

WORLD ASSOCIATION OF VETERAN ATHLETES
PROMOTING VETERAN ATHLETICS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE WAVA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
EUGENE, AUGUST 2nd, 1989**

Present: Cesare Beccalli in the Chair, The WAVA Council,
Alastair Lynn, Secretary.

The following Affiliates were represented (number of Delegates in brackets).

Argentina(2), Aruba(1), Australia(5), Austria(1), Belgium(5), Bolivia(1), Brazil(2), Canada(2), Chile(2), Chinese Taipei(2), Colombia(1), Cyprus(1), Denmark(2), Federal Republic of Germany(5), Finland(4), France(5), Great Britain(5), Greece(2), Hungary(5), Iceland (1), India(5), Ireland(1), Italy(5), Japan(5), Malaysia(1), New Zealand(4), Norway(4), Peru(1), Philippines(1), Poland(1), Portugal(1), Puerto Rico(1), Singapore(2), Korea(1), Spain(3), Sri Lanka(1), Sweden(5), Switzerland(4), Trinidad & Tobago(1), U.S.A.(5), Uruguay(1), Venezuela(1). Mexico 1,

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Cesare Beccalli, WAVA President and Frank Greenberg, President of the Athletic Congress of the United States, welcomed the delegates and observers. Barbara Kousky and Tom Jordan, co-directors of the VIII WAVA World Veterans' Athletic Championships, were warmly thanked for the well-organized, very hospitable Championships in Eugene-Springfield.

The Secretary, Alastair Lynn, then went through the Agenda and outlined the various procedures which would be used.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President's report, along with those of the Secretary and Treasurer, had been circulated in advance to the Affiliates in accordance with the WAVA Constitution. Cesare Beccalli therefore did not go through his report in detail but concentrated on a number of items:

- 2.1 His visit to Seoul to the last IGAL World races; he thanked Jacques Serruys and Clem Green, former President and Vice President respectively of IGAL, for the work they had done in bringing IGAL and WAVA together for the good of all Veteran athletes.
- 2.2 He was delighted at the increasing numbers attending the Women's Meeting and looked forward to seeing even greater participation by women in our activities.
- 2.3 The Council had received a presentation on drugs in sport by Dr. Thaddeus Bell. This had been most interesting but it was accepted that it would be very difficult, and expensive, to apply drug testing to Veteran athletes, particularly with the needs of some for prescribed medication. WAVA had no plans to introduce such testing.

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2.4 Our discussions with the I.A.A.F. are proceeding smoothly and we are in a six year program of discussions to 1995. We are officially recognised by the I.A.A.F. and they publicly backed WAVA against the Masters Games currently in progress in Denmark. WAVA does not, at this stage, see a need for developing a form of contract with the I.A.A.F. In any case, any more formal link with the I.A.A.F. is subject to the WAVA General Assembly's approval, according to our Constitution. Brian Oxley (Canada) appreciated the President's comments but noted that WAVA had been developed by activists in many countries and he expressed concern that the IAAF Veterans' Committee had cancelled holding their annual meeting in Eugene. Cesare Beccalli reassured the Assembly that WAVA's principles would be protected. It was unfortunate that the I.A.A.F. Veterans' Committee had changed the location of their 1989 meeting but, on the other hand, Hans Skaset, Chairman of the I.A.A.F. Veterans' Committee had visited Eugene-Springfield for several days and in conversations with both himself and the Secretary had expressed his admiration for the Championships. Fernando Ferreira (Portugal) queried why WAVA should become involved with the I.A.A.F. - we are strong enough to develop on our own. Cesare Beccalli re-iterated that the final step would not necessarily be integration with the I.A.A.F. and that we would protect the concept of WAVA. In a reply to Roy Foley (Australia) the President confirmed that the I.A.A.F. approached WAVA in the first place re a possible association.

Cesare Beccalli thanked the members of the WAVA Council for all the work done since the Melbourne General Assembly.

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Alastair Lynn made the theme of his report "Communications".

3.1 It was vitally important for any organisation to maintain excellent and regular communications - particularly a world-wide one such as WAVA. This had been one of the new Council's objectives and the Secretary considered that we could claim success. Circulars had been sent, articles by Council members had appeared in our official paper - the National Masters News - and the Secretary had had a considerable amount of correspondence with many Affiliates.

He emphasized the need to let him know of changes in address so that he could maintain an up-to-date address list; the response to the WAVA form covering names and addresses of the national Veterans' committees had been very good and he would shortly be sending out a new one.

He also mentioned financial support from WAVA for some national Veterans' newsletters and the WAVA Handbook, produced with the help of the I.A.A.F.

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For the first time, WAVA had produced a questionnaire given to all athletes at these Championships and he urged Delegates to encourage their fellow-participants to complete the questionnaire. The Secretary would subsequently write a report on the survey's findings.

- 3.2 The Secretary reported that the contracts with the two cities which would later be bidding for the 1991 WAVA Championships were in good order.
- 3.3. Two of our Affiliates were having problems internally with other Veterans' organisations and the WAVA Council was working to reconcile these differences. He asked any Affiliate having problems of this nature to write to him.
- 3.4 Alastair Lynn referred to the President's comments on drugs - WAVA would try to tackle this through education such as by articles in the National Masters News.
- 3.5 He thanked Barbara Kousky and Tom Jordan for the excellent relationship which had developed in the months leading to these Championships.
- 3.6 Finally, he thanked his colleagues on the Council for their support.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

- 4.1 The Treasurer had sent a report with the material sent to Affiliates in advance of the General Assembly; he had now distributed a report updated to June 30, 1989 (see attached). He went through the revenue, which included profit-sharing of U.S. \$3,000. from the Melbourne Championships. Some of our costs had risen - for example, those of the Secretary - but this was a reflection of our increased activities which clearly required more expenditure.
- 4.2 As requested at the last General Assembly, the organizer of the Rome Championships had submitted a financial statement. The WAVA Council had accepted this statement and the matter was now closed.

The Treasurer's report was accepted on an "Ayes" vote.

5. REPORT FROM THE WOMEN'S ASSEMBLY

Bridget Cushen reported on the Women's Assembly, held on August 1st. The following had been accepted by the Women's Assembly:

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- Retain medal standards
- Women's team competition for non-stadia events to be based on three people in each age group
- Women in relay stadia events have the same age group breakdown as men in W.40 to W.55; W.35 and W.60 and over remain.
- 10K Women's road walking championship stays exactly as it is now.

Bridget Cushen outlined her role as a liaison with the IAAF Women; she will attend the IAAF Women's Committee meeting in Barcelona in September. She was having a video prepared for the four new Women's events in the WAVA Championships in order to illustrate women's ability in such events.

Bridget Cushen had been re-elected Women's Representative at the August 1st meeting; separate minutes are issued for this meeting and all National Veterans' Committees should ensure that these are publicised within their countries.

6. REPORT FROM THE NON STADIA COMMITTEE

Clem Green, V.P. Non Stadia, reported on this new WAVA Committee. It has proved to be more difficult and time-consuming than anticipated to set up the Committee. Clem Green emphasized how important it was that the individuals concerned, particularly Regional Secretaries, maintain the flow of ideas and comments.

The method of operating had been established but the Committee's effectiveness depended on actions by everyone on the Committee.

Fernando Ferreira (Portugal) and Martin Duff (Great Britain) commented on the apparent lack of achievement to date. The Vice President responded by reiterating the problems of initial set-up and expressing the hope that the Non-Stadia Committee would now start to function more smoothly.

7. REPORT FROM THE STADIA COMMITTEE

Bob Fine, V.P. Stadia, reported on progress. Well-attended open and closed (i.e. Committee) meetings had been held earlier in the week. There then followed discussion on the new javelin (M40-M55) and its merits versus the old style for Veteran athletes; this matter was left to the WAVA Council's consideration.

Ray Foley (Australia) commented on the need for athletes to be taken off an event if not fit for it; Bob Fine agreed and also noted the need for action when the event was not being performed properly (for example, climbing the hurdles in the steeplechase).

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The Stadia Committee would have a full program ahead between now and the 1991 WAVA Championships, including a review of medal standards if the General Assembly voted to retain them (the technical meetings had voted against medal standards). It would fulfil its responsibility to make recommendations to the WAVA Council concerning changes to the By-laws. (See detailed report attached giving their recommendations.)

8. COUNCIL ELECTIONS

A list of candidates and their C.V.'s had been circulated prior to the General Assembly. Each candidate had two minutes in which to express his/her views before voting took place, drawing for order of speaking. Voting was by secret ballot; when there were more than two candidates, and the result was not conclusive on the first ballot, a second ballot was taken with the candidate obtaining the least number of votes on the first ballot dropping out. Voting cards were given to identified Delegates for each round of voting by the Secretary and Treasurer.

Don Farquharson, Past President, and a team of scrutineers, were responsible for counting the votes.

It was announced that one candidate, Torsten Carlius, (Sweden), had withdrawn his candidature due to unforeseen circumstances.

<u>President:</u>	C. Beccalli	74
	O. Flaherty	42
	P. Smith	5

Cesare Beccalli re-elected

<u>Vice President:</u>	C. Green	35
<u>(non Stadia)</u>	J. Serruys	85
	1 delegate did not vote	

Jacques Serruys elected

<u>Vice President:</u>	<u>First ballot:</u>	
<u>(Stadia)</u>	J. Alzamora	48
	R. Callaghan	17
	B. Taylor	56

Second ballot:

J. Alzamora	58
B. Taylor	60

Bill Taylor elected

2 delegates did not vote/1 spoiled ballot

The Executive Vice President (**Bob Fine**), Secretary (**Alastair Lynn**) and Treasurer (**Al Sheahen**) were elected unopposed.

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9. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Note: All clause numbers refer to the May 2nd, 1988 edition of the WAVA Constitution.

Clause 1: NAME

Change to: "The name of the Association shall be the World Association of Master Athletes (hereinafter referred to as "W.A.M.A.")"

Proposed by the New Zealand Association of Veteran Athletes and the Joint U.S. Masters Committees of The Athletic Congress. (This proposal wishes to change "Veterans" to "Masters".)

Martin Duff (Great Britain), Fernando Ferreira (Portugal), Santokh Singh (India), Hans Axman (F.R.G.) and Keith Whittaker (Great Britain) all spoke against the motion. David Pain spoke for, particularly stressing the problem of marketing the word "Veteran".

MOTION DEFEATED 85 to 29

Clause 2: PURPOSE

Cl. 2A

Change to: "To organize, regulate and administer athletics for men and women of not less than 35 years of age (hereinafter referred to as "Veterans/Masters")"

Proposed by the Joint U.S. Masters Committees of T.A.C. (This means lowering the minimum age for men from 40 to 35 years.)

J. Donley (U.S.A.) proposed this motion on the basis of:

- Males 35-39 have made a significant contribution to the movement
- it would make males and females equal in starting age
- no particular reason for different ages

Several WAVA Council members were against - to lower the age would overlap with open athletics - many throwers aged 35-37 are still at top level, for example.

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At this stage, N. Green (U.S.A.) moved to change the female commencing age from 35 to 40. Chairman Beccalli agreed to this amendment being discussed but the Chair's decision was overturned by the General Assembly, 70 to 24 on a call by Bridget Cushen that the amendment was out of order due to its fundamental nature requiring considerable thought. J. Donley then withdrew the Male 35 motion but asked that the Female minimum age be further considered by the next Women's Assembly - this was agreed.

Cl. 4B

Change to: "At the General Assembly, each Affiliate shall be entitled to one delegate and also one additional delegate for each 100 of its competitors in the last three World Veterans' Athletics Championships (excluding the current Championships) but no Affiliate shall be entitled to more than five delegates."

This motion was introduced by A. Sheahen on behalf of the WAVA Council; he gave examples of how it would more fairly represent Affiliates whose members supported the Championships and how it would avoid depending on claims of number of members by any given Affiliate.

S. Singh, O. Flaherty, F. Ferreira spoke against, K. Whittaker queried if this also meant a change in fees - the answer was "no". It was noted that all Affiliates would still have one vote guaranteed even if it had no competitors.

MOTION PASSED 81 to 26

Clause 3:

AFFILIATION

Add:

Cl. 3G "WAVA will not accept or continue to recognise as an affiliate any organisation whose federation is suspended by the I.A.A.F."

Proposed by Oceania Association of Veteran Athletes.
(This means eliminating the current Clause 16 by making it part of Clause 3.)

MOTION PASSED BY "AYES"

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Clause 4:

Cl. 4C

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Change to: "Members of the Council and the aforesaid delegates shall each have only one vote except that members of the Council shall not have a vote in the elections of officers. No member of the Council or delegate may vote on behalf of an absentee. The Presiding Officer shall also have an additional vote to break a tied vote."

Proposed by the British Veterans Athletics Federation.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

Cl. 4E (iii) **To read:** "Note the appointment of the Regional Delegates."

Proposed by Oceania Association of Veteran Athletes. The remainder of the current clause does not reflect reality.

MOTION PASSED BY "AYES"

Clause 5:

Cl. 5A

COUNCIL

Change to: "The Council shall consist of the officers - The President, the Executive Vice-President, the Vice-President (Road and Country), the Vice-President (Track and Field), the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Women's Representative - plus the Immediate Past-President and one Regional Delegate appointed by each Regional Association. No member of Council may hold two positions on the Council at any one time unless one of those positions is that of Immediate Past-President."

consequently, that Sub-Section 6.C shall be amended to read:

"In the event of an officer failing for any reason to complete his term of office, the remaining members of the Council shall appoint a replacement to fulfil his duties until the next meeting of the General Assembly; no officer may hold the same office for more than five consecutive terms."

Proposed by the British Veterans Athletic Federation.

This was introduced by O. Flaherty. A. Lynn suggested that there were simpler ways of achieving this objective. Motion withdrawn but on the basis that the Council would consider the intent by the next General Assembly.

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Clause 5 K,L: This involved adding two new clauses. After some discussion the following were agreed:

Add:

K "The Council shall call for bids for the world veteran championships, from affiliates in sufficient time for a decision to be reached by the General Assembly two General Assemblies in advance of the proposed date of such championships."

MOTION PASSED 112 to 1

L "Should an affiliate default on its obligations less than two years before the championships, the Council shall offer the games concerned to an affiliate which has recently been unsuccessful in an application for the championships. Should the matter then remain undecided, the Council shall immediately call for applications, and shall have the power to make a decision unless a meeting of the General Assembly can deal with the matter with adequate time to allow the applicant to prepare for holding the championships."

Proposed by the Oceania Association of Veteran Athletes.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Clause 6:
Cl. 6A

SELECTION OF OFFICERS

Change to: "The President, the Executive Vice-President, the Vice-President (Road and Country), the Vice-President (Track and Field), the Secretary and the Treasurer shall be elected at each meeting of the General Assembly in a secret ballot. The ballot papers for each election shall list, in alphabetical order, all candidates for that office. The voter's order of preference shall be expressed by marking 1, 2, etc. against the names of the candidates. The candidate gaining fewest votes shall have his votes transferred to their second preference and so on until one candidate has a simple majority of the votes cast."

Proposed by the British Veterans Athletic Federation.

This was introduced by O Flaherty. S. Singh, D. Pain, M. Duff, A. Sheahen, D. Farquharson, A. Lynn all spoke against on the grounds that it was too complicated, errors in counting, may not save time, does not give an opportunity to change one's mind.

MOTION DEFEATED ON SHOW OF HANDS

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Clause 8:

WOMEN'S ASSEMBLY

Cl. 8B

Change to: "Each affiliate shall be entitled to the same number of votes as it has at the General Assembly. If a female substitute is not available for a female delegate, a male delegate of the same affiliate may act and vote in her place."

Proposed by the Oceania Association of Veteran Athletes.

WITHDRAWN as already covered adequately in the Constitution.

Clause 9:

STANDING COMMITTEES

Clause B:

Eliminate: "Technical Committee" and replace by "Stadia and Non Stadia Committees."

Cl. B (i)

Eliminate

Cl. B (ii)

Re-number B(i): "The Stadia and Non Stadia Committees shall submit to the Council, for approval or rejection, such proposed amendments to Section 3 and 4 of the By-laws as the Committees consider desirable."

Cl. B(iii)

Re-number B (ii): "The Stadia and Non Stadia Committees shall consider any technical proposal made to the relevant Committee by an affiliate."

Proposed by the WAVA Council.

Note: Acceptance of the Stadia and Non Stadia Committees means that the terms "Track and Field" and "Road and Country" be changed to Stadia and Non Stadia throughout the Constitution. In addition it means that Clause 7.B (iii) (Executive Vice-President's responsibilities) is deleted.

A. Lynn proposed on behalf of the WAVA Council.

MOTION PASSED BY "AYES"

Clause 10

REGIONS

Cl. 10B

Add to this clause: "Each Regional Association shall levy subscriptions from the WAVA Affiliates within its Region, in accordance with its Constitution."

Proposed by the Oceania Association of Veteran Athletes

J. Tobin proposed on behalf of Oceania

MOTION DEFEATED 48 to 46

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Cl. 10D **Change to:** "Each Regional Association shall appoint one Regional Delegate, to represent all the Affiliates of the Region, at the General Assembly and on the Council."

Proposed by the Oceania Association of Veteran Athletes.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

9.2 **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS**

By-Law 1: COMPETITION

Para 10: **Delete this clause**

Proposed by the Joint U.S. Masters Committees of T.A.C. and the Australian Association of Veteran Athletic Clubs (A.A.V.A.C.).

Para 5: **Add:** (after qualifying standards) "..... nor shall the awarding of medals be subject to any minimum standards."

Proposed by the Joint U.S. Masters Committees of T.A.C.

Proposed by J. Donley and supported by R. Fine, F. Ferreira; opposed by B. Oxley, M. Duff, B. Cushen and A. Lynn. V. Wijeysekera (Sri Lanka) suggested a combination of medal standards and the number of competitors in the event.

MOTION DEFEATED 60 to 35

By-Law 2: PROGRAMME

Para 3: **Change to:** "The Non Stadia Committee shall be responsible for the WAVA Road Running, Road Race-Walking and Cross-Country Championships."

Proposed by the Oceania Association of Veteran Athletes.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

Para 10: **Add this new paragraph:**

"In WAVA Regional Championships, athletes from other Regions shall be allowed to compete."

Proposed by the Joint U.S. Masters Committees of T.A.C.

The proposers stated that there was no intent to mandate Regions in this proposal.

MOTION HEAVILY DEFEATED ON SHOW OF HANDS

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By-Law 3: TECHNICAL (GENERAL)

Para 2: **Change** the Javelin weight for M50 and M55 to 700 gm.

Proposed by the A.A.V.A.C. (Australia)

R. Foley explained the rationale behind this proposal.

MOTION DEFEATED 63 to 38

The Secretary suggested that due to the late hour and with presentations for the 1991 Championships still to be considered, the remaining proposals should be referred to Council. This was agreed and covers:-

By-Law 4: TECHNICAL (PARTICULAR)

Para 6: **Change to:** five year age divisions (instead of ten year).

Proposed by the Joint U.S. Masters Committees of T.A.C.

Para 17: **Add** new paragraph: "The road race-walking distance for men and women will be 20 Km."

Proposed by the Joint U.S. Masters Committees of T.A.C.

Paras 19: **Add** new paragraph:

"Any multi event be held at the end of the program of events in the World Veteran Athletic Championships."

Proposed by the New Zealand Association of Veteran Athletes.

The following proposal was **WITHDRAWN**.

Para 18: **Add** new paragraph:

"The Decathlon/Heptathlon will not be contested in the WAVA World Veteran Athletics Championships. Instead the following Pentathlon events will be held:

Men: Long jump, discus, 200m., javelin, 1500m.

Women: 200m., long jump, discus, javelin, 800m."

Proposed by the A.A.V.A.C. (Australia)

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10. **PRESENTATION OF BIDS FOR THE 1991 WAVA WORLD VETERANS' ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The order of presentation was decided by draw; a secret vote was taken; the Secretary reported that both cities had duly signed the WAVA Contract.

Mulhouse (France) and Turku (Finland) made full presentations and answered a variety of questions. Both cities agreed to hold a decathlon and heptathlon on the same days.

The result of the voting was:

Mulhouse	47
Turku	60

Turku will therefore hold the 1991 Championships. The dates are July 18 - July 28, 1991. It was noted that the Australian designed/Eugene enhanced computer program will be available for Turku.

11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Japan and Sweden made short presentations to announce their intentions of bidding in 1991 for the 1993 Championships.

There being no other business the meeting was closed with thanks to all Delegates for a very productive General Assembly and with thanks to the scrutineers.

Alastair Lynn,
Secretary, WAVA.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

JANUARY 27, 1988 TO JUNE 30, 1989

<u>REVENUES:</u>	<u>U.S.\$</u>	
Affiliate fees (1987-89 2nd installment)	\$ 5383.00	
Entry fees - Melbourne	4910.00	
Entry fees - Eugene (3831 @ \$14)	53634.00	
Bank interest	3707.36	
Miscellaneous	500.00	
Profit from Melbourne	<u>3000.00</u>	
TOTAL REVENUES		\$71,134.36

EXPENSES:

1. Postage, telephone, fax, etc.		
President	\$1550.00	
Executive V-P	.00	
V-P, T&F	218.22	
V-P, LDR	156.00	
Secretary	4084.82	
Treasurer	638.11	
Women's representative	<u>58.71</u>	
		\$ 6705.86
2. Financial charges		126.98
3. Communications		
Age Records	500.00	
National Masters News	3000.00	
British Veteran Magazine	1000.00	
Australian Veteran Magazine	1000.00	
North American Masters Assoc.	365.00	
ASUDAVE	400.00	
WAVA Handbook	1894.04	
Age-Graded Tables	670.31	
Clipping service	<u>114.00</u>	
		8943.35
4. Travel		
Melbourne - 1987	1500.00	
Eugene - 1988	7511.36	
Eugene - 1989	4231.38	
Secretary - IAAF Meetings	818.34	
Treasurer - IAAF Meeting	626.00	
V-P, LDR - Korea/Oceania	2700.00	
TV Committee - New York	750.00	
President	<u>4005.00</u>	
		<u>22142.08</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>37,918.27</u>

SURPLUS **\$33,216.09**

SUMMARY:

Beginning balance, Jan. 27, 1988	\$47,256.44
Revenues	<u>71,134.36</u>
	<u>\$118,390.80</u>
Expenses	<u>37,918.27</u>
Ending balance, June 30, 1989	<u>\$ 80,472.53</u>

ASSETS:

U.S. Checking Account	\$14,019.42
U.S. Money Market Fund	66,306.41
Canadian Checking Acct.	<u>451.70</u>
	\$80,777.53

LIABILITIES:

NET WORTH: 305.00
\$80,472.53

Prepared by Al Sheahen, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE STADIA - TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

As a practical matter there has been no specific function for the overall Stadia Committee since questions of site selection and general administration have been resolved by the Executive Committee. Thus, the work of the Technical Committee and the Stadia Committee have been merged.

The primary accomplishment of the Committee has been the creation of the Age-Grading and multi-event tables. Originally, two separate sub-committees were formed to create the tables. However, since the work of the two sub-committees were so similar their efforts were combined.

WAVA now has Age-Grading tables for all Stadia and Non-Stadia events, which includes the Decathlon/Heptathlon & Pentathlon events. This has been a major undertaking using the cooperative efforts of more than a dozen contributors throughout the world.

It has been agreed that the present tables will be used through the 1990. After the 1991 Championships the tables will be reviewed for possible modifications.

Two meetings were held in Eugene. The first was the "Open" meeting in which all of the athletes participated. The second meeting was the "Closed" meeting of the Committee, limited to members of the Committee. The following items were discussed. The recommendations of the "Open" and "Closed" meetings will be separately indicated.

1. MEDAL STANDARDS.

Open 37 to eliminate 15 to keep

Closed 8 to eliminate 0 to keep.

In this connection it should be noted that the Committee felt that existing Rules permit the removal of any competitor whose performance might be injurious to their health or indicative that they have not properly trained for the event (i.e. walking throughout a running event)

2. DECATHLON/HEPTATHLON - PENTATHLON

Open 30 to keep both events; 26 just hold the D/H; 10 just hold the P

Closed 7 to hold both event; 3 to hold just one of the events.

The Committee then recommends that the D/H be held at the beginning of the Championships (8 - 3); and that the P be held at the end of the Championships (7 - 5) It is also recommended that there be sufficient time allowed between each of the events within the D/H & P for recovery.

3. PENTATHLON

MEN LONG JUMP-JAVELIN-200-DISCUS-1500

WOMEN HURDLES-HIGH JUMP-SHOT PUT-LONG JUMP-800

After much discussion the above are the recommended events in the P, in the order in which they should be held. Votes 10=0 Men; 10-1 Women.

4. HURDLES (80 METERS)

OPEN 40 - 1 to have the men 70+ run 7.00 meters between the hurdles

Closed - also voted to have the same distance as recommended by the open.

Note: The women's 40-49 will still have 8.00 meters between the hurdles.

5. INTERMEDIATE HURDLES 50-59

Open 26-18 to increase the distance from 300 meters to 400 meters.

Closed 7-0 to increase the distance from 300 meters to 400 meters.

6. INTERMEDIATE HURDLES 60-69

Open 41-2 against increasing the distance to 400 meters.

Closed 7-0 against increasing the distance to 400 meters.

7. TEAM SCORING

Open meeting recommended using 3 member teams by five year age groups for both men and women, with an athlete being permitted to go down in age for team scoring purposes. (The exact vote was not recorded)

Closed meeting - 10 - 0 to recommend the above. Everyone agreed that the present scoring method gives an unfair advantage to the host country. This was one of the areas where there was strong and unanimous feelings.

8. SUGGESTED PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.

The committee agreed that suggested performance standards, as has been used in the past should be published again. The purpose being to give potential entrants an idea as to the level of competition.

9. JAVELIN (400 GRAMS)

The question of the length of the 400 gram javelin will be referred to the Technical Committee to create a standard (The IAAF does not have any standard length for the 400 gram javelin).

10. HAMMER THROW FOR WOMEN (REDUCING LENGTH OF WIRE BY 2 INCHES.)

The Committee unanimously voted not to change the length of the hammer wire

11. JAVELIN 40-49 MEN

The Committee voted to permit the use of the of the old javelin by a vote of 9-2. A discussion was then held as to whether an athlete could also use the IAAF javelin, which was designed not to be thrown as far. There was a tie vote (7 to 7) as to whether to permit an athlete to have a choice of either implement.

12. 300 METER HURDLES FOR 70+

The Committee voted 6-2 not to reduce the number of hurdles or the distance of the event.

13. GENERAL RULES

It was voted to have the next Technical Committee go over all of the IAAF Rules and then indicate what modifications for WAVA would be indicated.

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MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

9.30 am, Wednesday, 2nd August, HILTON HOTEL, EUGENE.

AGENDA.

- 9:50 1. Welcome to the Delegates by the W.A.V.A. President.
9:55 *Greeter / DYNIN INTRO*
10:00 2. President's Report.
10:20 3. Secretary's Report.
10:30 *Break*
10:50 4. Treasurer's Report,
10:55 5. Report from the Women's Assembly.
11:08 6. Report from the Non Stadia Committee.
11:30 7. Report from the Stadia Committee.
11:45 8. Council Elections - please see attached list of candidates and their curriculum vitae. Candidates will have two minutes to address the General Assembly regarding their background and proposed policies.
1:37 *LUNCH*
2:51 9. Proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws - see attached sheets.
5:20 10. Presentation of bids for the 1991 W.A.V.A. World Veterans' Athletic Championships.
11. Any other business.
12. Close of meeting.

The reports of the President, Secretary and Treasurer are enclosed.

10:10 Oxley: Want to be independent of IAAF & run own affairs

Fume: Proposal to Raise W to 40.

- Next time:
- 1) NAME TAGS
 - 2) Thank delays to their efforts

TURKU 60
Mulhouse 47

INTERPRETATION

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE WAVA WOMEN'S ASSEMBLY
EUGENE, AUGUST 1st, 1989**

Present: Bridget Cushen, WAVA Women's Representative in the Chair, Cesare Beccalli, WAVA President, Members of the WAVA Council, Alastair Lynn, WAVA Secretary.

The following Affiliates were represented (number of Delegates in brackets):-

Australia(5), Belgium(4), Canada(2), Chile(2), Colombia(1), Chinese Taipei(2), Denmark(1), Federal Republic of Germany(1), Finland(2), France(2), Great Britain(5), Hungary(5), India(3), Ireland(1), Japan(2), Philippines(1), New Zealand(3), Singapore(1), Sri-Lanka(2), Sweden(2), U.S.A.(5), Venezuela(1).

Observers included Hans Skaset, Chairperson, I.A.A.F. Veterans' Committee.

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Bridget Cushen, Women's Representative on the WAVA Council, welcomed Delegates and observers in her capacity as Chairwoman of the Women's Assembly. She outlined her responsibilities for Women's activities on the WAVA Council and also her links with the I.A.A.F. particularly the I.A.A.F. Women's Committee.

The Secretary pointed out that each Affiliate was entitled to the same number of Delegates at the Women's Assembly as at the General Assembly and the meeting was organized so that all Delegates were seated in one area. Secretary Lynn and Treasurer Sheahan organised the Delegates voting cards.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST WAVA WOMEN'S ASSEMBLY

This was the meeting held on 1st December, 1987 in Melbourne. A number of Delegates commented that they had not received copy. The Secretary confirmed that the minutes of this meeting would be sent to all WAVA Affiliates; each Affiliate was responsible for publicizing these minutes within its own country.

3. STEEPLECHASE, HAMMER, TRIPLE JUMP AND POLE VAULT COMPETITIONS

The Chairwoman noted that a good standard of quality had been achieved in these new WAVA Championship events. She was having a video prepared of the pole vault and possibly the steeplechase to show the I.A.A.F. Women's Committee. In answer to a question from the floor the Secretary confirmed that the WAVA Council, through WAVA's contract with the Organising Committee, controlled the competition programme at the WAVA Championships.

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4. MEDAL STANDARDS

The Stadia (technical) Committee had recommended that such standards be abolished. However, there was considerable controversy over this matter and standards had been applied successfully in the European Veterans' Championships and in championships organised by various Affiliates. Rosemary Chrimes commented that the presence of medal standards had raised the quality of entries at Eugene. Other speakers pointed out that rules such as proper clearing of hurdles had to be observed.

The Assembly then voted on a proposal to retain medal standards.

MOTION PASSED 29 to 11.

5. I.A.A.F. WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

The Chairwoman reminded delegates of the proposal at the last Assembly in Melbourne that she should be entitled to a seat on the IAAF Women's Committee. She had now received an invitation to attend their next meeting in Barcelona in September. The IAAF Women's Committee had published a questionnaire in the IAAF Quarterly Bulletin asking member countries whether or not they include triple jump, hammer, pole vault or steeplechase in women's competition. She had replied on behalf of W.A.V.A. enclosing results of our triple jump and hammer competition in Melbourne. Only 7 countries out of a total of 183 IAAF affiliates had returned the questionnaire.

Bridget Cushen said she had received a copy of the IAAF Technical Committee's report to Congress in Barcelona, she noted there was a proposal that the IAAF Congress has the sole right to introduce new events in Championships. Theoretically this could mean a reduction in the number of women's events. She had written to Hans Skaset, Chairman of the IAAF Veterans Committee, suggesting that if the proposal was passed an exception should be made for veteran' events.

6. REGIONAL REPORTS

There were no regional reports. During the ensuing discussion it became apparent that there was a lack of coordination of Womens' activities within the regions. There should be a Women's Representative on each Regional Council. If the Regional Secretaries would inform the WAVA Secretary of their Regional Women's Representative he would include them in the WAVA mailing list. Olivia Aquino (Philippines) observed that there were more Asian women at these Championships than ever before and Jorge Alzamora (ASUDAVE Secretary) commented on the increasing proportion of women competitors from South America.

7. ELECTION

The next item was the election of the Women's Representative for the period from now until the Women's Assembly in 1991. Under the WAVA Constitution there is no need to nominate candidates in advance so all nominations were made from the floor.

The following were nominated:

<u>Nominated</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Second</u>
Bridget Cushen (Gt. Britain)	S. Cawkwell (G.B.)	T.H. Chandra (Singapore)
Sandy Pashkin (U.S.A.)	C. Miller (U.S.A.)	R. Anderson (U.S.A.)
Helen Searle (Australia)	J. O'Neill (Australia)	G. Newey (Australia)

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Don Farquharson (WAVA Past President) was invited to take the Chair and supervise the scrutineers.

Each candidate gave a brief address on her aims, G. Newey substituting for H. Searle who, due to unforeseen circumstances, was unable to be present.

The result of the election (by secret ballot) was:

B. Cushen	38	
S. Pashkin	8	
H. Searle	7	<u>B. Cushen</u> elected

B. Cushen thanked the Assembly for their continued confidence. She took the opportunity to mention that it had been originally planned that there would be no competition for W70+ in the 1990 European Championships in Budapest but after her representations the organizers had assured her that all women, irrespective of age, will be able to compete in their proper age group.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Cesare Beccalli suggested that as women's participation developed they should urge their national organizations to involve more women in their administrative activities.

8.2 Jean Folan (Ireland) commented strongly that 5 per team in the non stadia team events was too large and unfair to the smaller countries and presented an interesting chart showing the effect of this policy; 3 per team would be fairer. However, Madge Colthup (Australia) took a different point of view in that 5 members gave a chance for competitors other than the top three gaining a WAVA medal. Various other comments were made before the following was proposed by Ruth Anderson (U.S.A.) and seconded by Jean Folan (Ireland):

"Women's team competition for non stadia events be based on three people in each age group."

MOTION PASSED 33 to 4

8.3 The issue of relays for women was raised, noting the differences between men and women.

Sandy Pashkin (U.S.A.) proposed, R. Anderson (U.S.A.) seconded:

"Women in stadia relay events have the same age group breakdowns as men in W40-W55; W35 and W60 and over remain as at present."

MOTION PASSED 18 to 13

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- 8.4 The longer road walking race for women was next to be discussed; the current distance is 10K but a feeling was expressed that this was too close to 5K on the track and that 20K road would bring in a greater range of athletes capable of winning. However, there was disagreement in that 20K was felt to be too far.

Madge Colthup (Australia) proposed, Heather McDonald (Australia) seconded:

The 10K women's road walking championship stay exactly as it is now."

MOTION PASSED 23 to 0 with 5 abstentions

- 8.5 There was a brief address on behalf of Turku (Finland) and Mulhouse (France) regarding their forthcoming bids for the 1991 WAVA World Veterans' Athletic Championships.
- 8.6 A suggestion was made that the M70/M80 80m. hurdles' distances conform with the W50+ 80m. hurdles.
- 8.7 The Japanese Delegates distributed literature regarding a major Veterans' meet to be held October 14-16, 1989 in Wakayama.
- 8.8 Various comments were made regarding certain individual events. J. O'Neill requested that the 1500m. and 5000m. be not on the same day.
- 8.9 The Australian Delegates requested that the Women's Assembly be held on a rest day, not a competition day in future. B. Cushen promised to do what she could but pointed out:
- there are many meetings to be accommodated
 - the Women's Assembly must be held before the General Assembly.
- 8.10 Ruth Anderson raised the issue of the women's Veterans' starting age being 40 instead of 35. B. Cushen commented that the French representative on the I.A.A.F. Women's Committee was going to raise this in Barcelona although she understood that the French Veteran women were against raising the threshold age. The Secretary commented that so fundamental a matter would have to be circulated beforehand so that the WAVA National Affiliates could give it the discussion it deserved.

Bridget Cushen
Bridget Cushen,
Chairperson,
WAVA Women's Assembly

Alastair Lynn
Alastair Lynn
Secretary
WAVA

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TO: ALL WAVA AFFILIATES.

161, Harrison Drive,
Newmarket.
Ontario. L3Y 6B8.
Canada. 30/6/89

Dear Friends,

I sent you a package of documents relating to the WAVA General Assembly in Eugene. I notice one error amongst the proposed Constitutional changes.

The proposed change to the allocation of votes at the General Assembly affects Clause 4B not Clause 2B as stated.

Enjoy your summer!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alastair Lynn". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Alastair Lynn,
Secretary, WAVA.

FITNESS TO COMPETE

The Secretary was requested to prepare a draft by-law to cover " Fitness to compete " (This is applied to actual performance in an event - it is nothing to do with entry standards, which do not exist).

It is extraordinarily difficult to produce legislation which is sufficiently practical to be readily enforced.

For example, " no walking in a running race"- 10,000m.-someone gets a temporary stitch- walks it out- resumes running - can hardly disqualify him or her.

Again - " must run every lap " - individual runs last 20m. and walks other 380m. in each lap.

And so on.....

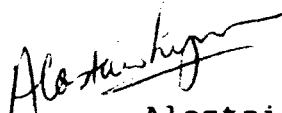
Hurdles might be a slightly easier case but then we would be accused of discriminatory rules against hurdlers.

I believe the best solution is to publish standard performances in the entry booklet to be used as follows:

- 4 competitors - no standards involved
- 3 " - 3rd must beat standard
- 2 " -2nd " " "
- 1 " -1st must beat standard

in order to be awarded the appropriate medal.

Variations on this theme are used in Italy, Great Britain and Canada.



Alastair Lynn

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9.1

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Note: All clause numbers refer to the May 2nd, 1988 edition of the W.A.V.A. Constitution

Clause 1:

NAME

Change to: "The name of the Association shall be the World Association of Master Athletes (hereinafter referred to as "W.A.M.A.")"

Proposed by the New Zealand Association of Veteran Athletes and the Joint U.S. Masters Committees of The Athletic Congress
(This proposal wishes to change "Veterans" to "Masters".) 29-85

Clause 2:

PURPOSE

Cl. 2A

Change to: "To organize, regulate and administer athletics for men and women of not less than 35 years of age (hereinafter referred to as "Veterans/Masters")"

Proposed by the Joint U.S. Masters Committees of T.A.C.
(This means lowering the minimum age for men from 40 to 35 years.)

Cl. 2B 4B

Change to: "At the General Assembly, each Affiliate shall be entitled to one delegate and also one additional delegate for each 100 of its competitors in the last three World Veterans' Athletics Championships (excluding the current Championships) but no Affiliate shall be entitled to more than five delegates." 81-26

Proposed by the W.A.V.A. Council.
This is designed to give a fairer share of voting power to the Affiliates who strongly support the Championships and also to eliminate relying on the Affiliate's statement regarding the number of its members.

Clause 3:

AFFILIATION

Add:

Cl. 3G "W.A.V.A. will not accept or continue to recognise as an affiliate any organisation whose national federation is suspended by the I.A.A.F."

Proposed by Oceania Association of Veteran Athletes. AYE
(This means eliminating the current Clause 16 by making it part of Clause 3.)

Clause 4:

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Cl. 4C

Change to: "Members of the Council and the aforesaid delegates shall each have only one vote except that members of the Council shall not have a vote in the elections of officers. No member of the Council or delegate may vote on behalf of an absentee. The Presiding Officer shall also have an additional vote to break a tied vote." WITHDRAW

Proposed by the British Veterans Athletics Federation.

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Cl. 4E (iii) To read: "Note the appointment of the Regional Delegates."

Proposed by Oceania Association of Veteran Athletes.
The remainder of the current clause does not reflect reality.

Clause 5:

Cl. 5A

COUNCIL

Change to: "The Council shall consist of the officers - the President, the Executive Vice-President, the Vice-President (Road and Country), the Vice-President (Track and Field), the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Women's Representative - plus the Immediate Past-President and one Regional Delegate appointed by each Regional Association. [No member of Council may hold two positions on the Council at any one time unless one of those positions is that of Immediate Past-President.]"

consequently, that Sub-Section 6.C shall be amended to read:

"In the event of an officer failing for any reason to complete his term of office, the remaining members of the Council shall appoint a replacement to fulfil his duties until the next meeting of the General Assembly; no officer may hold the same office for more than five consecutive terms."

Proposed by the British Veterans Athletic Federation.

Explanation of proposed amendment:-

As it stands at present, Sub-Section 6.C provides that no officer shall hold more than one office at any one time. There is no provision in the Constitution, however, to prevent an officer being appointed to a second position on the Council as a Regional Delegate. It seems unlikely that this was the intention of the General Assembly in Melbourne when it removed the distinction between Council and Executive. These amendments, if adopted, would ensure that no elected officer could also hold the position of Regional Delegate.

These proposed amendments are interdependent; if the first is adopted the second becomes necessary.

There appears to be no reason why the Immediate Past-President should not hold a second position on the Council. That would appear to be permissible under the Constitution as it stands at present and the proposed amendment to Sub-Section 5.A makes no change in that respect.

Cl. 5 K, L: Add:

K "The Council shall call for bids for the world veteran championships, from affiliates in sufficient time for a decision to be reached by the General Assembly ~~six clear years~~ in advance of the proposed date of such championships." *two assemblies*

WITHDRAW
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L "Should an affiliate default on its obligations, ^{less} ~~more~~ than two years before the championships, ~~which are the accepted bid are due~~, the Council shall offer the games concerned to an affiliate who has recently been unsuccessful in an application for the championships, ~~or a candidate who has been successful in respect of pending championships.~~ Should the matter then remain undecided, the Council shall immediately call for applications, and shall have the power to make a decision unless a meeting of the General Assembly can deal with the matter with adequate time to allow the applicant to prepare for holding the championships."

UNAN.

Proposed by the Oceania Association of Veteran Athletes.

Explanation of proposed additional Clauses:-

With W.A.V.A. championships now well established it is felt:

1. Veteran athletes of the world are entitled to know well in advance the venue and probable date where the championships are to be held in order that they can plan their budgets and travel arrangements.
2. Contracting affiliates in turn can have adequate time to plan the event and fulfil their contract, with adequate time to finance and promote the hosting of their accepted bid.
3. This will give veteran athletes, affiliates and regions the opportunity to consider the effect of other regional and world athletic meets which may be detractions or attractions.
4. The rotational pattern of W.A.V.A. championships will be seen much more clearly.
5. It will be noted that since this amendment, if passed, will not be operative until the next General Assembly in 1991, the Games for 1993 will be subject to only 2 years notice, and those for 1995 to 4 years notice. The 6-year period will apply for the first time to the 1997 championships, so there is some urgency.

Clause 6:
Cl. 6A

SELECTION OF OFFICERS

Change to: "The President, the Executive Vice-President, the Vice-President (Road and Country), the Vice-President (Track and Field), the Secretary and the Treasurer shall be elected at each meeting of the General Assembly in a secret ballot. The ballot papers for each election shall list, in alphabetical order, all candidates for that office. The voter's order of preference shall be expressed by marking 1, 2, etc. against the names of the candidates. The candidate gaining fewest votes shall have his votes transferred to their second preference and so on until one candidate has a simple majority of the votes cast."

Proposed by the British Veterans Athletic Federation.

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Explanation of proposed amendment:-

As it stands at present, Sub-Section 6.A requires a separate ballot to eliminate each unsuccessful candidate in turn until, for each office, one candidate has a simple majority of the votes cast. For example, if there are four candidates for one office, three ballots may be necessary. For each of those ballots, voting papers would have to be distributed and collected. Also, for each of those ballots, the Presiding Officer would have the responsibility of ensuring that all present understand which candidates remain in contention and this may require translations before each ballot.

If adopted, these amendments will have the following advantages:

1. For each election, voting papers will have to be distributed and collected only once.
2. For each election, explanatory translations will be required only once.

It should be noted that the proposed method of balloting would produce the same results as the existing method.

Clause 8:
Cl. 8B

WOMEN'S ASSEMBLY

Change to: "Each affiliate shall be entitled to the same number of votes as it has at the General Assembly. If a female substitute is not available for a female delegate, a male delegate of the same affiliate may act and vote in her place."
WITHDRAW

Proposed by the Oceania Association of Veteran Athletes.

Clause 9:
Clause B:

STANDING COMMITTEES

Eliminate: "Technical Committee" and replace by "Stadia and Non Stadia Committees."

Cl. B (i):

Eliminate

Cl. B (ii)

Re-number B(i): "The Stadia and Non Stadia Committees shall submit to the Council, for approval or rejection, such proposed amendments to Section 3 and 4 of the By-laws as the Committees consider desirable."

Cl. B (iii)

Re-number B (ii): "The Stadia and Non Stadia Committees shall consider any technical proposal made to the relevant Committee by an affiliate."

Proposed by the W.A.V.A. Council.

VOICE - UNAN.

Note: Acceptance of the Stadia and Non Stadia Committees means that the terms "Track and Field" and "Road and Country" be changed to Stadia and Non Stadia throughout the Constitution. In addition it means that Clause 7.B (iii) (Executive Vice-President's responsibilities) is deleted.

VOICE

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Clause 10
Cl. 10B

REGIONS

Add to this clause: "Each Regional Association shall levy subscriptions from the W.A.V.A. Affiliates within its Region, in accordance with its Constitution."

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Proposed by the Oceania Association of Veteran Athletes.

Cl. 10D

Change to: "Each Regional Association shall appoint one Regional Delegate, to represent all the Affiliates of the Region, at the General Assembly and on the Council."

WITHDRAW

Proposed by the Oceania Association of Veteran Athletes.

This change reflects reality.

9.2

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

By-Law 1:

COMPETITION

Para 10:

Delete this clause

Proposed by the Joint U.S. Masters Committees of T.A.C. and the Australian Association of Veteran Athletic Clubs (A.A.V.A.C.).

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Para 5:

Add: (after qualifying standards) ".....nor shall the awarding of medals be subject to any minimum standards."

Proposed by the Joint U.S. Masters Committees of T.A.C.

By-Law 2:

PROGRAMME

Para 3:

Change to: "The Non Stadia Committee shall be responsible for the W.A.V.A. Road Running, Road Race-Walking and Cross-Country Championships."

WITHDRAW

Proposed by the Oceania Association of Veteran Athletes.

Para 10:

Add this new paragraph:

"In W.A.V.A. Regional Championships, athletes from other Regions shall be allowed to compete."

Should be amendment to CONSTITUTION.

Proposed by the Joint U.S. Masters Committees of T.A.C.

LOST.

By-Law 3:

TECHNICAL (GENERAL)

Para 2:

Change the Javelin weight for M50 and M55 to 700 gm.

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Proposed by the A.A.V.A.C. (Australia)

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By-Law 4: TECHNICAL (PARTICULAR)

Para 6: Change to: five year age divisions (instead of ten year).

Proposed by the Joint U.S. Masters Committees of T.A.C. ✓

Para 17: Add new paragraph: "The road race-walking distance for men and women will be 20 Km."

Proposed by the Joint U.S. Masters Committees of T.A.C.

Para 18: Add new paragraph:

"The Decathlon/Heptathlon will not be contested in the W.A.V.A. World Veteran Athletics Championships. Instead the following Pentathlon events will be held:

Men: Long jump, discus, 200m., javelin, 1500m.

Women: 200m., long jump, discus, javelin, 800m."

Proposed by the A.A.V.A.C. (Australia).

WITHDRAW

Para 19: Add new paragraph:

"Any multi event be held at the end of the program of events in the World Veteran Athletic Championships."

Proposed by the New Zealand Association of Veteran Athletes.