

MINUTES
of the
BADMINTON OCEANIA CONFEDERATION
29th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held at
Ellerslie International Motor Inn, 2 Wilkinson Road, Ellerslie, Auckland, New Zealand

9.30am on Sunday 21 February 2016

1. Roll Call of Officers and Delegates and Apologies

Geraldine Brown (President and Chair), Nigel Skelt (Deputy President), Julie Carrel (Chief Operating Officer), Nadia Bleaken (Regional Development Manager), Lynne Nixey (Administration Manager), Loke Poh Wong (Executive Board Member - Australia), Gail Eraio (Executive Board Member – Cook Islands), Leody Vainikolo (Executive Board Member – Tonga), Michelle Hollands (Executive Board Member – NZ), Leo Cucuel (Executive Board Member – Tahiti), Paul Brettell (Delegate – Australia), Thomas Mereana-Ngauru (Delegate – Cook Islands), Dr Amanaki Fakakovikaetau (Delegate – Tonga), Joe Hitchcock (Delegate – NZ), Bevan Smith (Delegate – NZ), Sandra Low (Delegate – Guam), Fabian Nadimin (Delegate – New Caledonia), Johanna Kou (Delegate – New Caledonia), Heather Robson (Life Member)

Apologies: Don Stockins (Previous President)

MOVED: Leo Cucuel **SECONDED:** Paul Brettell

“THAT the apologies be accepted”. Carried unanimously

2. Opening remarks from the Chair

Geraldine Brown welcomed all to the meeting. A special welcome to Heather Robson as Life Member and founding member of Badminton Oceania.

Geraldine made note of the standard of play during the Oceania Champs and how wonderful it was that everyone played in the spirit of the game. Spoke on the success of the new Mixed Team format which allowed all countries to participate on a meaningful level.

Voting rights were provided to board and member delegates

3. Chief Operating Officer / Regional Development Manager Presentation

Julie Carrel presented on the 2016 year and how the BWF and Oceania work together and Nadia Bleaken presented on Development in the Region

A copy of their presentation is attached.

Loke Poh added that there would be a Pan Pacific competition held in conjunction with the Australian Junior International. It is noted that this is a NZ/Australian event and not administered by Badminton Oceania although Oceania countries will be invited to play

Geraldine thanked Nadia and Julie for the presentation and re-iterated how important it is to communicate back to Oceania staff what is happening in your countries.

4. Confirmation of minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 15 February 2015

MOVED: Nigel Skelt (NZ) **SECONDED:** Paul Brettell (Australia)

“THAT the minutes of the 2015 AGM be received and adopted as true and accurate record of the meeting”. Carried unanimously

5. Matters Arising

Roll call for Officers and Delegates – Gail Eraio and Thomas Ngauru – Cook Islands, Diony Tundag – Tonga were in attendance at the meeting.

Actions from 2015

- Revisit strategy – this has been worked on. An update of strategic plan for 2017 – 2020 is to be worked on this year
- Financial Statements – were re-structured this year. Unspent project money was brought through and spent in 2015
- AGM – there was representation in China. There will be a more structured operational meeting this year
- Annual Budget – was re-worked after COO was employed. 2016 budget to come to this meeting for ratification
- Constitution amendments have been filed
- Staff appointments have been made.
- Constitution – agreed at Executive meeting that a 2016 review of constitution would be undertaken

6. Annual Report and Audited Statement of Accounts

Geraldine spoke to her report and highlighted that the last year had been a challenging one and that we had dealt with that well and we are moving forward.

WAOs meeting held last year – countries benefited from that. There were a lot of tournaments held during the year and a huge coup for Oceania is Australia gaining the Sudirman Cup for 2017 (first ever outside Asia or Europe) – looking forward to having all our Pacific nations at the Sudirman Cup.

Geraldine reiterated how important it was to have a second meeting at the BWF AGM for Oceania countries. Oceania Badminton leads in many aspects of Women in Badminton.

Para-Badminton will be introduced into the Tokyo Olympics – Oceania needs to work on structures to look towards supporting our athletes to reach this level.

We need to focus on our youth and we will grow.

Geraldine thanked the staff – Julie, Nadia and Lynne for their fresh approach and their commitment to Oceania and the sport.

COO's report tabled

RDM's report tabled

Committees & Country reports tabled

Australia asked what sort of representation we would see from our members in China. Indications were that most of our members would attend.

7. Approval of Annual Report, Statement of Accounts and Ratification of 2016 Budget

The budget has been approved by the Board and is required to be ratified by the Annual Meeting.

“THAT the Annual Report, Financial Statements of 2015 be received and the 2016
Budget be adopted”. Carried unanimously

MOVED: Leo Cucuel **SECONDED:** Joe Hitchcock

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

From Badminton Australia:

“that the AGM will be held within 4 months of the end of each financial year”.

The Oceania Executive Board advised that there would be a full constitutional review in 2016. Badminton Australia then withdrew the remit above given that a full constitutional review would be undertaken.

9. Election of Office Bearers

As Michelle Hollands has been nominated by Badminton NZ then Geraldine Brown is unable to continue in her position as President according to our current constitution. Bevan Smith (NZ) spoke to the nomination of Michelle Hollands. Badminton NZ then withdrew the nomination of Michelle Hollands as President.

Bevan Smith (NZ) expressed his disappointed that Australia had distributed their thoughts around the President nomination to the other Members.

Australia are happy to support Michelle Hollands in the position of Deputy- President for the next two years. Badminton Australia would like to see office bearers in 2018 nominated for a 4 year period. In 2018 Badminton Australia have stated that they will not nominate anyone to stand against the President nomination.

BWF Vice-President role needs to be looked at in the constitution review and should not be a 'stand-alone' issue.

Geraldine Brown accepted and will retain the President role as per the current constitution.

Geraldine Brown was then declared President of Oceania Badminton.

Moved: Badminton New Zealand **Seconded:** Badminton Australia
“That Michelle Hollands be nominated as Deputy President”

As there were no other nominations, Michelle Hollands was declared Deputy-President

Board Nominations

As nomination for Nigel Skelt had been received via mail, he is appointed to the Board for a period of two years (2016 – 2017)

One more Board position remains.

Moved: Tonga **Seconded:** Badminton Australia

"THAT Dr Amanaki Fakakovikaetau is nominated for a position on the Executive Board"

As there are no other nominations, Dr Amanaki Fakakovikaetau is appointed as a Board member for a period of two years (2016-2017).

Geraldine Brown thanked the retiring board member Leody Vainokolo for her service

10. Appointment of Auditor

David Turner & Associates

MOVED: Leo Cucuel **SECONDED:** Sandra Low

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

11. Other Business

- Constitutional review – will be discussed at the Post AGM meeting. An independent reviewer will be engaged to conduct this review on behalf of Oceania Badminton.
- Setting of time and place of 2017 AGM. Proposed that the 2017 AGM be held in conjunction with Sudirman Cup in 2017 and to be held prior to BWF AGM. Suggested date Thursday 18th May 2017 (to be confirmed).

Executive endorses the budget early in the year and as the AGM only ratifies the budget it was felt that this timing was not an issue. It was noted that the time-frame also matched the BWF and other Confederations who also hold their AGM at this time.

In February we will still hold Oceania Junior Team Champs, Oceania Senior & Junior Individual Championships. Other events will be held around those events. Venue of Oceania Champs to be advised within the next month.

- Badminton Australia congratulated the staff on their work and the excellent Annual Report
- Badminton Australia discussed how important it was that we had as many Oceania countries as possible involved in the Sudirman Cup for 2017 and having the AGM in conjunction with this would help ensure the event was a great success and that we would reach our goal of 6 countries from Oceania playing

- Heather Robson commented that the confederation had come a long way since our inception. She mentioned that she would like to see the Pacific Islands contributing more to the Annual Meetings. She commented on how good it was to see how the Pacific Island nations had improved over the years.

- **Close – meeting closed at 10:49am morning tea to follow**

President
Badminton Oceania

Date

Chief Operating Officer
Badminton Oceania

Date

ACTIONS FROM 2016 AGM:

Issue	Action	Responsibility
Strategic Plan	Work on 2017-2020 plan	COO, Executive Committee
Constitutional Review	Review of current constitution to be undertaken – to include independent review	COO, Policy Committee
2017 Oceania Champs venue	Venue for 2017 Oceania Champs to be advised to all countries	COO