

Women's Meeting 6/85

A G E N D A

1. Opening
2. Minutes of Meeting held in Puerto Rico, 1983
3. Matters Arising therefrom
4. Hammer Competition
5. Heptathlon for W35-39 Age Group
6. Pentathlon for W40 and Over (currently 100m Hurdles W35-39, 80m Hurdles W40 and Over, Shot Put, High Jump, Long jump and 800m.), should be:
 - (a) the same as the men's (Long Jump, Javelin, 200m Discus, 1,500m.),
 - (b) proposed by Australia that the High Jump and Hurdles be deleted from the pentathlon and replaced with the 100m and javelin.
7. Javelin, delete 400g. substitute 600g for all age groups
8. IAAF Rule 138(3) The Female Sex Test.
9. Delegates' Report
10. Nominations for Women's Delegate
11. Any Other Business.

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Javea, 29 April 1985

To: Executive Council
Affiliated Organisations

Dear Friends,

I am enclosing the Agenda of the General Assembly to be held during the forthcoming World Veterans Athletics Championships in Rome together with the list of declared delegates. You will also find the proposed new Constitution and By-Laws. (see Item 8 on the Agenda).

In the few short years since W.A.V.A. was established, much experience has been gained and W.A.V.A. has developed in a way which must be most satisfying to those idealists who took the first (and therefore most difficult) tentative steps on our behalf. The proposed Constitution and By-Laws reflect that experience and development and will form a sound and comprehensive basis for W.A.V.A.'s administration and programme for the foreseeable future - a future which looks increasingly bright and promising.

I am also enclosing President Don Farquharson's report on the progress of negotiations between the International Amateur Athletic Federation and W.A.V.A. This matter will be dealt with fully at the General Assembly.

I would be grateful if you would copy all of these enclosures at least to the officers of your organisation and any others who may be delegates at the General Assembly.

It should be noted that the North American Regional Meeting at Rome has now been scheduled for 9.00 am on Monday, 24 June.

At Rome, the information and services area will be in the FORO ITALICO which is near the Olympic Stadium and the Stadio dei Marmi. It will be open from 18 June.

Yours sincerely,

Owen Flaherty
Secretary

W.A.V.A. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- i) Thursday, 27 June 1985 (Items 1 - 13) - This session will commence at 2.00 pm. in the Sala Protomoteca, Campidoglio, Rome (check plan at the Foro Italico, the central area for information and services, close to the Olympic Stadium and Stadio dei Marmi).
- ii) Friday, 28 June 1985 (Items 14 - 17) - This session will take place at the village of Amilia and will probably be followed by a mayor's reception for delegates. Buses will leave Foro Italico at 2.00 pm.

1. Opening
2. Election of Chairman of the Meeting
3. Election of Secretary of the Meeting
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. President's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
- GA Sec'y report
7. Report on Women's Meeting
8. Constitution and By-Laws

It is proposed -

"That the existing Constitution and By-Laws be replaced by the Constitution and By-Laws attached hereto."

Proposer - Don Farquharson (President)

Seconder - Owen Flaherty (Secretary)

This proposal has the support of the other officers.

[The proposed new Constitution describes W.A.V.A. and its constituent parts; the proposed new By-Laws describe what W.A.V.A. does and how W.A.V.A. does it. Taken together, the two documents reflect changes which have occurred in the light of experience since W.A.V.A. was founded and propose further changes intended to make W.A.V.A. more efficient. The principal changes can be summarised as follows -

- i) There is detailed definition of the duties and powers of the General Assembly, the Council, the Executive and each of the officers.
- ii) The Technical Committee is strengthened and its scope extended to include the whole spectrum of veterans athletics instead of only track and field.
- iii) There is detailed definition of the procedures for ratification of veteran records and of the function of the Records Committee.
- iv) There is detailed definition of discipline offences and of the function of the Discipline Committee.
- v) Authority is given to the Executive to administer the affairs of W.A.V.A. when meetings of the Council are not practicable.

- vi) There is stricter and more detailed control of W.A.V.A.'s finances.
 - vii) There is provision for the Executive to include the immediate past-President and the Women's Representative.]
9. Consideration of claims by IKAMI (present Indonesian affiliate to WAVA) and PAVI (recognised by the National Athletics Federation of Indonesia) to be recognised by WAVA and be the affiliate for Indonesia
 10. Statement by the President on the relationship between the International Amateur Athletic Federation and W.A.V.A.
 11. Election of officers
 - a) President
Don Farquharson has agreed to stand for a further term and has been nominated by Wal Sheppard. No other candidate has been nominated.
 - b) Executive Vice-President
Wal Sheppard has agreed to stand for a further term and has been nominated by President Don Farquharson. No other candidate has been nominated.
 - c) Vice-President (Road and Country)
Jacques Serruys has agreed to stand for a further term and has been nominated by President Don Farquharson. No other candidate has been nominated.
 - d) Vice-President (Track and Field)
Hans Axmann has agreed to stand for a further term and has been nominated by President Don Farquharson. No other candidate has been nominated.
 - e) Secretary
Owen Flaherty has agreed to stand for a further term and has been nominated by President Don Farquharson. No other candidate has been nominated.
 - f) Treasurer
Alastair Lynn has agreed to stand for a further term and has been nominated by President Don Farquharson. No other candidate has been nominated.
 12. Appointment of Women's Representative
 13. Appointment of Regional Delegates
 14. VII World Veterans Athletics Championships (1987) - consideration of bids and announcement of venue
 15. VIII World Veterans Athletics Championships (1989) - consideration of bids and announcement of venue
 16. Any other business
 17. Close of meeting

WORLD ASSOCIATION OF VETERAN ATHLETES

Declared Delegates to General Assembly, 27/28 June, 1985

Australia	Mrs. M. Cahill, R. Callaghan, P. Colthup, M. O'Neill, P. Smith.
Brazil	Milton Pereira dos Santos.
Colombia	Gregorio Aragon.
Denmark	Frank Horn, Heinrich Sell.
Finland	Lars Ingves, Mrs. Irene Merjamaa, Volmar Wikström.
Germany (Federal Republic of)	Hans Axmann, Wilhelm Köster, Professor Dr. Manfred Steinbach.
Hungary	Ferenc Laszlo Tesch.
Netherlands	G. Knoppert, J. Luykx, Mrs. I. Parlevliet, J. E. Parlevliet.
New Zealand	Mrs. Sue Dumble, Merv Dunn, Clem Green, Bruce McPhail.
Sweden	Konrad Hermelind, Bengt Järnhöster, Göte Lindblad, Alan Scott.
Switzerland	Giuseppe Galfetti.
United Kingdom	Ron Franklin, Janis Kerr, Sylvester Stein, Bill Taylor, Keith Whittaker.
United States	Bob Boal, Jerry Donley, Reiko Duba, Ron Salvio, Al Sheahan.

AMENDMENT PROPOSED TO WAVA CONSTITUTION

15. STATUS

WAVA may enter into an agreement with the IAAF (subject to the General Assembly's approval of the proposed agreement,

AND PROVIDING THAT: 1) VETERANS ATHLETICS COMPETITIONS ARE EXCLUDED FROM IAAF RULES 12-18, 51-54, 102, 138-139 AND 144;

AND 2) THE IAAF VETERANS COMMITTEE BE COMPOSED OF NOT LESS THAN $\frac{2}{3}$ WAVA REPRESENTATIVES AND NOT MORE THAN $\frac{1}{3}$ IAAF REPRESENTATIVES, AND THAT THE WAVA REPS SHOULD INCLUDE THE PRESIDENT OF WAVA, WITH THE REST TO BE ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

and any such agreement, on coming into effect, shall be adopted as an Appendix hereto; on expiry or termination, any such agreement shall cease to be an Appendix hereto.

(CAPITALS = PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION)

NOTES ON THE PROPOSED CO-OPERATION BETWEEN IAAF AND WAVA
JUNE, 1985

1. In Los Angeles the IAAF Congress agreed to integrate Veterans into the structure of the IAAF. An IAAF Veterans' Committee was formed, including 8 members nominated directly by the recognised World Organisation for Veteran Athletics, WAVA.

This Committee is a liaison instrument for co-operation between IAAF and WAVA.

2. The Committee aims to foster and improve relationships between IAAF and WAVA, so that the two bodies can co-operate in future and work together for the benefit of Veteran Athletics.
3. The aims of WAVA (taken from the proposed Constitution) are stated as follows :-
 1. To organise and administer athletics for Veterans.
 2. To sanction World Veteran Championships and encourage other International Veteran competition.
 3. To ratify age group records for Veterans.
 4. To foster International friendship, understanding and co-operation through Veteran Athletics.
4. The aims and role of the IAAF Veterans' Committee :-
 1. To work for one fully integrated Association for Veteran Athletics in each IAAF Member country, which can be affiliated to WAVA.
 2. To recommend a Veterans section inside each IAAF member Federation, being the natural solution, as it can then enjoy the experience and support of the IAAF Member.
 3. Suggest to IAAF Continental Associations that they set up a small liaison Committee to work with the parallel Continental Veterans Association where such exists.
 4. Encourage IAAF Members to set up a Veterans' Association in countries where there is no WAVA affiliate.
 5. Help WAVA create a register of Veteran Associations by establishing how many National Athletic Federations have Veterans Associations (either integrated or separate from the National Federation).
 6. Assist and advise WAVA where needed in the creation of a sound Constitution and set of Technical Rules.

What is required in Rome is for the WAVA General Assembly, having received the above assurances that WAVA will continue to have autonomy and run its own competitions with assistance from IAAF Members when possible, should give a vote of confidence to the IAAF Veterans' Committee. Both the Officers of WAVA and the IAAF Council are convinced that already major steps in co-operation have been taken and within 2 years will lead to a significant improvement in the structure and organisation of World Veteran Athletics for men and women.

Minutes (unofficial) of WAVA General Assembly

8/85

by AL SHEAHEN

1. The biennial meeting of the General Assembly of the World Association of Veteran Athletes (WAVA) was opened by President Don Farquharson at 3 p.m. on June 27, 1985 at the Cavalieri Hilton Hotel in Rome.

2. **President's Report.** Farquharson said negotiations were proceeding towards an agreement between WAVA and the IAAF. He cited the growth of the worldwide Veterans program, as evidenced by the record 4330 athletes competing in Rome.

3. **Treasurer's Report.** Alastair Lynn said WAVA has \$8,304 in the bank, a substantial improvement over the \$428 of two years ago. (see detailed report). WAVA will receive about \$40,000 from the \$10 fee paid by each of the participants in Rome.

4. **Secretary's Report.** Owen Flaherty complained that only nine of 45 affiliates sent in a delegate list, and asked for better communication.

5. **Women's Meeting Report.** Bridget Cushen said the women delegates rejected IAAF Rule 138 (3), which requires sex tests, but the vote was not unanimous.

6. **A new Constitution and By-Laws** were proposed and, to save time, accepted, subject to amendments to be inserted later by the Executive Committee in response to suggested changes by the delegates. Delegates thanked Flaherty and North American Representative Bob Fine for laboring long and hard to produce the much needed documents. Briefly, they give

added strength to the Technical Committee and the Executive and detail the duties of the General Assembly and the ratification-of-records procedures.

7. **WAVA-IAAF Agreement.** A two-hour discussion was held on whether WAVA should continue negotiations to try to reach an agreement with the IAAF. Pro and con arguments were heard. Flaherty asked delegates to trust the WAVA Executive to come to a final agreement with IAAF. A motion to grant the Executive the power to sign an agreement with IAAF — providing that Veterans were excluded from IAAF Rules 12-18, 51-54, 102, 138-139 and 144 was defeated, 60-14. A motion to grant the Executive the power to come to an agreement with IAAF, subject to ratification by the General Assembly in 1987, passed unanimously.

8. **Election of Officers.** All current officers were the only nominees and were unanimously reelected for a two-year term: President: Farquharson; Treasurer: Lynn; Secretary: Flaherty; VP, T&F: Hans Axmann; V-P, LDR: Jacques Serruys; Executive V-P: Wal Sheppard. Farquharson said it will be his last term.

9. **Representatives to the Council.** Farquharson announced his appointments of regional representatives to the WAVA Council: North America: Bob Fine; Oceania: Clem Green; Asia: Milkah Singh; South America: Juan Kulzer; Europe: Cesare Beccalli; Africa: to be named later. □

14	FRA	France	75	13	88
15	FRG	Fed. Republic of Germany	494	152	646
16	GBR	Great Britain	186	44	230
17	GRE	Greece	12	0	12
18	HOL	Holland	35	6	41
19	HUN	Hungary	52	9	61
20	INA	Indonesia	7	8	15
21	IND	India	14	3	17
22	IRL	Ireland	22	1	23
23	ISL	Iceland	3	0	3
24	ISR	Israel	13	2	15
25	ISV	Virgin Islands	3	0	3
26	ITA	Italy	1347	88	1435
27	JPN	Japan	32	6	38
28	LES	Lesotho	2	0	2
29	LUX	Luxembourg	1	0	1
30	MAL	Malasia	3	0	3
31	MEX	Mexico	19	4	23
32	NOR	Norway	56	8	64
33	NZL	New Zealand	42	30	72
34	POR	Portugal	22	0	22
35	PUR	Puerto Rico	18	1	19
36	RSA	South Africa	34	11	45
37	SIN	Singapore	9	2	11
38	SRI	Sri Lanka	7	1	8
39	SUI	Switzerland	70	10	80
40	SWE	Sweden	112	21	133
41	TCH	Czechoslovakia	27	11	38
42	TPE	Chinese Taipei	40	7	47
43	TRI	Trinidad & Tobago	15	5	20
44	TUR	Turkey	6	0	6
45	URU	Uruguay	3	0	3
46	USA	U.S.A.	293	62	355
47	VEN	Venezuela	11	2	13
48	YUG	Yugoslavia	30	5	35
TOTALS			3659	671	4330

Note: all participants competed as individuals, not as members of any national "team." Relay teams were organized by region (Europe, Asia, etc.), not by nation.

VETERANS GAMES

Event	Men	Women	Total
	100	175	693
	200	143	674
	400	126	549
	800	97	494
	1500	93	508
	5000	127	697
	10000	84	686
HH	104	57	161
400H	167	0	167
SC	142	0	142
HJ	184	72	256
PV	111	0	111
LJ	350	87	437
TJ	169	0	169
SP	250	130	380
DT	279	64	343
HT	163	0	163
JAV	213	84	297
5000W	247	66	313
20KW	254	56	310
XC	417	90	507
MAR	931	76	1007
PEN	245	56	301

TOTALS	7682	1683	9365
Entrants	3659	671	4330
Average per entrant	2.1	2.5	2.16

ENTRANTS OF HOST NATION (ITALY) IN SOME EVENTS:

PV	11	0	11
10000	215	14	229
MAR	672	20	692*

*About 2/3 (461) competed only in the marathon