

**MINUTES**  
of the  
**BADMINTON OCEANIA CONFEDERATION**

**27th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

held at

**Ballarat Basketball Stadium, Dowling Street, Ballarat, Victoria, Australia**

**(adjacent to the Badminton Centre)**

**9.00am on Friday 14 February 2014**

**1. Roll Call of Officers and Delegates and Apologies**

Geraldine Brown (President and Chair), Paul Brettell (Australia), Loke Poh Wong (Australia), , Michelle Hollands (New Zealand), Leody Vainikolo (Tonga), Amanaki Fakakovikaetau (Tonga), Joseph Hitchcock (New Zealand), Marissa Cook (Nauru) Nadia Bleaken (Regional Development Manager), Corinne Barnard (Chief Operating Officer).

**Apologies:** Nigel Skelt (Deputy President), Mathieu Dufermon (Executive Board Member New Caledonia) Merlie Tolentino (Executive Board Member Northern Marianas), Sandra Low (Executive Board Member Guam, Heather Robson (Life Member), Hugh Graham (Cook Islands)

**MOVED:** President  
"THAT the apologies be accepted". Carried unanimously

**2. Opening remarks from the Chair**

Geraldine Brown (President and Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting, good to see some new faces from our membership. She outlined her disappointment that a number of the Board Members could not attend. Understandable that Nigel Skelt could not attend as the Stadium he manages is being opened this weekend with the New Zealand Prime Minister opening. Some had personal commitments and visa issues.

GB looked forward to having very active people on the Board and moving the organisation even further forward. Everyone in turn introduced themselves.

Voting Status Associate Members as per rule 5.4

**MOVED:** President  
THAT Associate members are allowed to vote at this AGM. Carried unanimously

**3. Presentation by Regional Development Manager**

GB thanked Nadia Bleaken for her presentation. After the presentation, Paul Brettell outlined the funding from AusAid PSP programme and the hold ups with the funding being released by the Australian Sports Commission.

#### **4. Confirmation of minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 13 April 2013**

**MOVED:** Loke Poh Wong **SECONDED:** Michelle Hollands

"THAT the minutes of the 2013 AGM be received and adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting." Carried unanimously

#### **5. Matters arising**

Corinne spoke to 9b from the 2013 Minutes of AGM and highlighted that it was on 2014 AGM agenda.

#### **6. Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements**

Corinne spoke to the financial statements

- Overview of our financial statements which are all recorded in NZD income mostly in USD
- Seven income streams from BWF
- Profit is unspent project money from the PDP
- Projected June budget was a loss of (\$7000)
- Cost saving measures during 2013 - moving office, reducing COO hours, no circuit prize money

Michelle Holland's asked what 'other' expenses were. COO to acquire details and provide to MH after the meeting.

Paul raised the issue of unspent project funding from BWF how is this financially reported and accrual of unspent in the year given. This was discussed and further dialogue needs to be held internally.

**MOVED:** Paul Brettell **SECONDED:** Amanaki Fakakovikaetau  
"THAT the Financial Statements of 2013 be received and adopted" Carried unanimously

GB spoke to her Presidents review and after no questions CB spoke to her report. CB wanted to make a particular note the new Life Member during the year Robin Bryant.

GB mentioned that the BWF are encouraging CC's to have their AGM during the BWF AGM weekend in May. Board to discuss this tomorrow but GB felt personally we needed more opportunities to meet not less. PB asked if they making it compulsory GB said no they are only suggesting.

LPW gave an overview of events report.

CB applauded and thanked the Member Associations for comprehensive reports; all except one of our Member's provided a report.

PB and GB congratulated CB for a very professional looking report, the standards are set high.

**7. Corinne spoke to the 2014 Budget and 2015 Provisional Budget**

- Summary of 2014 BWF Grants
- Differences between 2014 and 2015 budgets are Parabadminton and Events
- Paul Brettell asked a few questions regarding Events Grant, HR funding and how to incorporate into the budget the income from BA/ASC (PSP)
- Loke Poh Wong asked question relating to the contestable funding. Corinne explained this area.
- Paul Brettell asked a question relating to increase in Events expenditure for 2014. Corinne explained and will provide details to PB
- Michelle Hollands asked if it is the role of the AGM or Board to ratify the Budget. Geraldine Brown said the Board should look to change this so that the Board ratify the budget. GB highlighted that historically the AGM was the only time the members could get together. Michelle requested that moving forward the Board to ratify and only present to the AGM. GB outlined that the Board need to put forward a proposal to change this at 2015 AGM

**MOVED:** Paul Brettell **SECONDED:** Loke Poh Wong  
 "THAT the 2014 budget and 2015 provisional budget be received and adopted"

Carried unanimously

**8. Constitutional amendments/ Motions for which notices have been given**

Corinne Barnard spoke to the proposed changes

| Rule No | Rule             | Issue/Rationale               | Proposed Change Presented to 2014 AGM  |
|---------|------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 26.1    | Member of Honour | Change wording to Life Member | Life Member term is more well known in the Badminton fraternity and was changed by the President in 2005 from Life Member to Member of |

|      |  |  | Honour                              |
|------|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| 13.8 | <p><b>New Rule</b></p> <p>13.8 At the Annual General Meeting delegates shall elect the Oceania BWF Vice President as defined by the BWF regulations but must be a current member of Oceania Executive.</p> <p>13.8.1 The Oceania BWF Vice President shall have no additional vote at Executive meetings.</p> <p>13.8.2 If the Oceania BWF Vice President does not complete the term of office, an acting Vice President shall be appointed by the Executive from within the Executive and a successor shall be elected for the remainder of the term at the next AGM</p> <p>13.8.3 Nominations for the Oceania BWF Vice President must meet rule 14.1 [AGM Election timelines]</p> | Currently our rules are silent on nomination of the BWF VP | To be discussed and voted on at AGM |

**MOVED** by Paul Brettell  
**SECONDED** Michelle Hollands  
Carried unanimously

## 9. Election of Office Bearers

Three Executive nominations received for the 5 vacancies;

**President** – Geraldine Brown (Australia)  
**Deputy President** – Nigel Skelt (New Zealand)  
**Board** - Michelle Hollands (New Zealand)

**All nominees were duly elected**

As there are two vacancies, nominations were asked from the floor.

Loke Poh Wong (Australia) nominated Leody Vainikolo (Tonga) and Paul Brettell (Australia) seconded. Leody Vanikolo accepted the nomination.

**Voted and carried unanimously**

Board to look to shoulder tap another Executive Board member for the remaining vacancy but has to be from Pacific Islands as NZ and Australia have maximum of two each.

Executive Board's term:

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Geraldine Brown (AUS)     | 2014-2016 |
| Nigel Skelt (NZ)          | 2014-2016 |
| Michelle Hollands (NZ)    | 2014-2016 |
| Leody Vainikolo (Tonga)   | 2014-2016 |
| Loke Poh Wong (Australia) | 2013-2015 |
| Sandra Low (Guam)         | 2013-2015 |

**10. Appointment of Auditor**

David Turner & Associates

**MOVED:** Paul Brettell  
**SECONDED:** Michelle Hollands

**11. Other Business**

No business. 2015 AGM will be held in conjunction with the 2015 Oceania Junior Championships, Members to be advised as soon as possible but the preferred option is February.

**12. Meeting closed at 10.35am**



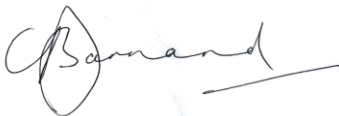
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**President  
Badminton Oceania**

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**Date**



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**Chief Operating Officer  
Badminton Oceania**

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**Date**