PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO WAVA CONSTITUTION

Submitted by Al Sheahen

6. Election of Officers

Add: All elected officers shall take office at the close of Championships at which they were elected by the Assembly.

Reason: There is no current wording in the Constitution to spell out when a new officer officially takes over. It is logical to do so at the end of the meet rather than in the middle of the Assembly.

Reword Section 6(d), paragraph 3, to read: A nomination may be accepted from the floor at a meeting of the General Assembly if the Presiding Officer is satisfied that there is sufficient reason why the nomination was not made in the proper manner, or upon a majority vote of the Assembly.

Reason: The Presiding Officer (presumably the President) should not alone have the power to accept a nomination (what if the nominee was opposed to the President or one of the President's friends?). If a majority of the Assembly wants to admit a late nomination, that is its right.

9. Standing Committees

Eliminate the first paragraph.

Reason: The paragraph conflicts with Section 4 of the By-Laws. In the By-Laws, the make-up of each committee is spelled out, giving the Chair of the Standing Committee the right to appoint members. The current paragraph gives that right to the President. The two are inconsistent.

11. Impeachment

Amend 11(b) to read: Any 10 members of the Council or any 25 affiliates may institute impeachment proceedings against a member of the Council.

Reason: The current requirement of five Council members or three affiliates is ridiculous and unfair, as we saw last year in Buffalo. If a Council member is underperforming, the other Council members will know it and 10 votes should be reasonable. Currently, any five dissident Council members or any three dissident affiliates can throw the Council into disarray.

11(c). Eliminate the lined-out wording: Not later than seven days after receiving the charges, the Secretary shall inform all members of the Council in writing and-the-President-may-suspend-the-accused-from-office-until-proceedings-are-concluded.

Reason: The President should not have the power to suspend a Council member just because three affiliates say so. A Council member should be presumed innocent until judged guilty by the General Assembly.
4. General Assembly

Amend the last two words in 4(b) to read "seven delegates."

Reason: The current voting system is unfair. The attached sheet gives a few examples: Germany has had 1526 competitors in the last three Championships and is entitled to 5 delegates in Durban. That's a ratio of 305 competitors to 1 delegate.

The Philippines, on the other hand, had 9 athletes and gets 1 delegate, a ratio of 9 to 1. Romania's ratio is 14 to 1, Uruguay, 17 to 1, Ghana, 1 to 1, and Albania, 0 to 1.

Increasing the maximum from 5 to 7 wouldn't help much, but it would make it a bit fairer. Germany's ratio would be 218 to 1, still higher than anyone except the USA, whose ratio would go from 516-1 to 368-1.

Alternate proposal to 4(b): Change the figure 100 to 50 and change the maximum delegates from five to ten. That would keep the same proportion as we now have, and would also benefit nations such as Sweden, India, New Zealand, Italy, etc., who currently have more than one but less than five delegates.

That would make the system much fairer. The USA and Germany would have 10 votes; Sweden 10, Italy 8, France 6, New Zealand 6, etc. The low-participation countries would still have one. The ratios would be equalized. Sweden would be 47-1, France 47-1, USA 258-1, Germany 153-1, Indonesia 61-1, Philippines 9-1.
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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO WAVA BY-LAWS

Submitted by Al Sheahen

2. Council

Under 2(2), In line 2, change six calendar months to 31 days. Drop the word "audited" in line 3.

Reason: The Treasurer does not need six months to prepare the books. Almost all the data comes in within 60 days following the Championships, so it's just a matter of adding a few figures together. And 2(3) specifically says the Treasurer should send a report within 31 days.

The Treasurer does not send an "audited" statement every accounting period. As we agreed in Buffalo, the Council has appointed an auditor who will make periodic audits, but not necessarily every two years.

Under 2(3). Drop the first sentence. It is currently inconsistent with 2(2). If we agree to the proposed 2(2), then the first sentence in 2(3) is redundant.

Under 2(8), drop the requirement for a second signature. It is too cumbersome to get a second signature and make timely payments. It is impossible to get a second signature if we want to send international drafts in foreign currencies, unless we sign special papers authorizing the Treasurer's signature only. Rather than sign special papers, it makes sense to eliminate the requirement altogether. Moreover, many banks don't bother to check for a second signature anyway; they just pay the check. Banks highly discourage two-signature accounts.

3. Council Nomination Procedure

In 3(5), the third-last line, add the word "President at the end of the line after "Presidency:"

Reason: A housekeeping measure. For example, even though there may be a contest for the Presidency, an outgoing President can still be the Presiding Officer during voting.

4. Stadia Committee

Change 4(b) to 11 members. Reason: 4(e) says the OC shall have the right to appoint a member to the Committee. A housekeeping amendment only.

5. Non-Stadia Committee

Same as above. Housekeeping only.
Helsingborg, July 15, 1996

Dear Friends,

Enclosed are the minutes from our Council meeting in Durban. As usual there are many pages and please let me know if you feel something is wrong. Cesare and myself have read them and we think they are correct but it is very easy to make a mistake.

Our new WAVA Handbook is since middle of June with the printer and I had had the hope to distribute it beginning of July but now it seems that we have to wait until after the Olympic Games when the office in MonteCarlo opens up again.

Have a nice summer - we need it in Malmö this and next week for our European Championships!
WORLD ASSOCIATION OF VETERAN ATHLETES
PROMOTING VETERAN ATHLETICS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD
IN COOPERATION WITH THE IAAF

MINUTES FROM WAVA COUNCIL MEETING IN DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA APRIL 15-20, 1996

Present: Cesare Beccalli (chair), Tom Jordan, Jim Blair, Jacques Serruys, Al Sheahen, Hannelore Guschmann, César Moreno Bravo, from § 5, Hannes Booyse, Hari Chandra, Wilhelm Köster, Rex Harvey, Stan Perkins, Jorge Alzamora, from § 5, and Torsten Carlius (secretary)

Monday, April 15

1. Opening of the Council meeting
The President Cesare Beccalli welcomes all Council members to this Council meeting and expresses his hopes for a constructively and successful meeting.

2. Approval of the agenda
The proposed and beforehand distributed agenda for the Council meeting is approved with some additions to point "27, Sundry".

3. Council positions in discussions with local OC
The Council discusses coming negotiations with the local OC and takes the following positions:
- Usual groups are set up to deal with specific areas vis-à-vis the OC
- All Council members shall read the entry booklet until next morning with Torsten Carlius/Tom Jordan/Al Sheahen responsible for a summary
- The simultaneous interpretation for the General Assembly should be negotiated against some other commitment from the local OC (Cesare Beccalli and Tom Jordan responsible)
- The usual procedure with special grants for the TVOs shall be used and Torsten Carlius updates the present list immediately after return home
- The Championships shall be staged July 17-27, 1997

4. Application for affiliation from Greece
Torsten Carlius reports that a new Greek Association, Greek Veterans' Athletic Federation has applied for affiliation with WAVA and wants to replace the present Affiliate, Association Hellenique d'Athlétisme Amateur (SEGAS) which also is the NGB in Greece. This cannot be done without the confirmation by SEGAS and it can be expected that such confirmation will not be given. It is decided that Cesare Beccalli and Torsten Carlius through various channels will
contact SEGAS to informally get its position before any formal request is addressed to SEGAS - all in order to avoid confusion and problems.

5. Meeting with the local OC
The first discussions with the local OC, headed by its chairman Monty Hacker, start and in which the following is decided:
- Joint working groups are set up to study various areas for the championships
- The championships are to be held on July 17-27, 1997
- The normal WAVA validation rules (explained by Cesare Beccalli) shall be observed and used. The WAVA Secretary asks for usual information from all Affiliates about their official stamps/signatures to be used for validation
- "Late entries" are under no circumstances to be accepted after entries on time are registered and also absolutely not during the Championships when programme and starting lists are printed and published.

The working groups will continue their work the coming days.

6. Daily allowances
The Council decides that the daily allowances to cover meals and other individual expenses shall be 50 US $ a person and day.

7. Approval of minutes from Buffalo 1995
The minutes from the Council meetings in Buffalo, USA, in July, 1995, are approved.

Tuesday, April 16

8. Continued discussions re the 1997 Championships
Hannes Booysen expresses his concerns re next year's championships which, according to his mind, do not have sufficient and competent persons so far. The NGB of South Africa is not involved but must be. Officials lack training which might moreover also be a financial problem.

Cesare Beccalli thanks for the views which he shares and promises that WAVA will follow the development. Still Hannes Booysen is Africa Delegate on the WAVA Council and in this position he must follow the preparations and react if something goes wrong. The NGB of South Africa promised their help and support during Cesare Beccalli's last visit but these promises must be followed up.

Jim Blair and Rex Harvey have also noted that the local, personal resources are not so far sufficient but have a feeling that the local OC has now realised the situation.

Re the championships the following items are discussed and decided:
- The entry booklets shall be distributed first to the WAVA Affiliates and not to individuals.
- The WAVA fee shall be evident and not hidden in a "processing fee". Rex Harvey means that the WAVA fee could better be included in a "processing fee" and so easier to explain. The WAVA fee is USD 15:-.
- The entry fees shall be:  
  First event USD 30:-
  Events 2-5 USD 10:- per event
  Event 6 and more USD 20:- per event
  Combined event Always USD 30:- per event
- The relay entry fee is USD 30:- per team. WAVA shall not pay part of this.
- The compulsory transportation levy, proposed USD 10:- per person, shall be deleted

**Wednesday, April 17**

9. **Continued discussions re the 1997 Championships**
Discussions re next year's championships continue with the following items and decisions:
- In the draft contract, signed by the organisers, the WAVA sanction fee is by mistake set to USD 6,000:- instead of the correct USD 20,000:- once decided by the Council. However, the mistake cannot be corrected but perhaps be compensated by the local OC taking some expenses on behalf of WAVA
- Shuttle bus transportation is free
- The visa question must be better checked as sports activities might imply special requirements. TVOs must clarify for their countries.

10. **Review of the 1995 Championships in Buffalo**
The Buffalo Championships were in some respects successful with a very kind atmosphere and helpful officials but the organisation was insufficient and the lack of athletic experience very clear. WAVA has received comments and complaints from some countries (Germany, Australia ...) which must be observed in Durban. All TVOs have not got their promised 10% discount and the result lists have not been properly distributed.

The Council notes the situation but also that no more can be done.

11. **Honouring participants in all Stadia Championships**
A proposal has come up to honour those athletes who have taken part in all WAVA Stadia Championships but the Council sees no reason to do so. An alternative could be to honour those athletes who have taken part in 10 successive championships.
After discussion the Council decides by 13 votes and 1 abstention that WAVA shall not make such honouring but that organisers may, if they prefer so, honour athletes who have taken part in all WAVA Stadia Championships
12. Financial report
AI Sheahen presents the financial report 1994-95 which ends up with a profit of USD 11,820:-. The figures are audited by the WAVA auditors Alder, Green & Hasson without any comments in the auditors' report. The Council approves of the financial report and the auditors' report. The Council shall consider to bring the question of the audit extent to the General Assembly every 4 years.

AI Sheahen reports further that the championships in Buffalo resulted in a deficit of USD 243,996:-.

The deficit in the draft budget 1996-97 is USD 10,500:- which could be covered by a greater local participation in the marathon. There is a proposal from the organisers that local participants shall be allowed at lower fees (50%) which can give higher participation and totally more money.

Jacques Serruy stresses the difficulties with road runners in general as they often do not pass through their national associations. Even in the coming WAVA World Road Championships there are such problems.

After discussions the Council decides unanimously that South African marathon runners shall be allowed to start for a maximum fee of USD 20:- of which USD 5:- is a reduced WAVA fee provided they are members of a veterans organisation in South Africa. It is calculated that this could give another 2,000 participants in marathon which means that the necessary USD 10,000:- (2,000 x USD 5:-) to balance the WAVA budget 1996-97. The budget 1996-97 is hereafter unanimously approved by the Council.

14. Number of Affiliates
Torsten Carlius reports that the number of Affiliates now amounts to 117 compared to 206 for IAAF, divided on the 6 regions as follows:

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15. Bids for 2000 (Non-Stadia) and 2001 (Stadia)
Torsten Carlius reports that to-day there are no bids for the Non-Stadia Championships in 2000 and that there is only one bid, Brisbane, Australia, for the 2001 Stadia Championships. Victoria, Canada, has shown interest for 2001 but has not given a formal bid.
16. Sanction of regional championships in 1996
The regional championships in 1996 are sanctioned as follows:

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**WAFA Delegate**
- Namibia: Jim Blair
- Seoul, KOR: Torsten Carlius
- Malmö, SWE: Cesare Beccalli/Wilhelm Köster
- Eugene, USA: Rex Harvey
- Papete, TAH: Jim Blair
- Concepcion, CHI: Cesare Beccalli/César Moreno

17. Cooperation IAAF-WAVA
César Moreno and Cesare Beccalli both report that the relation between IAAF and WAFA is very good and improves as time passes. In some countries there have been discussions about the veteran age for women but this is 35 years until other is decided by the WAFA General Assembly. A country that wants a change must bring a proposal to the General Assembly.

**Thursday, April 18**

18. Review of contracts 1996-1999 (Stadia and Non-Stadia)
The Council reviews the contracts for future WAFA Stadia and Non-Stadia Championships with the following comments and decisions:

1. **Bruges 1996, Non-Stadia**
The contract is completely in order and the financial conditions are in accordance with Council decisions.

2. **Durban 1997, Stadia**
The contract shall be rewritten with changes already discussed.

3. **Japan 1998, Non-Stadia**
The contract is not yet signed but Japan and probably the city of Kobe is awarded these championships by the WAFA General Assembly in Buffalo, 1995. It is assumed that the organisers will discuss some conditions and it is delegated (by 13 votes against 1 abstention) to Cesare Beccalli/Jacques Serruys/Torsten Carlius to formalise and bring the matter to an end on level similar to Durban when meeting with Japanese Representatives in Bruges.

4. **Gateshead 1999, Stadia**
The contract is sent to BVAF for their signing after agreement with Gateshead. Torsten Carlius has the contact with BVAF.
It is stressed that the national WAVA Affiliate always shall be a contract part.

It is further decided the following order for future contracts:
1. Bidder signs the contract x days (to be decided later) before the General Assembly
2. The Council discusses the contract
3. Necessary new negotiations
4. Decision by the WAVA General Assembly
5. The contract is signed by WAVA

It is delegated to Tom Jordan to work out a new standard contract to be used for future world championships based upon discussions in the Council.

19. Masters Games/S.M.C.I.A.

Cesare Beccalli gives a short description of the situation since meeting in MonteCarlo autumn 1994. The Masters Games are still games but the future development might follow a way to Veterans' Olympics and WAVA must in such a case be prepared to play a leading role. In the meantime Torsten Carlilius has contacts with the Masters Games' Secretary, Mr. Børge Andersen, Denmark. The 1998 Masters Games will be staged in Portland with the athletic events possibly in Eugene with Tom Jordan as organiser, which must not clash with his position as WAVA Executive Vice-President.

Torsten Carlilius reports that a new organisation, S.M.C.I.A., has been founded in Spain with the aim to create Olympics for veterans. Driving person is José Abella, Barcelona, and at a meeting in March a temporary Committee was elected with Torsten Carlilius on one office. A new meeting this autumn will decide the organisation's future.

20. Promotion of women's road race walking

In Buffalo a proposal was presented by Viisha Sedlak to find sponsors to promote women's road race walking over the world and Viisha Sedlak also asserted that she had one sponsor ready. Hannelore Guschmann reported that she had tried, in vain, to meet with Viisha Sedlak in Buffalo and has later also discussed the project and the sponsor "Walking Magazine" with Bob Fine. WAVA has no reason to spend money on subscriptions on "Walking Magazine" - a condition from the sponsor - and the Council decides unanimously to drop the project.

21. New Financial Year

A proposal from Torsten Carlilius to change the WAVA Financial Year from present January 1st even-numbered year-December 31st odd-numbered year to January 1st odd-numbered year to December 31st even-numbered year is defeated by 8 votes against 2 votes and 4 abstentions.
22. Increase of office term from 2 years to 4 years
A proposal from Jacques Serruys that the Council office term shall be 4 years instead of present 2 years and that the total consecutive length in the same office shall be 12 years (3 terms) is approved by 11 votes with 3 abstentions. The proposal includes also terms for Past President and Women's Representative and must be brought to the General Assembly in Durban as a point before the elections here.

23. Non-Stadia activities included in votes calculation
A proposal from the Non-Stadia Committee to include Non-Stadia activities in the vote calculation for WAVA Assemblies is approved as follows:

1. The principle to include Non-Stadia activities
Approved by 12 votes with 2 abstentions

2. Calculation giving an additional vote for 100 competitors at the last 3 Non-Stadia Championships but still limiting the maximum number of votes to 5
Approved by 10 votes against 2 votes and with 2 abstentions

A proposal from Rex Harvey to increase the maximum number of votes to 6 is defeated by 8 votes against 3 votes and with 3 abstentions.

Friday, April 19 (Jacques Serruys absent at §§ 24-25b)

24. Report from Women's Representative
Hannelore Guschmann reports that she has good contacts with most regions, especially with Asia/Europe/Oceania, but problems with South America. Cesare Beccalli/Cesar Moreno promise to help during their visit to Chile and the South American Championships. There are many competitors but poor administration according to Hannelore Guschmann. An unofficial women's group was created in Buffalo and Hannelore Guschmann has great expectations on this group.

Cesare Beccalli raises the question of justification of the Women's Assembly and means that it preserves separation instead of remedying the problem. The Council shares the view and one way to proceed could be that Hannelore Guschmann in Durban proposes that the Women's Assembly be replaced by a Women's Committee.

25. Regional reports
a. Africa
Hannes Booysen presents and comments his written report and means that it is difficult to keep together the activities and have a constant contact. It is possible that a close, smaller group could be more successful than the regional Council. Cesare Beccalli reminded of the efforts made in Miyazaki to create an African cooperation but obviously so far without success. Likewise
Cesare Beccali had had an opportunity to address the African delegates in Gothenburg last year. The interest was great but noone had taken on the hard job when back in Africa. WAVA is prepared to give its best support just there are persons prepared to take the responsibility.

b. Asia
Hari Chandra presents and comments his written report that shows good activity in the region. This year's championships in Seoul are expected to be a great success. The problem is just now Malaysia where 2 organisations are clashing for recognition as WAVA Affiliate. The IAAF NGB is at present not interested to be involved in the discussions and it is delegated to Hari Chandra/Torsten Carlius to try to solve the situation in October.

c. Europe
Wilhelm Köster reports that there are no big problems in Europe. The championships in Malmö will attract record numbers of participants and countries. Europe will test Regional Indoor Championships in Birmingham February 28-March 2, 1997 and will have the European Road Championships in the Hague also in 1997. The number of affiliated countries is good - only small countries (Andorra, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg ...) are outside. In Greece there is a problem similar to that in Malaysia with 2 organisations seeking the WAVA affiliation.

d. North and Central America & the Caribbean
Rex Harvey presents and comments his written report and stresses that the financial conditions for the athletes mostly stop them from participating in championships. Many want to participate but must abstain as they cannot afford the expenses. Athletes from other regions are most welcome to compete in the regional championships in Eugene on August 21-24.

e. Oceania
Stan Perkins presents and comments his report in which he especially stresses the vast area of Oceania. When not being the biggest region in number of Affiliates it is no doubt the most wide-spread with heavy expenses for athletes and associations as inevitable result. One project being evaluated is to let the 2 largest Affiliates, Australia and New Zealand, take more responsibility for the development of veteran athletics in specific nations. Australia will for example assist Papua New Guinea and New Zealand help Cook Islands, Western Samoa or Tonga. Special efforts are being made in both Australia and New Zealand to attract more women and in Australia is the government funded program to encourage women in progress.

f. South America
Jorge Alzamora presents and comments his report. Veteran athletics is on the program all over the region with national championships in all countries and an expected number of about 1.500 participants in the regional championships this year. The region has approved of a new Constitution but the Council has
also received another new Constitution draft from Brazil - quite different from the one now in force and approved in 1994. In Peru the former Affiliate has changed its name and represents now the whole of Peru.

26. Committee reports
   a. Stadia
   The IAAF Congress in Gothenburg last year approved of a proposal to have a lower barrier for the women's steeplechase, or 76.2 cm high, effective from May 1st, 1996. The Council decides to implement the same rule for veteran women and the male age-groups M60 and over, i.e. all age-groups that have 2.000 meters steeplechase. Jim Blair reports that the new, lower height will be used in Durban but during a transitional period the former, higher barriers will inevitably be the only available in many competitions.

   The Council decides on recommendation from the Stadia Committee to allow the same maximum diameter of the shot in all weights for men and women respectively, namely:
   
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   The Council decides further on recommendation from the Stadia Committee that there shall be no medal standards in age groups M90+ and W85+.

   Jim Blair also reports that
   1. New scoring tables for the weight throwing are ready
   2. The rule of 3 throws per event in the weight pentathlon remains
   3. Electronic timing is required for new world veterans records up to 400 meters
   4. The 90% figure for construction of the 400 gr javelin is replaced by 80%

   b. Non-Stadia
   Jacques Serruys presents and comments his report from meetings in Buffalo and activities thereafter. For the forthcoming championships in Bruges as many as 4.000 participants are expected and Japan will host the 1998 Road Championships.

   In the future individual entries to the road championships from people not organised in clubs or belong to national associations can become a problem. In Bruges this has created certain difficulties and the problem must be closer and carefully studied to come to a situation that is clear and can be accepted by all involved.

27. Legal status of WAVA
   Torsten Carlius reports from discussions with lawyers in Sweden that there is no need for special incorporation. WAVA, being founded in Sweden and therefore being regarded as a Swedish association, falls under Swedish law for
non-profit associations which means that there can be no claim for damages or legal actions against WAVA or individual Council Members unless there has been deliberate criminal acts by WAVA or its officers. Damages, as for example in USA, are impossible under Swedish law which shall be applied vis-à-vis WAVA.

The Council debates the matter and delegates to Torsten Carlius to get a written confirmation from the lawyers. When so there is no need for incorporation of WAVA until conditions are changed.

The Council nominates the following candidates for Council offices to be elected in Durban at the General Assembly in 1997:

a. **President** Torsten Carlius, Sweden
   (with 7 votes against 5 votes for Al Sheahan and 2 abstentions)

b. **Executive VP** Tom Jordan, USA
   (with 10 votes against 2 votes for Bob Fine and 2 abstentions)

c. **VP Stadia** Jim Blair, New Zealand (unanimously)

d. **VP Non-Stadia** Jacques Serruys, Belgium (unanimously)

For the offices of Secretary and Treasurer there were no nominations as there was no candidates (Secretary) or candidates proposed to late (Treasurer - Giuseppe Galfetti, Switzerland, Norman Greene Jr, USA, and José Figueras, Uruguay).

29. WAVA Commercial Manager
The British Veterans Athletic Federation (BVAF) has proposed that WAVA appoints a Commercial Manager whose task would be to handle and seek sponsorships for WAVA but not being a Council Member. After discussions the Council approves of the principle but delegates to Cesare Beccalli/Torsten Carlius to clarify the practical side with delegates from BVAF at the WAVA Road Championships in Bruges.

30. World Veteran Records
Pete Mundie has presented a list of new world veteran records which has been studied by Jim Blair and Torsten Carlius resulting in some changes/deletions. The Council approves of the changed list which Torsten Carlius has to send to Pete Mundie as confirmation.

In this context Stan Perkins proposes that a veteran who has set a new world veteran record shall receive a "World record certificate". The Council approves unanimously of the proposal.
31. Council travelling/meeting re Durban in 1997
The Council decides the following travel plan for Council Members at next year's world championships in Durban:

**Arrival:**
- July 13 Executive Vice President, Secretary and VP Stadia
- July 15 All other Council Members

**Departure:** July 28 From Monday evening

The first Council meeting in Durban is set to July 15 at 1.00 a m

32. WAVA pins
It is delegated to Jacques Serruys to order 1,000 WAVA pins.

33. Age-graded 100 meters race
AI Sheahan proposes that it could be an option for the organisers of Durban to stage an age-graded 100 meters race open for all age group winners of 100 meters. After discussion the Council decides by 7 votes against 5 votes and 2 abstentions to reject the proposal.

34. Drug testing in Durban
Drug testing shall take place at the championships in Durban in 1997. The Council appoints Dr. Juan Alonso (chairman of WAVA Doping and Medical Committee), César Moreno and Hannelore Guschmann as responsible for the drug testing.

35. Liaison persons with OC of Durban
The Council appoints Torsten Carlius, Jim Blair and Jacques Serruys as WAVA liaison persons with the OC of Durban in their respective WAVA areas of responsibility.

36. Closing of the Council meeting
The President Cesare Beccalli closes the Council meeting at 6.00 p m on July 19 and thanks the Council Members for good work during the meeting. Hannes Booysen, Africa Delegate on the Council, thanks Cesare Beccalli for excellent guidance of the meeting.

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AGENDA FOR WAVA COUNCIL MEETING IN DURBAN,
SOUTH AFRICA, APRIL 15-20, 1996

1. Opening of the Council meeting
2. Approval of the agenda
3. Meeting schedule
4. Daily allowances during the stay in Durban
5. Approval of minutes from Council meeting in Buffalo 1995
6. Review of last year's Stadia Championships in Buffalo, including study of reports from team managers
7. Meeting with the OC in Durban to discuss:
   a) dates for the championships in 1997
   b) contract and fulfilment of contract obligations
   c) invitation booklet
   d) accommodation procedure/TVO discount
   e) opening and closing ceremonies/Get-together party
   f) drug testing/adequate resources
   g) medals and medal standards
   h) visit to facilities (stadium, courses for cross country & road races/walking, hotels, transports
   i) daily competition programme/timetable
   j) changes in technical rules (steeplechase women ...)
   k) validation of entries
   l) procedure for accepting late entries (if any)
   m) General Assembly (place, lunch, transports, simultaneous translation ...)
   n) place for Women's Assembly and regional meetings

We will as usual create 4-5 groups of the Council Members to handle various matters with the OC.

8. Honouring of participants in all WAVA Stadia Championships
9. Financial report:
   a) Financial statement 1994-95/auditors' report
   b) Budget follow-up 1996-97
10. Number of Affiliates
12. Prepayment of sanction fee

✓ 14. Regional Championships in 1996:
   a) Africa Namibia Sept 19-21  J. Blair
   b) Asia Seoul, KOR Oct 3-6  T. Carlius
   c) Europe Malmö, SWE July 19-27  C. Beccalli/
   d) North America/Caribbean Eugene, USA Aug 21-24  R. Harvey
   e) Oceania Papete, TAH July 6-13  J. Blair
   f) South America Concepcion, CHI Nov 19-23  C. Moreno

✓ 15. Cooperation IAAF-WAVA
   a) Lowest age-group for women


✓ 17. Promotion of women's road race walking

✓ 18. Report from Women's Representative

✓ 19. Regional reports

✓ 20. Committee reports

✓ 21. WAVA legal status


✓ 24. Council amendment proposals to the General Assembly 1997:
   a) new WAVA financial year
   b) extension of office term from present 2 years to 4 years
   c) Non-Stadia Championships included in vote calculation
   d) new impeachment rules (Law & Legislation Committee proposal)

✓ 25. British proposal to appoint a WAVA Commercial Manager

✓ 26. Approval of new world veterans' records

✓ 27. Sundry (E-mail for Council Members ...)

✓ 28. Closing of the Council meeting
Wednesday
0900    Working group General Assembly ...
0900    Working group Meetings
1400    Working group Accommodation/IVOs
1430    Booklet group
1730    Council meeting

Thursday
1000    Mayor tea
1100    Working group Overall questions
1330    Council meeting

Friday
0900    Council meeting
1400    Meeting WAVA/LOC
1600    Council meeting

Saturday
WORKING GROUPS

Mon
Visit to facilities / All Council Members
road courses ...

Thu
Overall questions Cesar / Cesare / Torsten

Invitation booklet, contract obligations, WADA
Jim / Jacques / Rex /
medal standards daily Wilhelm / Hari

Accommodation / Ivo / All / Jorge

Opening & closing cer-
omoies / set together Paul, Willy, Peter, Harry

party

Women's Assembly
General Assembly, Tom / Torsten / Hannelore

9 AM & Regional meetings

Drug testing Torsten / Hannelore / Stan / Cesar

5:30 PM at stadium Tues.
REVISED AGENDA FOR WAVA COUNCIL INSPECTION VISIT TO DURBAN
15 - 19 APRIL 1996

1. **First day - 15 April** - inspection of stadia and non-stadia facilities as well as accommodation facilities to be followed by a Council meeting at 5.00 p.m.

2. **Second day - 16 April**

   Morning to be devoted to Council meeting.

   Afternoon to be devoted to reviewing and debating entry booklet.

3. **Third day - 17 April**

   Morning - reviewing of programme followed by mayoral tea and discussion on opening and closing ceremonies.

   Afternoon - consisting of the review of doping and drugs facilities and discussion on doping and drugs requirements and thereafter a discussion on the reviewing of the medals for Durban 1997.

4. **Fourth day - 18 April** - review of WAVA contract and discussion on the facilities available for simultaneous translation. Inspection of facilities available for the General Assembly and the various Council, Regional and Womens’ Assembly meetings with time for further inspection visit to the competition sites.

5. **Fifth day - 19 April** - brief meeting to review matters generally and for meeting with members of the organising committee to receive recommendations and directions from WAVA Council. Thereafter, closure of the meeting with members departing on optional tours in KwaZulu-Natal to game reserve and/or private visits to Johannesburg.

Council meeting lasts until April 20