

**MINUTES**  
of the  
**BADMINTON OCEANIA CONFEDERATION**  
**28th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

held at

**Poenamo Hotel, 31 Northcote Rd, Takapuna, North Shore, Auckland, New Zealand**

**9.00am on Sunday 15 February 2015**

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

Geraldine Brown (President and Chair), Paul Brettell (Australia), Loke Poh Wong (Australia), Michelle Hollands (Executive Board Member), Leody Vainikolo (Tonga), Joseph Hitchcock (New Zealand), Nadia Bleaken (Chief Operating Officer), Nigel Skelt (Deputy President), Sandra Low (Executive Board Member Guam),

Apologies: Heather Robson (Life Member), Robin Bryant (Ex President),

**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 as many representatives from our membership here. Wonderful to have everyone together to support the badminton and to participate in the course completed earlier in the week.

Voting rights provided to board and member delegates

**3. Presentation of Regional Development**

Nadia Bleaken presented key initiatives and outcomes achieved during the 2014 year. Full notes on this presentation are available in the 2014 Annual report.

Key messages from Nadia included a need to revisit the Oceania Strategy, to confirm an aspirational and realistic programme that best utilises our resources for the betterment of our athletes.

Ian Wright delivered a message from the BWF thanking Oceania representatives for the invitation to attend the meeting. Ian spoke to the BWF's introduction to new

standards for Coach accreditation that are tougher than previous qualifications but now will link into world qualification standards.

Ian presented the BWF Mission, Vision, Key Focus and Goals from the 2012 – 2016 Strategic Plan. Included in Ian's presentation was the role of BWF, and the resources they have been developed since 2012. All these resources are available online on the BWF website. Ian encouraged member associations to apply for Olympic Solidarity funding on an annual basis.

Geraldine Brown thanked both Nadia and Ian for their presentations.

#### **4. Confirmation of minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 14 February 2014**

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

“THAT the minutes of the 2014 AGM be received and adopted as true and accurate record of the meeting”. Carried unanimously

Noted that actions noted in the 2014 minutes be carried and prepared for the 2015 AGM be completed for the 2016 AGM.

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Financial Statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial reporting of unspent project funding</li> </ul>	COO / BOC Finance Ctte
Annual BWF AGM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase Oceania Representation</li> <li>• More opportunities to meet</li> <li>• AGM/Board Meeting?</li> </ul>	COO
Annual Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board ratify budget prior to AGM</li> <li>• Budget presented to AGM</li> <li>• Propose constitutional change 2016</li> </ul>	COO / BOC Finance Ctte
Constitution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constitutional Amendments registered with Companies office</li> </ul>	COO

#### **5. Matters arising - None**

#### **6. Annual Report and Audited Statement of Accounts**

Geraldine spoke to her Presidents review and aspirations of Oceania to have a training centre legacy from the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.

Geraldine congratulated member associations for their commitment to the region, the tournaments and events that are run in the region and for the ongoing drive to grow the sport of badminton in their countries.

Geraldine encouraged member associations to attend the BWF AGM and to take this as an opportunity for representatives of Oceania to meet. The goal of

the Oceania board is to meet three times each year with the hope in 2015 to meet at the Super Series as well.

Geraldine congratulations members of staff of Oceania. She thanked Corrine Barnard for her commitment to the organisation and the success that was achieved during her time in the role of Chief Operating Officer.

Geraldine also formally welcomed Nadia Bleaken to the role of Chief Operating Officer and thanked her for her role as Regional Development Officer.

Thanks was also made to the ongoing support of the BWF and to Ian Wright for attending the AGM.

Nadia Bleaken spoke to the Annual Report in her role as Chief Operating Officer:

- Acknowledging the passing of 'Ahosivi Kaitapu, PSP Coordinator Tonga
- Nadia also thanked member associations, Oceania committees, board members, BWF Council members for their ongoing support of the organisation
- Nadia thanked all the sponsors and partners for continuing to support the sport of Badminton in the Oceania region

Paul Brettell congratulated Nadia on her appointment to the Chief Operating Officer role and noted the importance of appointing support personnel for Nadia over the next three months.

Loh Poh gave an overview of activities completed by the events committee and the events for 2015. Congratulating all involved for growing the quality and number of events in our region.

Geraldine Brown congratulated the Events team on the number of International players that are attending and competing in our events that will assist the growth and profile of our sport.

Sandra Low spoke to the importance of the Women in Sport programme and activating the initiatives within this strategy.

Approval of Statement of Accounts

**MOVED:** Paul Brettell **SECONDED:** Nigel Skelt

"THAT the Financial Statements of 2014 be received and adopted". Carried  
unanimously

Ratification of 2015 Budget and provisional 2016

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

“THAT the board accept the responsibility of finalising the 2015 budget and communicates the finalised budget to members”. Carried unanimously

Paul Brettell noted that there is a need to have personnel to support the financial function of the organisation.

**7. Constitutional amendments/ Motions for which notices have been given – NIL**

Paul Brettell noted two possible constitutional amendments for consideration for next year:

1. There is no notification of when an AGM must be held
2. Timing of the nomination of the Vice President

In addition to this are the carried over amendments from the 2014 AGM that have not been actioned with the Companies Office:

<b>Rule No</b>	<b>Rule</b>	<b>Issue/Rationale</b>
26.1	Member of Honour	Change wording to Life Member
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

**8. Election of Office Bearers**

Three Executive positions nominations received for the three vacancies;

- Loke Poh Wong (Australia)

- Gail Eraio (Cook Islands)
- Léo Cucuel (Tahiti)

Geraldine congratulated these nominations as new members of the Oceania Board.

### **9. Appointment of Auditor**

David Turner & Associates

**MOVED:** Paul Brettell **SECONDED:** Joe Hitchcock

“THAT David Turner & Associates be re-appointed as the Auditors for Oceania Badminton”. Carried unanimously

### **10. Other Business**

- BWF Vice President

**MOVED:** Paul Brettell **SECONDED:** Nigel Skelt

“THAT Geraldine Brown be put forward as Oceania’s nomination for Vice President at BWF”. Carried unanimously

- Setting of Time and Place for the 2016 AGM

**MOVED:** Paul Brettell **SECONDED:** Nigel Skelt

“THAT the 2016 Oceania AGM be held in week seven and a venue will be determined and advised by the board”. Carried unanimously

### **11. Close – meeting closed at 11:15am – morning tea to follow**



4 March 2015

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**President  
Badminton Oceania**

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**Date**



4 March 2015

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**Chief Operating Officer  
Badminton Oceania**

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**Date**

