



World Association of Veteran Athletes

**MINUTES OF THE
W.A.V.A. GENERAL ASSEMBLY
TURKU, FINLAND
JULY 24TH, 1991**

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

Guests: *From the I.A.A.F., The European Athletic Association*

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

Africa: *Angola(1), Congo(1), Namibia(1).*

Asia: *Hong Kong(1), India(2), Indonesia(1), Japan(2)
Malaysia(1), Singapore(1), Taipei(1).*

Europe: *Austria(1), Belgium(1), Czechoslovakia(1), Denmark(2)
Finland(4), France(3), Germany(5), Great Britain(5),
Greece(1), Holland(1), Hungary(2), Iceland(1), Ireland(1),
Italy(5), Norway(3), Portugal(1), Romania(1), San Marino(1),
Spain (2), Sweden(4), Switzerland(2), Turkey(1), U.S.S.R.(1).*

North and Central America *Canada(4), Puerto Rico(1), Trinidad & Tobago(1), USA(5), Mexico(1).*

Oceania: *Australia(5), Fiji(1), New Zealand(5).*

South America: *Argentina(1), Aruba(1), Bolivia(1), Brazil(1), Chile(1), Columbia(1),
Guyana(1), Paraguay(1), Peru(1), Uruguay(1), Venezuela(1).*

Please note that not all Delegates were present on all the voting occasions.

1. OPENING OF MEETING

The President of W.A.V.A., Cesare Beccalli, welcomed the Delegates, Guests and Observers.

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2. **STATEMENTS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE I.A.A.F.**

August Kirsch, a member of the I.A.A.F. Council, gave best wishes to WAVA on behalf of Primo Nebiolo, President of the I.A.A.F. (at present attending the Student Games), and himself. He recalled his early negotiations with WAVA and confirmed that the I.A.A.F.'s involvement with Veteran Athletics was clearly communicated in Hans Skaset's letter of February 5, 1991.

Hans Skaset, Chairperson of the I.A.A.F. Veterans' Committee, spoke briefly, expressing his pleasure at attending the WAVA General Assembly and regretting that there was a divergence of opinion within WAVA over involvement with the I.A.A.F. Possibly the I.A.A.F. had waited too long to become involved with W.A.V.A.

He congratulated the Finnish organisers on the administration of the WAVA World Veterans' Championships.

3. **REPORTS BY THE WAVA OFFICERS AND THE WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE**

These had been circulated by the WAVA Secretary in advance of the Championships; Bridget Cushen, the Women's Representative had also prepared an update summarising the results of the Women's Meeting the previous week.

Cesare Beccalli noted a change in the recommendations in his report in that he now suggested that the WAVA Council, not the IAAF Council, take the final decision when there is a conflict within a country as to which organisation should be the WAVA Affiliate. However, he indicated that this suggestion is influenced by the fact that the WAVA General Assembly is meeting ahead of the 1991 IAAF Congress.

Fernando Ferreira (Portugal) asked the President why it was necessary to become so involved with the IAAF when the President himself reported on the success and enthusiasm of the Veterans' movement as guided by WAVA since the mid-seventies. Cesare Beccalli responded by saying that the IAAF had admitted that they had not helped us sufficiently in the past. Ferreira also asked on what grounds the President said in his report that the WAVA Secretary should have stood down when the WAVA Council nominated him for President; C. Beccalli refused to answer this question.

Further questions to the WAVA President regarding withdrawing items C8-C12 (see list of "Proposed Amendments to the WAVA Constitution") by David Pain - no, these would not be withdrawn but proposed Bylaw 14 would be amended. Martin Duff (Great Britain) raised a question about the President's costs to visit Barcelona, which was not a WAVA occasion but an IAAF one; budgetary control questions were answered by Al Sheahan.

4. **COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

Each candidate was allowed two minutes to make a presentation.

President: *O. Flaherty withdrew. Santokh Singh withdrew in favour of A. Lynn.*

<u>Result:</u>	<i>Cesare Beccalli</i>	55
	<i>Alastair Lynn</i>	49
	<i>Fernando Ferreira</i>	2

Executive Vice President:

<u>Result:</u>	<i>Robert Fine</i>	72
	<i>Jorge Alzamora</i>	34

V.P. Stadia:

<u>Result:</u>	<i>Bill Taylor</i>	63
	<i>Vadim Marshev</i>	33
	<i>V. Suryanarayana</i>	10

V.P. Non Stadia:

Result: *Jacques Serruys elected unopposed.*

Secretary:

<u>Result:</u>	<i>Torsten Carlius</i>	68
	<i>David Pain</i>	40
	<i>1 abstention</i>	

Treasurer:

<u>Result:</u>	<i>Al Sheahan</i>	83
	<i>Pirkko Martin</i>	25

5. **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

A copy is attached; the reference below refers to the numbering system used in the Constitutional section of the proposals.

C.1 It was noted that this proposal:

- would increase the numbers to be handled at the WAVA Championships
- was against the spirit of the original agreement with I.A.A.F. WAVA is not empowered to promote Championships for males 35-39 years.

MOTION DEFEATED 84 to 19, 1 abstention

5. **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS (Continued)**

C.2 Following the overwhelming defeat of this proposal in the Women's Meeting the U.S. Delegation withdrew the proposal. B. Kousky (U.S.A.) wished it to be recorded that it had been proposed "in the interests of equality between men and women".

C.3 An amendment which would have changed the last section to - a maximum of seven delegates - was proposed by Rex Harvey (U.S.A.), seconded by David Pain (U.S.A.)

AMENDMENT DEFEATED 76 to 25, 2 abstentions

There was considerable discussion over the fairness of this proposal. Al Sheahen presented data showing that by increasing the voting allocation in the manner proposed, some countries which - for whatever reason - were unable to support WAVAs World Championships would have a greatly disproportionate representation. M. Duff (Great Britain) and J. Tobin (New Zealand) commented in a similar vein, whilst J. Serruys (Belgium) raised the matter of votes for road runners now that we have separate championships.

A. Sheahen (U.S.A.) proposed, A. Lynn (Canada) seconded that this proposal be placed on the table until the next WAVA General Assembly.

TABLING MOTION PASSED 79 to 18, 1 abstention

C.4 O. Flaherty (Great Britain) raised the problem of deciding so far ahead in times of inflation. B. Kousky (U.S.A.) felt that there was no need to know as much as four years in advance and that this figure could be added to the contract nearer the time of the event as it did not directly affect the Organisers.

MOTION DEFEATED 63 to 43

C.5 There were mixed feelings about the proposal; R. Fine pointed out that two years gave WAVA better control over the Council.

MOTION DEFEATED 56 to 46, 4 abstentions

C.6 The previous votes had been by show of hands. Rex Harvey (U.S.A.) proposed, Jack Loman (Canada) seconded, that this item be voted on by secret ballot. This was defeated 61 to 34. It was decided to split this proposal into two sections:

"A" the voting member appointed by the I.A.A.F.

"B" Immediate Past President limited to 2 years

(A) Voting member of WAVA Council appointed by IAAF.

David Pain (USA), Brian Oxley (Canada), Santokh Singh (India), all spoke against; Jim Tobin (New Zealand) suggested that the IAAF representatives should be "non-voting". C. Beccalli ruled this suggestion out of order; his decision was challenged but was upheld 52 to 43.

Don Farquharson (Canada) proposed, David Pain (USA) seconded, that the proposal be tabled for an indefinite period: defeated 53 votes to 40.

Finally, **C.6"A" MOTION PASSED** 61 to 21, 7 abstentions

C.6"B" MOTION PASSED 83 to 10

C.7 MOTION WITHDRAWN

C.8 MOTION PASSED 77 to 15

C.9 Don Farquharson (Canada) and David Pain (USA) both suggested that the final two sentences be deleted. The WAVA President ruled this out of order and his decision was upheld 59 to 28, 4 abstentions.

A. Lynn (Canada) said he found it extraordinary that WAVA, which had built itself up, should be willing to surrender its authority to the I.A.A.F.. V. Suryanarayana (India) felt that WAVA's independence is slipping away.

On a secret vote the Assembly tied at 48:48. Cesare Beccalli then used his casting vote in favour of the proposal.

MOTION PASSED 49 to 48

Owen Flaherty (Great Britain), David Pain (U.S.A.), Santokh Singh (India), Martin Duff (Great Britain) all commented that it is accepted practice for a chairman's casting vote to be used to maintain the status quo, Cesare Beccalli refused to accept the comments.

C.10 This was a secret vote, In reply to questions from Tadhg Lynch (Ireland) and Alastair Lynn (Canada), Cesare Beccalli confirmed that Para 3E could not be used against Associations which are at this date WAVA Affiliates.

MOTION PASSED 55 to 29, 1 abstention

C.11 Withdrawn

C.12 This was amended so that the final sentence reads "The final decision shall be made by the W.A.V.A. Council".

MOTION PASSED 67 to 30

C.13

MOTION PASSED 73 to 4, 5 abstentions

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

These had been reviewed, where applicable, by the Stadia Committee which made recommendations to the General Assembly.

Section 1. 3 **MOTION DEFEATED** 47 to 44, 1 abstention

Section 4. New 22 **MOTION PASSED** on 'Aye' vote

Section 4. New 23 **MOTION DEFEATED** on 'Aye' vote

Section 4. New 24 **MOTION PASSED** on "Aye" vote

Section 5 **1. World Records**

A number of Delegates felt that this was unfair - Brian Oxley (Canada) reminded the Assembly of our founding principles - "all welcome". Ron Franklin (Great Britain) considered that by restricting world records we would be unfair to veteran athletes in countries where there was no formal Veterans' organisation.

MOTION PASSED 66 to 27, 1 abstention

Section 3 **Appendix "A" chart**

Proposal 1 **MOTION DEFEATED** 57 to 24, 3 abstentions

Proposal 2 **Withdrawn**

Proposal 3 **MOTION DEFEATED** 68 to 14, 2 abstentions

Section 13 Council Nomination: MOTION PASSED 91 to none, 1 abstention

Section 9 Regional Delegates: MOTION PASSED 75 to 10, 1 abstention

New Section Drug Testing: There was considerable discussion about the need for, and the cost of, drug testing. Robert Fine (U.S.A) commented that he expected the IAAF to provide overall funds but that the Organising Committee of the WAVA World Championships would carry out the tests at their own cost.

Jim Blair (New Zealand), Alastair Lynn (Canada) proposed the following amendment:

"That random drug testing of competitors may be sanctioned at or before the WAVA World Veterans' Championships."

It is understood that the medical requirements of Veteran athletes must always take precedence over the results of drug testing.

MOTION PASSED 83 to 6, 2 abstentions

6. **1993 WAVA WORLD VETERANS' CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The presentation of Miyazaki Prefecture, Japan, and the Nippon Masters Athletic Union was accepted unanimously.

7. **1995 WAVA WORLD VETERANS' CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Several Delegates raised the possibility of the choice for 1995 being delayed to 1993 due to two of the three contenders withdrawing.

Singapore proceeded with its presentation and the city was accepted for the 1995 Championships by 39 votes to 21.

8. **1992 WAVA ROAD RUNNING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The presentation for Birmingham, Great Britain, was accepted unanimously. It was confirmed that the course is AIMS measured; Jacques Serruys, V.P. Non Stadia, will shortly be inspecting the course.

9. **HONORARY LIFE VICE PRESIDENTS OF WAVA**

*The New Zealand Association of Veteran Athletes nominated, Don Farquharson (Canada) seconded: Clem Green: **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.*

*Brian Oxley (Canada) nominated, Roy Foley (Australia) and Santokh Singh (India) seconded: Alastair Lynn: **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.*

Messrs. Green and Lynn expressed their appreciation for this great honour given to them by the W.A.V.A. General Assembly.

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There were a number of comments that with the increasing length of the General Assembly agenda, the decisions regarding the sites of future championships should be made on a separate day.

11. *There being no further business, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.*



Alastair Lynn
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WAVA Secretary, 1987 - 1991
WAVA Treasurer, 1983 - 1987

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE W.A.V.A. CONSTITUTION

NOTE: All Section numbers refer to the August, 1989, edition of the W.A.V.A. Constitution and Bylaws.

The number at the side of each proposal, for example, C1, refers to the voting card number which is on the top right-hand corner of the voting card to be used for that particular proposition. Voting cards are supplied for all proposed constitutional changes.

Section 2 Purpose

Change to:

C.1

2A: To organize, regulate and administer athletics for women and men of not less than thirty-five years of age (hereinafter referred to as "veterans")

Proposed by the W.A.V.A. Affiliate in Australia. This lowers the men's threshold age from 40 to 35 years

OR

C.2

2A: To organize, regulate and administer athletics for women and men of not less than forty years of age. (hereinafter referred to as "veterans")

Proposed by the W.A.V.A. Affiliates in the U.S.A. This raises the women's threshold age from 35 to 40 years.

Section 4 General Assembly

Change to:

C.3

4B: At the General Assembly each affiliate shall be entitled to the following number of delegates:
- A minimum of one delegate
- One additional delegate for every one hundred of its athletes who have competed in the preceding three WAV.A World Championships held in odd numbered years, or one additional delegate if not less than one hundred of its athletes have competed in one of the preceding three WAV.A Regional Championships, held in even numbered years.
- A maximum of five delegates.

Proposed by the W.A.V.A. Affiliates in Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden and Uruguay. The purpose of this proposal is to increase the share of the votes at the General Assembly for countries which support their Regional Championships well but are unable to send many competitors to the W.A.V.A. World Championships.

C.4

4E. Add Item (VIII):

(VIII) Decide on any proposed modification of athletes' fees to WAVVA Championships; except that the Council may modify the athletes' fees by no more than 10% from the previous Championships without the approval of the General Assembly.

Proposed by the W.A.V.A. Affiliate in the U.S.A. This would give the W.A.V.A. Council reasonable, but not unlimited authority, in this matter.

C.5

4E. Change to item (I):

Elect the officers for the next four years, that is to the General Assembly in four years' time.

Proposed by the W.A.V.A. Affiliate in India. Currently elections are held at each General Assembly; this proposes elections at every second General Assembly.

Section 5: Council

Change to:

C.6

5A. The Council shall consist of the following officers:

- The President
- The Executive Vice-President
- The Vice President (Stadia)
- The Vice President (Non stadia)
- The Secretary
- The Treasurer
- The Women's representative
- one Regional Delegate appointed by each Regional Association
- one member appointed by the IAAF
- The immediate Past-President, limited to a period of two years after the election of a new President

This is proposed by the W.A.V.A. Affiliates in Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden and Uruguay. This introduces an extra voting member to the Council - an individual appointed by the I.A.A.F. (supported by the W.A.V.A. Council) - and limits the immediate Past President to 2 years service on the Council (at present he/she continues on as long as his/her successor remains President a maximum of 10 years).

Add new paragraph to clause A:

- C.7 5A. "All members of the WAVA Council must have entered for, and competed in, the WAVA World Veterans' Athletic Championships, either the Track & Field (which includes marathon, cross-country and road walks) or the Road Running Championships, at least once in the four calendar years prior to the General Assembly at which the elections are taking place. This includes Council members not elected by the General Assembly. This applies to all candidates under the age of 70 years at the time of the elections."

Proposed by the W.A.V.A. Affiliate in Singapore. The object is to maintain a competitively active Council.

Section 10 Regions

Change to:

- C.8 10A. WAVA shall recognise the Regions of Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, Oceania, South America. Unless specifically exempted, following the procedure under paragraph 10c the IAAF groupings shall be used for WAVA Regions. The WAVA Regions can only accept the participation of WAVA affiliated Veterans' National bodies, under section 3 of the WAVA Constitution.

Proposed by the WAVA Affiliates in Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden, and Uruguay. This proposes that for a Veterans' organization to participate regionally it must be a WAVA Affiliate.

It also apparently means that a Veteran Athlete in a country which has not yet affiliated to WAVA could not compete in a Regional Veterans' Championship.

C.9

10C. Change to:

If a Veterans' organisation wishes to transfer to another Region, that Affiliate must apply to the Region to which it is affiliated. That Region shall consider the application at the next meeting of its Regional Council: if the transfer is approved, then that Region shall apply, on behalf of its Affiliate, to the Region to which it wishes to transfer. That Region must consider the application at the next meeting of its Regional Council. If it approves the Transfer, the Regional Council shall send the application to the WAVA Secretary, who shall send it to the IAAF, with a recommendation for approval. If either Region or IAAF disapproves the transfer, it shall not take place.

Proposed by Italy, Norway, Sweden and Uruguay.
This would involve the IAAF in a decision
affecting WAVA Affiliates.

Section 3 Affiliation

Change to:

- Card C.10 to 3B. An application for affiliation from a National Governing Body affiliated to the IAAF (NGB), in a country where there is no existing WAVA affiliate, shall be approved by the Council.**
- 3C. An application for affiliation from a Veterans' athletic organization approved in writing by the NGB, in a country where there is no existing WAVA affiliate, shall be approved by the Council.**
- 3D. An application for affiliation from a Veterans' athletic organisation in a country where there is no existing WAVA affiliate and where no approval has been given by the NGB, shall be firstly referred by the WAVA Secretariat to the NGB of that country. Thereafter:**
- i. an application for affiliation received from the NGB within 60 days shall be approved by the Council
 - ii. an application for affiliation received within 60 days from the Veterans' athletic organisation and approved in writing by the NGB shall be approved by the Council.
 - iii. if the NGB takes no action within 60 days, the WAVA Council shall either approve the application or refer it to the General Assembly with the Council recommendation for rejection.

- 3E. An application for affiliation from a NGB, or from a Veterans' athletic organisation authorised in writing by NGB, in a country where there is an existing WAVA affiliate, shall be subject to the procedure contained in By-Laws section 14.
- 3F. An application for affiliation from a Veterans' athletic organisation not authorised in writing by the NGB, in a country where there is an existing WAVA affiliate which is not affiliated with the NGB or not approved in writing by the NGB, will be firstly referred by the WAVA Secretary to the NGB of that country. Thereafter:
 - i. if the NGB presents an application for affiliation within 60 days or validates in writing the application already presented by the Veterans' Organisation, the application shall be subject to the procedure contained in By-Laws section 14. (Uruguay proposes: "in point 3D (i), (ii), (iii) above," not Bylaw 14).
 - ii. If the NGB does not take action within 60 days, the Council will determine which organisation shall be the affiliate.
- 3G. An application for affiliation from a Veterans' athletic organization in a country where there is an existing NGB WAVA affiliate or a Veterans Athletic Organization approved in writing by the NGB, shall not be considered.
 - Present 3D - 3F - 3G respectively become 3H - 3K - 3L
 - Present 3E becomes 3J, modified as follows:
- 3J. The Council shall determine whether there will be any affiliation fees - as applied to all affiliates - the amount of the fee if any, and the procedure for payment of any fees.

The above proposals were submitted by WAVA Affiliates in Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden and Uruguay (Uruguay was different at 3F (i), as noted) and, if accepted, necessitate a new Bylaw 14...

Two versions of the proposed new Bylaw 14 were submitted: - By Uruguay:-

C.11 Bylaw 14. RECOGNITION PROCEDURE FOR AFFILIATES

If a NGB makes an application for affiliation in a country where there is an existing WAVA Affiliate, the Council shall make a recommendation to the applicant. If the recommendation to the applicant is not accepted, a special Commission consisting of an equal number of representatives from the IAAF and WAVA shall be established to consider the matter and make to the applicant a recommendation to be sent through the IAAF Secretariat. If the recommendation is furtherly not accepted, the Commission shall present a report to the IAAF Council, submitting its considerations and recommendations - The final decision shall be arrived at in a joint agreement by WAVA and IAAF. (Present Bylaw 14 becomes 15)

And by Germany, Italy, Norway and Sweden:-

C.12 Bylaw 14. RECOGNITION PROCEDURE FOR AFFILIATES

If a NGB makes an application for affiliation in a country where there is an existing WAVA Affiliate, the Council shall make a recommendation to the applicant. If the recommendation to the applicant is not accepted, a special Commission consisting of an equal number of representatives from the IAAF and WAVA shall be established to consider the matter and make to the applicant a recommendation to be sent through the IAAF Secretariat. If the recommendation is furtherly not accepted, the Commission shall present a report to the IAAF Council, submitting its considerations and recommendations. The final decision shall be made by the IAAF Council.

(Present Bylaw 14 becomes 15).

There is a significant difference in these proposals in the final sentence of the proposed Bylaw 14 in that the Uruguayan proposal requires agreement between WAVA and IAAF whilst the proposal of the other four countries gives total final authority to the IAAF Council. (It should be noted that acceptance of these Affiliation clauses would eliminate Bylaws Section 6 (Finance) Paras 2 to 5, inclusive, and Constitution Clause 4E(v)). The objective of these changes in Affiliation procedure is to give power to the IAAF Affiliate (referred to as NGB) in a given country, possibly at the expense of an existing WAVA Affiliate. In a case where there is a dispute over the organization to represent the Veterans, and hence be the WAVA Affiliate, the German/Italian/Norwegian/Swedish proposed Bylaw 14 gives the ultimate authority to the IAAF Council, not to WAVA.

Section 15 Status

Remove

C.13 Proposed by the WAVA Affiliates in Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden and Uruguay.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

The Bylaw proposals involving technical rules will be examined by the Stadia Committee who will make recommendations to the General Assembly. A card vote on the Bylaw changes is not envisaged but spare sets of voting cards are provided in case of need.

Section 1 Competition

Change:

3. Age groups are determined only on the year of birth (from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31); throughout any age group.
Proposed by the WAVA Affiliate in Germany.

Reasoning: As the past has shown, World Veteran Championships cannot be fixed on a special date. Therefore, the relation between the date of birth and the beginning of the event does everybody involved an injustice. The DLV too, defines nationally the age groups according to the year of birth since this procedure has resulted in success. Moreover, the suggested procedure is used by the IAAF.

Section 4 Technical(Particular)

Additional Clause:

SPRINT AND SPRINT HURDLE EVENTS

New 22 In preliminary rounds, AT LEAST THE FIRST & SECOND in each event shall automatically qualify for the next round. Any other qualifiers shall be decided either according to their placing or according to their times. This is in line with the IAAF Handbook Rule 141 - 11.

Proposed by the WAVA Affiliate in New Zealand.

New 23 Additional Clause:

The decathlon only up to the age-group M55 and heptathlon up to the age-group W50. All following age-groups shall be limited to pentathlon.

Reasoning: For the sake of health, the physical demands of decathlon and heptathlon are the less justifiable the older athletes are.

Proposed by the WAVA Affiliate in Germany.

Additional Clause:

New 24 In races where TEAM events are contested it be mandatory for any athlete wishing to be considered for a team, to wear a uniform clearly identifying the country he/she represents.

Proposed by the WAVA Affiliate in New Zealand.

Section 5 World Veteran Records

1. Add a paragraph to this clause:

W.A.V.A. WORLD RECORDS

Only performances by REGISTERED MEMBERS of an affiliated country shall be recognised as W.A.V.A. World Records and the application must be certified as being correct by the National Body of the Affiliate.

Proposed by the W.A.V.A. Affiliate in New Zealand

Section 3 Technical (General)
Appendix A Chart

2. There are several changes proposed ...

Proposal 1

That lighter implements be used for the Men's 80+ categories in the individual throwing events and the pentathlon.

This proposal involves changing from:

	<u>Shot Put</u>	<u>Hammer</u>	<u>Javelin</u>	<u>Discus</u>
Existing Weights	4.0 kg	4.0 kg	.600 kg	1.0 kg
Proposed Weights	3.0 kg	3.0 kg	.400 kg	1.0 kg

Proposed by the WAVA Affiliate in Canada

BACKGROUND & JUSTIFICATION

Several years ago, the implement weights for Women's 50+ categories were changed to 3.0 kg for the shot put and hammer, and 20 and 16 lb. for the weight event. Use of these more reasonable weights made the individual throwing events and the pentathlon much more popular with improved results each year.

National and international participation is increasing greatly among men 80 years and older. Adopting lighter implements would encourage participants and make the events more popular.

Performances in the men's 80+ categories are much lower than women in their 60s as shown in the Eugene results:

		<u>Shot</u>	<u>Hammer</u>	<u>Javelin</u>	<u>Discus</u>
Women 60	1.	10.89m	28.70m	30.58m	32.68m
	2.	9.25m	26.90m	26.86m	31.18m
	3.	9.07m	24.96m	26.12m	27.78m
Women 65	1.	8.55m	30.04m	24.16m	23.48m
	2.	8.33m	27.86m	22.90m	22.98m
	3.	8.22m	25.40m	20.88m	22.50m
Men 80	1.	9.43m	28.12m	27.04m	32.16m
	2.	8.45m	24.78m	25.64m	26.59m
	3.	8.21m	24.26m	25.34m	25.10m
Men 85	1.	6.76m	15.58m	16.58m	20.34m
	2.	6.49m	11.38m	15.98m	18.06m
	3.	6.02m	9.74m	14.20m	15.16m

Results in Men's 90 showed another big drop and the lighter implements would give much more encouraging performances.

Proposal 2:

Appendix A Chart

Change the spacing between hurdles in the 80m sprint hurdles for Women's 50+ and Men's 70+ categories. This involves changing from:

	<u>Height</u>	<u>Start To First</u>	<u>Between</u>	<u>Last To Finish</u>
Existing	30"	12.0m	7.0m	19.0m
Proposed	30"	12.0m	8.0m	12.0m

Proposed by the WAVAF Affiliate in Canada

BACKGROUND & JUSTIFICATION

This proposal was prepared in response to written complaints or comments from athletes who are competing or practising for the events, checking numbers and performances, and then comparing the fairness and usefulness of possible decisions.

The proposal changes the hurdling spacing back to the old spacing. All indoor and outdoor tracks have the old markings, new markings have not been put on most tracks.

A drop in spacing from 8.5m spacing for Men 60-69 to 8.0m for Men 70+ seems more reasonable than the change to 7.0m. perhaps, more importantly, older runners like Claude Hills (78) and Karl Trei (80) looked very good and capable of running this race when, because of loss of speed, it becomes a little difficult to cover the spacing in 3 strides and flight; hurdlers like George Braceland won races taking 4 strides, alternating the take-off foot at each hurdle.

The 7.0m spacing with 12.0m to the first hurdle and 19.0m from the last hurdle leaves a long sprint to the finish line. This does not even look like a hurdles race.

Summarizing, the old spacing was working satisfactorily, why monkey with it, return to the old spacing.

Proposal 3:
Appendix A Chart

That the weight of the Javelin for M50/M55 be changed from 800 grams to 700 grams.

Proposed by the WAVA affiliate in Indonesia.

Please examine and compare the five rows under the headings AGE, SHOT PUT, DISCUS, HAMMER, and JAVELIN, vertically and horizontally. Everything seems to be in balance, except the weight of the Javelin for M50-59. To be in complete balance, this weight should be 700 grams instead of 800. We know that the 6.00K Shot, 1.50k Discus, and 6.00K hammer, are the so called "junior weights", and this, for Javelin, is 700 grams, and all four weights are official standards for junior athletes, and now also for M50-59 veterans. Furthermore, those are existing implements, manufactured and used since before WW II.

Section 13 Council Nomination Procedure

Additional Paragraphs:

Non-Council members seeking the Council's nomination for the office(s) of President, Executive Vice President, Vice President Stadia, Vice President Non Stadia, Secretary and/or Treasurer, must submit to the Secretary a written request for consideration of the office(s) being sought, together with a curriculum vitae/post-marked prior March 1st/in even numbered years.

Council members seeking another of the offices on the Council, are to follow the same procedures as noted above.

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Proposed by the W.A.V.A. Affiliates in Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden and Uruguay and the W.A.V.A. Council.

Note that this procedure is proposed only for candidates wishing to be nominated by the W.A.V.A. Council. Candidates can still be nominated directly by W.A.V.A. Affiliates.

Section 9 Voting
Change:

Substitutes for Regional Delegates do have the right to vote at Council meetings and at the General Assembly.

Proposed by the W.A.V.A. Affiliate in Chile.

"do not have" is changed to "do have"

New Section Proposal

That drug testing of competitors be authorized at the W.A.V.A. World Veterans' Championships.

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

Section 1 Competition

1. Between "in accordance with the Technical" and "Rules of the..." INSERT: _____ "and drug testing"

Proposed by Norway.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE W.A.V.A. CONSTITUTION

NOTE: All Section numbers refer to the August, 1989, edition of the W.A.V.A. Constitution and Bylaws.

The number at the side of each proposal, for example, C1, refers to the voting card number which is on the top right-hand corner of the voting card to be used for that particular proposition. Voting cards are supplied for all proposed constitutional changes.

Section 2 Purpose

Change to:

- C.1 2A: To organize, regulate and administer athletics for women and men of not less than thirty-five years of age (hereinafter referred to as "veterans")

Proposed by the W.A.V.A. Affiliate in Australia.
This lowers the men's threshold age from 40 to 35 years

19-84

OR

- C.2 2A: To organize, regulate and administer athletics for women and men of not less than forty years of age. (hereinafter referred to as "veterans")

Proposed by the W.A.V.A. Affiliates in the U.S.A.
This raises the women's threshold age from 35 to 40 years.

USA WITHDRAW

Section 4 General Assembly

Change to:

- C.3 4B: At the General Assembly each affiliate shall be entitled to the following number of delegates:
- A minimum of one delegate
- One additional delegate for every one hundred of its athletes who have competed in the preceding three WAVVA World Championships held in odd numbered years, or one additional delegate if not less than one hundred of its athletes have competed in one of the preceding three WAVVA Regional Championships, held in even numbered years.
- A maximum of five delegates. → 25-75

Postpone: 79-18

Proposed by the W.A.V.A. Affiliates in Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden and Uruguay. The purpose of this proposal is to increase the share of the votes at the General Assembly for countries which support their Regional Championships well but are unable to send many competitors to the W.A.V.A. World Championships.

C.4

4E. Add Item (VIII):

(VIII) Decide on any proposed modification of athletes' fees to WAVVA Championships; except that the Council may modify the athletes' fees by no more than 10% from the previous Championships without the approval of the General Assembly.

43-63

Proposed by the W.A.V.A. Affiliate in the U.S.A. This would give the W.A.V.A. Council reasonable, but not unlimited authority, in this matter.

12:20

C.5

4E. Change to item (I):

Elect the officers for the next four years, that is to the General Assembly in four years' time.

Proposed by the W.A.V.A. Affiliate in India. Currently elections are held at each General Assembly; this proposes elections at every second General Assembly.

46-56

Section 5: Council

Change to:

C.6

5A. The Council shall consist of the following officers:

- The President
- The Executive Vice-President
- The Vice President (Stadia)
- The Vice President (Non stadia)
- The Secretary
- The Treasurer
- The Women's representative
- one Regional Delegate appointed by each Regional Association
- one member appointed by the IAAF
- The immediate Past-President, limited to a period of two years after the election of a new President

secret into last 34-61

Chair upheld or NOT 52-43

Accepting amendment → fr IAAF to be NON-VOTING members

Motion to lay on table, last 40-53
MAIN MOTION ON IAAF, 61-21-7

LIMIT PP TO 2 YRS, 83-10

This is proposed by the W.A.V.A. Affiliates in Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden and Uruguay. This introduces an extra voting member to the Council - an individual appointed by the I.A.A.F. (supported by the W.A.V.A. Council) - and limits the immediate Past President to 2 years service on the Council (at present he/she continues on as long as his/her successor remains President a maximum of 10 years).

Add new paragraph to clause A:

- C.7 5A. "All members of the WAVA Council must have entered for, and competed in, the WAVA World Veterans' Athletic Championships, either the Track & Field (which includes marathon, cross-country and road walks) or the Road Running Championships, at least once in the four calendar years prior to the General Assembly at which the elections are taking place. This includes Council members not elected by the General Assembly. This applies to all candidates under the age of 70 years at the time of the elections." *WITHDRAW*

Proposed by the W.A.V.A. Affiliate in Singapore. The object is to maintain a competitively active Council.

Section 10 Regions

Change to:

- 2.27 C.8 10A. WAVA shall recognise the Regions of Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, Oceania, South America. Unless specifically exempted, following the procedure under paragraph 10c the IAAF groupings shall be used for WAVA Regions. The WAVA Regions can only accept the participation of WAVA affiliated Veterans' National bodies, under section 3 of the WAVA Constitution. *77-15*

Proposed by the WAVA Affiliates in Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden, and Uruguay. This proposes that for a Veterans' organization to participate regionally it must be a WAVA Affiliate. *1-11*

It also apparently means that a Veteran Athlete in a country which has not yet affiliated to WAVA could not compete in a Regional Veterans' Championship.

*Amended & drop last 2 sentences
ruled out of order. Chair sustained, 59-28.*

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C.9

10C. Change to:

If a Veterans' organisation wishes to transfer to another Region, that Affiliate must apply to the Region to which it is affiliated. That Region shall consider the application at the next meeting of its Regional Council: if the transfer is approved, then that Region shall apply, on behalf of its Affiliate, to the Region to which it wishes to transfer. That Region must consider the application at the next meeting of its Regional Council. If it approves the Transfer, the Regional Council shall send the application to the WAVA Secretary, who shall send it to the IAAF, with a recommendation for approval. If either Region or IAAF disapproves the transfer, it shall not take place.

18-48 CB break tie:
49-48

Proposed by Italy, Norway, Sweden and Uruguay.
This would involve the IAAF in a decision
affecting WAVA Affiliates.

Section 3 Affiliation

Change to:

**Card C.10 to 3B. An application for affiliation from a National
be used for Governing Body affiliated to the IAAF (NGB), in
Paragraphs a country where there is no existing WAVA
3B to 3J affiliate, shall be approved by the Council.
inclusive**

- 3C. An application for affiliation from a Veterans' athletic organization approved in writing by the NGB, in a country where there is no existing WAVA affiliate, shall be approved by the Council.
- 3D. An application for affiliation from a Veterans' athletic organisation in a country where there is no existing WAVA affiliate and where no approval has been given by the NGB, shall be firstly referred by the WAVA Secretariat to the NGB of that country. Thereafter:
- i. an application for affiliation received from the NGB within 60 days shall be approved by the Council
 - ii. an application for affiliation received within 60 days from the Veterans' athletic organisation and approved in writing by the NGB shall be approved by the Council.
 - iii. if the NGB takes no action within 60 days, the WAVA Council shall either approve the application or refer it to the General Assembly with the Council recommendation for rejection.

- 3E. An application for affiliation from a NGB, or from a Veterans' athletic organisation authorised in writing by NGB, in a country where there is an existing WAVA affiliate, shall be subject to the procedure contained in By-Laws section 14.
- 3F. An application for affiliation from a Veterans' athletic organisation not authorised in writing by the NGB, in a country where there is an existing WAVA affiliate which is not affiliated with the NGB or not approved in writing by the NGB, will be firstly referred by the WAVA Secretary to the NGB of that country. Thereafter:
- i. if the NGB presents an application for affiliation within 60 days or validates in writing the application already presented by the Veterans' Organisation, the application shall be subject to the procedure contained in By-Laws section 14. (Uruguay proposes: "in point 3D (i), (ii), (iii) above," not Bylaw 14).
 - ii. If the NGB does not take action within 60 days, the Council will determine which organisation shall be the affiliate.
- 3G. An application for affiliation from a Veterans' athletic organization in a country where there is an existing NGB WAVA affiliate or a Veterans Athletic Organization approved in writing by the NGB, shall not be considered.
- Present 3D - 3F - 3G respectively become 3H - 3K - 3L
 - Present 3E becomes 3J, modified as follows:
- 3J. The Council shall determine whether there will be any affiliation fees - as applied to all affiliates - the amount of the fee if any, and the procedure for payment of any fees.

55-29

The above proposals were submitted by WAVA Affiliates in Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden and Uruguay (Uruguay was different at 3F (i), as noted) and, if accepted, necessitate a new Bylaw 14...

Two versions of the proposed new Bylaw 14 were submitted: - By Uruguay:-

C.11 Bylaw 14. RECOGNITION PROCEDURE FOR AFFILIATES

If a NGB makes an application for affiliation in a country where there is an existing WAVA Affiliate, the Council shall make a recommendation to the applicant. If the recommendation to the applicant is not accepted, a special Commission consisting of an equal number of representatives from the IAAF and WAVA shall be established to consider the matter and make to the applicant a recommendation to be sent through the IAAF Secretariat. If the recommendation is furtherly not accepted, the Commission shall present a report to the IAAF Council, submitting its considerations and recommendations - The final decision shall be arrived at in a joint agreement by WAVA and IAAF.
(Present Bylaw 14 becomes 15)

WITHDRAW

And by Germany, Italy, Norway and Sweden:-

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(Present Bylaw 14 becomes 15).

AMEND TO WAVA COUNCIL by Proposer.

67-30

There is a significant difference in these proposals in the final sentence of the proposed Bylaw 14 in that the Uruguayan proposal requires agreement between WAVA and IAAF whilst the proposal of the other four countries gives total final authority to the IAAF Council. (It should be noted that acceptance of these Affiliation clauses would eliminate Bylaws Section 6 (Finance) Paras 2 to 5, inclusive, and Constitution Clause 4E(v)). The objective of these changes in Affiliation procedure is to give power to the IAAF Affiliate (referred to as NGB) in a given country, possibly at the expense of an existing WAVA Affiliate. In a case where there is a dispute over the organization to represent the Veterans, and hence be the WAVA Affiliate, the German/Italian/Norwegian/Swedish proposed Bylaw 14 gives the ultimate authority to the IAAF Council, not to WAVA.

4/07 **Section 15 Status**

Remove

C.13 Proposed by the WAVA Affiliates in Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden and Uruguay.

73-4

4/11 **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS**

The Bylaw proposals involving technical rules will be examined by the Stadia Committee who will make recommendations to the General Assembly. A card vote on the Bylaw changes is not envisaged but spare sets of voting cards are provided in case of need.

Section 1 Competition

Change:

3. Age groups are determined only on the year of birth (from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31); throughout any age group.
Proposed by the WAVA Affiliate in Germany.

Reasoning: As the past has shown, World Veteran Championships cannot be fixed on a special date. Therefore, the relation between the date of birth and the beginning of the event does everybody involved an injustice. The DLV too, defines nationally the age groups according to the year of birth since this procedure has resulted in success. Moreover, the suggested procedure is used by the IAAF.

*SIPHOJA
Rejects*

44-47

Section 4 Technical(Particular)

Additional Clause:

SPRINT AND SPRINT HURDLE EVENTS

New 22 In preliminary rounds, AT LEAST THE FIRST & SECOND in each event shall automatically qualify for the next round. Any other qualifiers shall be decided either according to their placing or according to their times. This is in line with the IAAF Handbook Rule 141 - 11.

Proposed by the WAVA Affiliate in New Zealand.

New 23 Additional Clause:

The decathlon only up to the age-group M55 and heptathlon up to the age-group W50. All following age-groups shall be limited to pentathlon.

Reasoning: For the sake of health, the physical demands of decathlon and heptathlon are the less justifiable the older athletes are.

Proposed by the WAVA Affiliate in Germany.

New 24

Additional Clause:

In races where TEAM events are contested it be mandatory for any athlete wishing to be considered for a team, to wear a uniform clearly identifying the country he/she represents.

Proposed by the WAVA Affiliate in New Zealand.

Section 5 World Veteran Records

1. Add a paragraph to this clause:

W.A.V.A. WORLD RECORDS

Only performances by REGISTERED MEMBERS of an affiliated country shall be recognised as W.A.V.A. World Records and the application must be certified as being correct by the National Body of the Affiliate.

Proposed by the W.A.V.A. Affiliate in New Zealand

66-27

Section 3 Technical (General)
Appendix A Chart

2. There are several changes proposed ...

Proposal 1

That lighter implements be used for the Men's 80+ categories in the individual throwing events and the pentathlon.

This proposal involves changing from:

	<u>Shot Put</u>	<u>Hammer</u>	<u>Javelin</u>	<u>Discus</u>
Existing Weights	4.0 kg	4.0 kg	.600 kg	1.0 kg
Proposed Weights	3.0 kg	3.0 kg	.400 kg	1.0 kg

Proposed by the WAVVA Affiliate in Canada *Rejected, 24-57*

BACKGROUND & JUSTIFICATION

Several years ago, the implement weights for Women's 50+ categories were changed to 3.0 kg for the shot put and hammer, and 20 and 16 lb. for the weight event. Use of these more reasonable weights made the individual throwing events and the pentathlon much more popular with improved results each year.

National and international participation is increasing greatly among men 80 years and older. Adopting lighter implements would encourage participants and make the events more popular.

Performances in the men's 80+ categories are much lower than women in their 60s as shown in the Eugene results:

		<u>Shot</u>	<u>Hammer</u>	<u>Javelin</u>	<u>Discus</u>
Women 60	1.	10.89m	28.70m	30.58m	32.68m
	2.	9.25m	26.90m	26.86m	31.18m
	3.	9.07m	24.96m	26.12m	27.78m
Women 65	1.	8.55m	30.04m	24.16m	23.48m
	2.	8.33m	27.86m	22.90m	22.98m
	3.	8.22m	25.40m	20.88m	22.50m
Men 80	1.	9.43m	28.12m	27.04m	32.16m
	2.	8.45m	24.78m	25.64m	26.59m
	3.	8.21m	24.26m	25.34m	25.10m
Men 85	1.	6.76m	15.58m	16.58m	20.34m
	2.	6.49m	11.38m	15.98m	18.06m
	3.	6.02m	9.74m	14.20m	15.16m

Results in Men's 90 showed another big drop and the lighter implements would give much more encouraging performances.

Proposal 2:

Appendix A Chart

Change the spacing between hurdles in the 80m sprint hurdles for Women's 50+ and Men's 70+ categories. This involves changing from:

	<u>Height</u>	<u>Start To First</u>	<u>Between</u>	<u>Last To Finish</u>
Existing	30"	12.0m	7.0m	19.0m
Proposed	30"	12.0m	8.0m	12.0m

Proposed by the WAVVA Affiliate in Canada *WITHDRAW*

BACKGROUND & JUSTIFICATION

This proposal was prepared in response to written complaints or comments from athletes who are competing or practising for the events, checking numbers and performances, and then comparing the fairness and usefulness of possible decisions.

The proposal changes the hurdling spacing back to the old spacing. All indoor and outdoor tracks have the old markings, new markings have not been put on most tracks.

A drop in spacing from 8.5m spacing for Men 60-69 to 8.0m for Men 70+ seems more reasonable than the change to 7.0m. perhaps, more importantly, older runners like Claude Hills (78) and Karl Trei (80) looked very good and capable of running this race when, because of loss of speed, it becomes a little difficult to cover the spacing in 3 strides and flight; hurdlers like George Braceland won races taking 4 strides, alternating the take-off foot at each hurdle.

The 7.0m spacing with 12.0m to the first hurdle and 19.0m from the last hurdle leaves a long sprint to the finish line. This does not even look like a hurdles race.

Summarizing, the old spacing was working satisfactorily, why monkey with it, return to the old spacing.

5-13
Proposal 3:
Appendix A Chart

That the weight of the Javelin for M50/M55 be changed from 800 grams to 700 grams.

Proposed by the WAVA affiliate in Indonesia.

Please examine and compare the five rows under the headings AGE, SHOT PUT, DISCUS, HAMMER, and JAVELIN, vertically and horizontally. Everything seems to be in balance, except the weight of the Javelin for M50-59. To be in complete balance, this weight should be 700 grams instead of 800. We know that the 6.00K Shot, 1.50k Discus, and 6.00K hammer, are the so called "junior weights", and this, for Javelin, is 700 grams, and all four weights are official standards for junior athletes, and now also for M50-59 veterans. Furthermore, those are existing implements, manufactured and used since before WW II.

14-68

Section 13 Council Nomination Procedure

Additional Paragraphs:

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Change:

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Proposed by the W.A.V.A. Affiliate in Chile. 75-10

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New Section Proposal

440 That drug testing of competitors be authorized at the W.A.V.A. World Veterans' Championships.

Proposed by the W.A.V.A. Council 83-6 as amended active

Section 1 Competition

1. Between "in accordance with the Technical" and "Rules of the..." INSERT: _ "and drug testing" WITHDRAW

Proposed by Norway.

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YES, in favor

NO, against



World Association of Veteran Athletes

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
W.A.V.A. WOMEN'S ASSEMBLY AT TURKU
FINLAND ON JULY 19, 1991**

Present: *BrIDGET CUSHEN, W.A.V.A. Women's Representative in the Chair,
Members of the W.A.V.A. Council
Alastair Lynn, W.A.V.A. Secretary*

The following Affiliates were represented:

Namibia, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Italy, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Canada, Trinidad & Tobago, U.S.A., Australia, New Zealand, Colombia, Uruguay.

1. OPENING OF MEETING

BrIDGET CUSHEN welcomed the more than 120 Delegates plus Observers attending this meeting; she was particularly pleased to meet the first ever African representative.

2. WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

BrIDGET CUSHEN reported that the timetable for some of the women's events was most unsatisfactory. She had written to the Competition Committee Chairman three times following W.A.V.A.'s visit here last year to ensure that heats of the hurdles and sprints did not conflict. She had a brief meeting with him on Thursday and together they had revised the times of some events. A new timetable was then distributed to each delegate.

She had received an invitation to visit the South American Championships last November. She was most impressed by the enthusiasm of the female competitors. Some had spent up to 8 days travelling by bus to reach Montevideo. Women there represent a higher overall percentage of competitors than in any other region.

She had also attended the IAAF Women's Committee meeting and played a video of women competing in the triple jump and hammer competitions at the last W.A.V.A. Championships in Eugene. The IAAF have now added the triple jump to their programme.

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3. **REPORTS FROM THE W.A.V.A. REGIONS**

Africa *Hella Kuppe (Namibia) reported that in Namibia there were only a few veteran women athletes. There was no female veteran competition in IAAF affiliated African countries.*

Asia *Glory Barnabas's (Singapore) report is attached.*

Europe *Marina Hoernecke-Gil (Spain) commented on the need for more statistics on women's triple jump and hammer. The women's pole vault and steeplechase events are held in Great Britain but nowhere else in Europe. She felt that an upper age limit will be necessary for some events for reason of safety and health.*

North and Central America *The report was shared between Ruth Anderson (USA) and Cristel Miller (USA). It was noted that there was not so far a history of major continental championships in this Region. Cristel Miller suggested that medal standards be dropped for W75 upwards and that a women's corner in the National Master News (the official WAVA magazine) would be a useful idea.*

Oceania *Colleen Blair's report is attached.*

South America *Covered by Bridget Cushen who had attended the 1990 South American T & F Championships in Montevideo. This is a high level of participation by women veterans and they are very strong in their support of the threshold age of 35 for women veterans.*

4. **WOMEN VETERANS - START AT 35 OR 40 YEARS?**

There was considerable discussion over this very important issue. The USA delegates (the USA has put up a "Change to 40" resolution for the WAVA General Assembly next week) admitted that they themselves were split - track & field wanted 35, long distance wanted 40 years. Various opinions were expressed but when it came to the vote the result was clear:-

*Remain at 35 years: 42 votes
Change to 40 years: 1 vote*

5. **OTHER GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION**

The meeting voted against the proposals to amend the By-Laws. They wish to retain the Heptathlon for the W50+ and to leave the distance between the hurdles for W50+ at 7.0m.

6. **ELECTIONS**

Bridget Cushen was re-elected W.A.V.A. Women's Representative by acclamation.

7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Madeline Bost noted that as a high school athlete she had been "protected" at school; she protested against any attempts now to "protect" her by putting an upper age limit on certain events or by changing the nature of these events. In reply to a question the Secretary explained why it had been felt necessary to introduce heats and final for certain age groups in the 5,000m. Basically, it was to ensure fair competition and to avoid the situation where a runner could enter a false slow time and then run unimpeded in a slow "timed final".

Women athletes who have to wear tights for religious reasons are allowed to do so provided the tights are fitted, for example, they cannot be loose around the knee. The Chief Walking Judge should be informed before the race commences.

Marilyn Mitchell (USA) suggested that a standardised order of events be mandated for the WAVA Championships, with flexibility to allow for two or three tracks in use.

The French Delegates requested that at future meetings allowance be made for grouping by language.

8. **W.A.V.A. PRESIDENT**

Cesare Beccalli, W.A.V.A. President, had been delayed by other business but arrived in time to wish the Women competitors every success.

9. **CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Bridget Cushen

BRIDGET CUSHEN, CHAIR
Alastair Lynn
ALASTAIR LYNN, SECRETARY

ASIAN VETERAN ATHLETES ASSOCIATION

REPORT ON THE ASIAN WOMEN VETERAN ATHLETES ASSOCIATION-1990/1991

There are eleven Asian countries affiliated to the Association. They are the following:-

1. Japan
2. Korea
3. Indonesia
4. Chinese Taipei
5. Malaysia
6. Thailand
7. Sri Lanka
8. India
9. The Philippines
10. Pakistan
11. Singapore

6th Asian Veteran Meet

The 6th Asian Veteran Championships were held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 9-11 November 1990. It was a good meet and the President and Secretary of WAVA graced the occasion.

~~8~~ Six countries participated in the meet and the breakdown of figures is as follows:-

Chinese Taipei	- 12
India	- 68
Indonesia	- 33
Japan	- 27
Singapore	- 6
Sri Lanka	- 5
Thailand	- 5
Malaysia	- 31

The 7th Asian Veteran Championships will be held in Singapore from 11th to 14th June 1992.

Womens' Starting Age

We in Asia are of the opinion that the starting age for veteran competition should remain at 35 years. If it is raised to 40 years, many women will not participate and it will be difficult to hold their interest in veterans' athletics. So, I strongly support that the minimum age should be 35 years.

Drug testing

We join our men veterans in asserting that doping control should not be carried out at Asian Veterans' meets.

We feel that the women of Asia are progressing very well towards veteran athletics. Slowly, but surely more and more women are competing. This augurs well for us and I hope that in the not too distant future we can compare favourably with our sisters from the rest of the world not only in quantity but also in quality.

May I take this opportunity in wishing our friends in Asia and from the rest of the world all the very best in competition and may you return home having established better friendship.

Yours sincerely,


Glory Barnabas
Women's Representative
Asia

12th July 1991

WORLD ASSOCIATION OF VETERAN ATHLETES



OCEANIA REGIONAL ASSOCIATION - OAVA

REPORT OF THE OCEANIA REGION TO THE WOMEN'S ASSEMBLY AT TURKU ON JULY 19, 1991.

The Oceania Region encompasses that area of the Pacific Ocean from 20° north of the Equator south. It is bounded on the west by the Region of Asia and on the east by South America. It is made up of Islands the largest by far being Australia. The majority of athletes are in Australia and New Zealand but we are working very hard at encouraging people of Veteran age in as many other Islands as possible to participate. However, many of the Islands are economically poor and many athletes cannot travel to other areas to compete so that the only times that they take part in numbers is when an event takes place on their Island. In the past women in these areas have not been encouraged to take part in this kind of activity, but with the introduction of Veteran Athletics to more of our areas it is becoming easier to get women involved.

Of the 805 competitors at the Oceania Championships in Auckland in November 1990 274 were women. Of these 9 were in the 30 - 34 age group; 56 were 35 - 39; 48 were in the 40 - 44 age group; 55 were 45 - 49; 47 were in the 50 - 54 age group; 24 were 55 - 59; 21 were in the 60 - 64 age group; 10 were 65 - 69; 1 was in the 70 - 74 age group; 2 were 75 - 79; 2 were in the 80 - 84 age group.

Performances in the new Women's events - Hammer, Steeplechase, Triple Jump have been outstanding. At our Championships in Auckland there were 19 entries in the Womens Triple Jump events; 37 in the Womens Hammer events and 8 in the Womens Steeplechases. Our women hold, or have held, at least 14 World age group records in the Steeplechase; 12 in the Hammer and currently hold 14 age records in the Triple Jump. So far, we have not had any pole vault entries but there is no doubt that when the Women of Oceania do take it on they will do it well!

Our group numbers show the interest in Veteran Athletics by women in the under 40 age group. A survey conducted over a small group indicated that the majority by 2 - 1 were in favour of retaining the entry age of 35 years. These women felt that many women in their thirties want to get back into sport after having families and perhaps not having competed for a number years. They would not feel confident about competing with open grade athletes but would be quite comfortable with others of similar age. Without this age group there is gap where these folk are not able to participate in our sport and they may go to another sport or just not bother at all. Some of the comments received were: "As a sprinter I feel that women at 35 are 'over the hill' for senior competition and I have really enjoyed competing as a veteran in the W35 grade". "The gap between 18 and 40 would be too large. I am quite happy to be a Vet at 35." "There is too much stronger competition for the 35 year old to compete with the open field ranging from 20 - 35 year olds." "Many women take up our sport in their mid thirties after their children have become less dependent. I feel it would be most discouraging to expect them to compete against women in their late teens and early twenties." We have a number of nationally and internationally ranked women athletes joining the W30-34 (pre-vet) and W35-39 age groups. They are still competing at national and international level but enjoy the competition with veterans and recognise this period as a natural transition towards the time when they will no longer be competitive in

the open grade. In no way should the entry age of 35 be seen as "poaching" athletes from the open grade competition. These athletes have the choice of competing in either group, or in both. As long as they are still competitive in the open grade they will naturally compete at that level.

New affiliates in our Region are Papua New Guinea, Tonga and Cook Islands. We welcome women athletes from these countries.

At the present time there is no Women's representative on the Oceania Council and this is a matter we intend to address at the next Meeting of the Council.

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In accordance with W.A.V.A. By-law 13, the Curriculum Vitae of the above candidates are enclosed

WAVA

To: The WAVA Affiliates
The WAVA Council.

World Association of Veteran Athletes

From: The WAVA Secretary.

May, 1991.

Dear Friends,

I have pleasure in enclosing the documentation for the WAVA General Assembly in Turku on July 24th. As far as I know them I have sent copies to Delegates but would all Secretaries of WAVA Affiliates please ensure that their Delegates have a copy.

I have received the names of many Delegates but by no means all of them. If a red cross appears here it means that at the date of typing this letter I have NOT received your Delegate(s) names: _____

Please send this information by fax or letter without delay; it will be of immense help to have this information before the day of the General Assembly! (NAMES ON YOUR VETERANS' ASSOCIATION HEADED PAPER)

SPECIAL NOTES:

1. The M40 800m. final will be held on the evening of the 22nd July as a highlight of the prestigious open Paavo Nurmi annual track&field Meet.

2. The Japanese have kindly invited all DELEGATES to the General Assembly to a reception at 7.00pm on July 23rd in the Hotel Marina Palace (19.00 hours).

I hope many track&field records will be set at Turku. This mailing is a record in itself - the largest mailing of material to the greatest number of Affiliates ever sent out by a WAVA Secretary!

How fortunate we are to have our unique Association...

*Sincerely,
Alastair* founded 1977

COUNTRY	SYMBOL	SEAT(S)
Angola	ANG	F 13
Argentina	ARG	G 19
Aruba	ARU	E 17
Australia	AUS	D 5,6,7,8,9
Austria	AUT	F 6
Belgium	BEL	F 18
Brazil	BRA	G 10
Bulgaria	BUL	B 11
Canada	CAN	D 1,2,3,4
Chile	CHI	G 11
Columbia	COL	G 12
Cook Islands	COK	E 12
Congo	CON	F 20
Costa Rica	COS	F 12
Cyprus	CYP	E 6
Denmark	DEN	G 1,2
Dominican Republic	DOM	G 13
Spain (Espana)	ESP	G 14 15
Finland	FIN	B 1,2,3,4
France	FRA	E 18, 19, 20
Germany	FRG	F 1, 2, 3 4, 5
Great Britain	GBR	B 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
Greece	GRE	B 10
Guyana	GUY	B 12
Hong Kong	HKG	B 13
Holland	HOL	G 3
Hungary	HUN	G 4, 5
Indonesia	INA	B 14
India	IND	B 15, 16
Ireland	IRL	B 17
Iceland	ISL	B 18
Italy	ITA	D 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
Japan	JPN	C 1, 2
Malaysia	MAL	C 3
Mexico	MEX	G 16
New Guinea	NGU	E 14
Namibia	NMB	C 4
Norway	NOR	C 5, 6, 7
New Zealand	NZL	C 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
Peru	PER	G 17
Paraguay	PAR	F 15
Pakistan	PAK	B 11
Phillippines	PHL	E 8
Poland	POL	F 7
Portugal	POR	G 18
Puerto Rico	PUR	F 10
Romania	ROM	F 8
San Marino	SMR	E 7
Singapore	SIN	C 13
Sri Lanki	SRI	E 10
Surinan	SUR	F 17
Switzerland	SUI	G 6, 7
Sweden	SWE	D 11, 12, 13, 14
Tchad	TAD	F 19
Czechoslovakia	TCH	G 8
Taiwan	TPE	D 14, 15
Thailand	THI	E 9
Tonga	TON	E 15
Trinidad & Tobago	TRI	C 14
Turkey	TUR	C 15
Soviet Union	URS	C 16
Uruguay	URU	F 11
United States	USA	E 1, 2, 3 ,4 5
Venezuela	VEN	F 12
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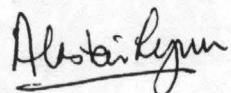
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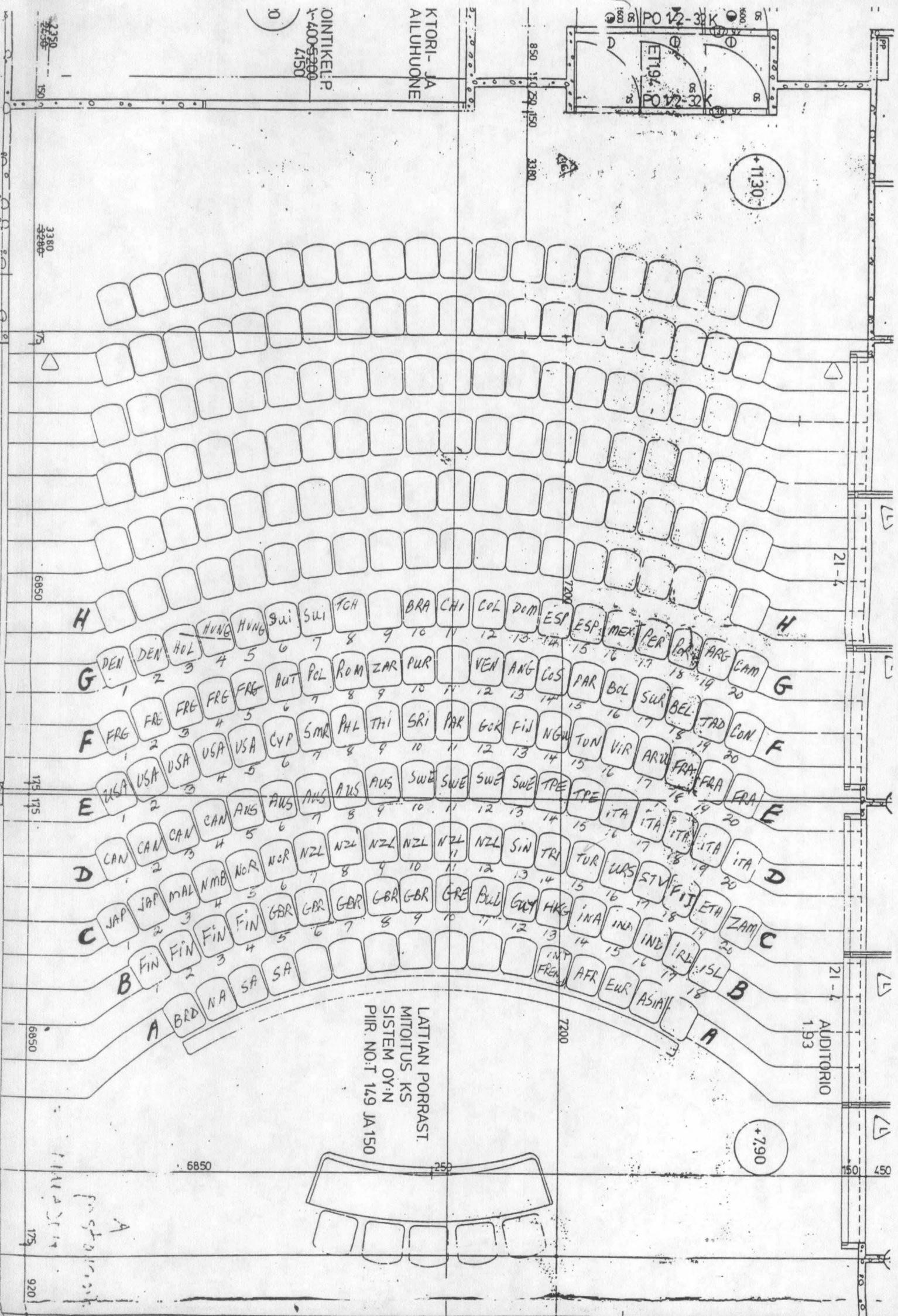
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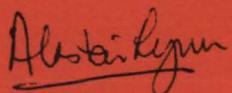
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