

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, JULY 15-26, 1997

- Meeting days: Tuesday, July 15, 1.00 p m Wednesday, July 16, 2.00 p m Sunday, July 20, 9.15 a m Wednesday, July 23, 10.00 a m Saturday, July 26, 10.00 a m
- Present: Cesare Beccalli (§§ 11-41, chair), Tom Jordan (chair §§ 1-10), Jim Blair (§§ 1-20, 26-41), Jacques Serruys (§§ 1-15, 26-41), Al Sheahen (§§ 10-41), César Moreno Bravo (§§ 1-29), Hannelore Guschmann (§§ 1-15, 26-41), Hannes Booysen, Hari Chandra, Wilhelm Köster (§§ 9-41), Rex Harvey (§§ 1-15, 31-41), Stan Perkins (§§1-25, 30-41), Jorge Alzamora, Giuseppe Galfetti (§§ 30-41), Monty Hacker (§§ 30-41), Bridget Cushen (§§ 30-41) and Torsten Carlius (Secretary).

Tuesday, July 15

1. Opening of the Council meeting

The WAVA President, Cesare Beccalli, being delayed Tom Jordan, Executive Vice-President opens the Council meeting and welcomes all Council Members present with the hope of a constructive and successful meeting.

2. Approval of the agenda

The proposed and beforehand distributed agenda for the Council meeting is approved with some additions to item "26, Sundry". The Council decides on the Secretary's proposal to cover items 1-9 + 23 this first day while waiting for the President and postpone all other items.

3. Approval of minutes from Council meeting in Durban in 1996

With addition of the following 2 proposed amendments to the WAVA Constitution, proposed by Al Sheahen and unfortunately not recorded, the minutes from the Council meeting in Durban April 15-20, 1996 are approved.

- Addition to par. 6 (e), Election of Officers

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

- Amendment to par. 11 (b), Impeachment

Present numbers of Council Members and Affiliates to institute impeachment are changed into any 10 Members or any 25 Affiliates instead of present 5 Council Members or 3 Affiliates

Both proposals were unanimously approved by the Council and are brought forward to the General Assembly in Durban. The Secretary expresses his regrets for the mistake not to record them in the minutes.

4. Daily allowances

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The Council decides that the daily allowances to cover meals and other personal expenses shall be USD 50:- a person and a day.

5. Meeting with the LOC

A first meeting with the LOC is held to update the Council Members and to coordinate important activities:

- Hannelore Guschmann and César Moreno Bravo are appointed liaison persons between WAVA and the LOC for the drug testing
- Torsten Carlius and Tom Jordan will chair the jury
- The Closing Ceremony will be discussed later between WAVA and the LOC.

6. Number of Affiliates

Torsten Carlius reports that the number of WAVA Affiliates now amounts to 121 compared to 115 in 1995 and to 117 in 1996. The increase of 6 Affiliates since Buffalo in 1995 refers to North and Central America & the Caribbean (3 new Affiliates) and to Europe, Oceania and South America (1 new Affiliate each).

Torsten Carlius also underlines after discussions with IAAF the necessity of respecting the new flags of HongKong, that will participate as independent Affiliate, and of Chinese Taipei, that has a special flag for international meetings/championships. WAVA must see to it that these flags are used in Durban at all official occasions.

Al Sheahen reports that the number of Affiliates' Delegates at the Women's Assembly and at the General Assembly is calculated to 175 to which comes the Council votes, 14 votes, adding up to a maximum number of 189 votes at the two Assemblies.

7. Bids for next WAVA World Championships in 2000 and 2001

Torsten Carlius reports that complete bids for the Non-Stadia Championships in 2000 and the Stadia Championships in 2001 with documents and preliminary contracts have come from:

Non-Stadia in 2000:	Cardiff, Great Britain Valladolid, Spain
Stadia in 2001.	Drichene Australia

Stadia in 2001: Brisbane, Australia

Portland has withdrawn its bid for the Non-Stadia Championships in 2000 and Kuala Lumpur and Victoria have done the same for the Stadia Championships in 2001.

The bidders are well prepared for presentations at the General Assembly on July 24.

Jacques Serruys reports that a new LOC is formed in Kobe for the Road Race Championships in 1998 but Japan Masters Athletic Association has the final responsibility. The contract with Kobe LOC is not yet fully signed but will be so shortly. A delegation from Kobe will visit Durban to finalise all details. Torsten Carlius informs of the WAVA promise to donate all WAVA fees above 5.000 entrants to the reconstruction of Kobe after the great earthquake – a promise that is included in the contract.

8. Sanctionning of Regional Championships in 1998

The Council decides to sanction the following Regional Stadia Championships in 1998:

Africa	prel. Mauritius at end of August
Asia	Okinawa, Japan, October 15-18
Europe	Cesenatico/Bellaria, Italy, September 11-19
North and Central Ame-	
Rica & the Caribbean	Barbados, November 19-22
Oceania	Hawkes Bay, New Zealand, January 17-24
South America	Porto Alegre, Brazil, November 1-8

IAAF will be informed to include these Championships in their calendars.

9. Pins/patches/watches

Torsten Carlius shows pins produced through Jacques Serruys which are proposed to be sold through the LOC. Remaining patches are portioned out to the Council Members.

Jim Blair reports that he has 24 WAVA watches to be used as gifts.

Wednesday July 16

10. Women's report

Hannelore Guschmann, the Women's Representative, presents her report which also is included in the Assembly Booklet.

An important issue has long been the health and safety for female veterans and Hannelore Guschmann presents a draft guideline on these matters to be studied by the Council Members and discussed at a later session in Durban.

11. Regional Reports

<u>Africa</u>

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Hannes Booysen presents and comments upon his report which this time is

a little more positive than previous ones as 12 African countries are expected to participate in Durban. A inquiry, done in springtime by the WAVA Secretary, shows that money and education is the most wanted help for African countries. Africa has its Regional Championships like all other regions but the participation is poor – mostly due to lack of money.

To make the African Affiliates feel solidarity with each other and with the Regional Association Hannes Booysen would like to have a symbolic annual membership fee (even as low as USD 1:-). Jim Blair expresses the same wish for Oceania and asserts that the underdeveloped regions need permanent extra resources. Cesare Beccalli reminds the Council of the IAAF-WAVA agreement that IAAF gives WAVA a grant as compensation just for Affiliates fees and if regions reintroduce annual fees IAAF will withdraw its grant. Mr. César Moreno, IAAF Representative confirms the agreement whereafter the Council's answer to Hannes Booysen's question is "No".

<u>Asia</u>

Hari Chandra reports that Asia has big activities but still with only 13 countries out of 17 Affiliates participating actively. Last year's Regional Championships in Seoul gathered about 1.100 athletes.

There is continued tension in Malaysia between MAVA, the official Affiliate of WAVA, and KLAVA, the State Association of Kuala Lumpur. The two will send separate teams to Durban but both participate under "Malaysia". In India Mr. V. Suryanarayana has been reinstated as Secretary of IVAF as Mr. K. Parija resigned. Also in India there is an opposite group, AIVAA, headed by Mr. M.K. Sarkar, and a meeting now in Durban between the two groups, chaired by WAVA, will probably be necessary.

Europe

Wilhelm Köster reports that last year's European Championships in Malmö were a great success with 3.422 participants from 34 out of 39 affiliated countries. The next Championships in Italy in 1998 are expected to have still more athletes. The drug tests in Malmö were fortunately all negative but one male athlete from the Netherlands refused testing and is reported to IAAF.

On February 28-March 2,1997, Europe had irs first Veterans' Indoor Championships staged very successfully and professionally by BVAF in Birmingham with 1.204 athletes from 29 countries. Provided a positive decision by the European General Assembly in 1998 European Veterans' Indoor Championships will be added to the European programme every odd-numbered year. On May 30-June 1, 1997, the European Veterans' Road Race Championships were held in the Hague, the Netherlands, with 965 participants.

Due to close and personal relations the cooperation between the IAAF Regional Association EAA and EVAA is very good but can develop still more.

North & Central America & the Caribbean

Rex Harvey reports that last year's Regional Championships were the most successful ever with 680 participants of which some represented countries outside the region. The next Championships will be staged in Barbados that, however, must apply for affiliation to WAVA before the Championships. The regional support from WAVA will be used just for the Championships in Barbados (travelling, equipment and other urgencies).

Rex Harvey also expressed his thanks to Cësar Moreno for his help to win three new Affiliates, i.e. El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras, to the Region.

<u>Oceania</u>

Stan Perkins reports that last year's Regional Championships were held in Tahiti and were a great success. The next Championships will be staged in Hawkes Bay, New Zealand, in January 1998. The geographical situation in Oceania creates problems and the Region has more or less only two reliable Affiliates, i.e. Australia and New Zealand, which must take the greatest part of responsibility for the activities in and development of the Region.

The project in New Zealand for development of women's athletics is going on and results will be reported later. The WAVA financial contribution is so far kept on a bank account.

South America

Jorge Alzamora reports of great success at the Regional Championships in Concepción, Chile, with more than 1.500 competitors which was about 700 more than two years ago in Cali. The number of female veterans is very high at South American Championships. South America is the only WAVA Region where the number of Affiliates equals that of IAAF with 13 Affiliates for both. The next Regional Championships in 1998 will be held in Porto Alegre, Brazil, and Mr. Alzamora expresses his expectations that WAVA Delegates will be present like in Venezuela in 1992, Colombia in 1994 and Concepción in 1996.

The needs and wishes among South America veterans, especially among women, are financial support for participation in Championships and other meetings and for training/education. The WAVA contribution is mostly used to buy equipment for the Affiliates

A common problems for all Regions is that some Affiliates do not respond to circulars or take part in Championships/Assemblies. The Regional Associations have no contact with these Affiliates. César Moreno certifies that IAAF has the same situation and one way could perhaps be that IAAF and WAVA take some joint actions. The Council decides that

- WAVA should join forces with IAAF on this issue
- the WAVA Area Delegates inform their Regional Associations, and

- the WAVA Regional Associations should try to get a seat on the IAAF Regional Associations' Councils to have a base for mutual discussions

12. Financial report

The Treasurer, Al Sheahen, comments upon his financial reports, i.e.

- Profit and loss statement January 1, 1996 June 30, 1997, and
- Balance sheet as per June 30, 1997

The budget 1996-1997 has a deficit of USD 11.100:- which, however, can be expected to change into a surplus according to the Treasurer's judgement.

The Durban OC has not yet transferred the WAVA fees which, according to the contract, were due not later than June 30. The Council discusses to charge interest on the LOC but decides to refrain provided the fees are transferred before the WAVA General Assembly on July 24.

13. Budget 1998-1999

The WAVA General Assembly in Buffalo in 1995 changed the order for approving the WAVA budget and the Treasurer has followed the new order by sending out the proposed budget to all Affiliates without getting any objections back.

The Council decides to approve of the budget after having added USD 2.000:- for Past President's expenses and USD 12.000:- for Council Computer Network. The budget ends up with a surplus of USD 5.000:-. In the discussions Rex Harvey underlines the necessity of getting E-mail addresses for the Council Members and promises to work out a questionnaire to evaluate the current situation among the Council Members.

14. Commercial Manager

British Veterans Athletic Federation (BVAF) has raised the issue of appointing a WAVA Commercial Manager in order to try to increase WAVA income. Ron Bell is invited to outline and comment upon the proposal which also is a proposal to the General Assembly. After the presentation intense discussions follow. Stan Perkins underlines the need of a Business Plan for WAVA and a draft should be prepared to the next Council meeting in Gateshead.

After the discussions the Council unanimously decides to

- accept the principle of a WAVA Commercial Manager, and
- prepare a draft programme/business plan to the next Council meeting by a sub-committee to be appointed later

BVAF is satisfied and will withdraw its proposal to the General Assembly.

15. Discussion with Gateshead delegation

The WAVA Council meets with a delegation (Ron Bell, Keith Whitaker and Debbie Ross) from Gateshead – the organizer of the 1999 WAVA Stadia

Championships. The delegation gives a short report on the preparations and the situation to-day. The contract will be signed by both parties before the General Assembly in Durban.

Sunday, July 20

16. WAVA contribution to Africa participatimg countries

An inquiry was done in May among WAVA Africa Affiliates how WAVA could best support veterans athletics in Africa. Most countries have put financial support as the most important. The Council states that there are no funds available for such support and the Africa annual subsidy is already paid out.

Hannes Booysen, who is very much aware of the situation, confirms that the Africa Association already tries to use its funds just for support of the Affiliates but the funds are very small compared to the needs.

The Council decides to postpone a decision until after the General Assembly and possibly invite to an African meeting.

17. WAVA General Assembly

The General Assembly will be held on July 24 with 4 Council proposals and 14 proposals from Affiliates to amend the Constitution/By-Laws/Rules of Competition. The various WAVA Committees must prepare the Council's position on the Affiliates' proposals within their area. Torsten Carlius will try to assemble the Law & Legislation Committee to a meeting to study the proposals and underlines his opinion that the WAVA Secretary shall always chair this committee.

18. WAVA standard contract

Tom Jordan is responsible for preparing a draft WAVA standard contract but this cannot come into effect until after the Stadia Championships in 2001.

19. Affiliate problems

India: The two parties are invited to a meeting on July 22 to discuss how to solve the problem in India. All Council Members are welcome but in any case Torsten Carlius and Al Sheahen should be present. The alternatives for the parties are either to reach an unification within 6 months or that IVAF will be suspended as WAVA Affiliate and only individual entries will be accepted for India.

<u>Malaysia</u>; Hari Chandra explains the situation in Malaysia where no progress has been reached. However, the two teams participate under Malaysian flag but have no other solidarity. WAVA can at present do nothing but await a positive development.

20. Evaluation of Stadia Championships in 1995 (Buffalo) and Non-Stadia in 1996 (Bruges)

The general feeling in the Council is that in the future WAVA must have a much stronger grip on World Championships which means that:

- our information to organizers must be much more comprehensive and detailed,
- WAVA Technical Delegates must follow preparations much closer, and
- WAVA Technical Delegates must be on place at least 10 days before the start of Stadia Championships and some days before the start of Non-Stadia Championships for a last check and follow-up of everything

This means that more funds must be allocated in budgets for WAVA World Championships.

21. Cooperation IAAF-WAVA

César Moreno, IAAF Representative on WAVA Council and Chairman of IAAF's Veterans Committee confirms that there are no signs of reduced interest on IAAF's side for continued and improved cooperation as long as this is to the benefit of both organizations. Even if IAAF at present has not negotiated all its sponsorships for the present period WAVA is granted the same amount as before, i.e. USD 40.000:- a year.

César Moreno also underlines the great importance that the IAAF Veterans Committee now is elected by the IAAF Congress which gives this committee the same status as all other IAAF Committees.

Wilhelm Köster brought up the discussions of women's veteran age within IAAF Women's Committee and IAAF Technical Committee and means that these two committees should not have anything to say on this subject. Any change can only be sanctionned by WAVA General Assembly which is also confirmed by Cesare Beccalli.

22. Cooperation with Masters Games

The attitude from Masters Games organization (IMGA) has improved still more and they are now interested in a closer cooperation. If a closer cooperation programme, including the matter of WAVA participation in a "Veterans' Olympics", shall be set up between WAVA and IMGA it presupposes a clear statement from IMGA to follow strictly the WAVA rules. Any binding decision for WAVA must of course be preceded by a WAVA General Assembly decision.

Cesare Beccalli and Torsten Carlius will attend the IMGA Annual Meeting in Duisburg in October for further discussions with the IMGA Council.

23. WAVA legal status

Torsten Carlius reports from further discussions with legal experts in Sweden. They have confirmed that a non-profit (sports) organization like WAVA, founded in Sweden, will take the legal shape of a company even if it is not registered by authorities as such as soon as it is founded, a Constitution is adopted and the Board is elected. This means that the organization can be responsible only up to 100% of its assets and that the Board Members will not be personally responsible, provided of course that they have not acted illegally. If WAVA changes its domicile the matter must be looked into again from where, i.e. in which country, the new domicile is located as startingpoint

24. New world veterans records

A meeting is set to July 23 at 11.00 a m and the Council will hereafter get a report.

25. WAVA flags

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The Council decides to produce another 5 WAVA flags.

Wednesday, July 23

26. Report from Law & Legislation Committee

Bob Fine, Chairman of WAVA Law & Legislation Committee reports from meeting with some Committee Members on proposals for amendment of WAVA Constitution/By-Laws/Rules of Competition. The two German proposals on "Organizational Committee" must be re-written to be in line with rules for all other WAVA Committees. Tom Jordan will take care of this matter.

27. Thank to the Durban OC

The Council decides to invite the most important persons on the Durban OC to a dinner on Saturday evening to thank them for their great job.

28. Proposal to modify age-group qualification

Present rule says that an athlete's age-group shall be determined by the date of his/her birth on the day before the start of the Championships. Al Sheahen proposes a modification implying that an athlete shall compete in the age-group for which he qualifies on the first day of his/her first event. The proposal is defeated by the Council by 12 votes against 1 vote.

29. Half-marathon in the Stadia Championships

The WAVA Honorary Life Vice President Clem L. Green has asked the Council to consider to add a half-marathon race to the World Stadia Championships. After discussions the Council unanimously rejects the proposal.

Saturday, July 26

30. Letter from Durban Mayor

The Mayor of Durban has sent WAVA a letter in which he excuses mistakes during the first days of the Championships. The Council regards the letter as fair and correct and appreciates the good intentions and good-willing. Cesare Beccalli and Tom Jordan are charged to answer the letter.

31. Gateshead Entry Booklet

The Gateshead OC wants to print and distribute their Entry Booklet as soon as possible and has given the Council a draft to study. According to Jim Blair/Stan Perkins/Tom Jordan many technical changes are necessary and the Stadia Committee wants to study the draft at their meeting Monday morning before any answer can be given.

The Council decides that all Members shall have a copy each and shall send their comments no later than August 30 to Tom Jordan who then coordinates the WAVA answer.

32. WAVA Committees 1997-1999

The Council decides that all WAVA Committees shall be chaired by a Council Member and the following are appointed:

- Stadia

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- Non-Stadia
- Discipline
- Doping and Medical
- Law & Legislation
- Records
- Organizational Advisory

Jim Blair (elected VP Stadia) Ron Bell (elected VP Non-Stadia) César Moreno Stan Perkins Monty Hacker Wilhelm Köster Tom Jordan (elected Executive VP)

Moreover the Council decides to set up an unofficial Women's Committee this period to be chaired by Bridget Cushen (elected Women's Representative).

33. Mercosul

Paulo Baltazar da Rosa, Brazil, has contacted WAVA for recognition of Mercosul, a regional organization in South America. The WAVA Secretary has answered Mr. Baltazar da Rosa that this is impossible and that Mercosul must turn to Asociacion Sudamericana de Atletas Veteranos which is also the organization that shall sanction meetings of Mercosul.

34. Business Plan

A group consisting of Torsten Carlius/Tom Jordan/Ron Bell/Stan Perkins is set up to prepare a draft business plan to be discussed at the next Council meeting in Gateshead.

35. WAVA Handbook 1997-1999

The Council decides that the next issue of the WAVA Handbook shall be in English-French-German-Spanish. Printing shall wait until the next Council meeting to include possible amendments decided during this but the new Secretary Monty Hacker prepares a draft ready for printing immediately after the Council meeting.

36. IAAF Women's Athletic Year

IAAF will celebrate 1998 as "Women's Athletic Year" and WAVA should somehow participate. Various ideas are discussed but Bridget Cushen is responsible for preparing a draft programme with alternative targets for WAVA.

37. Transition of Treasurer/Secretary's offices

Al Sheahen will close the books as per September 30 and then the new Treasurer, Giuseppe Galfetti, will take over. All requests for reimbursement must be sent to Al Sheahen within 2 weeks.

Torsten Carlius and Monty Hacker will find a date for transition of the Secretary's duties and records.

38. Financial support for Mansour Dia, Senegal

On an exceptional basis the Council decides to help Mansour Dia, triple-jumper from Senegal, with USD 450:- for travelling expenses plus some help with food and accomodation.

39. Reduction of relay fees

On a proposal from Jim Blair the Council decides to reduce the relay fees in Durban to 100 Rand a team.

40. Next Council meeting

The next Council meeting will be held in Gateshead April 2-5, 1998, starting with lunch on the 2nd and ending in the afternoon of the 5th.

41. Closing of the Council Meeting

Hannes Booysen, Africa Delegate on WAVA Council, expresses his gratitude for these first WAVA World Championships awarded to Africa and his hope that many more will follow. Aware of initial shortcomings he also means that the OC must be proud of the organization of the Championships and expresses his thanks to Monty Hacker, Chairman of the OC,

Hereafter Cesare Beccalli thanks the Council Members for good discussions and closes the Council meeting with his warmest well-wishes to the new Council.

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Torsten Carlius WAVA Secretary



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AGENDA WAVA COUNCIL MEETING IN DURBAN JULY 15 & 16

Cardiff

Brisbane

The meeting will start at 1.00 p m on July 15 and at 10.00 on July 16. The meeting will be held at our Hotel, Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, probably in the same room we used last year.

- 1. Opening of the Council meeting
- 2. Approval of the agenda
- 3. Meeting program in Durban
- 4. Approval of the minutes from 1996 (April 15-20)
- 5. Daily allowances in Durban (USD 50 a day)
- 6. Meeting with Durban LOC (at 2.00 p m on the 15th)
- 7. Number of Affiliates
- 8. Bids for: 2000 (Non-Stadia)

Portland (expected to withdraw) Valladolid

2001 (Stadia)

Check of contracts and other matters

9. Sanctionning of regional championships in 1998

10. Reports

Women's Representative Regional Delegates WAVA Committees

- 11. Financial report
- 12. Budget 1998-99 (to be presented at the General Assembly)
- 13. WAVA contribution to participating countries from Africa
- 14. WAVA standard contract
- 15. WAVA Commercial Manager (Ron Bell is invited)
- 16. Affiliate "problems"

Malaysia

Elections

India

- 17. Evaluation of Stadia Championships 1995 in Buffalo and Non-Stadia Championships 1996 in Bruges
- 18. Cooperation IAAF-WAVA
- 19. Cooperation WAVA-Masters Games
- 20. WAVA General Assembly

Council proposals

Affiliates' proposals with WAVA Committees' recommendations Bidders' presentation

- 21. Legal status of WAVA
- 22. World Veteran Records procedures and approvals
- 23. WAVA pins and patches
- 24. Proposed amendment to Rules of Competition by Al Sheahen (too late to be brought to the General Assembly in Durban) see letter
- 25. Meeting in Gateshead in 1998
- 26. Sundry

TRAVELLING PLANS WAVA COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR DURBAN 1997

	Person	Arrival	Departure
12	Cesare Beccalli	July 16, 13.00 SA 513	July 28, by bus
15	Tom Jordan	July 13, 18.00 SA 525	(July 28, 16.15 SA 524)
16	Jim Blair Colleena Blair	July 13, 13.00 SA 513 July 15, 08.00 SA 501	July 29, 14.00 SA 520 July 28, by bus
13	Jacques Serruys Hannelore Guschmann	July 14, 10.00 SA 505 July 14, 08.25	July 28, 19.00 SA 532 July 30, 10.30
14	Al Sheahen	July 14, 15.25 SA 626	July 30, 11.00 SA 514
15	Torsten Carlius	July 13, 11.35 SA 606	July 28, 17.00 SA 526
11	César Moreno	July 14, 18.00 SA 525	July 25, 19.30 SA 054
12	Hannes Booysen with wife	July 15, 08.00 SA 501	July 27, 14.00 SA 502
13	Hari Chandra and Thanga Chandra	July 15, 08.00 SA 501 July 16	(July 28, 12.30 SA 554)
13 (Wilhelm Köster and Marlies-Köster	July 15, 11.00 SA 6630	July 28, 16.30 SA
17 0	Rex Harvey with	July 12, 18.00 SA 525	July29, 09.00 to Zimbabve)
14	Stan Perkins and Wilma Perkins	July 15, 09.00 SA 503	July 27, in the evening
13	Jorge Alzamora with wife	July 14, 16.00 SA 517	July 27, 08.00 SA 502)

There is need for 7 rooms with 2 beds and another 6 rooms for those who will come alone.

Jim and Colleena Blair have specifically asked to be placed on a Non Smoking floor which I think all others would also appreciate.



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To: All WAVA Council Members

Dear Friends,

Enclosed is the proposed agenda for our Council meeting in Durban starting on the 15th at 1.00 p m in our hotel. For $\S24$ Al has asked that we discuss an amendment to the Rules of Competition, 4 (2), with the meaning that an athlete shall compete in the age-group for which he qualifies on the first day (his first event) and not on the first day of the Champion-ships as it is to-day.

I also enclose the travel plan for us all and ask you to check that the information is correct as the LOC will organise to pick us up at the airport following the travel list.

You will also see that Cesare will not arrive until on the 16th. We start the Council meeting as planned and the agenda is made out so that we can go through items 1-10 before Cesare arrives.

If you have any comments or wishes to the agenda or else please let me know by return as I will leave on July 9 to arrive in Durban on the 13th.

I the best and see you soon !

PROPOSED DAILY PROGRAMME IN DURBAN

13 (Sunday) Arrival of Tom, Jim and Torsten 15 (Tuesday) Arrival of all other Council Members Our hotel will be as last time: Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza 63 Snell Parade P.O. Box 4094 Durban 4000 phone: 27 - 31 - 37 1321 fax: 27 - 31 - 32 5527 First Council meeting at our hotel at 1.00 - 7.00 p m The LOC will join us at 2.00 p m for information on the championships and other matters The LOC will give a dinner for us in the evening. 16 (Wednesday) Council meeting from 9.00 a m in our hotel Managers' meeting at 7.00 p m at the Stadium 17 (Thursday) Competitions start Planned reception by the Mayor of Durban (6.30/7.00 pm) Rehearsal of the Opening Ceremony at the Stadium in the evening 19 (Saturday) Competitions end at 5.30 p m Opening Ceremony at 7.00 p m in the Stadium which is planned to last for about 2 hours 20 (Sunday) Brisbane plans a dinner for Council Members and other

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guests at 8.00 p m. Invitation cards will be sent out to those invited.

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Regional meetings at our hotel. Starting times will be 21 (Monday) discussed with Regional Delegates on the Council. Committee meetings in the afternoon at our hotel from 2.00 p m. Women's Assembly at 6.00 p m at our hotel. 23 (Wednesday) Athletes' party in the evening at N-shed in the harbour 24 (Thursday) WAVA General Assembly at 9.00 a m in our hotel. Lunch for all delegates is given by WAVA at the hotel. Special wedding ceremony at the Stadium. Last competition day with Closing Ceremony in the 27 (Sunday) Stadium at 6.00 p m (prel.) Council meeting (if necessary) in the morning at our 28 (Monday) hotel.

Departure in the evening

We will add other Council meetings if necessary but during competition days we will have such meetings in our WAVA room at the Stadium.

There will be a Managers' meeting each competition day at 7.15 a m at the Stadium.