



# WORLD ASSOCIATION OF VETERAN ATHLETES

PROMOTING VETERAN ATHLETICS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD  
IN COOPERATION WITH THE IAAF



## MINUTES OF THE WAVA GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN MIYAZAKI, JAPAN, OCTOBER 14, 1993

**Present:** Cesare Beccalli in the Chair, the WAVA Council

**Guests:** Suketaka Matsukata, Governor of Miyazaki Prefecture,  
Lamine Diack, IAAF Vice President  
Amadou Diarra, IAAF Veterans' Committee

**Delegates for WAVA Affiliates** (number of Delegates in brackets):

**Africa:** Cabo Verde (1), Senegal (1), South Africa (1)

**Asia:** Brunei (1), People's Republic of China (1),  
Hongkong (1), India (2), Indonesia (1),  
Japan (2), Kazakhstan (1), Korea (1), Malay-  
sia (1), Singapore (1), Sri Lanka (1),  
Taiwan (1)

**Europe:** Austria (1), Belgium (1), Czech Republic (1),  
Denmark (1), Estonia (1), Finland (5), France  
(3), Germany (5), Great Britain (5), Greece (1)  
Hungary (1), Ireland (1), Italy (4), Moldova (1)  
the Netherlands (1), Norway (3), Poland (1)  
Portugal (1), Romania (1), Russia (1), San Ma-  
rino (1), Slovenia (1), Spain (1), Sweden (5)  
Switzerland (2), Turkey (1)

**North and  
Central  
America:** Canada (4), Mexico (1), Puerto Rico (1),  
Trinidad (1), United States (5)

**Oceania:** Australia (5), New Zealand (5)

**South  
America:** Argentine (1), Aruba (1), Bolivia (1), Brazil  
(1), Chile (1), Colombia (1), Paraguay (1),  
Peru (1), Uruguay (1), Venezuela (1)

### 1. OPENING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The President of WAVA, Cesare Beccalli, welcomed the Delegates, Guests and Observers with an especially warm welcome to Governor Suketaka Matsukata and IAAF Vice President Lamine Diack and declared the General Assembly open.

The Governor Suketata Matsukata, the IAAF Vice President Lamine Diack and the IAAF Representative on the WAVA Council César Moreno used the opportunity to address the General Assembly and wished the Assembly as well as the veterans' athletics the best success.

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## 2. CERTIFICATION OF THE PROPER CALLING OF THE ASSEMBLY

The WAVA Secretary Torsten Carlius accounted for the calling of the General Assembly, which was distributed by mail to all Affiliates on January 6 whereafter the agenda with all material was distributed on August 24 - all in accordance with the WAVA Constitution.

The General Assembly certified that the calling was made properly.

## 3. ELECTION OF 2 SCRUTINEERS FOR THE MINUTES

Karri Wichmann, Finland, and Heinrich Clausen, Germany, were elected as scrutineers to certify the minutes.

## 4. ELECTION OF 2 PERSONS TO COUNT THE BALLOTS

Charles DesJardins, USA, and Thanga Chandra, Singapore, were elected to count the ballots.

## 5. REPORTS BY THE WAVA OFFICERS

The reports had been circulated by the WAVA Secretary in advance of the General Assembly and the Officers made short comments to the General Assembly which gave reason to some discussions.

### President's report

Keith Whitaker, Great Britain, asked **Cesare Beccalli** about the situation re World Masters Games planned for Brisbane in 1994. Cesare Beccalli answered that there has been a meeting between the organizers and WAVA in London in July and as the World Masters Games are, for time being anyway, more a festival than championships and the organization wants to cooperate with WAVA there are no reasons for WAVA to recommend veterans not to participate. WAVA will of course follow the development carefully.

Fernando Ferreira, Portugal, asked the President about the relation to IAAF. Cesare Beccalli referred to his report and said the WAVA-IAAF relation had developed very well and that WAVA has to-day a strong support from IAAF.

### Vice-President Stadia's report

Norman Green, USA, asked **Bill Taylor** if the new age-factors were approved by the WAVA Council which Bill Taylor affirmed Norman Green expressed his thanks to all those who had contributed to these new age-factors. A copy of the age-factors could be obtained from Al Sheahan.

Fernando Ferreira, Portugal, said he finds the performances in steeplechase in the upper ages very disturbing and asked for special rules for this event - if possible together with IAAF. **Bill Taylor** promised to look into the matter.

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Vice-President Non-Stadia's report

Marina Hoernecke-Gil, Spain, asked **Jacques Serruys** who had been contacted for the inquiry about the long walking distance 20 km which was referred to in his report. Jacques Serruys pointed to the WAVA Council proposal at item 8 in the agenda where the question would be discussed.

Brian Oxley, Canada, underlined that decisions about road championships organizers must be taken much earlier than one year ahead and was reassured by Jacques Serruys that in the future organizers will be elected 3 years ahead, i.e. this General Assembly will elect the organizer also for 1996.

Secretary's report

**Torsten Carlus** commented upon his report with regard to the growing number of new Affalites which has now come up to 101 - an increase of about 30 Affiliates since 1991. More countries are expected to apply for affiliation.

Stan Perkins, Australia, commented upon the Secretary's report that it is difficult to keep a constant contact with all WAVA Affiliates when the regions are so big, for example Oceania. **Torsten Carlus** and the President answered that WAVA must have the same regions as IAAF but that the WAVA Council could perhaps study the matter to see what could be done.

Treasurer's report

**Al Sheahen** declared that the economic surplus for 1992-1993 can now be estimated to about US\$ 100.000:-. The Council will of course discuss how to use the money for the benefit of veterans' athletics

In the discussion after this statement various proposals came up, for example simultaneous interpretation, help to poor countries and areas, which all were handed over to the Council to study.

Ron Bell, Great Britain, asked if really all athletes have paid the WAVA fee US\$ 15:-. Al Sheahen answered that Japanese athletes that start only in maraton/cross country pay US\$ 7.50 due to an agreement with the organizers which also meant that the organizers took over expenses not in the contract. This agreement, however, was an exception and not a principle for future use. Many delegates criticized the decision and the General Assembly voted unanimously that no changes of WAVA participation fees may be done after the contract has been signed.

All reports were hereafter approved by the General Assembly.

**6. OFFICERS ELECTIONS**

Ballots took place for the offices of President and Vice-President, Stadia, after each candidate had been allowed 2 minutes to make a presentation.

Results of the voting were:

**President:** Cesare Beccalli 63 votes  
Owen Flaherty 47 votes  
2 abstained

**Vice-President, Stadia:** Bill Taylor 84 votes  
Vadim Marshev 27 votes  
1 abstained

All other officers were unopposed and reelected without ballots:

**Executive Vice President:** Bob Fine  
**Vice President, Non-Stadia:** Jacques Serruys  
**General Secretary:** Torsten Carlus  
**Treasurer:** Al Sheahen

#### 7. APPOINTMENT OF WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE

Cesare Beccalli announced that Hannelore Guschmann, Belgium, had been elected as new Women's Representative on the WAVA Council replacing Bridget Cushen who, after 10 years' service, could not be reelected according to the Constitution.

Hannelore Guschmann thanked for the confidence shown in her and promised to work hard for the women's interests. Bridget Cushen gave a short report from the Women's Assembly whereafter Bob Fine as spokesman for the WAVA Council and the Affiliates thanked Bridget Cushen as well as Don Farquharson, outgoing Past President, for their successful and extensive work for WAVA during many years.

#### 8. AMENDMENTS TO THE WAVA CONSTITUTION/BY-LAWS

##### Recommendations about amendments to the WAVA Constitution/By-Laws from the WAVA Council

##### 1. General Assembly, Constitution section 4

Addition to paragraph 4 D

After the words "simple majority vote" on line 2 is added: ", except for amendments to the Constitution for which a 2/3 majority shall be required." Then continued "and shall ..."

Approved unanimously.

##### 2. General Assembly, Constitution section 4

New sentence is added to paragraph 4 H

If a constitutional amendment is defeated at a General Assembly a similar cannot be raised at the next General Assembly again.

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After discussion Keith Whitaker, Great Britain, proposed that the words "unless suggested by the Council" be added which was approved by 77 votes to 32. The amendment was hereafter approved by 73 votes to 29.

### **3. General Assembly, Constitution section 4**

New paragraph is added as 4 J

Anyone found guilty of any offence under sub-section 7.a in the By-Laws may not be a delegate at a WAVA General Assembly during the suspension period.

After having restricted the clauses under sub-section 7.a to 7.a I-III and V (by 79 votes against 16 votes) the proposal was approved unanimously.

### **4. General Assembly, Constitution section 4**

New paragraph is added as 4 K

Temporary text in the By-Laws, paragraph 8.a, is deleted

Substitutes for Regional Delegates will be permitted upon written verification from the Regional President submitted to the WAVA General Secretary 24 hours in advance of the opening of General Assemblies and/or Council meetings.

Approved by 109 votes against 3 votes.

### **5. General Assembly, Constitution section 4**

New paragraph is added as 4 L

Temporary text in the By-Laws, paragraph 8.c, is deleted

Each delegate of an Affiliate shall be a member of the Affiliate. Substitutes may be named for any delegate with the exception of a WAVA Officer. A substitute may vote in the place of an absent delegate provided the substitute meets all required qualifications of a voting delegate. Substitutes shall be stated upon written verification from the President of the respective Governing Body on the stationery of that National Body submitted to the WAVA General Secretary 24 hours in advance of the opening of the General Assembly.

There shall be no voting by proxy.

Approved unanimously.

### **6. Council, Constitution section 5**

The last words on line 3 of paragraph 5 F shall read:

"a quorum shall consist of 9 members."

The proposal was amended by 86 votes and 4 abstentions to read: "a quorum shall consist of 2/3 of the Council members" which was approved unanimously.

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**7. Women's Assembly, Constitution section 8**

The following words are deleted in paragraph 8 b, line 2

"and may vote"

Approved unanimously.

**8. Standing Committees, Constitution section 9**

The following committees are added as standing committees:

- Organizing Advisory Committee
- Law and Legislation Committee
- Doping Committee

Some text re these committees will be moved from the By-Laws to the Constitution to clarify the purpose of the committees.

With the addition of a Medical Committee the proposal was approved unanimously. The Medical Committee shall deal with matters re sex clarification, upper ages and work in close cooperation with IAAF. The WAVA Council was charged to specify structure of and instructions for this committee.

**9. Records Committee, Constitution section 9/By-Laws, new section**

The first paragraph, 9(a)i, is deleted and replaced by a new section in the By-Law after the other committees with the following paragraphs:

- i There shall be 10 members of the Committee plus the Chairperson
- ii Each of the WAVA Regions shall have the right to appoint one delegate to this Committee. If any Region does not appoint a delegate the Chairperson can then appoint a person to the Committee. Such person may come from any part of the world.
- iii The Chairperson of the Records Committee shall have the right to appoint four members to the Committee.

Approved unanimously.

**Other proposals from the Council****1. Weight pentathlon**

Weight pentathlon is proposed to be incorporated in WAVA Track and Field Championships for men and women with effect from 1994.

The individual disciplines included in the weight pentathlon are held in the following order:

Hammer - Shot - Discus - Javelin - Heavy Weight

The specifications for the implements correspond to those used for the individual events in the respective age-group. For heavy weight the following weights shall be used:

<u>M40/M45</u>	<u>M50/M55</u>	<u>M60/M65</u>	<u>M70/M75</u>	<u>M80+</u>
15.880 kg	11.340 kg	9.072 kg	7.258 kg	5.449 kg
<u>W35/W40/W45</u>	<u>W50/W55</u>	<u>W60+</u>		
9.072 kg	7.258 kg	5.499 kg		

Detailed specification for the heavy weight shall be as prepared by WAVA Council.

Each competitor shall be allowed 3 throws in each discipline.

Scoring shall be by the application of the 1993 WAVA age group factors to the current 1985 IAAF scoring tables. For the hammer and heavy weight the WAVA scoring table for heavy weight shall be used.

Approved by 104 votes against 8 votes.

## 2. Walking event in Non-Stadia Championships

The WAVA Council proposes that the WAVA Non-Stadia Championships, held in even-numbered years, shall also comprise road walk for men and women.

Proposed distances are: **Men:** 20 km  
**Women:** 20 km

If this proposal is approved by the General Assembly the consequence is that the only road walk at the Stadia Championships will be 10 km on track.

The proposal to include a road-walk in the Non-Stadia Championships was approved unanimously whereafter the following walking events were decided:

<b>Non-Stadia:</b>		Men:	30 km
		Women:	20 km
<b>Stadia:</b>	Track:	Men:	5 km
		Women:	5 km
	Road:	Men:	20 km
			10 km

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### 3. Cross Country together with the IAAF Championships

It is proposed that the veterans' cross country championships, now held with the Stadia championships, should be staged together with the IAAF Cross Country Championships.

However, it is too late to take such a decision in October this year at the General Assembly in Miyazaki to be implemented in March 1994 and therefore the WAVA Council asks for the General Assembly's authorization to introduce world veterans' cross country championships every second year together with the IAAF Cross Country Championships.

Proposed distances are: **Men:** 10 km  
**Women:** 7 km

The proposal is withdrawn by the Council.

### Proposals from WAVA Affiliates

1. The British Veterans Athletic Federation proposes that the roadwalk distance at the Non-Stadia Championships shall be 30 km for men instead of the 20 km the WAVA Council has in its proposal.

Decision taken in item 2 above.

2. The British Veterans Athletic Federation proposes that World Veterans Cross Country Championships, if moved to the IAAF Championships, shall be staged only in even-numbered years.

No decision as the Council proposal was withdrawn.

3. The Nordic countries propose that an athlete's age-group is determined by the year of birth and not by date of birth.

The Non-Stadia Committee recommends that no change from to-day's rules is made, i.e. the date of birth continues to be the basis for determining of age-group. The nordic proposal was defeated with 73 votes against 32 votes.

### 9. BIDS AND VOTING ON FUTURE WAVA CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### Road Championships in 1994

Edmonton, Canada (sole bidder) was accepted.

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Road Championships in 1996

Bruges, Belgium, (sole bidder) was accepted.

Stadia Championships in 1995

3 bidders (Buffalo, Malmö and Durban) made their presentations and the voting resulted as follows:

Buffalo, USA,	58 votes
Malmö, Sweden	39 votes
Durban, South Africa	15 votes

The 1995 Stadia Championships will be staged in Buffalo, USA.

Stadia Championships in 1997

Concepcion, Chile, and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, presented their bids as candidates together with Malmö and Durban. The voting resulted as follows:

<u>Round 1:</u> Malmö, Sweden	38 votes
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	32 votes
Durban South Africa	26 votes
Concepcion, Chile	17 votes

<u>Round 2:</u> Durban, South Africa	42 votes
Malmö, Sweden	40 votes
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	30 votes

<u>Round 3:</u> Durban, South Africa	64 votes
Malmö, Sweden	47 votes

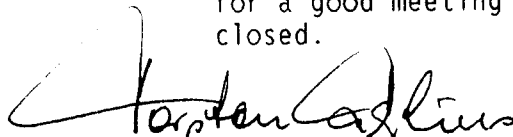
The 1997 Stadia Championships will be staged in Durban, South Africa.

**10. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF WAVA AFFILIATE**

The Assembly approved unanimously a proposal from the Council to give the Council the right - after full consideration - to suspend an Affiliate temporarily with the obligation to account for the question to the next-coming General Assembly where a final decision must be taken.

**11. CLOSING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The WAVA President Cesare Beccalli thanked all present for a good meeting and declared the General Assembly closed.



Torsten Carlus  
WAVA Secretary



Karri Wichmann  
Scrutineer

Heinrich Clausen  
Scrutineer

**Agenda for the WAVA General Assembly**  
**October 14, 1993**  
**In Kanko Hotel, Miyazaki, Japan**  
at 08.00 a.m.

1. Opening of the General Assembly
2. Certification of the proper calling of the General Assembly
3. Election of 2 scrutineers for the minutes
4. Election of 2 people to count the ballots
5. Submission of reports from the:
  - President
  - Executive Vice-President
  - Vice-President, Stadia
  - Vice-President, Non-Stadia
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer

6. Officers Elections

Ballots will take place for President and Stadia Vice-President. All other officers are nominated by the Council and are unopposed.

Candidates are, for President: • Cesare Beccalli nominated by the Council  
• Owen Flaherty, nominated by the British Veteran Athletic Federation

for Stadia Vice-President:

- Bill Taylor, nominated by the Council
- Vadim Marshev, nominated by the All Russia Athletic Federation

7. Notification of the appointment of Women's Representative
8. Amendments to the WAVA Constitution/by-laws(see enclosure)
9. Bids presentations for future WAVA Championships

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| <u>1994</u> Road Championships   | • Toronto, Canada  |
| <u>1995</u> Stadia Championships | • Malmö, Sweden<br>• Durban, South Africa<br>• Buffalo, USA  |
| <u>1996</u> Road Championships   | • Bruges, Belgium  |
| <u>1997</u> Stadia Championships | • Malmö, Sweden<br>• Durban, South Africa<br>• Concepción, Chile<br>• Buffalo, USA<br>• Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia |

The same cities, except Santiago, are bidding for the 1995 and 1997 Stadia Championships. Those not successful for 1995 have confirmed their bid for 1997.

10. Closing of the General Assembly

LIST BY REGION AND NATION OF AFFILIATE COMPETITORS AND DELEGATES

	Number of Competitors				No. of Delegates in Miyazaki
	Melb. 1987	Eugene 1989	Turku 1991	Total	
<b>EUROPE:</b>					
1 Armenia	0	0	0	0	1
2 Austria	30	13	34	77	1
3 Belarus	0	0	0	0	1
4 Belgium	19	25	41	85	1
5 Bulgaria	0	2	2	4	1
6 Cyprus	0	1	0	1	1
7 Czech Republic	0	0	0	0	1
* Czechoslovakia	7	15	51	73	0
8 Denmark	21	24	54	99	1
9 Estonia	0	0	0	0	1
10 Finland	114	116	1115	1345	5
11 France	43	79	128	250	3
12 Germany	265	341	646	1252	5
13 Great Britain	161	256	214	631	5
14 Greece	19	11	26	56	1
15 Hungary	36	27	35	98	1
16 Iceland	1	2	5	8	1
17 Ireland	26	32	28	86	1
18 Italy	59	73	183	315	4
19 Latvia	0	0	0	0	1
20 Lithuania	0	0	0	0	1
21 Moldova	0	0	0	0	1
22 Netherlands	11	14	53	78	1
23 Norway	73	80	108	261	3
24 Poland	1	7	40	48	1
25 Portugal	9	19	27	55	1
26 Romania	2	0	11	13	1
27 Russia	0	0	0	0	1
28 San Marino	0	0	0	0	1
29 Slovenia	0	0	0	0	1
30 Spain	9	19	71	99	1
31 Sweden	142	95	339	576	5
32 Switzerland	51	56	85	192	2
33 Turkey	0	5	12	17	1
# USSR	0	6	466	472	0
& Yugoslavia	11	10	7	28	0
Totals - Europe	1110	1328	3781	6219	57

\*Czechoslovakia was divided into two countries: the Czech Republic and Slovakia. The Czech Republic has become an affiliate.

#USSR does not exist anymore. It was divided into 16 countries, nine of which have become affiliates: Armenia, Belarus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Russia and, in Asia, Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan.

&Yugoslavia does not exist anymore. Slovenia, the most northern part of the former Yugoslavia, has become an affiliate.

<b>AFRICA:</b>					
Algeria	0	1	0	1	0
1 Angola	0	0	2	2	1
Botswana	0	2	0	2	0
2 Cameroon	0	0	0	0	1
3 Central Africa	0	0	0	0	1
4 Chad	0	0	0	0	1
5 Congo	0	0	1	1	1
6 Ethiopia	0	0	0	0	1
7 Gambia	0	0	0	0	1
8 Guinea	0	0	0	0	1
Chana	0	1	0	1	0
9 Kenya	0	3	1	4	1
10 Lesotho	0	0	0	0	1
11 Mauritania	0	0	0	0	1
12 Namibia	0	0	3	3	1
Nigeria	0	0	1	1	0
13 Rwanda	0	0	0	0	1
14 Senegal	0	0	0	0	1
15 Seychelles	0	0	0	0	1
16 South Africa	0	0	0	0	1
17 Zaire	0	0	0	0	1
18 Zambia	1	4	0	5	1
Totals - Africa	1	11	8	20	18

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	Melb. 1987	Eugene 1989	Turku 1991	Total	
<b>NORTH AMERICA:</b>					
1 Canada	61	206	100	367	4
2 Costa Rica	0	0	0	0	1
Cuba	1	0	0	1	0
3 Dominican Republic	0	0	1	1	1
4 Honduras	0	0	0	0	1
Jamaica	1	1	1	3	0
5 Mexico	21	45	28	94	1
6 Puerto Rico	1	12	1	14	1
7 St. Vincent	0	0	0	0	1
8 Trinidad & Tobago	13	9	6	28	1
9 United States	398	2310	474	3182	5
10 Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	1
Totals - No. America	496	2583	611	3690	17

<b>SOUTH AMERICA:</b>					
1 Argentina	2	3	4	9	1
2 Aruba	0	0	0	0	1
3 Bolivia	0	0	0	0	1
4 Brazil	13	26	9	48	1
5 Chile	3	21	16	40	1
6 Colombia	14	37	7	58	1
7 Guyana	0	1	2	3	1
8 Paraguay	0	0	0	0	1
9 Peru	2	10	3	15	1
10 Surinam	0	0	0	0	1
11 Uruguay	4	2	3	9	1
12 Venezuela	3	2	2	7	1
Totals - So. America	41	102	46	189	12

<b>ASIA:</b>					
1 Brunei	0	0	0	0	1
China	1	0	0	1	0
2 Hong Kong	0	0	1	1	1
3 India	72	32	45	149	2
4 Indonesia	20	11	7	38	1
Israel	3	2	2	7	0
5 Japan	54	74	42	170	2
6 Kazakhstan	0	0	0	0	1
7 Korea	7	4	0	11	1
Lebanon	0	1	0	1	0
8 Malaysia	8	6	7	21	1
9 Myanmar	0	0	0	0	1
10 Pakistan	0	0	0	0	1
11 Philippines	1	35	0	36	1
12 Singapore	15	9	9	33	1
13 Sri Lanka	35	21	0	56	1
14 Taiwan	25	32	28	85	1
15 Thailand	0	0	0	0	1
16 Turkmenistan	0	0	0	0	1
Totals - Asia	241	227	141	609	18

<b>OCEANIA:</b>					
1 American Samoa	0	0	0	0	1
2 Australia	2470	370	151	2991	5
3 Cook Islands	0	0	0	0	1
4 Fiji	8	0	0	8	1
5 Guam	0	0	0	0	1
6 Nauru	0	0	0	0	1
7 New Zealand	449	133	63	645	5
Nieu	1	0	0	1	0
8 Northern Marianas	0	0	0	0	1
9 Papua New Guinea	0	0	0	0	1
10 Tonga	0	0	1	1	1
Totals - Oceania	2928	503	215	3646	18
99 GRAND TOTALS	4817	4754	4802	14373	140

Prepared by Al Sheahan, Treasurer 17 August 1993



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PRESIDENT  
Cesare Beccalli

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July 20 , 1993

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE  
WAVA GENERAL ASSEMBLY - MIYAZAKI '93.

Dear Veteran friends,

two years have elapsed since our last meet in Turku, which closed a very difficult biennium of our history.

Between 1989 and 1991, inside the Council - and consequently among the delegates who took part in the 1991 General Assembly - there were about the Wava's future divergencies of opinion of such a basic nature that the General Secretary ran against the President and was nominated for that position by the Council in 1990. Therefore, we had one year of great confusion, poisoned by disputes, and overall during which our Association lost its face both with its athletes and affiliates, and with the National and International sporting authorities.

I don't intend to come back to the problems which caused such a situation, also because the Assembly has already expressed its decision two years ago. On the contrary, what I want to outline, which is surely the only thing in which you can be interested, is that the Wava Council, after being renewed in Turku, has found out again its unity and has worked with the best spirit of cooperation. In this period the Wava has made enormous progress.

The cooperation with the IAAF and with its members at local level has produced results even more than it was reasonable to expect : a lot of new affiliates, organisation, prestige, technical and financial assistance. On the other side , our identity and autonomy have never been endangered. We never had to remind the IAAF, at any level whatsoever, to be respectful of the spirit of our agreement.

Someone could object that in 1990 and 1991 also our opposers had the intention to cooperate with the IAAF. That's true, but they didn't want to recognise IAAF's authority and therefore not even its general power over the world athletics, including the Veterans.

The reason for that is they thought that the gradual integration into the IAAF and the recognition of its authority would mean to give up the Wava together with all the value of the Veterans' athletics, which cannot be found in the top level athletics.

I see that the number of those still having this kind of doubts is decreasing, because the reality, at least until now, shows not only that we are not giving up the Wava, but even that we are getting more and more strength and prestige and are consolidating our structure both at international and at local level. But I also know that some opposers, who will never surrender even in front of the evidence, still exist: that's why I felt it necessary to spend again some words about the past in the view to clarify the future. In fact one thing is to get opposition to the policy you are following, but quite a different thing is to be accused to have twisted the decision of the last Assembly , which is exactly the situation in which I found myself during the campaign for the Turku's elections. To avoid this I clarify and formally declare:

a) The Wava recognises the IAAF International overall authority. Without that the IAAF would never have given in the past and will never give for the future any acknowledgement and technical/financial support to Wava. Frankly speaking , I do not see why the IAAF could behave otherwise.

All this being, pretending to cooperate with the IAAF or even requiring cooperation from the IAAF without accepting that starting point, clearly means only chatting for nothing.

b) The job which we performed in the last two years isn't final. Just for that I welcome the Council's nomination of me for President for another period.

I confirm that our road will lead us to the integration into the IAAF , because this is our future and only in this way the Veterans' activity will become official and important all over the world, with dignity equal to that of Juniors and Seniors.

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From PRESIDENT Cesare Beccalli to all Wava affiliates - July 20, 1993



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But, I also confirm that we'll keep the road to become the Veterans' wing of the IAAF only under condition to maintain our identity and autonomy, which particularly means continuing to have our General Assembly and Council, which respectively decide and realise all technical and administrative matters regarding Veterans, although within the IAAF general jurisdiction.

Now, a short list of the main points which our confidence to continue that policy for the future is based upon:

1. I had two personal meets with the President Nebiolo, one of which took place at the presence of the IAAF and Wava Council's member Cesar Moreno Bravo. His availability and liking for us was total. Dr. Nebiolo is the first in understanding that it isn't interest of anybody that the IAAF directly manages a special and complicated world such as it is that of Veterans.

The logical consequence is that as long as we are an acceptable partner, which doesn't give political or jurisdictional problems, but on the contrary solves on behalf of the IAAF those problems regarding Veterans which the IAAF can no more ignore, we are welcome, protected and even beloved. But, just because the Veterans' importance in the world can no more be ignored, if we are arrogant or inefficient, we are causing to ourselves those dangers which otherwise do not exist.

2. As a consequence - and as a proof of his favourable attitude to us - President Nebiolo has proposed (and later the IAAF Council has ratified) to give Wava a financial support of 40,000 USD per year, with which we have: a) eliminated any affiliation fees at World or Area level. b) decided for a financial support to our Continental Associations. c) eliminated from Wava's budget some expenses regarding the President and the Secretary. d) eliminated from Wava's budget the expenses for the Wava Handbook.

3. The meet of the IAAF Veterans' Committee will be held in Miyazaki.

First, this decision of the IAAF is very important, because it awards our Championships and our Assembly a precise recognition. Second, this also means saving money of the Wava budget, because some Committee members are also members of the Wava Council, so a 50% of their trip expenses will now be paid by the IAAF.

4. Since several months we have a daily office in London which works with very good result, whose responsible presently is Mrs. Florence Bobin.

Mrs. Florence Bobin will be present in Miyazaki from 11th to 17th October, at IAAF's expenses.

It will be very useful and my great pleasure making as many delegates as possible personally meet Florence, so that later it will be possible to take advantage in the best way of the services that the WAVA/IAAF daily office offers.

Moreover, we remind you that the last edition of the Wava Handbook has been realised in cooperation with our above mentioned London office, so that all texts and translations of Constitution and By-Laws are there into computers. Next editions will be so modified following the Assembly's decisions and bettered in presentation and wording with less problems, expenses and in less time than in the past.

(I would like to take the occasion to thank Mr. Mark Horley, who was in charge on that job at that time and now has been turned to another important office in the IAAF).

5. As a consequence of the IAAF's recognition (which was possible only because we priorly recognised the overall IAAF authority in Athletics) and thanks to the propaganda we have got by printing Veterans' news on the IAAF issues, we have reached an incredible increase of the affiliations, going from about 50 in Turku to about 100 now.

I see with particular pleasure many African Countries which we never had with us before and which we couldn't hope to have with us without WAVA getting the IAAF acknowledgement.

The same is for China, Cuba and others, which are not yet affiliated but showed in writing a very concrete interest. We are far from the target of 170-180 countries, but we are becoming a real World Association. Miyazaki and Japan will be proud to host the Historical X Championships where, for the first time, all Areas of the World will be represented.

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6. The presence of a member of the IAAF's Council in our Council has showed to be very important. It's clear that in this way we have a direct contact with the IAAF's Council, but it is also to be stressed the fact that Cesar Moreno already helped us in many occasions to take right decisions or to avoid improper acts that could only cause resentments from the IAAF's side. Finally, all of you certainly remember that we had big problems in many countries, due to the difference between our rules and some paragraphs of the IAAF's Handbook, which stated rules for the Veterans different from those of Wava. For example the IAAF rules state that the age group is to be determined on the basis of the year of birth, whilst the Wava uses the date of birth. The Wava on itself wouldn't have had neither the moral nor the practical power to change any IAAF rules. But, now, we are acknowledged by the IAAF and we have an IAAF Council member in our Council. Only thanks to that it was possible that the IAAF General Secretary included in the Agenda of the next IAAF Congress in Stuttgart (August 1993), under our request and with the favourable opinion of Cesar Moreno, the proposal to delete from the IAAF rules any point regarding the Veterans' activity, just to give validity only to the WAVA Handbook. In other words the next IAAF Congress is suggested it should ratify that the WAVA rules as decided by the Wava Assembly are the IAAF rules for Veterans. I'm sure that everyone will realise that this amendment to the IAAF rules - which the Congress in Stuttgart presumably will approve - is going to give us such an official sanction and it is in itself of such a basic nature, to really represent a milestone in our evolution.
7. We are at work to better (or to start) relationships between the IAAF Continental Associations and ours. We have invited to Miyazaki the President Nebiolo and the six IAAF Continental Presidents. Dr. Nebiolo expressed his desire to be present, but unfortunately his Agenda really doesn't allow it to him: so he sent us a letter with his thanks and best wishes. Regarding the Continental Presidents, Mr. Lamine Djack (Africa), who is also IAAF Vice-President, and Mr. Mohamad Hasan (Asia), have confirmed in writing that they will join us. We got letters of warm support, thanks and appreciation from Europe and Oceania's Presidents, who can't come, while we are still awaiting to know about North, Central America and Caribe and the South America.
8. We are at work to help to solve some National problems. I'm pleased to confirm that noone of the positions of our independent Veterans' Association has been weakened under pretext that now the Wava is under the IAAF jurisdiction. The most difficult and complicated case we have to face, that is INDIA, is the best example. Despite the situation is not clear and the AAFI officially claims in writing to us and to the IAAF that they are the only Athletic authority in that country, we did not authorise the Japanese OC to accept entries without the validation of our standing affiliate IVAF, although it is not recognised by the AAFI. Useless to say that we consider the Indian IAAF member to be the only Body which can promote the union of various Veterans factions existing there, but no acknowledgment will be given until they do not prove to be on that way rather than trying to merely replace a party with another one.

After the above points, I don't have much else to add, also because you'll get, together with this report, that of the Secretary Torsten Carlius, who will describe to you the Agenda of the Assembly, the details of the situation of the affiliations and any other facts regarding the Wava administration, excluding the financial matter, which is followed by the Treasurer Al Sheahen. Anyway, also from this point of view everything is going well and the financial situation is good, even if the expenses of trips, telephone, fax and mail, which are necessary to better the communications between the Council members and the Continental and National affiliates, have remarkably increased.

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Problems of coordination arose in the past with initiatives regarding the Veterans multisport activity, that is mainly the Masters Games. Therefore we invited to a meeting in London the main responsables of that activity. I'm pleased to enclose a report which I find self-explanatory. I would like only to add that the Wava is going to evaluate if and how there is interest to be represented into the GAISF. If so, we could be there on behalf of the IAAF, representing the International Federation for Veteran Athletics.

On the contrary we still have to solve the problem of a good coordination of bids, Assembly's approval, reasonable calendar for our Championships.

The exigencies are no more those of the past, when we had only to decide where to go every two years for the Stadia Championships and also now a decision made two years in advance doesn't seem to be enough. Now we have to decide also for the Non-Stadia Championships, which take place in the even numbered years, so that in Miyazaki we should vote for 1994, which would give the Organisers about 10 months only. Of course the real situation is that Toronto has been already awarded the Championships 1994, otherwise we would have no Championships at all. But it is not normal to proceed in that way and also it is not proper to ask the Organisers to spend time and money for an event which is not yet formally approved. For similar reasons we have lost the opportunity to realise our first Cross Country Championships in conjunction with the World IAAF Championships in Hungary, March 1994.

The IAAF and the Hungarian Federation were available to organise Veterans the day before their official Championships, but I could not give final reply on the fact that the race could be named World Veterans Championships and also found difficulties to give reply to some other organisational points, because all this is not yet formally approved by the Assembly. Of course awaiting October to decide something which is going to take place in March is impossible, so the event has been cancelled. Regarding the Cross Country, in any case, we still have to decide whether to keep it in the program of our "Stadia" Championships, like it is now, or to have it as separate event in winter.

If you consider that we have to take account also of Continental Championships, of a possible evolution of multisport towards something which could become like Olympics for Veterans, of the need for avoiding clashing dates with the IAAF World Championships and the Olympic Games and of other minor problems, you'll see that it could not be an easy matter. In addition, to limit the activity is against the purpose of our Association itself, but to have many Championships gives place to the problem that we risk they become much more "Championships for those who have money and time to attend" than Championships getting that general participation which is the only condition to give them the right value.

We'll carefully study the matter in Miyazaki. Anyway, I'm pleased to tell you that we have many bidders for 1995,1996,1997: certainly it is much better to have problems of choice than the contrary.

I would like to close my message with some notes regarding the Miyazaki Championships: I have had, and I continue to have, many contacts with the Organisers, who seem to be very well prepared, efficient, enthusiast people. The place is wonderful. Facilities are superb. A fantastic Opening Ceremony is announced. Probably more than 10.000 athletes will compete.

Everything makes us thinking that it will be a new great success for Wava and a new occasion to meet old friends and to get thousands of new friends from all over the world, which certainly is our main purpose, even beyond the joy to compete in our beloved Sport.

Looking forward to seeing you soon in the best shape.

WAVA - World Association  
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PRESIDENT  
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## EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT, 1993

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are working closely with the IAAF Drug Testing Committee. WAVA will take into consideration medication needed by older athletes for legitimate health reason. There can be many complicated problems for Veterans associated with the testing. This will be a first time effort, that will be modified based on experience.

ELECTIONS. Basically, the same election procedures used at Turku will be used in Miyazaki. The Secretary, the Treasurer and myself form the basic committee with other members being selected to assist. All of the candidates are advised as to the procedures, to insure a fair election for all. This year, our committee, will also assist in the procedures used for the election of the Women's Chair.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING. The procedures used at Turku will basically be followed. A committee consisting of the Secretary, the Treasurer and myself are in charge of the details. This involves seating assignments and the physical set-up for the meeting.

All of the above responsibilities take over thirty hours per week. It has been a pleasure to work with so many dedicated people throughout the world. I can't think of a better way to spend by time and effort in my retirement years.

## REPORT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - WAVA OCTOBER 1993

By

Bill Taylor - Vice President (Stadia)

### **Introduction**

1. In addition to the normal aspects of helping WAVA Council to carry out the wishes of the General Assembly on policy matters and keeping WAVA technical requirements under review, and the aim to help veteran athletes in countries throughout the world, the 1992/93 period has been notable for two other matters:

- (1). The complete review of Age-graded and Multi-event Scoring Tables.
- (2). The formalisation of the Weight Pentathlon and arranging to conduct it within the timeframe of the Championships this year, leading to a proposal that it be a championship event from 1995 on.

### **Technical Requirements**

2. The question of old and new javelin specifications has now been resolved, and the confusion that existed for a year or two is now removed. Judging and recording are now also simpler.

3. The review of all IAAF Rules for Competition, and adaptation where necessary to make them completely suitable for veterans, has now been incorporated into WAVA By-laws. The rules to ensure that steeplechase and hurdles events are performed correctly, are now well-framed.

4. A specification for the 400 gram javelin has been included, but this is still not an entirely satisfactory implement for competition. Its relative shortness means that taller competitors with longer arms, may be in danger of fouling themselves behind the ear when the javelin is thrown.

5. I have coordinated the development of formal instructions for Safety/Technical Judges with authority to withdraw athletes from competition when appropriate. I have ensured that the Miyazaki organisers have been well briefed on this and the points covered by rule changes.

### **Review of Tables**

6. At Turku in 1991, we set up two sub-committees of the Stadia Committee; one chaired by Al Sheahan to deal with Age-graded Tables, the other chaired by Rex Harvey Multi-events Scoring. It soon became obvious that these two should work closely together which they did with great success on a truly gigantic task. They used a huge spread of empirical and theoretical data, and also sought opinions and took advice from a wide spectrum of experienced athletes and statisticians, as well as making full use of available computer studies.

7. The exercise culminated in proving tests in which the multi-events results from Eugene 1989, and Turku 1993 were scored using the new tables. The tests, while not affecting the medal placings, did indicate a better balance between comparably-rated performances and should now have a life of four to six years before requiring minimal adjustment, possibly in the older age-groups where, until recent years, data have been limited.

### 2000 Metres Steeplechase

8. This is the one event over barriers where we make no attempt to scale down those barriers for women and older men. Adjustable barriers should present no engineering or safety problem, although there might be objections on cost grounds. However, with the probability of IAAF introducing the s/c for women, perhaps adjustable barriers will be considered.

9. I have sought opinion from the Stadia Committee, as well as wider afield, and the consensus is that a height of 0.762 m would be suitable.

### 1993 Championships

10. I have been closely in touch with the Organising Committee for the 1993 Championships, and have monitored arrangements closely. Be assured that both they, and I have had the interests of competitors in all age-groups in mind, and whilst it is difficult to please everyone, we hope we have pleased most.

11. I made myself available for a visit during June if the Organising Committee felt that such a visit would be helpful. The offer was welcomed, and I was accompanied by Jim Blair. I have reported fully to Council, but our work fell under four main headings:

- (1). Answering any queries on any aspect of Track and Field, technical or administrative.
- (2). Ensuring all possible help to OC and senior officials particularly in connexion with Safety/Technical Judges and special requirements.
- (3). Final consideration of availability and use of technical equipment and facilities, bearing in mind that some had not been constructed when the Council met in Miyazaki in May 1992.
- (4). To help with final drafting of the Competitors' Handbook/

12. The Organising Committee prepared a most efficient schedule of meetings and inspectional tours. I was impressed by their dedication to their huge task and I am indebted to them for their work and their cooperation, as well as their wonderful hospitality.

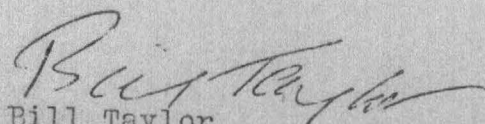
### WAVA Policy Matter

13. My attitude to Drug Testing remains unequivocal. We must ensure that there is no place for drug-taking cheats in our sport, but I would like to make sure that those athletes who may be forced to take medication receive the correct guidance.

14. I have continued to support close co-operation with IAAF which can be to our benefit; I believe I have helped Council to consider all aspects.

### Conclusion

15. I am grateful to the Stadia Committee for their specialist advice and to other Council members for their cooperation.

  
Bill Taylor  
VP(Stadia)

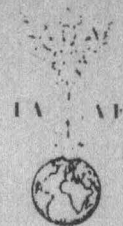
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### NON-STADIA-REPORT

by Jacques Serruys

The moment has come to assess the activities of the non-stadia programme.

The WAVA decision to dissociate the road-race programme from the traditional Track and Field championships was meant to obtain a broader scale of possibilities for the large group of veteran long distance runners. The athletes who could financially not afford the expensive Japan trip in 1993, were given the opportunity to participate in the first WAVA road-race world-championships in Birmingham (England) or the EVAA championships in Upiche (Czechoslovakia).

Despite the organisers' unremitting efforts, the WAVA world-championships cannot be said to have been a success.

One of the causes for the scanty interest of the affiliated WAVA countries was the short period between the General Assembly's assignment of the championships and the actual races.

Due to the lack of sponsors, the organisers found themselves unable to make global publicity. Besides this, one has to add the shortage in sufficiently competent collaborators and the fact that walking had not been recognized as a world-championship event.

The European championships in Upiche, set up by the EVAA, were well organized and took place in a very positive atmosphere, but here too interest was insufficient. The necessity for accurate propaganda was not felt either.

Sending programme material and entry forms does not suffice, since many federations do not even take the effort of sending these documents to the clubs, or only if somebody asks them to do so.

This reveals the need to establish direct contact between the athletes and those who organize group trips for veterans in the different countries or those who are involved in other activities for veterans.

We are looking forward to the next WAVA world-championships, which are to take place in Toronto (Canada) in 1994 and in Bruges (Belgium) in 1996. The General Assembly in Miyazaki will certainly approve of both organizations and worldwide

publicity will guarantee success.

During the meeting of the non-stadia committee in Miyazaki on 12 October, we will have to consider the recommendations we will make at the General Assembly on 14 October.

Firstly, we have the WAVA Council proposal to add the WAVA walking events to the list of non-stadia championships in the even-numbered years. The suggested distances are : men 20 km; women 20 km. If this proposal is passed, the stadia championships will only organize a 20 km walk on the track.

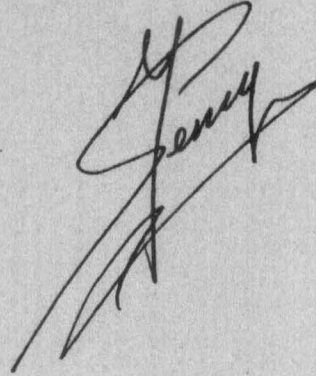
The proposal was arrived at after a vote in the WAVA Council. However, the British Athletic Federation issued a counter-proposal to change the 20 km walk for men into 30 km.

An inquiry revealed most people prefer a 20 km walk, both for men and women. It is especially the British walkers who want a 30 km walk for men. The walkers wishes and interests are, of course, predominant. Still, equal distances (for men and women) simplify the administration and might make the race more attractive for the spectators.

Another bill was issued by the Nordic Countries. They would like to alter the age groups from the present "date of birth" into "year of birth". As you know, "date of birth" has been applied ever since the foundation of the veterans-movement more than 20 years ago. All records and record tables are therefore based on this system. The bill was issued because some national federations use "year of birth" to simplify their administration.

This should of course be of no importance, since the veterans' interests should always be predominant. Yet we know the support of and the interest in veterans is still negligible in many federations. That is the reason why we have decided administration should never play a role in changing the established WAVA regulations. The WAVA has always had its own laws and by-laws and the current , positive recognition and cooperation with the IAAF has not changed this policy, as it is still the WAVA General Assembly which is fully responsible for these matters. Therefore we have to await the decision of the General Assembly in Miyazaki, because, even in the field of sports, democracy remains one of the pillars of our World Association.

Finally, I would like to thank all participants and executives for their support to the non-stadia programme. Support that will be very useful in the future to successfully expand this programme.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Henry', written in a cursive style.



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Helsingborg, August 15, 1993

## GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dear Friends,

2 years have elapsed since I was elected WAVA General Secretary by the General Assembly in Turku, Finland, in 1991. 2 years are normally a fairly long period but in this new office I must say that the months have passed very quickly which also means that the work with WAVA affairs has been interesting and time-consuming but I must also say that I have enjoyed the work all the time.

As new-elected General Secretary I had the task to get familiar with a lot of things even if I have earlier worked with veterans' athletics. I understood also very quickly that I must concentrate on some important matters to get the things done and for me these essential things were:

- the WAVA administration
- the WAVA Affiliates
- the WAVA information

### 1. Administration

For me it was directly evident that the WAVA administration needed to be strengthened as the activities and the number of Affiliates kept on growing. The ambition of the Council is of course to develop the activities still further and over the whole world and so we need a solid basis for our administration. For that purpose we sought and received a most valuable help from the IAAF Office in London where we have had a liaison person who has been able to help me with a lot of matters and whom I have been able to rely upon. One example of such help is the producing of our WAVA Handbook which was printed with the help from London and all our text in 5 languages is on the computer in London meaning that producing the next edition will much easier.

Beyond the daily contact by telephone and/or fax I have also visited the London office 4 times for coordination meetings of which the latest was on July 15-16, 1993. The purpose of these meetings has been to clarify different matters, to coordinate WAVA-IAAF relationship and so on and they have all turned out to be very important and successful for WAVA.

### 2. Affiliates

Much of my initial work was directed to interest non-affiliated countries to apply for membership with WAVA. Due to a special contribution from IAAF we could cancel the membership fee to the veterans' organizations which has positively influenced the affiliation figure with WAVA. We have to-day 101 Affiliates of 203 possible (the IAAF figure) and have during the last 2 years



increased the affiliation figure with about 30 new Affiliates. There remains much work to be done before we have as many Affiliates as the IAAF but we are on the right way and grow steadily. The number of Affiliates per region is:

	<u>WAVA</u>	<u>IAAF</u>
Africa	19	52
Asia	17	46
Europe	33	45
Northern & Central America	10	32
Oceania	10	15
South America	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
	101	203

All non-affiliated countries were invited to apply for membership with WAVA during spring 1992 and that invitation resulted in an increase but since then have all the time new applications arrived which shows that there is a great interest for WAVA and veterans' athletics. Our aim is now to increase the figure further and with the development of all activities this will surely also be realized.

### 3. Information

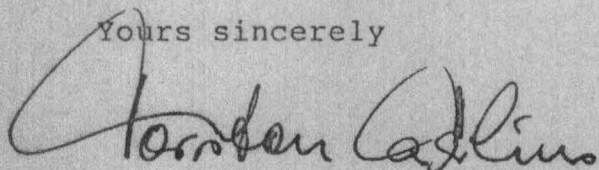
With a growing number of Affiliates and activities the need for a reliable and permanent information from WAVA to all Affiliates is very important. Traditionally WAVA has used "National Masters News" (USA) as information channel but with a growing number of Affiliates, many of which also have other languages than English, the need for other information channels is evident. We have during this period used circulars to all Affiliates and used IAAF publication to reach all Affiliates and have tried to communicate in both English and in French. It is possible that our information must be circulated also in other languages in the future to reach all concerned.

Just the information subject is of great importance and will also have the Council's attention in the next period.

As General Secretary I have had correspondence with many Affiliates on different subjects and I want in this my report to underline that I appreciate this very much just as I appreciate to receive magazines/information leaflets and so on from our Affiliates. This gives me a valuable possibility to follow what happens all over the world.

Finally I want to thank for the confidence I have felt these 2 years and my promise is to try to improve in all respects in the next period.

Yours sincerely

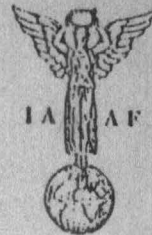


Torsten Carlus  
WAVA General Secretary



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August 5, 1993

To: WAVA Affiliates  
From: Al Sheahen, Treasurer

Dear Friends:

Attached is an interim financial report covering the period January 1, 1992 to July 31, 1993.

Revenues in the period were US\$89,749.22. Expenses were US\$68,190.36. Thus, our surplus was \$21,558.86. We have \$102,626.50 in the bank.

Nearly half our revenues (\$43,600) came from the IAAF. Last year, the WAVA Council voted to waive all affiliate fees if the IAAF donated \$15,000 per year. In addition, the IAAF donated \$13,600 for assistance to WAVA's regions. (The IAAF also produced the WAVA Handbook and has paid for some WAVA travel through a separate IAAF/WAVA account in London.)

We have received \$22,500 from the Miyazaki Organizing Committee (OC) to date -- representing 1500 entries at \$15 each. We received \$14,000 from the 1992 Road Racing Championships in Birmingham, England (2000 entries @ \$7 each). Mondo became a sponsor (\$5000) with an ad on the back cover of our Handbook.

Travel and communications accounted for the bulk of expenses. WAVA will pay the air fares of Council members to Miyazaki, while the OC will pick up the hotel tab.

Our original budget projection of a \$30,000 surplus will likely be exceeded, since the Japanese are now estimating well over 5000 entries in Miyazaki.

I will issue an updated financial report to you in Miyazaki. Then I'll prepare the final two-year report at the end of the year.

Please write, fax or call me if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you in Miyazaki.

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## CURRICULUM VITAE

### OWEN FLAHERTY

Date of Birth: 2 August 1931  
British Veterans Athletic Federation

#### SECRETARY, SCOTTISH VETERAN HARRIERS CLUB (October 79 - October 81)

NEGOTIATED the affiliation of Scottish Veteran Harriers Club to British Veterans Athletic Federation thereby integrating the administration of veteran athletics in Great Britain

ORGANISED the first Scottish Veteran Track and Field Championships, the Scottish Veteran Marathon Championships and the Scottish Veteran Cross-Country Championships

IGAL Championships were hosted in Glasgow, 1980

#### SECRETARY, WAVA (January 81 - December 87)

ESTABLISHED strong lines of communication with WAVA affiliates and with organising committees of World Veteran Championships

INTRODUCED Safety Judge to veteran athletics (1981)

DEMANDED written contracts between WAVA and the Organising Committees and drafted the contracts for 1985, 1987 and 1989

PROPOSED publication of WAVA Handbook (1983)

DRAFTED the new Constitution and By-Laws adopted in 1985

DESIGNED new applications for World Veteran Records (1985)

IMPROVED income from affiliation fees by devising an accounting period of two years

WROTE definitive paper on the Regional Associations and their status within WAVA

#### COMPETITION EXPERIENCE

Best events are 100, 200 and 400 metres  
Competed at all distances from 100 metres to 10 miles  
Scottish M45 Champion at 100 metres, 1978

PROFESSION Investment Consultant

RECREATIONS Flying, Chess

## Summary Curriculum Vitae

### BILL TAYLOR

Candidate for Re-election as Vice President (Stadia)

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#### Organizational and Administrative Experience

Whole life involved in athletics, as a competitor, an officer of various associations, and an administrator:

- On Committee of Royal Air Force Athletic Association for 15 years.
- Inaugural Chairman of British Combined Services Youth Athletic Association (1958-59).
- Chairman of Royal Air Force Germany, Athletic Association (1964-66)
- Team Manager of British Combined Services Athletic Team (1961-62)
- Inaugural Chairman Eastern Veterans Athletic Club (1978-83)
- President-elect of Midland Veterans Athletic Club
- Member of the Council of British Veterans Athletic Federation since 1978
- Vice Chairman of BVAF 1984-88; Chairman 1988-92; President 1992-
- Vice President (Stadia) WAVA July 1989 - October 1993
- Chairman of Organizing Committee for IV European Veteran Championships at Brighton in 1984. (The largest EVAA Championships to date)
- Revised Constitution and prepared Rules and Guidance Notes for Organization of Competition for BVAF
- Contributed to revision of WAVA Constitution, 1985
- Played a major part in introducing the newspaper *Veteran Athletics*; a member of its editorial board and a contributor. Responsible for its finances
- Prepared Merit Standards for all Track and Field events in BVAF competition
- From July 1985 to November 1987, closely in touch with Organizers of the WAVA Championships in Melbourne, who seemed to appreciate this
- Drafted revised Constitution for EVAA 1986, much of which was accepted in final revision

- Guided the review of WAVA Age-Graded and Multi-event Scoring Tables 1992/3
- Adapted IAAF rules where necessary to fit them for Veteran competition
- Has supported equal opportunities for women athletes

### **Personal Qualities**

Analytical and organizing ability and leadership qualities developed during 27 years commissioned service in the RAF (Wing Commander), and by subsequent experience as a management consultant.

Works closely with the British Athletic Federation for the development of opportunities for veteran athletes. An experience and balanced Council member.

### **Performance as a Competitor**

A lifelong competitor in open athletics until 1966 from schoolboy champion to representative of Royal Air Force teams. Restarted in 1976 on learning of veteran movement. Competed until 1985 when arthritis ended serious competition but following miracle surgery, now restarted.

Many times British age-group champion and record holder at 800/1500 metres. One EVAA gold, two EVAA silver, and one WAVA bronze medals at 800m in Championships between 1978 and 1984, with several fourth places at 1500 metres.

### **Support in Office**

Fully supported by wife, herself a veteran athlete who has attended most WAVA and EVAA Championships since 1979 and has competed in several.

Enjoys the whole hearted support of the majority of the Stadia Committee and the confidence of WAVA Council.

### **Knowledge of Other Countries**

Earned respect and confidence of athletes in other countries, and in touch with many. A working knowledge of German, French and Spanish.

### **Dedication**

Is dedicated to the continuing development of veteran athletics world-wide, and devotes many hours per week to this cause.

Milton-under-Wychwood  
Oxford, England  
August 1993



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## RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT AMENDMENTS TO THE WAVA CONSTITUTION/BY-LAWS FROM THE WAVA COUNCIL TO THE WAVA GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN MIYAZAKI, 1993

OK  
voice

### 1. General Assembly, Constitution section 4

Addition to paragraph 4 D

After the words "simple majority vote" on line 2 is added:  
", except for amendments to the Constitution for which a  
2/3 majority shall be required." Then continued "Decisions  
shall ..."

Amend. 77-32  
Motion 73-29

### 2. General Assembly, Constitution section 4

New sentence is added to paragraph 4 H

If a constitutional amendment is defeated at a General  
Assembly a similar cannot be raised at the next General  
Assembly again, unless proposed by Council.

Amend 79-16-2  
Motion OK

### 3. General Assembly, Constitution section 4

New paragraph is added as 4 J

Anyone found guilty of any offence under sub-section 7.A  
(except 7a4)  
in the By-Laws may not be a delegate at a WAVA General  
Assembly during the suspension period.

voice

### 4. General Assembly, Constitution section 4

New paragraph is added as 4 K

Temporary text in the By-Laws, paragraph 8.1, is deleted

Substitutes for Regional Delegates will be permitted upon  
written verification from the Regional President submitted  
to the WAVA General Secretary 24 hours in advance of the  
opening of General Assemblies and/or Council meetings.

voice

### 5. General Assembly, Constitution section 4

New paragraph is added as 4 L

Temporary text in the By-Laws, paragraph 8.3, is deleted

Each delegate of an Affiliate shall be a member of the  
Affiliate. Substitutes may be named for any delegate with  
the exception of a WAVA Officer. A substitute may vote in  
the place of an absent delegate provided the substitute  
meets all required qualifications of a voting delegate.  
Substitutes shall be stated upon written verification from  
the President of the respective Governing Body on the sta-  
tionery of that National Body submitted to the WAVA Gene-  
ral Secretary 24 hours in advance of the opening of the  
General Assembly.  
There shall be no voting by proxy.

*VOICE*

**6. Council, Constitution section 5**

The last words on line 3 of paragraph 5 F shall read: *Amend 86-4*

"a quorum shall consist of <sup>2/3</sup> 9 members."

*VOICE*

**7. Women's Assembly, Constitution section 8**

The following words are deleted in paragraph 8 B, line 2

"and may vote"

*Amend, (5 approved)*

*VOICE*

**8. Standing Committees, Constitution section 9**

The following committees are added as standing committees:

- Organizing Advisory Committee
- Law and Legislation Committee
- Doping Committee
- ~~Medical Committee~~

Some text re these committees will be moved from the By-Laws to the Constitution to clarify the purpose of the committees.

*VOICE*

**9. Records Committee, Constitution section 9/By-Laws, new section**

The first paragraph, 9(a)i, is deleted and replaced by a new section in the By-Law after the other committees with the following paragraphs:

- i There shall be 10 members of the Committee plus the Chairperson
  
- ii Each of the WAVA Regions shall have the right to appoint one delegate to this Committee. If any Region does not appoint a delegate the Chairperson can then appoint a person to the Committee. Such person may come from any part of the world.
  
- iii The Chairperson of the Records Committee shall have the right to appoint four members to the Committee.

**Other proposals to the General Assembly from the Council are:**

*VOICE*

**1. Weight pentathlon**

Weight pentathlon is proposed to be incorporated in WAVA Track and Field Championships for men and women with effect from 1994.

The individual disciplines included in the weight pentathlon are held in the following order:

Hammer - Shot - Discus - Javelin - Heavy Weight

The specifications for the implements correspond to those used for the individual events in the respective age-group. For heavy weight the following weights shall be used:

<u>M40/M45</u>	<u>M50/M55</u>	<u>M60/M65</u>	<u>M70/M75</u>	<u>M80+</u>
15.880 kg	11.340 kg	9.072 kg	7.258 kg	5.449 kg

<u>W35/W40/W45</u>	<u>W50/W55</u>	<u>W60+</u>
9.072 kg	7.258 kg	5.499 kg

Detailed specification for the heavy weight shall be as prepared by WAVA Council.

Each competitor shall be allowed 3 throws in each discipline.

Scoring shall be by the application of the 1993 WAVA age group factors to the IAAF scoring tables. For the heavy weight the WAVA scoring table for heavy weight shall used. *and hammer*

## 2. Walking event in Non-Stadia Championships

*voice* ( The WAVA Council proposes that the WAVA Non-Stadia Championships, held in even-numbered years, shall also comprise road walk for men and women.

Proposed distances are: **Men:** ~~20 km~~ *30k*  
**Women:** ~~20 km~~ *20k*

If this proposal is approved by the General Assembly the consequence is that the only road walk at the Stadia Championships will be 10 km on track. *20k/10k*

*20m 10w*

## 3. Cross Country together with the IAAF Championships

A proposal was prepared that the veterans' cross country championships, now held with the Stadia championships, should be staged together with the IAAF Cross Country Championships.

However, it is too late to take such a decision in October this year at the General Assembly in Miyazaki to be implemented in March 1994 and therefore the WAVA Council asks for the General Assembly's authorization to introduce world veterans' cross country championships every second year together with the IAAF Cross Country Championships.

Proposed distances are: **Men:** 10 km  
**Women:** 7 km





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## PROPOSALS FROM WAVA AFFILIATES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN MIYAZAKI, 1993

- ✓ 1. The British Veterans Athletic Federation proposes that the roadwalk distance at the Non-Stadia Championships shall be 30 km for men instead of the 20 km the WAVA Council has in its proposal.
- ✗ 2. The British Veterans Athletic Federation proposes that World Veterans Cross Country Championships, if moved to the IAAF Championships, shall be staged only in even-numbered years.
- 32-73 3. The Nordic countries propose that an athlete's age-group is determined by the year of birth and not by date of birth.

ARG 1	GER 5	MALY 1	TAI 1
ARU 1	GOR 5	NET 1	UKR 1
AUS 5	GRE 1	NZL 5	USA 5
BEL 1	HUN 1	NOR 3	URU 1
BRA 1	HUN 1	PAR 1	VEN 1
BRU 1	IN 2	PR 1	
CAN 4	INDO 1	POL 1	TUR 1
CAT 1	IRE 1	POR 1	PER 1
CHINA 1	ITA 4	RUS 1	BOL 1
COL 1	JPN 2	SM 1	AUS 1
Czech 1	KAZ 1	SLO 1	ROM 1
DEN 1	KOR 1	SPA 1	TRIN 1
EST 1	MEX 1	SWE 5	
CU 1	MOL 1	SWI 2	
FIN 5		SING 1	
FRA 3		SRI 1	

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WAVA and Organizing Committee Conference  
(Meeting Committee)

Date: Friday, 22nd and Saturday, 23rd of May, 1992

Place: Akashia Room, Sun Hotel Phoenix (2nd floor)

Attendees:

WAVA : Torsten Carlus

Al Sheahen

Hans Axmann

Nippon Masters Athletic Union:

Toshimasa Rikitake

Hideyo Kawasato

Bureau of 93' World Veterans' Athletic Championships in Miyazaki:

Yasutake Kuroki	Dputy Executive Director
Mutsunori Kai	Section Chief of Planning Section
Takatoshi Kozuma	Senior Staff of Athletic Facilities Section
Yuji Ishiyama	Staff of Planning Section
Tatsuyuki Tokumaru	Staff of Planning Section
Keiko Yano	Staff of Planning Section - Interpreter
Interpreter	

Agenda Topics

1. WAVA General Meeting

2. Regional Meeting - 5

3. Others

1) WAVA

2) STAD

3) NVA STAD

4)

THE OUTLINE OF CONVENTION FACILITIES IN MIYAZAKI

Name of Facilities	Floor of area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Muximum capacity (people)	Rates per 2 hours not including tax (U.S. \$)	Name of Conference	Remarks
Sun Hotel Phoenix	Grand size hall—① 612	School type 550	430,000yen (3,233)	General meeting	Simultaneous interpretation systems 4 rooms
	Medium size hall—② 113	Central table type 30	82,000 ( 617)	Other meeting	
	Small size hall—③ 28	" 15	18,000 ( 135)	"	
	" ———④ 20	" 10	12,000 ( 90)	"	
	" ———⑤ 36	" 20	21,000 ( 158)	"	
Miyazaki Kanko Hotel	Grand size hall—① 860	School type 1,000	400,000 (3,008)	General meeting	Simultaneous interpretation systems 2rooms 4 rooms
	Medium size hall—② 281	Central table type 40	160,000 (1,203)	Other meeting	
	Small size hall—③ 63	" 20	25,000 ( 188)	"	
Hotel Plaza Miyazaki	Medium size hall A—① 273	Central table type 70	80,000 ( 602)	Other meeting	2 rooms
	" B—② 296	" 40	80,000 ( 602)	"	
	" C—③ 230	" 50	24,000 ( 108)	"	
	Small size hall —④ 77	" 34	14,000 ( 105)	"	
Miyazaki Prefectural Comprehensive Youth Center	Medium size hall A—① 183	Central table type 150	2,000 ( 15)	Other meeting	This is located in Miyazaki Prefectural Sports Park
	" B—② 94	" 80	2,000 ( 15)	"	
	Small size hall A—③ 72	" 45	2,000 ( 15)	"	
	" B—④ 55	" 20	2,000 ( 15)	"	

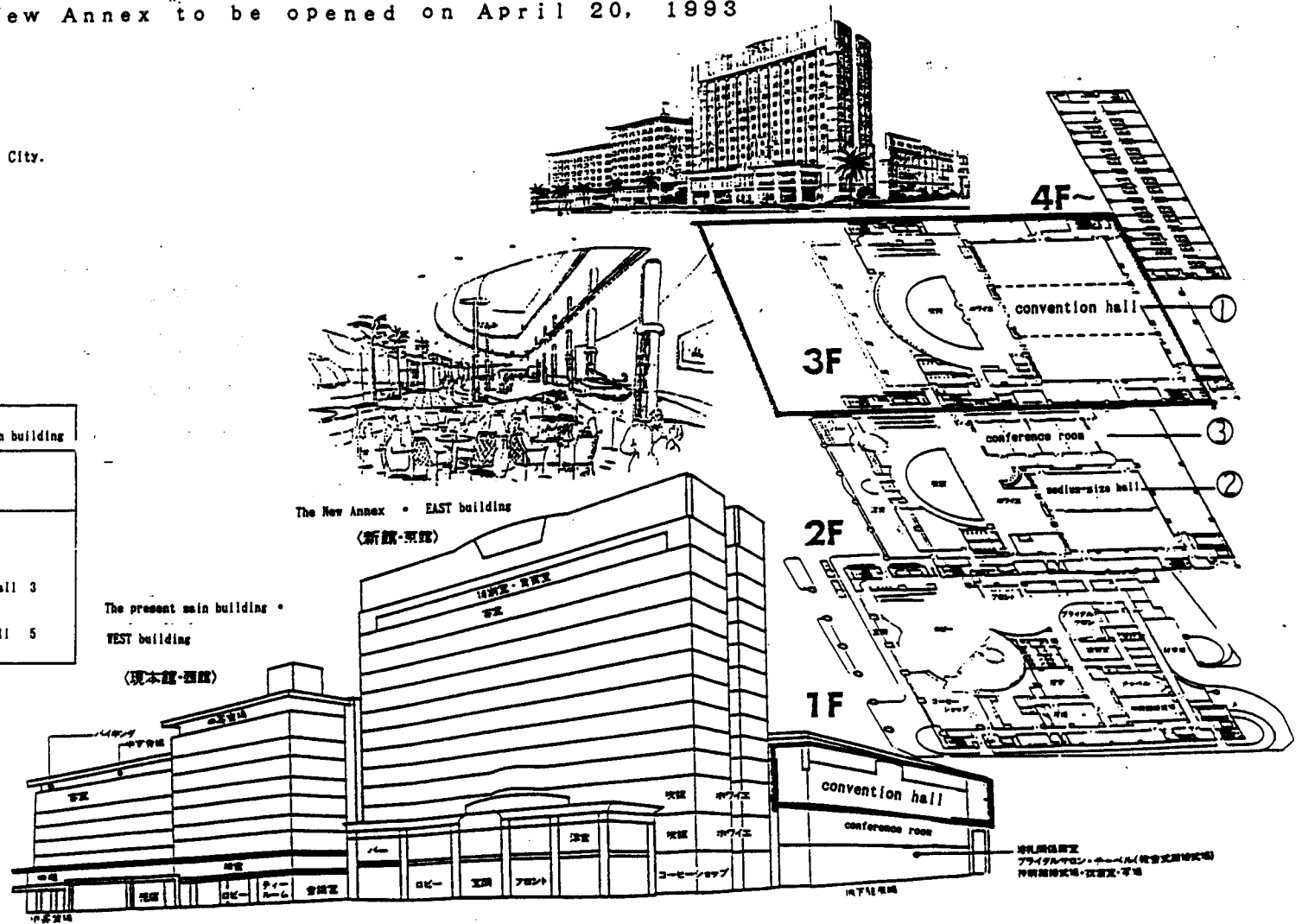
# Miyazaki Kanko Hotel

The New Annex to be opened on April 20, 1993

The new annex of the Miyazaki Kanko Hotel will offer some of the finest conference facilities in Miyazaki City. The 2,500 capacity Convention Hall, and the 800 capacity medium-sized conference hall will have simultaneous translation capability for up to six different languages. Four other small-sized meeting rooms complete the hotel's new conference facilities.

## OUTLINE OF FACILITIES

	The New Annex(from 4/93)	The present main building
Guest Rooms	180 rooms	195 rooms
convention halls	grand-size hall(1,300㎡) 1 (can be divided into 3) medium-size hall(580㎡) 1 (can be divided into 2) small-size hall 4	medium-size hall 3 small-size hall 5



**Agenda for the WAVA General Assembly**  
**October 14, 1993**  
**In Kanko Hotel, Miyazaki, Japan**

1. Opening of the General Assembly
2. Certification of the proper calling of the General Assembly
3. Election of 2 scrutineers for the minutes
4. Election of 2 people to count the ballots
5. Submission of reports from the:
  - President
  - Executive Vice-President
  - Vice-President, Stadia
  - Vice-President, Non-Stadia
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
6. Officers Elections

Ballots will take place for President and Stadia Vice-President. All other officers are nominated by the Council and are unopposed.

Candidates are, for President: • Cesare Beccalli nominated by the Council  
• Owen Flaherty, nominated by the British Veteran Athletic Federation

for Stadia Vice-President:

- Bill Taylor, nominated by the Council
- Vadim Marshev, nominated by the All Russia Athletic Federation

7. Notification of the appointment of Women's Representative
8. Amendments to the WAVA Constitution/by-laws(see enclosure)
9. Bids presentations for future WAVA Championships

- |                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| <u>1994</u> Road Championships   | • Toronto, Canada   |
| <u>1995</u> Stadia Championships | • Malmö, Sweden<br>• Durban, South Africa<br>• San Juan, Puerto Rico<br>• Buffalo, USA                      |
| <u>1996</u> Road Championships   | • Bruges, Belgium   |
| <u>1997</u> Stadia Championships | • Malmö, Sweden<br>• Durban, South Africa<br>• San Juan, Puerto Rico<br>• Buffalo, USA<br>• Santiago, Chile |

The same cities, except Santiago, are bidding for the 1995 and 1997 Stadia Championships. Those not successful for 1995 have confirmed their bid for 1997.

WORLD ASSOCIATION OF VETERAN ATHLETES

Minutes of the Women's Meeting held at the International Convention Centre, San Juan, Puerto Rico, at 9.00 a.m. on 23 September, 1983.

Present:

In the Chair: Mrs Jean O'Neill (Australia), Women's Delegate.

Delegates from:

Visitors

Australia	Joan Stubbings	Mr & Mrs Parlevliet, Holland
Canada	Ruth Carrier	Beryl Vine, New Zealand
Chile	Eliana Gaete	Emmy Margam, Indonesia
Colombia	Mary Garcia de Lires	Maria Herman, "
Gr. Britain	Bridget Cushen	Marilla Salisbury, USA
Holland	Sophie Wisman	G. Snyder, USA
Indonesia	Mrs Leentje Sigar-	Ruth Anderson, USA
New Zealand	Judy Chandler	Ron Salvio, USA
Venezuela	J. Garcia de Schulz	Vicki Bigelow, USA
U.S.A.	Irene Obera	Mr. Jorge Alama, Chile.

Statistician, Mr Gijs Knoppert, Holland.

1. Opening.

- 1.1. The Chairwoman, on behalf of WAVA, said she would like to welcome everyone here to San Juan. The Meeting would be conducted in English and would be as informal as possible.
- 1.2. Whilst all present may speak on a motion, only one delegate from each country has the right to vote on matters of major policy.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

- 2.1. Circulated.
- 2.2. Proposed they be adopted by Bridget Cushen, (Great Britain) and seconded by Irene Obera, (USA).
- 2.3. Item 5. The USA delegate said they would like to reinforce their request that relay teams should be included in the Championships. The Chairwoman said she had voted at the General Assembly in favour of their retention, but in New Zealand they were deleted from the Championships. Friendly relays would, however, be included here.
- 2.4. The Meeting discussed the matter and the Chairwoman said the feeling of the General Assembly was that relays could stimulate nationalism and flag waving. Mr Payne, (USA) questioned why teams were included in the cross country races.
- 2.5. The Chairwoman agreed to raise the subject again with the Executive Committee.

3. Nominations for Women's Delegate.

3.1 The USA proposed that Bridget Cushen, (England), be elected and New Zealand proposed the re-election of Jean O'Neil. A vote was taken and Bridget Cushen was elected new Women's Delegate.

4. Correspondence.

4.1 The Chairwoman reported that she had not received any correspondence.

4.2 The USA delegate said they had written regarding standards for medals but had not received a reply. Jean O'Neil said she had no record of the letter, if it was addressed to the WAVA secretary, their new secretary had changed his address.

5. General Business.

5.1 Irene Obera raised the issue of medal awards. The USA would like to see the first three in each age category receive a medal irrespective of standard or number of competitors. The athletes are not responsible for getting other competitors to the Games.

5.2 The Meeting discussed standards and whether or not they should be implemented. Some Delegates felt that some competitors did not run in their main event, but had entered several track and field events, thus holding up the programme and that there should be some limit. Other competitors pointed out that some countries do not have competition for Masters and that there was no opportunity for the athletes to compete and qualify.

5.3 Ruth Anderson, (USA), moved a motion "That medals be awarded to the first three competitors in each event irrespective of the number of competitors or standard." Motion carried.

6. Delegates' Report.

6.1 Eliana Gaete, (Chile), reported that two years ago they had 5 women and 5 men travel to New Zealand and they had won one gold medal; here they have 18 women and 35 men. All South American countries were represented in the Pan American Games last year. We have 500 active athletes. What are the women of the world doing for the future? There are eight countries from South America who will give support. The Chairwoman congratulated Chile on their success.

6.2 The USA Delegate questioned the voting system at the Women's Meeting and said they would like to see the number of Delegates changed to that of the General Assembly. Some countries have more athletes and they should be better represented.

6.3 Imke Parlevliet, (Holland), said she would agree with that, but there should be a certain maximum.

6.4 Ruth Anderson (USA), said Germany have a large number of athletes, all have just one voice, there should be a larger area representation, the small countries would still have their say. How do the small under-developed countries feel?

- 6.5 Canada outlined their system of representational voting as a guide.
- 6.6 Judy Chandler, (New Zealand), suggested that countries with 1-10 female competitors be entitled to one vote, 10-20 athletes 2 votes, over 20, 3 votes. Small countries would then be on a par with other countries.
- 6.7 The Chairwoman said the Meeting could amend their own rules on voting and she outlined the voting system at the General Assembly.
- 6.8 A motion was put to the Meeting by the USA Delegate "That the voting ratio at the Women's Meeting be the same as at the General Assembly." Motion carried.

7. Any Other Business.

- 7.1 The Meeting closed with the Chairwoman wishing all the competitors good luck in their competition.

Signed.....



# WORLD ASSOCIATION OF VETERAN ATHLETES



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28 October 83

Mr. Al Sheahan,  
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Dear Al,

On behalf of the Executive Council, I would like to thank you for the excellent work you did in Puerto Rico. At a time when Miguel must have thought he was going down for the third time, you and Mike O'Neill threw him an invaluable lifeline.

On a personal basis, may I say how pleased I was to meet you and I look forward to seeing you again in Rome.

The November issue of NMN arrived here on 25 October and I was most impressed by both the quantity and quality of your coverage of the Championships. I can only assume that your account of the General Assembly was from shorthand notes. For me, taking longhand notes of a four-hour meeting is a headache — especially when I am also listening to the next speaker in case I wish to intervene.

Re photograph on P. 17, Una Gore will be surprised at her

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unsought acquisition of American citizenship — she's British. Otherwise, I can only marvel that you got such a full account "on the streets" so soon. What I liked, particularly, in view of all the difficulties, was that you did give credit where it was due — particularly to Miguel who was there when the flak was flying.

As you know, I am compiling "Instructions and Advice to Organisers" for future World Championships and I would be grateful for your suggestions on what might be included regarding announcers and the support they need, particularly their links with the computers. Please feel free to range as widely as you wish — even to areas not connected with announcing. Only by getting a multitude of suggestions can I produce a Bible which will help organisers avoid the pitfalls which their predecessors encountered.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Owen Flaherty

P.S. I had your address on my mailing list as #62. I hope that does not mean that for the past two years you did not receive your copies of letters to affiliated organisations?

# WORLD ASSOCIATION OF VETERAN ATHLETES



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24th October 1983

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Members of Executive Council  
Representatives of affiliated organisations

Dear Friends,

Enclosed you will find copies of the Minutes of the General Assembly held recently in Puerto Rico and a schedule of the hurdles and implements specifications which will be observed in future World Championships. These hurdles and implements specifications will also be essential for the acceptance of world age-group records by WAVA. Meet Directors therefore are asked to ensure that these specifications are observed.

You will read in the Minutes that the General Assembly instructed the Executive Council to consider how relay races and team races could best be included in the programme of future World Championships. At a later meeting, the Executive Council decided that relay races would be held over 4 x 100 metres and 4 x 400 metres in 5-year age groups. Teams would be entered from the six continental regions (Africa, North America, South America, Asia, Europe and Oceania) with a maximum of two teams from each region. Where necessary, an age-group would be run in two sections (for example, if eleven teams were entered), the winners being decided on a time basis. The Executive Council further decided that, in team races (for example, cross-country), there would be one regional team in each 5-year age group with any number in a team but not less than three to score. The result in team races will be determined on a cumulative time basis.

The General Assembly also instructed the Executive Council to consider the problem of very slow competitors. The Executive Council decided that World Championship organisers would be instructed that, where the time-table would otherwise be interfered with, very slow competitors should be moved to the outer lanes of the track to allow the next event to proceed. In addition, to deter competitors from entering events which they could not seriously undertake, the Organising Committee will be authorised to levy a double fee for a competitor's seventh and subsequent events.

With best wishes,  
Yours sincerely,

*Owen Flaherty*

Owen Flaherty  
Secretary

WORLD ASSOCIATION OF VETERAN ATHLETES

Minutes of General Assembly held at Convention Centre, San Juan,  
Puerto Rico on 25 September 1983.

Present:

Executive Council

Don Farquharson, President  
Hans Axmann, Vice-President (Track and Field)  
Jacques Serruys, Vice-President (Road Running and Walking)  
Roland Jerneryd, Executive Vice-President  
Owen Flaherty, Secretary  
Jean O'Neill, Women's Delegate  
Danie Burger, Delegate of Africa  
Robert Fine, Delegate of North America  
Hernan Figueroa, Delegate of South America  
Milkha Singh, Delegate of Asia  
Cesare Beccalli, Delegate of Europe  
Clem Green, Delegate of Oceania

Delegates of Affiliated Organisations

Alberto Rio, Argentina  
Royce Foley, Australia  
Michael O'Neill, Australia  
Graham Ryan, Australia  
Wal Sheppard, Australia  
Dan Stubbings, Australia  
Hannelore Guschmann, Belgium  
Francisco Antonio Bianco Jr., Brasil  
George Gluppe, Canada  
Alastair Lynn, Canada  
Jorge Alzamora, Chile  
Warren Ling, China (Taiwan)  
David Cortes, Colombia  
Harold Gahr, Germany (FRG)  
Wilhelm Koster, Germany (FRG)  
Bridget Cushen, Great Britain  
Barbara Dunsford, Great Britain  
Jack Fitzgerald, Great Britain  
Ron Franklin, Great Britain  
Sylvester Stein, Great Britain  
Gokel Chand, India  
Willem Theodorus Sigar, Indonesia  
Teddy Kaplan, Israel  
Cattoni, Italy  
Camillo Corti, Italy  
De Matteis, Italy  
Giuseppe Spanedda, Italy  
Yuzuru Ichiki, Japan  
Kiyoshi Konoike, Japan  
Takuro Miura, Japan  
Mikio Oda, Japan  
Zentaro Watanabi, Japan  
Hurang Yong He, Korea  
Carlos Hernandez Brito, Mexico  
Gijs Knoppert, The Netherlands  
Imke Parlevliet, The Netherlands  
Jan Parlevliet, The Netherlands

Delegates of Affiliated Organisations Present (continued)

Harry Janssen, Netherlands Antilles  
Merv Dunn, New Zealand  
John Macdonald, New Zealand  
Miguel Rivera-Veve, Puerto Rico  
Dawie Augustyn, South Africa  
Hannes Booysen, South Africa  
Joe Botha, South Africa  
Mornay du Plessis, South Africa  
Jose Figueras, Uruguay  
Ron Boal, USA  
Charles Des Jardins, USA  
Ronald Salvio, USA  
Al Sheahen, USA  
Bruce Springbett, USA  
Rogelio Lopez, Venezuela

OPENING OF MEETING

President Don Farquharson opened the meeting by welcoming the delegates and observers. He paid a warm tribute to the late Hideo Okada, Japan, the former Delegate for Asia, who had died since the IV Championships in Christchurch and had been a leading figure in the development of veterans athletics. President then introduced the members of the Executive Council.

CHAIRMAN

Don Farquharson was elected chairman of the meeting.

SECRETARY

Owen Flaherty was elected secretary of the meeting.

AGENDA

The delegates unanimously approved the proposed agenda.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President recounted the difficulties which had been experienced regarding the treasurership since the IV Championships culminating in the impeachment of the Treasurer on the grounds of irregular operation of WAVA's bank account and failure to repay a loan from WAVA funds. Delegates were asked if they had any questions on this matter but there was none.

It was explained that there would be no further issues of the WAVA Newsletter as funding the project had become increasingly difficult. Where appropriate, cheques would be returned.

The President then related the problems encountered in connection with the participation of South African entrants at the current Championships and, in particular, the involvement of the Governor of Puerto Rico and the Mayor of San Juan. By threats to withhold the stadia facilities and withdrawing the offer of financial assistance, the Governor had effectively barred South Africans from the Championships. President Don Farquharson had consulted the other office-bearers by telephone regarding the desirability of compromise by WAVA or moving the Championships to another venue. The latter had proved impossible. Opinion was sounded through 'Masters Newsletter' and eventually it was decided to proceed with the Championships in Puerto Rico. In the end it proved possible to have some South African athletes compete.

The President concluded his report by expressing satisfaction at the continuing growth of veterans athletics throughout the world.

#### INTERIM TREASURER'S REPORT

Since the impeachment of the Treasurer, Jacques Serruys had acted as Interim Treasurer and his financial statement (enclosed) was accepted without dissent.

#### REPORT ON WOMEN'S MEETING

Jean O'Neill, after being thanked by the President for her efforts on behalf of women veterans, reported that the principal matters considered at the Women's meeting had been the medal standards and relays. In addition, it had been decided that delegate representation would be altered for future meetings. Don Farquharson explained that the medal standards would be abolished with effect from the next World Championships in 1985. A motion by John Macdonald, seconded by Wal Sheppard, "That this meeting instructs the Executive Council to consider the problem of very slow competitors" was carried unanimously. Miguel Rivera-Veve suggested that WAVA should have written modifications of IAAF Rules to authorise constructive action by the Organising Committee in matters such as this. Don Farquharson explained that it was hoped to do this in a 'handbook' about to be prepared.

#### AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND BYE-LAWS

a) Motion proposed by Don Farquharson, President:-

"That Section 2 of the WAVA Bye-Laws be amended to read as follows:-

##### '2. DUES

These shall be established by the General Assembly. Commencing with the year 1984 and each year thereafter until otherwise modified, the national affiliation dues will be fixed according to the number of national delegates to which each country is entitled at the General Assembly in the amount of US.\$50.00 (fifty US dollars) for each delegate. Under present delegate representation, this means that annual dues will be a minimum of US.\$50.00 (fifty US dollars) and a maximum of US.\$250.00 (two hundred and fifty US dollars).'

Amendment (a) continued

Don Farquharson expounded the rationale behind his motion which was aimed at correcting WAVA's difficult financial position. Jack Fitzgerald stated that the British Veterans Athletic Federation would have difficulty in meeting the proposed levy and suggested economies in the Executive Council's expenditure. The President explained that his two visits to Puerto Rico were at the expense of the Organising Committee and that WAVA paid only a part of the Executive Council's expenses in attending the Championships.

The Motion was carried on a show of hands.

b) Motion proposed by Secretary Owen Flaherty:-

"That Section 5 of the Constitution be amended with effect from 26 September 1983 to include a further paragraph as follows:-

'Motions for meetings of the General Assembly shall be proposed only by affiliated organisations or the Executive Council.' "

The Motion was defeated - on a tied vote, the President used his casting vote to preserve the status quo.

TEAM AND RELAY RACES

a) Motion proposed by Secretary Owen Flaherty:-

"That team races give an unfair advantage to the host country and are incompatible with the WAVA basic principle that entries are made by individuals and are not subject to any process of national selection and will therefore not be included in further WAVA World Championships."

b) Motion proposed by Al Guidet and Bruce Springbett, USA:-

"That all relays be re-instated to the regular Track and Field programme for the 1985 WAVA Championships."

It was agreed that the question of relays be considered first. President Don Farquharson recalled that, at the General Assembly in 1981, it had been decided to delete relays from subsequent World Championship programmes as WAVA did not recognise the existence of national teams. If relays were to be restored to the programme, there were three possible bases for entries - national, continental or mixed teams. After brief discussion, it was agreed unanimously "That this Assembly instructs the Executive Council to consider how relays may be re-instated officially to the World Championships programme". It was further agreed unanimously "That this Assembly instructs the Executive Council to determine the inclusion or otherwise of team races in the World Championship programme as for relay races". Accordingly the two original motions were withdrawn.

(At a subsequent meeting of the Executive Council, it was decided that relay races and team races would be included in future World Championship programmes with teams representing each of the six continental regions with a maximum of two teams from each region.)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Before the formal election, Don Farquharson explained that Roland Jerneryd had decided to retire and proposed that, in recognition of the outstanding service which Roland Jerneryd had given to WAVA during its crucial formative years, he should be elected Honorary Life Vice-President. The Assembly concurred unanimously and Roland Jerneryd was so elected.

a) President

At this election, Don Farquharson vacated the Chair. Don Farquharson was the sole candidate and was re-elected unanimously as President until the next General Assembly.

b) Vice-President (Road Running and Walking)

Jacques Serruys was the sole candidate and was re-elected unanimously as Vice-President (Road Running and Walking) until the next General Assembly.

c) Vice-President (Track and Field)

Hans Axmann was the sole candidate and was re-elected unanimously as Vice-President (Track and Field) until the next General Assembly.

d) Executive Vice-President

The following candidates were nominated:-

Wal Sheppard  
John Macdonald  
Rogelio Lopez

The election resulted in Wal Sheppard becoming Executive Vice-President until the next General Assembly.

e) Secretary

Owen Flaherty was the sole candidate and was re-elected unanimously as Secretary until the next General Assembly.

f) Treasurer

The following candidates were nominated:-

Alastair Lynn  
Gijs Knoppert

The election resulted in Alastair Lynn becoming Treasurer until the next General Assembly.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NOMINATED DELEGATES

The following were formally announced as nominated delegates on the Executive Council until the next General Assembly:-

Women's Representative - Bridget Cushen  
Africa - - - - - Danie Burger  
North America - - - - - Robert Fine  
South America - - - - - Hernan Figueroa  
Asia - - - - - Milkha Singh  
Europe - - - - - Cesare Beccalli  
Oceania - - - - - Clem Green



## VI and VII WORLD VETERAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

It was announced that Italy and South Africa were the only two candidates for the VI and VII World Veterans Championships. Presentations would be made and decisions taken at a later meeting.

(At the presentation meeting, Italy was awarded the VI World Veterans Championships in 1985. It was agreed to take no decision on the VII World Veterans Championships (1987) until the General Assembly in Rome in 1985.)

## OTHER BUSINESS

Complaints regarding the organisation and expertise encountered at the Championships in Puerto Rico were answered by the Director of Operations, Miguel Rivera-Veve, who explained that most of the difficulties had stemmed from two particular causes. Firstly, a decision had been taken at one time to cancel the Championships with the result that the organisation began to be wound down and had later proved difficult to re-activate. Secondly, a large number of late entries (including the arrival in Puerto Rico of intending competitors who had not entered) posed insurmountable problems for the organisers. It was thought that the worst of the difficulties were past and that matters would improve for the remainder of the Championships.

It was suggested that efforts should be made to encourage involvement by eastern nations in veterans athletics.

A complaint was made that competitors in at least one race had been told by officials that watches could not be worn in competition. The President gave an assurance that watches could be worn in the remaining events.

An opportunity was given to Dr. Maureen O'Brien of the "World Masters Games" to describe the project and the objectives. Dr. O'Brien then answered questions. Thereafter, several delegates spoke against giving the project any support and the Assembly carried unanimously a motion by Bob Fine, seconded by Ron Franklin, "That the Executive Council disavow any connection with the 'World Masters Games' and discourage any participation by members of organisations affiliated to WAVA.

Pete Mundle asked that, in world age-group record applications, Meet Directors should complete an official application form. Mike O'Neill agreed and pointed out that the greatest protection had to be given to the existing record-holder. The standards of record applications needed raising and rules or guidance thereon were required from WAVA.

## CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the President thanked the Delegates for attending and formally brought the meeting to a close.

WORLD ASSOCIATION OF VETERAN ATHLETES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME BF

Affiliation-fees 43.158 BF  
Interest 2.279 BF

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45.437 BF  
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45.437 BF  
- 10.768 BF EXPENDITURES

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34.668 BF INCOME (55.100) = 629 \$

EXPENDITURE BF

Bank-charges 4.200 BF  
Executive Council 6.569 BF

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10.769 BF  
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INCOME U.S. DOLLARS

Affiliation-fees 128 \$  
GIFT (World Veteran Games Trust N.Z.) 2.000 \$

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2.128 \$  
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2.128 \$  
- 1.700 \$ EXPENDITURES

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428 \$ INCOME

EXPENDITURES U.S. DOLLARS

Executive Council 1.700 U.S. \$

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Income in September 1983, 1057 \$

Jacques Serru

