



WORLD ASSOCIATION OF VETERAN ATHLETES

PROMOTING VETERAN ATHLETICS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD
IN COOPERATION WITH THE IAAF



MINUTES FROM WAVA COUNCIL MEETING IN BUFFALO, USA, JULY 1995

Meeting days: Tuesday, July 11 (points 1 - 21)
Wednesday, July 12 (points 22 - 32)
Monday, July 17 (points 33 - 37)
Sunday, July 23 (points 38 - 47)

Present: Cesare Beccalli (chair), Bob Fine, Jacques Serruys, ÁI Sheahen, César Moreno, Hannelore Guschmann, Hannes Booysen, Hari Chandra, Wilhelm Köster, Rex Harvey, Jim Blair, Jorge Alzamora, Pascal Mouassiposso (from item 22) and Torsten Carlus (secretary).

1. Opening of the Council meeting

The President Cesare Beccalli welcomes all Council Members to this Council meeting which he hopes will be constructive and successful.

2. Approval of the agenda

The agenda circulated to the Council Members before the meeting by the Secretary is approved with some items added under the point "Various".

3. Allegations against the WAVA President

3 Affiliates (Aruba, Canada and HongKong) have informed that they want impeachment proceedings instituted against the WAVA President on grounds that he shall have cheated in the elections at the WAVA General Assembly in Melbourne in 1987. The allegations are based upon information from Ferenc Igrenyi, Hungary, who has said that Mr. Beccalli paid OVASE 400 US Dollars to enable Hungary to get 5 votes at the Assembly which they were not entitled to and that the intention of Mr. Beccalli was that Hungary should vote for him as President. Mr. Beccalli was elected WAVA President with a majority of 2 votes which would not have been if the cheating with Hungary had not taken place.

Mr. Cesare Beccalli gives his explanation of what happened in 1987. He was at the time European Delegate on the WAVA Council and was at such not allowed to take part in all Council meetings. This order has later been changed. He realised at the Assembly how votes were given, i.e. the Affiliates had 1 vote each but could then "buy" additional votes if they stated - without control - that they had veterans above certain levels. Maximum number of votes was 5.

The Council gives the President its unanimous support and Bob Fine explains the procedure at the General Assembly where the impeachment demand will have an own point. Bob Fine will as Executive President take over the chair at this point - provided that Canada accuses the President - and will give Mr. Beccalli a chance to explain to the Assembly what he meant happened in Melbourne. Bob Fine will then ask the delegates if they want to proceed - if "no" the matter is closed and if "yes" a "trial" must follow where the 3 Affiliates must provide clear evidence, i.e. Mr. Ferenc Igrenyi must witness.

4. Successor to Bill Taylor

Bill Taylor, WAVA VP Stadia, died very unexpected a month ago and the Council honours him with a silent minute. His death has created some confusion as he was very much involved in the preparations for the world championships.

The Council decides to appoint Jim Blair as temporary VP Stadia for the championships in Buffalo.

Torsten Carlius reports that there are 2 nominations for the office of VP Stadia, i.e. Jim Blair, New Zealand, and Winston Thomas, Great Britain. The Council decides to nominate Jim Blair as the Council's candidate with 11 votes against 1 vote. With regard to the special situation nominations from the floor at the General Assembly will be accepted.

5. Present Stadia Championships

The present Stadia Championships in Buffalo are discussed and Jim Blair, acting VP Stadia, gives a short report of the situation and preparations.

The Secretary Torsten Carlius accounts for countries that are represented at the championships but are not affiliated with WAVA, i.e. Antigua, Barbados, Bermuda, Jamaica, Lebanon, Nigeria and Panama. The athletes will be allowed to start and, as has been the usual order, the Secretary will write to these countries and ask them to apply for affiliation with WAVA.

A discussion follows as to which rules are to be observed in the walking races as there is one participant who, due to an injury, cannot completely comply with the rules. The Council is unanimous in the opinion that the rules shall be followed by all competitors.

Torsten Carlius is elected chairman of the Jury of appeal and will appoint 2 other Council Members each day and ask the organisers to provide also 2 other persons a day.

6. Daily allowances for Council Members in Buffalo

The Council decides that the daily allowance for the Council Members shall be USD 50:- a day, or the same amount as in Miyazaki in 1993, and given with the number of nights as basis.

7. Drug testing

75 tests will be taken of which the Organising Committee pays for 50 tests and WAVA for 25 tests.

The responsible group for the tests are César Moreno, Hannelore Guschmann and Juan Manuel Alonso.

8. Working area for a Medical/Doping Committee

The Council has as proposal to the General Assembly to join the present Medical and Doping Committees into one committee, the Doping & Medical Committee with the same working areas as to-day. The Council decides to let a new committee discuss the working area and then report to the Council for decision.

9. Norfolk Islands

Norfolk Islands has been accepted by IAAF as a provisional Member up to the IAAF General Assembly in Gothenburg on August 1-3, 1995. The Council decides to grant the same status for Norfolk Islands in Buffalo which means participation but no voting right at the WAVA General Assembly in Buffalo. The decision in Gothenburg will then be guideline for affiliation with WAVA.

10. Olympic Glories

Cesare Beccalli reports that the idea with "Olympic Glories" participating on the expenses of the OC and WAVA has not been the success that was envisaged. Only Sara Simonetto, Argentine, has been accepted on this program. The organisers have invited Dwight Stones and WAVA will pay a reasonable amount for him.

However, to clarify responsibilities Mr. Beccalli proposes that the OC covers the costs for Dwight Stones and that WAVA pays USD 5.000:- to the organisers for local TV-coverage plus the expenses for Sara Simonetto. The Council decides according to this proposal.

11. Number of Affiliates and number of votes at the General Assembly

Toosten Carlius reports that WAVA has to-day 115 Affiliates. The number of votes at the General Assembly in Buffalo will be

- Africa	28 votes
- Asia	24 votes
- Europe	63 votes
- North and Central America and the Caribbean	19 votes
- Oceania	15 votes
- South America	13 votes

or 162 votes plus one vote for each Council Member which means in total 176 votes with all present.

12. Financial report/budget draft 1995-96

The Treasurer, Al Sheahen, gives a positive report of the financial position of WAVA for the period Januari 1, 1994-June 30, 1995. The surplus is USD 26.720:12 whereas the budget for 1994-95 has a deficit of USD 5.100:-. The financial situation has in other words developed developed very well.

Discussions re the budget draft are postponed to a later point of the Council meeting.

13. General Assembly

The Council discusses the General Assembly on July 20 with the following decisions:

- A special point for the allegations against the WAVA President is added
- Each candidate in the elections will be allowed 2 minutes to present himself and his program
- The Stadia and the Non-Stadia Committees will consider the proposals within their area of responsibility and thereafter report back to the Council
- The Law & Legislation Committee will meet at 10.00 a.m. on July 20 to review all proposals for clarity of language/inconsistency with present Constitution & By-Laws

14. Women's Assembly

The Women's Assembly will be held on July 17 at 6.00 p.m. Hannelore Guschmann, the Women's Representative, would like to have a small budget for an unofficial Women's Committee. The Council takes a positive position but it is necessary that a program for this "committee" is presented before any money are allocated and cannot be until the next financial year.

The question is raised if the Constitution should be changed so that candidates for the office of Women's Representative are nominated before the Assembly as are all candidates for the Council offices.

15. Africa - extra General Assembly

As have earlier been decided Africa will organise an extra General Assembly in Buffalo on July 13 with elections for the Council. The African Secretary, Mr. Monty Hacker, has distributed an invitation on May 26 to all African Affiliates. The background is last year's General Assembly in Durban when almost only South Africans were elected members of the African Council. WAVA has thereafter reacted to get the Council more representative for all Africa.

Mr. Hannes Booyesen, African Delegate on the WAVA Council, expresses his pleasure and gratitude at the extra General Assembly and underlines the necessity of looking forward and working for the development of veterans' athletics in all Africa. Africa is a large continent with great difficulties to attract competent people to take the responsibility for the continental council. However, the extra General Assembly will hopefully mean a progress.

16. India

The General Secretary, Torsten Carlus, and the Asian Delegate, Hari Chandra, report from the Indian General Assembly in Kurushetra beginning of March. The former leadership was replaced by new persons who have promised to do their utmost to unite all Indian veterans into one national-wide organisation. The Council expresses its pleasure at the achieved results but underlines the ultimate goal to create one veterans organisation in India and decides to follow the development through Torsten Carlus and Hari Chandra. If there is no result more pressure will be put on IVAF.

17. Hungary

Torsten Carlius gives a report on cheating by the Hungarian Association at the European Championships in Athens in 1994 where Babos Imre was entered in a false age-group, M60 instead of the correct M55. Mr. Imre won the silver medal in M60 over 100 meters which was not correct. EVAA has initiated an investigation and it now confirmed that Mr. Imre was only 59 years and 11 months of age at the time for the European Championships. EVAA will handle the matter.

18. Report from WAVA Road Championships in Scarborough in 1994

WAVA VP Non-Stadia, Mr. Jacques Serruys, reports that the organisation was excellent but the number of participants poor, or

- Road running 10 Km 256 competitors
- Road running 25 Km 182 competitors
- Road walk 77 competitors

Rex Harvey means that it might have been wrong time for these championships but Jacques Serruys and Wilhelm Köster mean that the promotion must have been unsatisfactory. Bob Fine underlines that the Council must pay much greater attention to the Road Championships in order to make them more attractive.

19. Report from the Stadia Committee

Jim Blair presents Bill Taylor's report and intend to follow the same way. Jim Blair also actualizes the need to elect a deputy for the committee chairman who can take over when something happens to the chairman. The Council decides to consider this proposal which means that the Constitution must be amended.

20. Report from the Non-Stadia Committee

Jacques Serruys refers to later points where the Non-Stadia questions will be discussed.

21. Report from the Women's Representative

Hannelore Guschmann reports that she has visited 3 championships in 1994 and has for the first time had an opportunity to meet and discuss with female veterans. Many have questions they want to discuss but do not know whom they shall contact.

Wednesday July 12

Before the Council meeting starts the former European Delegate, Dr. Hans Axmann, thanks for greetings during his illness and wishes WAVA and the Council all success. He has now been replaced as European Delegate on WAVA Council by Wilhelm Köster but will remain for another time as European President. The Council Members thank Dr. Axmann and wish him all success.

22. Reports from Regionsa. Africa

Pascal Mouassiposso, the African Delegate, reports that Africa Veterans Athletic Association has 28 Affiliates many of which have no or very small activities and there is a great difference between the IAAF and the WAVA areas. The difficulties were shown also at the first regional championships in Durban in 1994 where many athletes did not show up due to political reasons. The next championships will be staged in Namibia in 1996 and a greater number of participants can be expected as

these championships can be good preparations for the World Veterans Athletic Championships in Durban in 1997. The Durban championships are very important, not as world championships but as the first ever staged in Africa. Mr. Mouassiposso thinks that the cooperation with Hannes Booysen and other persons from South Africa will be successful and all know that South Africa is the leading country with good organisation and adequate financial resources.

Jim Blair asks how many countries have real activities with meetings and national championships. Mr. Mouassiposso certifies that Africa has many veterans and half of the Affiliates to WAVA do have national championships.

b. Asia

Hari Chandra, the Asian Delegate, delivers his report. The Asian Championships in Jakarta in 1994 had about 1.200 athletes from 14 Asian countries. The next Stadia championships will be held in Seoul in 1996 and the next Non-Stadia championships in Abashiri, Japan, in 1995.

Malaysia will bid for the WAVA Stadia Championships in 1999 but there will not be much support from the Asian countries.

Hannelore Guschmann expresses her pleasure at the increasing number of female veterans and activities in Asia which was also demonstrated by the greatest number ever participating in Jakarta.

César Moreno wonders why Asian Veteran Athletes Association (AVAA) charges an annual membership fee. It was understood by the IAAF grant that such fees would be eliminated. Hari Chandra promises to raise the question at earliest possible time.

c. Europe

Wilhelm Köster, the European Delegate, reports that about 2.700 veterans from 38 countries participated in the European Championships in Athens in 1994. Unfortunately the organisation was not so successful. In Valladolid in May there were about 700 participants from 17 countries at the Non-Stadia Championships. The next European Stadia Championships will be held in Malmö in 1996 and the next Non-Stadia Championships in the Hague in 1997.

Birmingham will stage the first European Indoor Championships February 28-March 2, 1997, in Birmingham to which also veterans from all other regions probably will be welcome.

Bob Fine asks if veterans from other regions can participate in the European Stadia Championships but the number of Europeans is so great that the championships must be only for Europeans.

d. North and Central America & the Caribbean

Rex Harvey, the North American Delegate, reports that the regional championships in Edmonton were inadequate as to administration and organisation but that facilities and weather were good. He also expresses his great gratitude to Jacques Serruys and Hannelore Guschmann for their invaluable help. In Edmonton, there were 318 US veterans and 56 guests participating, all with good performance level but in number a little lower than at the championships 2 years ago in Mexico.

The special sponsorship program funded by WAVA was successful. There were 7 requests for sponsorship and the region was able to find sponsors for 6 people.

The next regional Stadia championships will be held in Eugene, Oregon, USA, in 1996.

The regional assembly has elected as secretary a spanish-speaking, 29 years' old Mexican which has aroused some criticism despite the person is very competent. The WAVA Council cannot see anything wrong and supports the person in question.

e. Oceania

Jim Blair, the Oceanian Delegate, delivers his report which accounts for great and extensive activities. The region is very difficult and expensive to administer with regard to its geographical view. The regional championships in 1994 were staged in Suva, Fiji, and were reasonably well attended. The Stadia championships in 1996 have been allocated to Tahiti and the 1998 championships to Hawkes Bay, New Zealand.

The regional association, Oceania Association of Veteran Athletes (OAVA) has with some success tried to approach the IAAF Oceania body to develop a cooperation like WAVA-IAAF. Unfortunately there are some persons who do not welcome such cooperation between the 2 athletic bodies in Oceania.

f. South America

Jorge Alzamora, the South American Delegate, reports of great activities in many countries. International meetings have been staged in different countries the biggest of which were the regional championships in Cali, Colombia, with more than 700 athletes from 10 countries. The next regional championships are allocated to Concepción, Chile, in 1996.

During the last period the affiliation problems in Peru and Bolivia have been solved and the future looks bright for South American veterans athletics.

César Moreno raises the question about Aruba which in the IAAF family belongs to North and Central America & the Caribbean but in the WAVA world to South America. This is an old decision and for the moment there is nothing to be done about it. Jorge Alzamora mentions that also Guyana and Surinam have expressed wishes to change region to North and Central America & the Caribbean. There is a constitutional way to do so but the WAVA Council forcefully establishes that the 2 countries belong to South America and shall continue to do so.

The Council approves of the reports and draws the conclusion that it is very important and essential that WAVA Council Members visit the regional championships to promote veterans' athletics and to get acquainted with the various conditions that are at hand among the regions.

23. Future venues

a. Bruges 1996

Jacques Serruys reports that the invitation booklet is printed and will be distributed in Buffalo. The organisers expect a great participation and are of the opinion that the distance to the venue has not the impact people tend to give it. Much more impor-

tant is the meeting itself and that the athletes know the good atmosphere and organisation. All Council Members are expected to give their support to these championships wherever possible.

b. Durban 1997

Cesare Beccalli reports from his visit to Durban in 1994, a visit that was very successful and clarified all earlier misunderstandings. He met with representatives for the city of Durban, Athletics South Africa and the Organising Committee in Durban. The city has given guarantee for 2.000.000:- rand and will lay a new surface on the track of the B-stadium and arrange for a scoreboard. The facilities are excellent and Durban is a very beautiful city which will guarantee excellent competitions in 1997. The Championships are scheduled for the second half of July.

c. Japan 1998

Japan will probably be awarded these WAVA Road Championships but due to the earthquake some month ago no contract has been signed. The most probable place is Hyogo with use of Akashi Straight Bridge which is the world's greatest suspension bridge. Japan is the only bidder for the 1998 Road Championships and the Council decides to recommend Japan even if they do not bring a signed contract with them to Buffalo and that the Council shall be given the right to accept definitely Japan as organiser when a contract is signed.

24. Bids for WAVA Stadia Championships in 1999

There are at present 4 bidders to these championships and all 4 have been visited and checked by Council Members:

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| - Gateshead | Cesare Beccalli (Bill Taylor) reports |
| - Kuala Lumpur | Bob Fine reports |
| - St. Petersburg | Torsten Carlius reports |
| - Victoria (Canada) | Bob Fine reports |

All 4 cities have adequate facilities and organising capacity which must be reported at the General Assembly. The delegates at the General Assembly will receive a written report on all 4 bidders and their facilities. It is noted by the Council that Kuala Lumpur probably has not the unanimous support from Asia.

25. Entry fees/sanction fees/WAVA fees/contract signatures

The Council decides that the following fees are valid for next world championships:

Entry fees

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| a. Stadia Championships: | First event (which can be a combined event) | USD | 30:- |
| | Each 2nd-4th event | USD | 10:- |
| | Any following event | USD | 17:- |
| b. Non-Stadia Championships: | First event | USD | 25:- |
| | Any following event | USD | 15:- |

Sanction fees

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| a. Stadia Championships: | USD 30.000:- |
| b. Non-Stadia Championships: | USD 1.000:- |

WAVA fees

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| a. Stadia Championships: | USD | 15:- |
| b. Non-Stadia Championships: | USD | 10:- |

The Council also decides to change the present order at the Council meetings even-numbered years at the next Stadia Championships venue so that the OC takes the full expenses for accomodation and 3 meals a day for all Council Members instead of paying the transportation costs for 4 WAVA Council Members.

It is also noted that contracts on behalf of the Organising Committee shall be signed by:

- the Local Affiliate
- the Mayor (or other responsible) of the hosting city
- the NGB (the IAAF-body)

26. Bidding form

The proposed bidding form for future WAVA World Championships, presented by Bob Fine, is approved by the Council for immediate use.

27. Masters Games 1994, Brisbane

Jim Blair, being WAVA representative at the Masters Games in Brisbane in 1994, reports that the Games were just games and not competitions/championships. As long as they remain as such they will be no competitor against WAVA World Veterans' Athletics Championships or other sports championships. However, WAVA could contribute to the organising of Masters Games so that they technically are staged by normal athletic rules.

Bob Fine proposes that WAVA should try to get a seat on the GAISF Board of Directors to get direct information and be able to help. Cesare Beccalli accounts for the attempt in Monte Carlo one year ago when he was a candidate but not elected. WAVA was thereafter offered a co-opted seat which was not accepted but we have promised each other to keep the-contact.

28. Hy-Tek EDP-program

Bob Fine reports that all regions have been offered one copy free of charge and some regions have ordered the copy. Both Rex Harvey and Al Sheahen certify that this program is excellent and that Hy-Tek has also offered to make adjustments to meet our needs.

29. WAVA legal status

Torsten Carlus gives an account for what has so far been done, i.e. contacts with IAAF to see if WAVA can be included in the IAAF status and contact with lawyer in Sweden where WAVA was formally founded in 1977. A copy of the minutes from this meeting would be very valuable but the matter will probably be completed this autumn so that WAVA has an accepted legal status.

30. Gifts (watches, pins ..)

The matter has been discussed earlier. Jim Blair reports that a watch can be obtained for between USD 15 and 25:-. The Council is of the opinion that it is better with a somewhat more expensive watch that works than a cheaper one that does not

work. The Council decides to have watches as a normal ground gift and to buy special gifts from case to case.

Pins should also be bought. Jim Blair and Bob Fine check prices.

31. IAAF Veterans Committee/WAVA Council

César Moreno has as chairman of IAAF Veterans Committee compared IAAF and WAVA to see if WAVA Council can already to-day replace IAAF Veterans Committee if this is as desirable for the WAVA General Assembly as it is for the IAAF Congress. However, it has to be done step by step and the first natural step would be to have WAVA Council and IAAF Veterans Committee integrated with exactly the same persons in both bodies. A closer such integration can be expected at the IAAF Congress elections in Gothenburg in August but the differences might be greater with regard to the WAVA and the IAAF Constitutions which have to be on the same line.

The differences refer mainly to:

- IAAF Council and Committee Members are elected for periods of 4 years while WAVA has at present 2 years' periods. A proposal to change this is expected from the WAVA Council to the General Assembly in Durban
- Not more than one member of the IAAF Council or any IAAF Committee may come from any one country. WAVA has no such limitation and has in some cases more than one person from any one country in a committee. No proposal is at present prepared or considered by the WAVA Council
- Every NGB has one vote at the IAAF Congress while WAVA has a system where the vote range is 1-5. Also here there is no plans to propose any change.

César Moreno upholds as his opinion that the long-term goal, even if there is no hurry, must be to have the WAVA Council to replace the IAAF Veterans Committee but this implies that the differences as above must be eliminated.

Cesare Beccalli states that at present WAVA has no wish for a formal unification with IAAF and wants to keep its independence but wants that the WAVA Council, elected by an independent WAVA General Assembly, is recognised by IAAF as their veterans branch. The long-term policy under these conditions should be to try to come as close as possible to each other's structure and activities. Any change herein for WAVA must be decided by the WAVA General Assembly.

32. Approval of minutes from Council meeting in 1994

The minutes from the WAVA Council meeting in Buffalo April 10-14, 1994 are un-animously approved.

Monday, July 17

33. Committee reports from meetings in Buffalo

a. Stadia Committee

Jim Blair reports that mostly the team managers had a lot of views and complaints on the organisation in Buffalo. The time schedule is bad for many athletes and does not allow them enough time between events. A third part with Competition Rules in the WAVA Handbook is desirable.

b. Non-Stadia Committee

No special to report

c. Law & Legislation Committee

The committee will meet to-morrow to discuss language and conformity of the proposals to the General Assembly.

34. Council's views on proposals from WAVA Affiliates to the General Assembly

The Council goes through the various proposals to the General Assembly from WAVA Affiliates with the following recommendations:

a. Replace 25.000 metres by half-marathon

The Council recommends it.

b. Limit Council's right to amend the By-Laws

The Council does not recommend it as this would limit the Council's authority and possibilities to lead the development.

c. Have the General Assembly to make the final decision about the WAVA budget

The Council does not recommend it as this would open for any possible decision not in line with the WAVA long-term policy. However, the Council means that a closer information about the budget process could be valuable and decides to propose a compromise that the Treasurer distributes his budget draft to all Affiliates 90 days before the General Assembly for their views not later than 60 days before the Assembly and then the Treasurer can review his draft with regard to the comments he has received.

d. Have all changes to competition rules decided by the General Assembly

The Council does not recommend it as this would mean a heavy delay to change present rules when necessary.

e. Change the procedure for approving of new world veterans' records

The Council does not recommend it as the proposal is too circumstantial. However, it is the Council's opinion that a new procedure is necessary and will propose that the Council shall study the matter and present a new proposal to the General Assembly in Durban in 1997 which is mainly based upon the IAAF procedure

f. Hold the marathon on the penultimate day of the championships

The Council does not recommend it as this question is something to be handled by the Stadia/Non-Stadia Committees when planning the time schedule.

g. Limit number of events/limit some events for higher ages

The Council does not recommend it but wants to hand over the questions to the Medical Committee to study.

35. Time for Council meeting in Durban in 1996

The best time for the Council would be April 15-21 and the Secretary shall check with the organisers in Durban to see if this week is acceptable also to them.

36. Ekiden

The Japanese initiative to invite to an Ekiden in Japan in 1994 and/or 1995 has according to available information not been realised.

37. Simultaneous translation at the General Assembly

It has been understood that the organisers in Buffalo will not - contrary to the contract - provide real simultaneous translation at the General Assembly but just have interpreters who translate in groups.

This is a matter that must have another solution weight at future General Assemblies and César Moreno underlines that one important reason for IAAF to give WAVA their grant is just to care for simultaneous translation so that all countries can participate on equal conditions.

The Council decides to see to it that simultaneous translation is provided one way or other in the future.

Sunday, July 23

38. Budget 1996-1997

The Treasurer, Al Sheahen, accounts for his budget draft item by item. It is once more noted that Council Members' presence at the regional championships is very welcome and essential and financial resources must be set aside for these visits in 1996. After the discussions the budget has revenues of totally USD 176.100:- and expenses of totally USD 177.700:- which ends up with a deficit of USD 1.600:-

The Council decides to approve of this budget for 1996-1997.

39. Election of auditors

The General Assembly decided that WAVA auditors shall be independent, professional and appointed by the Council. For the sake of simplicity as the Treasurer is American the Council decides to entrust the Executive Vice-President, Tom Jordan, to find suitable auditors in USA.

40. Promotion of women's road race-walking

At the Women's Assembly Viisha Sedlak proposed that WAVA should find ways through sponsors to implement a special program to promote women's road race-walking. "Walking Magazine" has shown interest to be one such sponsor. It is decided that Bob Fine and Hannelore Guschmann try to find out what sponsor interest can be found and report back to the Council before any program is initiated.

41. Non-Stadia Championships included in vote calculation

The working-group - Jacques Serruys-Al Sheahen-Torsten Carlus - reports from their discussions. The highest number of votes shall remain at 5, the steps between votes shall be enlarged and the Non-Stadia participation can be down-weighted to, for example, 0.8. The proposal will imply that countries that to-day have more than 1 vote can lose votes and countries with great Non-Stadia participation will get more votes than to-day.

In the discussions it is underlined with great strength that an amendment must not mean that present numbers of votes are reduced just as consequence of insertion of Non-Stadia participation in the vote calculation but that just additional votes are acceptable resulting from a change in the calculation.

The working-group will study the possibilities further with the Council discussions as a new starting-point and the matter will be formally decided in Durban in 1996 as a Council proposal to the General Assembly in 1997.

42. Records Committee/approval of world veterans' records

The Records Committee has discussed its activities during the days in Buffalo and has finally agreed upon that the committee should consist only of a chairman plus the 6 regional delegates. The chairman will be an administrative person who compiles records lists based on application forms checked and approved by the regional delegates. The WAVA Council has the final saying in approving of new world veterans' records and the WAVA Secretary will help the Records Committee chairman to get the Council's approval much faster than has been the situation up to now. A regular 3 months' updating will be implemented.

The Council approves of new records compiled up to the Buffalo championships.

43. Contribution to Chernobyl vet runs

The Council decides upon proposal from the Treasurer to give a contribution of USD 500:- to Chernobyl veterans' runs.

44. Watches

Jim Blair has an offer to buy watches as WAVA gifts and the Council decides to grant USD 1.000:- for this purchase.

45. Prepayment of sanction fee

The Treasurer proposes that part of the sanction fee shall be paid when the bid is given/contract signed. It would be a deposit that is refundable if the bidder is not awarded the championships.

The Council finds the idea good and decides to check with IAAF what is their way of handling sanction fees.

46. Bidders' lunch at Assemblies

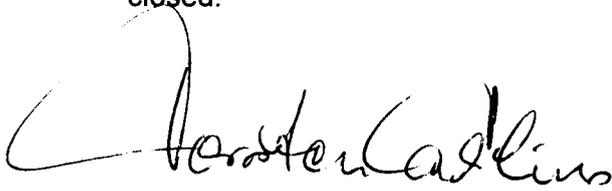
At the General Assembly in Buffalo Gateshead offered all delegates an excellent lunch which in combination with promotion for Gateshead during the lunch might have influenced delegates. However, the majority for Gateshead was so great that the lunch and promotion during it could not have been of decisive importance but still there was what could be seen as an unfair advantage for Gateshead.

The Council decides not to accept in the future any meals from bidders during Assemblies where championships are to be awarded.

47. Closing of the Council meeting

The WAVA President, Cesare Beccalli, thanks all Council Members for their interest and discussions during the Council meeting in Buffalo and hopes that the decisions taken will be to the best for veterans' athletics.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Torsten Carlius". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T" and "C".

Torsten Carlius
WAVA General Secretary

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

AGENDA

WAVA Council meeting Monday, July 17, at 8.00 p.m. in the boardroom at Hyatt Regency Hotel

1. Committee meetings:

* Reports

* Recommendations to Affiliates' proposals of amendments to WAVA Constitution/By-Laws

2. New WAVA Handbooks:

* Regional Delegates on Committees

* Chairmen's nominations for 4 free seats

* Photo of Council

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4. Don-Stadix Championships included in vote calculation (Jacques-Al-Torsten)

5. Elviden

6. Approval of new world veterans' records



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2nd floor*

for WAVA Council meetings in Buffalo, USA, 1995

First meeting will be Tuesday July 11 at 9.00 a.m. and Wednesday July 12 at 9.00 a.m. - both times all day - at Hyatt Regency Hotel

Following meetings will be confirmed the 11th of July but will probably follow the list distributed earlier.

- 9:10A 1. Allegations against Cesare Beccalli - Council position
- 10:10A 2. Successor to Bill Taylor: a) in Buffalo
WRITE 5/200 TO b) Council's candidate for office
VP Stadia *JIM, 11-1*
- 10:30A 3. Matters re the championships/meeting with OC *1000 WL, 270 OFF.*
- 10:45A ✓ 4. Daily allowances in Buffalo for Council members
- 11:30A 5. Drug testing in Buffalo
- 12:00N 6. Working area/resources for Medical/Doping Committee
- 12:30P 7. Approval of Norfolk Island as independent temporary Affiliat
- 12:35P 8. Olympic Glories
- 3:00P 9. Report of Affiliates and number of votes
- 3:10P ✓ 10. Financial report/budget draft 1995-96
- 3:20P 11. General Assembly: a) Agenda
b) Reports
c) Elections
d) Proposals
- 3:40P 12. Women's Assembly
- 4:00P 13. African regional meeting/extra General Assembly *NAMIBIA '90*
- 4:20P 14. Situation in: a) India
b) Hungary
- 4:40P 15. Reports from: ✓ a) Road Championships in Scarborough
✓ b) Stadia Committee
✓ c) Non-Stadia Committee
✓ d) Women's Representative
e) Regions
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- 9:00A
10:55A 16. Future venues: a) Bruges 1996 Non-Stadia
b) Durban 1997 Stadia
c) Japan ? 1998 Non-Stadia
- 11:20A 17. Bids for Stadia Championships 1999/reports from visits
- 12:08P 18. Bidding form/contract
- 3:05 19. Masters Games 1994, report from Brisbane
- 3:25 20. EDP-program for WAVA (HyTek)
- 3:38 21. Legal status of WAVA
- 3:42 22. WAVA watches/pins (Jim Blair) and jackets (Bob Fine)
- Hold 23. Non-Stadia Championships included in vote calculation

- 4:00 24. Amendments to the Constitution/By-Laws - proposals from the Council to the General Assembly in Durban in 1997:
hold till '96
- a) Elections for WAVA Council for 4 years' period instead of present 2 years
 - b) Change of financial year - decided in Buffalo in 1994
 - c) Fixed agenda for General Assembly
 - d) Maraton on the day before the last day
 - e) Cross Country transferred to the Non-Stadia Championships
- 7/17 25. Approval of new world veterans' records
- 4:07 26. Time for Council meeting in Durban in 1996
- 4:16 27. Various IAAF Vets Committee

JUNE 25-26 Brugge
JULY 14-27 European Champs
JULY 20-AUG 4 Olympics
AUG 14-18 USA
AUG 21-25 N. American



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Helsingborg, February 8, 1995



To: WAVA Council Members

Dear Friends,

I hope you have by now received my circular to all our Affiliates re the Stadia Championships in Buffalo and the General Assembly. In this letter we ask for candidates for our future Stadia (1999) and Non-Stadia (1998) Championships and the following Affiliates/cities have declared they will probably bid, i.e.

- **Stadia 1999**
 - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
 - St Petersburg, Russia
 - Gateshead, Great Britain
 - Victoria, Canada
- **Non-Stadia 1998**
 - Japan (city so far not stated)

It is also time to start to prepare **Council Members' reports** to the General Assembly. Not later than 45 days before the Assembly, i.e. May 31, I shall according to the Constitution distribute all relevant material including the reports. My intention is to try, possibly via the IAAF Office, to produce a small "book" with all information for the Assembly. The last time in Miyazaki was my first as Secretary and I felt that we must be able to make something better for the Affiliates and Delegates. So please, Cesare-Bob-Bill-Jacques-AI-Hannelore-myself, try to send me your reports (**OBS! in English and French**) not later than March 31 and then I will be able to meet the time limit.

I have discussed **Council meetings in Buffalo** with Cesare and we have the following preliminary schedule:

July 11	All day with start at 09.00 a.m.
July 12	All day with start at 09.00 a.m.
July 14	In the evening after the competitions
July 16	When suitable due to road work
July 17	Between regional/committee meetings and in the evening
July 19	In the evening after the competitions
July 22	In the evening after the competitions
July 23	In the afternoon/evening

This is preliminary and we can make changes when we meet in Buffalo. We will of course be in the Stadium all day where we can have improvised meetings when necessary. There has come up a proposal to meet also on Monday 24 and if it is necessary we will have a meeting also then. We decide this when we are in Buffalo but those who must leave on Monday shall feel free to do so.

Those of you who have not yet informed me about **arrival/departure times and how many you will be please do that as soon as possible**

The organisers need this information to make their preparations for us and I know they will take good care of us. Please let us help them by giving our information immediately.

Our **Medical Committee** is now formally formed and I enclose a list of it. Dr Juan Manuel Alonso has helped us to find experienced doctors and this committee will no doubt be of great value to us. I will inform the members that everything is now OK but I think it is a good idea if the Area Delegates contact their Delegate on this committee in order to create good relations.

On the **Law and Legislation Committee** I have as chairman nominated another 2 persons, i.e.

Monty Hacker, South Africa

Karel Matzner, Czech Republic

for the 4 free seats. Cesare has appointed them and so the committee lacks only 1 member. Bill is as you know already one of them.

There has been a lot of confusing letters re the **Indian situation** and with Cesare's approval I have written the enclosed letter that with the help of Hari (bad mail service from Sweden) is distributed to all regional secretaries and other persons concerned in India. Our goal is to reach a situation with one nation-wide organisation and I hope and think this can be done now.

Together with Cesare I will prepare **our proposals for amendments** of Constitution/By-Laws during February and distribute them for your comments. I have sent them once before but I think that we all should check the final writing/distribution. I will come back to this shortly. In this context there might be a vote by mail if we shall present a proposal to make one committee of to-day's 2 committees, i.e. the Medical Committee and the Doping Committee which perhaps is a natural step to take.

All the best and see you soon !

