

**MINUTES**  
of the  
**BADMINTON OCEANIA CONFEDERATION**  
**31st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

held at  
**Centara Grand Hotel and Convention Centre at Central World, Bangkok, Thailand**

**10:00am on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

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

Geraldine Brown (President and Chair), Nigel Skelt (Deputy President), Julie Carrel (Secretary General), Nadia Bleaken (Development Manager), Lynne Nixey (Administration Manager), Loke Poh Wong (Executive Board Member - AUS), Dr Amanaki Fakakovikaetau (Executive Board Member – TGA), Johanna Kou (Executive Board Member – NCL), Glenn Cox (Executive Board Member – NZL), Sunardi Li (Executive Board Member – GUM), Lasse Bundgaard (Delegate – AUS), Joe Hitchcock (Delegate – NZL), Ian Willans (Delegate – NZL), Nynette Sass (Delegate – SAM), Kini Karo (Delegate – PNG), Karine Desfour (Delegate – TAH), Leody Vainikolo (Delegate – TGA), Ahmed Ali (Delegate – FIJ), Thomas Mereana-Ngauru (Delegate – COK), Jimmy Anderson (Observer – Badminton Europe).

Apologies – Heather Robson (Life Member – NZ)

**MOVED:** Ian Willans **SECONDED:** Geraldine Brown  
“THAT the apologies be accepted”. Carried unanimously

**2. Opening remarks from the Chair**

Geraldine Brown welcomed all to the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of Badminton Oceania. 10 out of 15 Oceania countries are represented.

Geraldine Brown reminded everyone that we are all working towards our vision 'Badminton – The leading regional sport accessible to all'.

Congratulations were extended to Nigel Skelt on being made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit in the New Zealand New Year Honours.

Heather Robson was unable to travel to attend the meeting. However, on the Sunday of the NZ Open (6 May), Heather had her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and was visited by Geraldine Brown and Nigel Skelt with flowers on behalf of all Oceania Members and the Executive Board. Heather sent her best wishes to all attending the meeting.

Congratulations were also extended to Lynne Nixey on attaining the BWF Certificated Referee level.

All members present were invited to introduce themselves to the meeting.

Voting rights were explained as per Rule 5.4 as the new constitution is in place for the first time. The following was confirmed:

Board Members	One Vote
Countries	One Vote

Board members cannot have two votes (ie one for Board and one for Country)

There was no requirement to approve voting rights for Associate Members as New Caledonia had no country delegate present and Northern Marianas were not represented.

The following scrutineers were appointed – Jimmy Anderson, Nadia Bleaken, Lynne Nixey.

**MOVED:** Joe Hitchcock **SECONDED:** Glenn Cox  
Carried Unanimously

There were no additional items for General Business.

### **3. Confirmation of minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 18 May 2017**

**MOVED:** Nigel Skelt **SECONDED:** Amanaki Fakakovikaetau

“THAT the minutes of the 2017 AGM be received and adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting”.

Carried unanimously

### **4. Matters Arising**

All action items from the Annual General Meeting were completed.

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

### **Approval of Annual Report, Statement of Accounts and Ratification of 2018 Budget**

Geraldine Brown congratulated the Staff on the production of the Annual Report and noted several of the highlights.

Ian Willans asked what results had been achieved by Para players and was advised results were encouraging with several players making post-pool play in international events including 3 players in the quarter-finals at the World Championships.

**MOVED:** Geraldine Brown    **SECONDED:** Joe Hitchcock

"THAT the Annual Report of 2017 be received".

Carried unanimously

Nigel Skelt noted the huge contribution from the BWF and the increase in grant structures that were now available to Continental Confederations. It is hugely significant that the level of support to the Continents has increased with the Continents charged with ensuring that these funds are re-distributed back into programs/people to further develop badminton in the region.

**MOVED:** Geraldine Brown    **SECONDED:** Thomas Mereana-Ngauru

"THAT the Financial Statements of 2017 be received".

Carried unanimously

The 2018 Budget which had previously been approved by the Executive Board was presented to the meeting.

The following was noted:

85% of funding for Badminton Oceania comes from the Badminton World  
Federation

Increases in income in 2018 compared to 2017 for Player Development, Thomas & Uber Cup

Championships (held every second year), Events – Entry Fees and Sponsorship due to the para- championships.

Decrease in income in office rent due to Badminton NZ moving out of the office

Increases in Expenses in 2018 for HR. Admin role from part-time to full-time. HR additional funding is due for approval by BWF and will assist with off-setting overheads including office rent along with additional staffing costs for the future.

Geraldine Brown asked the meeting to ratify the approved budget.

**MOVED:** Ahmed Ali **SECONDED:** Johanna Kou

“THAT the 2018 budget be ratified”.

Carried unanimously

**6: Constitutional Amendments**

Nil received

**7: Election of Office Bearers**

**President:**

Following the withdrawal of nominations from New Zealand and Australia, Geraldine Brown was the only nominee for the position of President and was duly elected as such for a four year term.

**Deputy President:**

Following the withdrawal of nominations from New Zealand and Australia, Nigel Skelt was the only nominee for the position of Deputy President and was duly elected as such for a four year term.

**Executive Board:**

All those who were nominated for the Board were asked to give a small two minute presentation on themselves. Thomas Mereana-Ngauru presented on behalf of Ngaoa Ranginui.

Nominations for the Executive Board were withdrawn from Nigel Skelt and Geraldine Brown.

Following elections, the following were nominated:

Two Year terms:     Johanna Kou (NCL)  
                              Leody Vainikolo (TGA)  
                              Ngaoa Ranginui (COK)

Four Year terms:     Loke Poh Wong (AUS)  
                              Glenn Cox (NZL)

Those elected for two year terms will serve from 2018-2019 with re-election due in 2020  
Those elected for four year terms will serve from 2018 – 2021 with re-election due in 2022.

**MOVED:** Ian Willans   **SECONDED:** Joe Hitchcock

"THAT the above nominations are accepted and duly elected"

Carried – Unanimously

Geraldine Brown thanked outgoing Board Members – Dr Amanaki Fakakovikaetau and Sunardi Li for their service.

## **8. Appointment of Auditor**

David Turner & Associates

**MOVED:** Joe Hitchcock   **SECONDED:** Nynette Sass

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

Carried unanimously

## **10. Other Business**

Setting of date and place for AGM for 2019.

Discussion was held on where the AGM for 2019 should take place and whether the AGM should be held in conjunction with the BWF AGM and if so, should that be annually or bi-annually.

It was noted that if we don't hold our meeting aligned with the BWF AGM, then delegates will still be funded to the BWF AGM and receive 3 nights' accommodation.

Travel to the AGM is a costly exercise for Badminton Oceania as we pay for Staff and Executive Board Members' travel.

Discussion was held on this issue with some people advising they like the AGM with the BWF AGM as this allowed them to network with people from other regions and also enjoy some badminton at the highest level. However others also like the idea of having just our region there as we are all very supportive of each other.

It was decided that costs should be a high consideration when making this decision. The decision was deferred back to the Board to make a decision for 2019.

All Members were asked to consider a suggestion of holding the AGM annually with one year with BWF and one year in conjunction with an event in Oceania. This was received with some enthusiasm with the Board to take into consideration in their discussions.

An MOU will be signed between Special Olympics and Badminton Oceania and Badminton Asia following the meeting. The MOU is a means to enhance mutual interest and agree upon a framework for long-term, strategic cooperative support based on common values with all parties recognising and understanding the power of sport and the positive impact sport can have on the lives of people with intellectual disabilities

The aim is to bring together Special Olympics Organisations at a National Level, together with Badminton Associations. The focus will be on Shuttle Time with our Pacific Island countries being the main focus in the initial stages

It was acknowledged that 2017 was the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the forming of Badminton Oceania Confederation. On completion of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, all members were presented with a commemorative notebook marking this event. Geraldine Brown gave a snapshot account of the history of the past 30 years.

Geraldine Brown thanked everyone for attending the meeting and acknowledged those that support Badminton Oceania including Victor, ONOC and the BWF.

Meeting closed at. 11:56am

This was followed by:

- A presentation by Special Olympics
- A presentation by BWF Development Manager John Shearer
- Presentation of the POWA Award to Nynette Sass – Samoa

Following lunch:

- Country presentations: highlights/achievements from 2017, challenges, goals for 2018
- Presentation from Nadia on social media and Shuttle Time branding
- Presentations from Julie Carrel on:
  - 2018 Para Badminton Events
  - 2019 Events Calendar including the BWF sanctioning process
  - 2019 Oceania Championships in Melbourne
  - Downgrade of level of points of the Oceania Championships
  - Player Development and Women in Badminton Scholarships
- Nynette Sass presented on the Pacific Games 2019 in Samoa
- The BWF video on the proposed changes to the scoring system etc was played with a lot of discussion following; Nigel and Geraldine answering queries on behalf of the BWF

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**President**

**Badminton Oceania**

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**Date**

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**Secretary General**

**Badminton Oceania**

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**Date**

**ACTIONS FROM 2018 AGM:**

Issue	Action	Responsibility
Annual General Meeting	Advise Badminton Oceania of preference and suggestions for when to hold	All Countries
	Executive Board to determine when and where 2019 AGM is to be held	Executive Board