

**MINUTES**  
of the  
**BADMINTON OCEANIA CONFEDERATION**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
held via Conference Call  
7:00pm on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019

**Present:** Geraldine Brown (GB), Nigel Skelt (NS), Loke Poh Wong (LPW), Johanna Kou (JK), Julie Carrel (JC), Lynne Nixey

**Apologies:** Glenn Cox, Ngaoa Ranginui, Leody Vainakolo – (conference call connection failed)

Geraldine welcomed all to the Meeting and the meeting commenced (after technical difficulties) at 7:25pm.

**BOC AGM Date 2020**

NZ has requested a change of date for the AGM. At this stage no decision can be made on when the meeting will be held until the schedule of events has been finalised. Once it is established when the Individual and Team Events will be held during the period of the Oceania Championships then this matter can be considered also taking into account the day which suits the majority of our members

**Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 were discussed and confirmed.

**Moved: Loke Poh Wong**  
**Seconded: Nigel Skelt**

**Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising

**Secretary General Report**

Report Tabled

**Pacific Games** - JC noted that the Pacific Games were a huge success and congratulated Johanna Kou on her medals. The Pacific Games gave our staff a greater insight into what some of the member countries are doing and their development programmes. It was also a good opportunity to meet face to face with several countries where this has not been previously possible. Meetings with Kiribati proved to be particularly good with the possibility of following up on Olympic Solidarity Grants for their players.

Meeting was held with Dean Lewis and this enabled previous issues with him to be discussed and ways forward agreed upon. This was an excellent solution to what had previously been a problematic relationship.

GB noted that she had been particularly impressed with the volunteers in Samoa – especially the local school children.

**Oceania Champs 2020** – Looking to change the order of the Individual and Team Championships from what is currently sanctioned. This will enable us to hold a Training Camp followed by the Individual Champs and then the Team Championships

This will enable countries who are not able to put together a full team to have the opportunity to compete in the individual's without having to have a three day break between the Camp and the Championships.

LPW asked about holding the Oceania Championships in 2021 in Samoa. JC advised that the stadium was probably not up to standard for the Open Championships but could possibly be utilised for Junior Championships. There is an inconsistent draught in the stadium caused by open-louvres. If we could block these louvres it might be a possibility but in February this would make the stadium too hot. JC noted that Samoa was definitely an option for the future and other options in Samoa are being investigated.

#### **Finances – No questions**

Our mid-year reporting to the BWF has been accepted however some more detail is required for final sign-off before the second half year payments can be made

\$20,000 contingency funding has been received for TO Development in Tahiti and Samoa and for Shuttle-Time in Kiribati.

**Player Development** – Development Camp was very successful and a second one is planned for October.

Badminton Europe Centre of Excellence – Anthony Joe is in this week and others will be joining him later in the month. Abhinav Manota has now received his NZ passport (according to FaceBook) so the issue of his citizenship is now resolved.

AIMS Games coming up in September-

Ian Bridge is currently in Fiji undertaking Para-Badminton training with Monte Tarawa.

Australian Para-Badminton International has been cancelled. This is unfortunate as Badminton Oceania had offered assistance which included finding an equipment/apparel sponsor, personnel support, additional funding and additional BWF funding. It was disappointing that despite all these efforts Badminton Australia felt that they were still not in a position to host the event.

LPW mentioned that four events in a row (AJI and three Grade 3 tournaments) in Australia is difficult particularly regarding Technical Officials. BOC currently looking to implement Live Score in Sydney and South Australia – this is still a work in progress. JC noted that Australia are very fortunate to have LPW as he has been extremely busy working with the hosts of these events on behalf of Australia

#### **General Business**

GB – Trans Gender. Should we have a policy? Currently BWF have no policy on this; it was felt we should take our stance from them. MA's should have their own policy on this however it is likely they will look to us for guidance. GB and JC to discuss this matter further with the BWF at the CC meeting in September.

LPW – Met with the organisers of the Arafura Games 2021. Queried if it was possible to have a Future Series held during a multi-sport games? JC to check with BWF regarding this. Also a possibility of having an Air Badminton event during the games. JC raised the possibility of Para-Badminton in conjunction with the Games but there is an issue with the venue on this. This year the Arafura Games was a team event – it was asked if there was a possibility of an individual event for the future? LPW and the organisers felt that an International event would be better for numbers.

NS – commented on the situation where there were some issues at the recent Para-Badminton Championships with a BNZ staff member. A letter of apology has been sent to BA and BOC regarding this with Nigel believing that the issue is now finalised.

JK – There were difficulties in New Caledonia accessing the streaming. JC advised some countries had an imposed block on the streaming and thought that this may have been the case. The streaming access was controlled by Pacific Games and not us as it was going through their platform

GB – Technical Officials Committee held a meeting during the Australian Badminton Open where one of the outcomes was that Susan Taylor was appointed as a liaison to the Pacific Islands for TO's. This is noted in the SG report

Geraldine thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting closed: 7:58pm