

MINUTES
of the
BADMINTON OCEANIA CONFEDERATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
held via Conference Call
7pm (NZ time) on Thursday 13th July 2017

Present: Geraldine Brown, Nigel Skelt, Loke Poh Wong, Glenn Cox, Johanna Kou
Julie Carrel, Lynne Nixey

Apologies: Nil

Geraldine welcomed all to the Meeting. It was noted that Amanaki Fakakovikaetau and Sunardi Li were both absent from the meeting and had not provided any phone details to enable us to include them in the meeting. . A discussion ensued regarding how many meetings were acceptable for an Executive Board member to be absent for in a year; it was agreed that this was a potential point for an amendment to the constitution in future.

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18th May 2017 were discussed and confirmed.

Matters Arising

It was noted that Michael Alezrah had attended the meeting in error as he is not a current member of the Executive Board

Secretary General's Report

Report had been circulated prior to the meeting and Julie spoke to this.

Loke Poh Wong commented on the numbers being reported on Shuttle Time Training. Julie noted that the Cook Islands were doing very well and that a successful activation had just been completed in Samoa. Tahiti is a concern, Robbie Thackham will be there next week and discuss this with them. NZ is on track; Australia's figures are largely due to a lack of reporting rather than lack of delivery Kiribati is not included in the figures and are not currently very active.

Not reaching our Shuttle Time target figures will not necessarily affect the amount of funding we receive from the BWF however it will affect country payments, according to their MA agreements, if they do not achieve their targets. Some funding may be shifted from those who do not meet targets to those who do.

Para Badminton – we have 5 Australian, 1 NZ and 1 Tonga player entered into the Japan Para Championships in September. Players are classified once they have attended an International event. Para categories for Tokyo Olympics have not yet been confirmed.

Events – As yet there is still no confirmed BWF calendar for 2018. BWF are not sanctioning any events until the calendar is finalised. NZ and Australia both looking to hold a World Tour 5 event (currently GPG). Once confirmed, BWF will go back to sanctioning events 9 months out.

Discussion was held as to whether any of the current Australian circuit events could be converted to an International event. Loke Poh Wong is in discussion with some of them regarding this but there is resistance because of the perceived additional costs and work. There is a potential that our regulations for these events could be relaxed to try and reduce costs for hosts. The Events Committee to continue working on this.

Neither Tahiti nor New Caledonia will be looking at hosting an International event next year.

It was queried if we would receive a funding top-up from BWF for the Shuttle Time Workshop held in Samoa. Applications for mid-year funding are due to the BWF by this Friday and this will be included.

Pacific Games. As previously advised, Tonga will no longer hold this in 2019. Bids are due by the end of July and at present both Samoa and Tahiti look to be interested. We are hopefully of badminton being included if either of these nations are successful.

Loke Poh Wong raised the issue of the pressure on Technical Officials for next year with Commonwealth Games / NZ Open and Australian Open all happening within weeks of each other. Both NZ and Australia Technical Officials Committees are aware of this. NZ and Australia will also issue joint invitations to overseas officials to participate at NZ and Australian Opens.

Report was accepted: Moved: Geraldine Brown

Seconded: Glenn Cox

Finances

Finance Report as previously circulated was tabled.

Nigel queried if the variances were within the expected range and it was replied that they all were. Currently our cash flow is in a good position and there are no concerns over Income and Expenditure. It was expected that the predicted budget loss would be eliminated by the end of the financial year.

Discussion was held regarding additional funding of NZ\$5000 to New Caledonia to assist with offsetting their costs for the Oceania Champs. It was agreed by all members (Johanna Kou – abstained) that this should be paid.

Report was accepted: Moved: Glen Cox

Seconded: Nigel Skelt

SGM Results / Constitution

As previously advised, all amendments to the Constitution that were voted on via an SGM were accepted and have been adopted into the Constitution that has been distributed to the Executive. This will now be lodged with the Incorporated Societies in NZ and distributed to all members of Oceania.

2018 AGM

Discussion held as to where 2018 AGM would be held.

There are benefits of holding the AGM in Thailand with the BWF AGM with the main costs to Oceania being the airfares for our Board members. The BWF encourages the CC's to hold their AGM's in conjunction with the BWF AGM but provide no funding for our board or staff to attend, as this money should come out of the based funding received. Funding is provided to Country Delegates attending the

BWF AGM with an additional night accommodation provided for also attending our AGM – ie. In total they receive 4 nights funded

Week 6 when our Continental Championships will be held in 2018 is too close to the end of the financial year to hold AGM at this time as we would struggle to get the accounts audited and the annual report printed in time

Julie noted that the staff would do all possible to ensure costs are kept as low as possible and it was a possibility that the Executive would have to share rooms.

The Executive recommended that the 2018 Oceania AGM is held in conjunction with the BWF AGM in Bangkok, Thailand. It was also noted that the AGM location is looked at annually and the preference was to be in conjunction with the BWF AGM although location of this event might preclude this happening (eg Europe).

Moved: Geraldine Brown Seconded: Nigel Skelt

General Business

Badminton Oceania – 30 years. The formation of and the original constitution of Badminton Oceania was finalised on 23rd May 1987. It was decided that there would be a formal recognition of this at the 2018 AGM when we would have completed 30 years. Geraldine suggested that there should be some form of memento produced for this occasion.

In addition to the recognition at the AGM, it was agreed that this would also be recognised at the Oceania Champs in New Zealand next year as Heather Robson would be likely to be present at that event.

Nigel Skelt congratulated Badminton Australia and Loke Poh Wong on the successful running of the Sudirman Cup and all the other events held in conjunction with this.

Geraldine will be attending the NZ Open in her capacity as Oceania President and BWF Vice President.

Date of next meeting will be confirmed.

Meeting finished at 8:06pm