

MINUTES
of the
BADMINTON OCEANIA CONFEDERATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
held via Conference Call
7:30pm (NZ time) on Tuesday 17th July 2018

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

Apologies: Nil

Geraldine welcomed all to the Meeting and welcomed Leody Vainikolo back on to the Executive Board.

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17th May 2018 were discussed and confirmed.

Matters Arising

Policies

The policies for Child Protection have been distributed to all the Executive. Drafts of the Social Media and Internet policy have been forwarded to the office by Glenn. IOC is now promoting an umbrella policy called the 'Safe-guarding' policy and it is felt that we should look to adopt this type of policy. Glenn, Julie and Lynne to look at the policies and draft an overall safe-guarding policy for all.

Staffing

The BWF has approved additional staff through the BWF CC HR initiative. We have also had approval to utilise some of the funding to cover office and operational costs. The Communications & Events Manager position has been advertised; applications have now closed; 69 applications received. This has been reduced to a shortlist of 8. Interviews should commence next week. Interview panel to consist of Julie / Geraldine and a BWF representative (probably John Shearer). Aiming to commence this position 01 September. It is important that the successful candidate is a "good fit" for the office.

Communications experience is important as we have good events expertise within the current staff to be able to teach any shortfalls in this area but currently do not have any communications expertise. It is expected this will be a 2 interview process.

We are currently advertising for 2 x part-time Regional Development Officers; one based in Fiji and one in Papua New Guinea; applications close 27th July –

Tuvalu

Iakopo has advised that Tuvalu is not in a position to pay the invoice and forwarded some medical documents – none of which state he cannot fly and are not current; therefore it is unlikely we would be able to claim any cancellation fees through our travel insurance. After discussion it was agreed that there should be a consequence to this situation; Tuvalu would be asked to look at a payment plan to at least pay some of the debt and that Badminton Oceania would not facilitate and pay for any bookings on their behalf in the future – to include the 2019 AGM. Tuvalu to also be advised that non-payment could result in suspension from Badminton Oceania which could affect any participation in the Pacific Games 2019.

Fiji

They did not submit a delegate form for the BWF AGM, because of this Fiji was unable to vote at the BWF AGM and the BWF has declined to pay the subsidy for their airfare and accommodation. After discussion with the BWF on this, Badminton Oceania needs to submit a formal letter to the BWF Council to ask them to consider payment of this amount. Lynne to send draft of letter to Geraldine. If this letter is not successful, it was agreed that Fiji was to be subject to the same penalty process as Tuvalu.

Because of the issues with Fiji, it was agreed that for future BWF AGM's, Badminton Oceania is to receive a copy of the BWF Delegate form when this is sent to the BWF to ensure all requirements have been adhered to for all delegates.

PARA-BADMINTON

An additional USD10,000 funding has been confirmed from the BWF for the para events in November. A draft MOU between BOC and BA has been prepared and is currently under discussion to ensure that the lines of delegation, responsibilities and expectations are clear. AUD\$10,000 deposit for accommodation has been paid.

Nynette Sass has not been appointed as the Chair of the Women in Badminton Committee as she currently has a lot of other commitments and it was felt that this should be put on hold at present. In the interim Geraldine is to continue as Chair of the committee.

Minutes Accepted: Loke Poh Wong Seconded: Johanna Kou

Secretary General's Report

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

Financials Update

We have been advised by ONOC that they will no longer give Continental Grants of USD20,000 as has been the case in the past. This will affect the current budget. Because of this OSEP has been advised that it is unlikely Badminton Oceania will be able to assist with their programs. Likelihood that going forward Julie will no longer attend ONOC meetings and Nadia would only attend OSFO meetings.

Tripartite positions for Olympic Games were discussed. Julie to enquire what countries are eligible.

Player Development Scholarships

These have all been ratified and announced. There is accountability on these scholarships with recipients having to provide a report and receipts on completion of the events and training for which the scholarship was granted

Women in Badminton Scholarships

The applications have all been received. There is a total of USD15,000 to be awarded. Currently the applications are with the BWF for their consideration which will then be passed on to the BWF Women in Badminton Commission for final ratification. Once this has all been finalised then recipients will be advised.

Ratifications

The Executive Board ratified the appointment of Karen Arnold, Pauline Dobson (AUS) and Holly Cho (NZ) as Oceania Accredited Line Judges as recommended by the Technical Officials Committee.

It was discussed that the Technical Officials Development Grant from the BWF may be changing for 2019. The change may affect how much Badminton Oceania will be able to assist with development of Grass Roots Officials as has been undertaken for the last few years.

Ngaoa Ranginui from Cook Islands joined the meeting and was welcomed to her first Executive meeting.

2019 AGM

A survey of our members who attended the 2018 AGM has been undertaken and it was very clear from the results that the opportunity to network with other countries (both within Oceania and other) is very important to our members. 10 members responded to the survey. Julie to forward the results of the survey to Stuart Borrie from BWF.

Nigel advised that the BWF is currently undertaking an internal review of the AGM and associated Forums. Discussion was held on the costings for various options for the 2019 BOC AGM. It was recommended that the decision regarding the 2019 AGM location is deferred until the BWF Council has made a decision regarding the format for next year. Everyone agreed that it was essential that we ensure we get good value from our spend for the AGM through productive presentations and meetings.

General Business

Loke Poh advised that the Australian Open date for 2019 has changed and will now be held 04-09 June 2019.

Ngaoa queried information about the Pacific Games and was advised that Badminton was being played at the 2019 Pacific Games in Samoa, the 2021 mini-games in Northern Marianas but currently not in the Pacific Games for 2021 in the Solomon Islands

Ngaoa also requested assistance from Badminton Oceania for policy templates for members to utilise and adapt for their own use.

Julie advised that as requested an update on activity from Member Countries has been included in the information sent out for this meeting. This was mainly focused on Shuttle Time as this is the core activity of most of our Members.

Mid-year reporting has been sent to the BWF and Julie will be having a SKYPE meeting with John Shearer to discuss ahead of our mid-year payments being approved

Contingency funding has been applied for and this will also be discussed with the BWF.

Julie will be attending the Technical Officials Commission meeting in Nanjing on behalf of Peter Cocker who is unable to attend due to work commitments.

Meeting finished at 8:31pm (NZT)