means that his proposal will give a better picture of WAVA activities and financial result as WAVA is very dependent on the income from the Stadia Championships and it will also ensure that the Council Officers can take complete responsibility for their expenses during the mandate period.

The Secretary means that his proposal will give the Affiliates and the General Assembly a better follow-up and knowledge of the economic activities of WAVA as his proposal means that the auditors will have time to audit and then to present a fresh auditors' report to the General Assembly. It will also ensure that the Treasurer can present a budget to the General Assembly to discuss.

After discussions the Council approves of the Secretary's proposal with 7 votes against 6 votes with 1 abstention. The proposal must be presented to the General Assembly in 1995 as a change will also affect the Constitution and consequently needs the approval of the General Assembly.

23. Travel and accomodation organising in Buffalo

The Council decides that WAVA shall operate with the same system as in Miyazaki. The Secretary will as soon as possible contact and inform the Affiliates to get their official travel agencies, which shall have some advantages/discounts, and then forward the approved agencies to the organisers in Buffalo.

28. Budget Committee

The Treasurer proposes to set up a WAVA budget committee to help him to work out the budget but the Council decides to reject the proposal by 13 votes against 1 vote.

29. Council nominations

Beyond the present Council officers there is one nomination of an external person, i.e. Igor Ter-Ovanesian, Russia, nominated by All Russia Athletic Federation for the office of VP Stadia. However the nomination is postmarked (fax) March 15, 1994, but the Council decides by 13 votes against 1 vote to consider also this nomination even if it should have been postmarked prior to March 1, 1994.

The Council hereafter discusses the office of VP Stadia which by years has become a much more extensive and cumbersome position as the Stadia Championships have expanded and have to-day many more participants. It is proposed to split the present VP Stadia office into one VP Stadia (track events) and one VP Stadia (field events) now that there are 2 competent candidates in Bill Taylor and Igor Ter-Ovanesian. The Council decides after a discussion with 11 votes against 2 votes and with 1 abstention to present the General Assembly in Buffalo the above proposal to split the present VP Stadia office into 2 offices.

Hereafter the Council decides unanimously to nominate the following candidates for the WAVA Council offices of:

President	Cesare Beccalli
Executive Vice-President	Robert G Fine
VP Stadia (Track)	Bill Taylor
VP Stadia (Field)	Igor Ter-Ovanesian
VP Non-Stadia	Jacques Serruys
Secretary	Torsten Carlus
Treasurer	Al Sheahen

If the General Assembly does not approve of the proposal to split the VP Stadia office into 2 offices, Bill Taylor is the Council's candidate for VP Stadia. It is also noted that a formal nomination for Igor Ter-Ovanesian as VP Stadia (Field) is necessary.

30. Bids for WVC in 1998 and 1999

For the WVC in 1998 (road) and in 1999 (track and field) there are at present no formal bids but interest is shown from the following countries/cities:

1998 (Road Championships):

Japan	Bob Fine will contact Kiyoshi Kou-noike
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1999 (Stadia Championships)

Kuala Lumpur	Has informed they will bid
Malmö	Interest unknown so far
Sao Paulo	Has been in contact with Bob Fine

The Secretary will remind all Affiliates about the bidding for 1998 and 1999.

31. Voting right from Non-Stadia Championships

At present the WAVA Affiliates get their voting right at WAVA General Assemblies and other meetings through the number of participants at the 3 latest Stadia World Championships, excluding the ongoing championships. The Council feels the need that also the Non-Stadia Championships must be included in some way or other when the number of votes are calculated but has no direct solution. A working group (Jacques Serruys, Torsten Carlus and Al Sheahen) is elected to study the question and come up with a proposal to the Council. Everybody in the Council is welcome with ideas to the group.

32. Honorary Life Vice-President

The Council decides unanimously to propose the General Assembly in Buffalo to elect Don Farquharson as Honorary Life Vice-President of WAVA.

33. Daily allowances on WAVA commissions

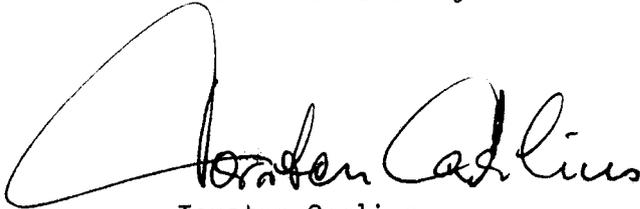
The Council decides unanimously that Council members on WAVA commissions, sanctioned by the President, shall be entitled to 50% of the daily allowance for Council meetings, at present 50 US Dollars a day, to cover expenses for food and other personal expenses.

34. Watches/pins

Jim Blair suggests that WAVA buys special WAVA watches to use instead of pins or else as souvenirs/gifts and so on. Jim Blair is charged to look into the matter and come up with a proposal.

35. Non-Stadia Championships in Scarborough in 1994

Don Farquharson reports on the Non-Stadia Championships in Scarborough later this year which have all conditions to be a great success. The Council expresses its great gratitude and pleasure and wishes the organisers the best luck.



Torsten Carlus
Secretary

WAVA COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 1994

- 9AM-10AM Opening and Introductions: D. Barry, V. Borrello, H. Shelton
- 10AM-11:30PM Site Inspections: All groups tour Primary Stadium and Dormitories
- 11:30-12:30PM Technical: D. Barry, J. Montalbo - Secondary Stadium
 General: V. Borrello, K. Miranda, - WAVA Council Hotel
 Non-Stadia: H. Shelton, C. Roesch, J. Hunt - Cross-Country Course
- 12:30PM-2PM Lunch on own
 1:30P WAVA Council
- 2PM-5PM Discussion and Report on Results and Impressions of Facilities: V. Borrello, D. Barry
- 6:30PM Dinner on own

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 1994

- 8AM-10AM WAVA Council - Executive Session
- 10:15AM-2PM Tour of Marathon Course, Niagara Falls, Canada
 Lunch on own in Niagara Falls
 Tour of Race-Walk Course
- 2:30PM-5PM WAVA Council Meeting Continued - Executive Session
- 5PM Dinner on own

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 1994

- *9AM-Noon LOC Meeting with Barbara Kousky, USA Track and Field representative
 and Tom Jordan, consultant from Northwest Event Management at Phillips
 Lytle Law Offices in the Marine Midland Center, 31st Floor
- 9AM-Noon WAVA Council - Executive Session at the Radisson RENAISSANCE G
- Noon-2PM Lunch on own

2PM-6PM

- V. Borrello and D. Barry
 Discussion to Include:
- Organization
 - Time Table - Contract
 - ✓-Entry Booklet
 - ✓-Banquet
 - ✓-Housing
 - ✓-Opening Ceremonies
 - ✓-Transportation
 - ✓-Tours
 - ✓-Drug Testing
 - ✓-Festivals — 7/15 7/16
 - Miscellaneous
 - ✓-Host-a-Vet

RENAISSANCE A

Alumni Arena
in central area

6PM

Dinner on own

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 1994

9AM-4PM

WAVA Council Meeting - Executive Session

RENAISSANCE C

4:45PM

Pick-Up at Radisson

*5:15PM

WAVA Reception - Hyatt Regency, sponsored by LOC and Hyatt Regency

*7PM

Dinner - Hyatt Regency, sponsored by LOC and Hyatt Regency

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 1994

8AM-11:30AM

WAVA Council - Non-Stadia: Don Farquharson-1994 Championships, Scarborough, Ontario

RENAISSANCE B

11:30AM-12:30PM

Lunch on own

12:30PM-4PM

WAVA Council Meeting with V. Borrello and D. Barry
-Confirmation of All Details Discussed

5:15PM

Dinner at Radisson Hotel, sponsored by LOC & Radisson

6:30PM

Depart for Memorial Auditorium

7:30PM

Buffalo Sabres Hockey Game, sponsored by LOC and Buffalo Sabres

*Indicates LOC Attendance



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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM/AGENDA FOR WAVA COUNCIL MEETING, APRIL 10-14,
1994, IN BUFFALO, USA

Sunday, April 10:

The meeting is opened after breakfast at 09.00 a.m. and we use then the morning for inspections of various kinds as in Miyazaki and in groups suggested by Bob. Changes are of course possible.

After lunch we meet again at about 2.00 p.m. to report and discuss the results and impressions we have - possibly with some representatives from the organisers.

Monday, April 11:

The Council meeting starts at 09.00 a.m. following the enclosed agenda.

If the organisers do not wish to meet with us this day we continue all day with the formal Council meeting.

Tuesday, April 12:

The morning is used for Council meeting and we plan to devote all 3 hours (09.00-12.00) for the new handbook to go through the draft and discuss proposed amendments. I take the liberty to ask all that we do not get lost in details here but see to it that we are ready with this point at lunchtime.

In the afternoon, beginning at 02.00 p.m., we meet with the organisers to agree upon program/timetable/drug-testing/banquet and so on. This will cover all afternoon but if we get some time left we continue with the Council meeting.

Wednesday, April 13:

All day, beginning at 09.00 a.m., is used for Council meeting.

Thursday, April 13:

This last day is used for Council meeting included meeting with Don Farquharson as representative for our Non-Stadia Championships in Scarborough later this year, in the morning (beginning 09.00 a.m.).

In the afternoon we plan for a last official meeting with the organisers.

The program this day could be the other way, i.e. meeting with organisers in the morning and Council meeting in the afternoon.

I assume that there will be social arrangements in the evenings together with the organisers and if we do not come through our agenda we could perhaps use one evening for Council meeting but that we plan for in Buffalo.



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Agenda for WAVA Council meeting in Buffalo April 10-14, 1994

- ✓ 1. Opening of the Council meeting.
- ✓ 2. Overall program/times for the visit to Buffalo.
- ✓ 3. Discussion of results/impressions from Sunday morning's inspection of facilities.
- ✓ 4. Financial report(s).
- ✓ 5. Budget 1994-1995.
- ✓ 6. Number of Affiliates/new applications.
- ✓ 7. Olympic Glories/promotion plan for veteran athletics.
- ✓ 8. The age situation in Italy/the situation in India.
- ✓ 9. Reports from Stadia and Non-Stadia Committees on matters given to them in Miyazaki.
- ✓ 10. Report from Stadia Committee meeting in Buffalo, 1994.
- ✓ 11. Report from Women's Representative.
- ✓ 12. Regional reports (these reports should this time be discussed carefully by the Council).
- ✓ 13. GAISF and World Masters Games in Australia this year.
- ✓ 14. WAVA new handbook.
- ✓ 15. President's appointment of WAVA committee members.
- ✓ 16. Drug testing at the Buffalo championships.
- ✓ 17. Travel and accomodation organisation for the Buffalo championships (WAVA approved travel agencies like 1993, organisation in Buffalo and so on).
- ✓ 18. Invitations to Buffalo of Japanese hosts in 1993.
- ✓ 19. Regional financial support 1994-1995 (the Area Delegates are commissioned to present their proposal for Council's approval).
- ✓ 20. Council nominations.
- ✓ 21. Half-day with organisers from Scarborough (Non-Stadia Championships in 1994).
22. Other items.
23. Closing of the Council meeting
- ✓ 24. Date Change of 1995



To: All WAVA Council members

Re.: New handbook

With this letter I also enclose a cross-reference list between our present and the new WAVA handbook to facilitate the reading of the 2 books. Please note that I have not included the views from the Stadia Committee meeting in the new draft handbook yet but most of it seems to increase the value of the book and should be included. We discuss it in Buffalo.

With this letter you also find some proposals from Al for the handbook. Also these will be discussed in Buffalo.

I have myself some proposals for amendment of the Constitution which must be presented to the next General Assembly if they are approved by the Council:

1. Financial year

I feel that we must become more open in financial matters to our Affiliates and the General Assembly and therefore I propose that WAVA's financial year is changed so that it starts January 1st odd-numbered years and ends December 31 even-numbered years. This will make it possible to:

- perform the audit during spring odd-numbered year and so have an auditors' report to present together with WAVA's financial statements to the General Assembly in odd-numbered years, and
- have a budget proposal for the General Assembly

2. Auditors elected by the General Assembly

In line with a greater openness I think the General Assembly shall elect WAVA's auditors. These persons are "the eyes" of our Affiliates and the General Assembly with the task to control the Council's economic and financial operations.

To me it is totally evident that such persons shall be elected by the members and not by those whom they are set to control.

3. Constant agenda for the General Assembly

I would also like to see that the Constitution more clearly prescribes the matters that shall be dealt with by the General Assembly. The agenda should be a standing one - taken into the Constitution - with for example the following contents:

1. Opening of the General Assembly
2. Confirmation that the General Assembly is properly called
3. Election of 2 scrutineers for certifying the minutes
4. Election of 4 persons to count the ballots
5. Receipt of reports from:

- The President
 - The Executive Vice-President
 - The Vice-President Stadia
 - The Vice-President Non-Stadia
 - The Secretary
 - The Treasurer (= the financial statements)
 - The Auditors
6. Approval of Council members and auditors' reports.
 7. Election of Council members.
 8. Notification of Regional Delegates
 9. Notification of Women's Representative
 10. Election of auditors
 11. Decisions on proposed amendments to WAVA Constitution and By-Laws
 12. Sanctioning of World Veterans' Athletic Championships
 13. Decision on proposals from WAVA Affiliates submitted to the Secretary not later than 90 days before the General Assembly
 14. Information.
 15. Closing of the General Assembly.

No other item may be decided upon at a WAVA General Assembly.

This is an order to which I am used and it serves the advantage that there cannot be a sudden question at the General Assembly. All items must be submitted in good time before the Assembly and the items are also distributed to all Affiliates to study before the Assembly.

Then I have one more question that perhaps is a little peculiar. When I have not read the Constitution for the new one I cannot anywhere see that the Women's Representative shall be a woman or a man. Should this not be clarified ?



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CROSS-REFERENCE LIST BETWEEN PRESENT AND NEW WAVA HANDBOOK

To facilitate reading of the 2 handbooks against each other I have made out the following cross-reference list. Herein I include only real changes/movements in texts, i.e. not changes in spelling, exchange of words and so on.

The **Constitution** follows the present order with additions for decisions in Miyazaki while the **By-Laws** are completely reorganised to get a more logical order and revised with respect to the IAAF competition rules. We have tried to clarify only deviations from these rules and to set WAVA rules only when there is no regulation in the IAAF rules, for example the weight pentathlon.

The proposals that the Stadia Committee came up with at its meeting in Buffalo this year are not incorporated in the new draft handbook but will be so. Consequently I cannot make a cross-reference to them but their placing will follow from the nature of the proposals

Constitution

- 3 j Addition of Council's right to suspend an Affiliate temporarily as decided by the General Assembly.
- 4 a The word "biennial" is added to further clarify that the General Assembly shall meet regularly every second year.
- 4 c "Voting by proxy" - these words are moved from the By-Laws, 8 c. There might be a better place for the sentence in the Constitution.
- 4 d The words "amendments to the Constitution" are added as decided by the General Assembly.
- 4 h The sentence "If a constitutional amendment...." is added as decided by the General Assembly.
- 4 j-1 These 3 points are added as decided by the General Assembly/moved from the By-Laws, 8 a and 8 c.
- 5 b This was formerly 5 h but being the overall clause it should of course be the first guideline for the Council.
The numbering of all other points under par. 5 have been renumbered but follow in the present order.
- 5 f Is renumbered to 5 g but the last sentence is changed in accordance with the General Assembly decision.
- 6 a-b The word "biennial" is added to clarify that elections take place every second year.
- 7 c-d VP Stadia and VP Non-Stadia have changed places as we use this order in other connections.

- 8 a The word "biennial" is added to clarify that the regular Women's Assembly is held every second year.
- 8 b The words "and may vote" are deleted as decided by the General Assembly.
- 8 d The words "biennial Stadia .." resp. "regular" are added to clarify that the point refers to the regular Women's Assembly.
- 9 The words "except as specifically" in the beginning text are added as clarification.
- 9 a-h All the Standing Committees are described equally. Some texts are moved from the By-Laws, points 9-14. Present texts are partly moved to the By-Laws, par. 4 with an equal handling.
- 11 d-e The word "Stadia" is added to clarify which World Veterans Championships are referred to.

By-Laws

The By-Laws are reorganised as mentioned above and follow the order of the Constitution. The latter part deals with our competitions and finally come appendices and world veterans records.

The cross-reference here has the present handbook as base and hereafter follows a short list of new added points.

- 1 a Moved to 13:1
- 1 b Moved to 10:1
- 1 c Moved to 10:2 plus addition of the words "except as allowed ..."
- 1 d Moved to 12:1 plus additional text as decided in Miyazaki
- 1 e Moved to 12:2
- 1 f Moved to 10:3
- 1 g Moved to 13:9
- 1 h Moved to 13:10
- 1 i Moved to 10:1
- 1 j Moved to 13:7 and combined with present 3 i
- 1 k Moved to 13:8 and the female events steeplechase-hammer-pole vault-triple jump are deleted
- 1 l Moved to 10:4
- 2 a Moved to 7:1 with addition of Non-Stadia Championships
- 2 b Moved to 7:2
- 2 c Moved to 7:3 with more detailed listing of events
- 2 d Moved to 7:1 with other wording
- 2 e Moved to 7:52
- 2 f-j Moved to 7:6-7:10
- 3 a Deleted as being of no value
- 3 b This sentence is added to all specific events where useful in par. 15-24
- 3 c-d Moved to 24:1
- 3 e-f Moved to 13:5-13:6
- 3 g-h Moved to 14:7-14:8
- 3 i Moved to 13:7 with addition of the words "at most"

- 3 j-k Moved to 14:8-14:9
3 l-n Moved to 13:2-13:4
3 o Moved to 7:4 with addition of road walking distances as decided by the General Assembly
3 p New own par. 5 with present 4 x
4 b-c Moved to 14:1-14:2
4 d Moved to 17:2
4 e Moved to 14:3
4 f-g Moved to 18:1-18:2
4 j New own par. 11
4 k Moved to 14:10
4 l-m Deleted. The IAAF rules are valid
4 n Moved to 15:2
4 o Moved to 17:3 with additional clarification
4 p Moved to 16:2 with new clarification
4 q Moved to 196:1
4 r Moved to 25:1
4 s Moved to 14:1 with additional clarification
4 t Moved to 14:4
4 u New own par. 9
4 v Moved to 15:4
4 w Moved to 15:3
4 x New own par 5 with present 3 p
5 a-h Moved to 25:2-25:9. In 5b/25:3 the words "in the hurdles or throwing events" are deleted
6 a-g Moved to 2:2-2:8
6 h Deleted as the meaning is already covered in the Constitution, 7 a v and 7 f vii
6 i-o Moved to 2:9-2:15
7 a-k Moved to 4:3 b-1
8 b Deleted as those with voting right at the General Assembly are defined in the Constitution, par 4 b-c
 There is no need to define those who do not have voting right.
8 a The first sentence is moved to 1:2
9 Moved to 2:1
10-14 These paragraphs are reorganised with present texts in By-Laws and Constitution to have an equal disposition for all committees.
15 Moved to 3:1-5
16 Moved to 1
17 New own par. 6

In the new draft By-Laws the following paragraphs are added:
8 Disciplinary Procedures in Non-Doping Cases
20-24 New own paragraph for each throwing event and Combined Events
25:10 Description how to handle Combined Events records.

TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS proposed by the Stadia Committee
at their meeting in Buffalo, Febr. 1994

- ✓ 14(1) Amend the last sentence to read:
 "Initial round qualifiers and all subsequent rounds shall be as per the WAVA qualification procedure (Appendix) with the object of advancing the best eight competitors to the final".
- ✓ 14(2) To be consistent, the wording in 17(2) should be used.
- ✓ 14(7) The recommendation is to delete this, as it adds little to our expanded qualification procedure. (The Council is already empowered to permit necessary specific changes to meet circumstances).
- ✓ 14(9) After "declared" insert "by the Team Manager"
- 14(10) Suggested that we eliminate the words "of 50 years and over". (The original stipulation of 50 had been an arbitrary one, and it was felt that there could well be some limitation in ability to crouch on all fours at a younger age).
- ✓ 16(2) Revert to old wording:
 "At each hurdle, both feet must be off the ground for at least an instant". (It is realised that it is extremely difficult to produce concise wording which gives objective guidance to judges, but this is an emotive subject and has been deeply considered).
- ✓ 17(3) Amend second sentence to read:
 "The hands or feet may touch only the top surface of the barrier, and no other part of the ~~barrier~~ ^{body} may touch any part of the barrier"
- ✓ 18(1) There was strong feeling that we should include the second sentence of the old By-Law (4(f)), and also after "Affiliates" insert "in writing by team managers".
- 19 There is a strong feeling that some reference to a bent pole is necessary. It is appreciated that IAAF Rule does not preclude a bent pole, but it does say that the basic surface must be smooth. The "bent" pole used by one athlete - Jim Vernon - does, in fact, consist of two sections joined by an angled socket, the outside diameter of which is obviously greater than the pole. Perhaps the simple statement "A bent pole is permitted" is necessary after all.
- 22(2) There was strong feeling that this requirement to use two hands should be deleted. ie. do not make our rule more restrictive than IAAF, and cover dangerous practices by Safety Judges.
- 24(3) There is some disagreement as to whether this should be included. *Delete?*
- 24(6)(d) As for 22(2), delete.

We do appreciate the tremendous amount of work you have done to get the By-Laws to this stage. However, this is the first time that four members of the Stadia Committee, who are also Council members, as well as other knowledgeable people have been able to review the By-Laws together, away from the pressures of our other meetings and competition. The strong feeling is that although our deliberations were thorough, they may not have been

March 16, 1994

To: WAVA Council
From: Al Sheahen

Dear Friends:

Here are some changes I would like to propose to our by-laws:

- 1) Refer to current by-law 6A; proposed by-law 2(2).

WAVA's accounting period shall be of approximately two years' duration. It shall commence 60 days after the end of the World Veterans Track and Field Championships, and conclude 60 days after the end of the next World T&F Championships. Not later than two calendar months following the end of each accounting period, the Treasurer shall send the relevant financial statement and balance sheet to each affiliate and to each Council member.

Reason: Our natural accounting period is from one championships to the next. Our current calendar year period works well when the championships are held late in the year, such as Miyazaki. But it is impractical when the championships are held in July or August.

Moreover, officers take over after the championships. It's a smoother process to assign budgets from games to games, rather than from year to year.

Also, it generally takes about 60 days for the organizers to finalize their accounts and send entry fees to WAVA, and for WAVA to pay its bills.

- 2) If the above passes, then proposed by-law 2(3) should read:

The Treasurer shall submit to the Council an updated report at its periodic meetings, and at an approximate mid-point in the accounting period.

Reason: to conform to the previous amendment, and still mandate the same number of reports as the Council now requires.

- 3) Refer to proposed by-law 2(4).

The WAVA budget shall cover the WAVA accounting period (as outlined above).

No later than 90 days prior to the General Assembly meeting at the Track and Field Championships, the Treasurer, after consulting with the Budget Committee, shall submit a proposed budget to each Council member for their comments and suggestions.

No later than 45 days prior to the General Assembly, the Treasurer shall combine the suggestions of Council members into a proposed budget to be sent to each Council member and to each affiliate. (Note: this would be sent in the packet which the Secretary sends 45 days before the General Assembly.)

Two days prior to the start of the World T&F Championships, the Council shall hold a budget meeting. The first part of the meeting will be open to anyone, and the Council will entertain requests from any affiliate for changes in the proposed budget.

The second part of the meeting will be closed to all except Council members, at which time a budget will be approved for the next accounting period.

The approved budget will be made available to all delegates at the General Assembly. Discussion may be held, and the delegates will approve the final budget.

Reason: Now that WAVA has some money in the bank, the affiliates should have more of a voice in determining how the money is spent. Also, the budget should be approved prior to the start of the accounting period, not months later as is now the case.

The logical time to approve a budget is at the World T&F Championships. By sending a proposed budget to each affiliate in the packet 45 days prior to the Assembly, we alert them to what the Council is planning. If anyone disagrees, the open meeting two days before the Championships -- plus prior letters in the 45-days between -- gives anyone a chance to have his say.

The Council can listen to those arguments and vote them up or down in its private session.

The final step of giving the delegates the right to have final budget approval is an arguable one. Would the Assembly meeting disintegrate into a free-for-all of conflicting budget requests? Not if it was handled properly in the previous correspondence and meetings. And it would make the affiliates feel like they have more control of the process than they do now.

If, however, the Council feels that is too drastic a step to take all at once, we could still implement everything else in this proposal, but leave the Council with the final budget approval at its closed-session budget meeting, two days before the Championships begin.(or anytime prior to the General Assembly).

4) Refer to 4(9) of the proposed by-laws:

9) Budget Committee

- a) The Committee shall be chaired by the WAVA Treasurer.
- b) There shall be 12 members of the Committee plus the Chair.
- c) Each of the WAVA Regions shall have the right to appoint one delegate to this Committee, within 45 days of the close of the Stadia World Veterans Athletics Championships, held in odd-numbered years. If any region does not notify the Chair by letter or fax, postmarked within said 45 days, the Chair can then appoint a person to the Committee. Such person may come from any part of the world.
- d) The Treasurer shall have the right to appoint six persons to the Committee.
- e) The Committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the Council; shall assist the Treasurer in the preparation of a proposed budget; shall act as a general watchdog on WAVA expenditures; and shall meet at each World Stadia Championships.

Reason: to assist the Treasurer in preparing the budget; to determine creative ways to invest/spend our money; to give the Council more financial expertise

5) Refer to proposed by-law 13 (1).

Since the Council never took a formal vote on this proposal, I suggest we go back to our former language (1d).

Reason: Some affiliates do not wish, and are not set up, to process dozens, or even hundreds, of entries through its offices. They don't have the manpower or the facilities to handle it. The current language gives an affiliate the option to let individual entries go directly to the organizers, and, thus, is preferable to the language in 13(1) of the proposed by-laws.

6) Refer to proposed by-law 15(1):

I believe Bill has already sent new language to amend this.

7) Refer to proposed by-law 15(10):

I propose to strike the words "of 50 years and over."

Reason: Requiring those under 50 to use a crouch start for the sprints, but not requiring those over 50 smacks of age discrimination, and arbitrary at that. Why 50? Why not 55? Or 45? It may well be that some 40-year-olds could have difficulty crouching. All competitors should decide for themselves whether they want to use a crouch start. (Some top runners do better with a standing start.)

8) Refer to proposed by-law 16:

The language from current by-law 4m is mysteriously missing. It should be included to read, under 16(4):

It is permissible to use a bent pole in competition.

Reason: The language is necessary to allow the use of a bent pole in veterans competition, since the IAAF rule apparently does not allow it. At least one veteran uses a bent pole -- Jim Vernon of the USA. He has been so successful with it, that he is the only individual to have won a gold medal in each of the 10 WAVA Championships. He has encouraged others to try it, and feels it's an improvement over the straight pole.

I hope you'll have time to review these proposals prior to our Buffalo meeting, and give them favorable consideration.

Best regards,



Al Sheahen, Treasurer

P.S. I have no specific language to propose, but I would like your opinion on whether we need a transition period after new Council members are elected.

There's no language in either the Constitution or the by-laws on when new Council members take office. Thus, they've always taken over immediately after the election, in the middle of the General Assembly.

This creates obvious problems:

- a. Outgoing officers are often in the middle of projects which, for WAVA's benefit, should be completed by them.
- b. New officers are forced to assume authority immediately, in the middle of the Championships, often without any guidelines or direction.

Examples:

It takes the Treasurer about 60 days to finish up the books re the current Championships. When I took over, the outgoing Treasurer (Lynn) essentially kept the job for 60 days before turning it over to me; it was a smooth transition.

The Secretary is in the middle of taking minutes of the General Assembly and Council meetings. It seems cumbersome to have a new Secretary begin taking minutes in the middle of the Assembly. The Secretary is also in the process of obtaining new affiliates and many other important matters. Would it not be better to let him/her to finish the work before turning over the reins to a new Secretary?

The President is in the middle of presiding over the Assembly, Council Meetings, and working with the organizers to produce a successful Championships. Would it not be better to let him finish the meeting and his work with the OC?

The Stadia V-P is also in the middle of the Championships, working closely with the OC to solve problems, implement procedures, and a host of other duties.

The Non-Stadia V-P is working with the OC to produce a successful marathon, which is always held a few days after the Assembly meeting. It would seem unwise to change horses in the middle of this stream.

The Executive V-P, as WAVA's chief liaison with the OC, is also in the middle of trying to stage a successful meet.

The Women's Representative is also in the middle of following through on her responsibilities to the Championships.

In sum, the work of the Treasurer and the Secretary continues for a period of about 60 days after the Championships end -- to finalize the accounting, prepare the minutes, etc. The work of the other officers continues at least through the Championships and, in some cases, for another 60 days.

Therefore, should new officers take over:

- a. Immediately, as is the case now?
- b. After the Championships are over?
- c. 60 days after the Championships end?

If we decide on either (a) or (b), then we should require in the by-laws that the Secretary produce the minutes of the Assembly and Council meetings, which means he/she would attend any Council meetings held in the days after the election; and the Treasurer produce a final accounting within 60 days to the incoming Treasurer.

What are your views on this matter?

See you in Buffalo,

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REPORT ON VISIT TO BUFFALO BY MEMBERS OF STADIA COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 1994

Introduction

1. In accordance with the decision of the Council taken in Miyazaki in October 1983, VP (Stadia) and three members of the Stadia visited Buffalo to make a preliminary inspection of stadia facilities, and discuss specific stadia competition planning with the Organizing Committee for the XI WAVA Championships. Formal meetings were held on 2/3/4 February, as well as informal discussions between those attending, whose travel arrangements made them available for the morning of 5 February.

2. Those Present were:

Vito Borrello,	Executive Director, Organising Committee
Dick Berry,	Meeting Director, XI WAVA Championships
Tom Jourdan,	Consultant to Organising Committee
Barbara Kousky	Chair, US Masters Track & Field; Member Stadia Cttee
Charles Des Jardins	Chair, US Masters Long Distance Running
Sandy Pashkin	Team Manager, US Masters
Bill Taylor	VP Stadia WAVA
Jim Blair	Stadia Committee
Rex Harvey	Stadia Committee
Al Sheahan	Stadia Committee
Heinrich Clausen	Coopted

In part time attendance for specialist sessions were:

John Metalbo	Org Cttee, Computers and Scheduling
Emery Fischer	Org Cttee, Officials Organiser

Visit Planning and Agenda

3. In preparation for the visit, the Executive Director was advised that aims would include the establishment of good working relationships; to use recent experience to rectify shortcomings, and to agree a plan for organising and controlling the track and field element of the championships. He was provided with a comprehensive list of topics for discussion including, inter alia, a review of facilities and equipment; competition schedule; applicability of rules; competitor handling and information. It was stressed that the visiting delegation was concerned with stadia aspects only, although it was appreciated that non-stadia events, General Assembly and other meetings, opening and closing ceremonies and banquet would impinge on track and field scheduling, and therefore note would be taken of the plan for these events to be presented to the Council at its April meeting.

4. Based on this guidance, the Executive Director prepared a detailed agenda, to maximise the use of discussion time, and allow for the availability of key personnel.

Competition Schedule

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5. This is, perhaps, the most important single aspect of planning, insofar as it is the one which is capable of engendering the most criticism. VP Stadia had stated general scheduling criteria before the visit. These included:

- a. Separation of "paired events"; 100/200; 200/400; 400/800; 800/1500; 1500/5000; 5000/10,000.
- b. Separation of s/chase and cross country from 5000/10,000 and if possible from 1500.
- c. Look at potential "trebles" such as 100/200/400; 400/800/1500.
- d. Look at flat events vis-a-vis hurdles, and pairing of long/short hdl's.
- e. Consider sprinters/hurdlers as potential long/triple jumpers.
- f. Avoid clashes between allied field events.
- g. Plan for an event (or where appropriate, preliminary rounds of an event) to be conducted for all age-groups, men and women, on the same day, giving the same rest for all athletes doing the same events.
- h. In principle, work down through the age-groups, oldest to youngest, women before men.

6. The Organising Committee had prepared a provisional schedule, and this was refined by detailed analysis and cross-checking. The schedule proposed that the cross-country be held on the first competition day, in turn affecting the scheduling of distance track races. The agreement of VP Non-Stadia to the day for the cross-country was obtained.

7. During discussions it was agreed that some modification of the principles in 5g & h was sensible to avoid older athletes competing in distance events in the heat of the day. Thus, both 5000m and 10000m are spread over two days, but rest intervals are preserved. There was a great deal of sensible input from all present to schedule refinement, and use was made of the best available estimate of entries, probable drop-out rates and the pattern of preliminary rounds required. Optimum numbers for heats, field event flights and seeded final sections were considered. Also, it was felt desirable to conduct as many events as possible in the No 1 Stadium, with the second stadium being used as a back-up. There is a balanced allocation of age-groups to the second stadium.

8. It was agreed that a final version of this proposed schedule would be prepared and sent to VP Stadia for checking during the third week in February, and then distributed to Council members well before the April meeting.

Competition Facilities

9. The entrances of the two stadia are 1000 metres apart. As there was a covering of snow during the visit, it was impossible to inspect the tracks and field event facilities in detail, but a good overall view was obtained. Accurate drawings were available to enable a working appreciation to be made.

10. No 1 Stadium can use two straights for sprints and short hurdles; two LJ/TJ and one PV runways; two javelin areas, one hammer/discus, one shot inside, with one javelin and one HT/DI outside. Additional throwing areas may be provided outside, but close to the stadium.

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11. No 2 Stadium has one javelin, one shot, two H/J, one LJ/TJ, one PV, with the possibility of a temporary PV. One straight only can be used for sprints.

12. The Stadia Committee advised on providing additional PV and HJ pits, and on the need for extra take-off boards for long and triple-jumps to suit all ages. The Organising Committee are reluctant to cut too many additional boards into the runways and suggested that WAVA should make a By-Law accepting records from other runway markings eg. taped or painted lines. The matter was not completely resolved. Stadia Committee will give advice on the ideal required, and the issue should be considered further in April.

13. No 1 Stadium has adequate lighting, and the schedule was based on lighting not being required at No2. Stadia Committee advised that temporary lights should be provided, and the Organising Committee will investigate. An electronic scoreboard is available at No 1 Stadium; plenty of trackside clocks and field events indicators. Although no attempt was made to allocate rooms, it was obvious that there was plenty of accommodation for team managers meetings, WAVA Council/Organising Committee, Jury of Appeal, officials, computers and miscellaneous other requirements. Changing, showering and toilet facilities are adequate.

14. The soccer field can be used for general warm-up plus a four-lane all weather 60 metre warm-up strip with hurdles and a 200m indoor board track.

Equipment

15. VP Stadia agreed to make suggestions on the numbers of implements of different specifications required including, particularly, the range of vaulting poles. Adequate facilities for the receipt and checking of competitor's own implements will be available.

Officials

16. Emery Fischer briefed the meeting on how he would obtain officials and ancillary helpers. He intends to send out, by 1 September, invitations to sufficient graded officials and ask them to respond by 31 December, so that he can select the 400 needed. His intention is to provide one lap-scorer per competitor in the distance track races, record their individual lap times and provide a copy for the competitor after the race. He appreciated the numbers of helpers needed, and the need for relief teams because of long days.

Safety and Technical Judges

17. The function of these was reviewed with particular reference to the steeplechase and hurdles events, and the use of the bat system for warning and disqualification. Revised guidance notes on the subject will be prepared.

Declaration and Reporting By Competitors

18. The importance of fixing the optimum times for first and second calls was discussed; the need to give computer staff time to process declarations into heats and publish the draw; the convenience of athletes and avoidance of interference with warm-ups. Athletes competing before 10.00am will be allowed to sign their declaration sheets the previous evening. Precise information will be given in the competitors' handbook.

Invitation Booklet

19. VP Stadia said that the information contained in the Miyazaki booklet for stadia competitors was a good model, but he reiterated that the non-stadia and administrative matters were not his responsibility. The Organisation Committee are anxious to have the booklet fully agreed by all responsible for input,

during the April Council visit, so that printing can be finished before the EVAA Championships early in June. VP Stadia will check that all necessary advance T&F information is included.

Competitors Handbook

20. Again, the Miyazaki booklet - itself an extension of the Eugene and Turku versions - was accepted as a fair model; and again, it was stressed that it would include matters other than stadia. VP Stadia will monitor the preparation of the booklet, which is not at this stage a priority.

Impact of Non-Stadia, Ceremonial and Administrative Activities

21. Because these activities affect the compilation of a schedule for stadia events, they inevitably entered discussion from time to time, and note was taken of provisional plans, viz:

Opening Ceremony	Friday Evening	14 July
1st Rest Day; Regional, Stad., N/S, Women's Mtgs.	Monday	17 July
Banquet	Wednesday Even.	19 July
2nd Rest Day; General Assembly	Thursday	20 July
Closing Ceremony	Sunday	23 July

22. The Road Walks were planned for Sunday 16 July spaced well in advance of the 5000m track walks.

General

23. Opportunity was taken to discuss the draft of the revised WAVA By-Laws, and VP Stadia was charged to contact Secretary WAVA with suggestions.

24. Arising from earlier discussions it was considered necessary to amend further the WAVA rule relating to qualification from preliminary rounds and to spell it out in some detail. Because we do not, for example, provide a third round in 1500 metres, and avoid it as far as possible for 800m IAAF Rule 141 is not directly applicable. It is therefore necessary to provide fuller information on progress to finals. The question of a third round for younger men's 1500m may have to be considered for the future, and it is likely that one or more countries will submit proposals.

Conclusion

25. The meeting achieved its primary aims. It must become a permanent feature of our planning. The dedication of all present to the task in hand was obvious, and VP Stadia is extremely grateful for their help. All visitors are grateful to those based at Buffalo for their friendship and hospitality.

Bill Taylor

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26 Feb 1994

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All Present