

**MINUTES**  
of the  
**BADMINTON OCEANIA CONFEDERATION**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
held via Conference Call  
7:00pm on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**Present:** Geraldine Brown (GB), Nigel Skelt (NS), Loke Poh Wong (LPW), Ngaoa Ranginui (NR), Leody Vainikolo (LV), Julie Carrel (JC), Lynne Nixey

**Apologies:** Johanna Kou

Meeting commenced at 19:06pm

Geraldine welcomed all to the Meeting.

**Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019 were discussed and accepted by consensus.

**Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising

**Secretary General Report**

Report Tabled no questions

**Geraldine Brown – BWF Vice President Oceania Report**

Report Tabled

JC has raised a query with the BWF regarding the new policy regarding de-registered players. As sent to all of our MA's and forwarded to the EB by JC last week, any player who does not compete for 2 years will automatically be de-registered as an International player and must apply to the BWF 3 months before International competition if they wish to be reinstated. We believe this may cause issues particularly with Grade 3 events and Continental Championships. Also – as World Seniors are only every two years, a player would only have to miss one and then will need to re-apply to be an International registered player. Players have to apply to the BWF to be re-registered, MA's and CC's cannot do this.

JC to send GB the email sent to Chris Trenholme and his reply regarding this issue.

**Finances – No questions**

The exchange rate continues to work well in our favour.

Payments to countries are currently being held until they achieve their agreed targets. It is becoming increasingly obvious that there is a lack of planning by some countries meaning they are struggling to meet their KPI's as per their MA agreements.

Leody joined the meeting at 19:20pm (technical issues).

### **2020 Annual General Meeting**

February 2020 will see us hold a Training Camp / Individual Championships / Men's and Women's Team Championships and Para badminton Championships in Ballarat in the period 4-15 February 2020.

Recommended that the AGM be held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 10.30am in Ballarat. Venue to be confirmed. All agreed.

JC proposed that the subsidy for MA's to attend the AGM is increased to NZD500 per country (currently \$400) and that the constitution to be updated to remove the figure and change the wording to 'a figure to be agreed upon by the Executive Board annually'. Agreed by consensus

### **Office Lease**

The Landlord has been advised that we will stay in the current premises and we have agreed to a 5 year lease as per the information sent and approved by the EB three weeks ago. The Landlord has agreed to new carpet for the premises and we are currently awaiting documentation from the Landlord for the next step.

GB queried if we were to increase our staffing levels, would there be enough room in the current premises? JC advised that we would make it work

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be held in Auckland on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Flight bookings have been made for all EB members, full details of the meeting will be forwarded in good time prior to the meeting.

The staff are meeting in NZ next week and will be working on the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan and 2020 operational plan. These documents will be included in the documents for the EB meeting in November; there will be a requirement for some pre-meeting reading and preparation.

### **General Business**

#### **Vetting process for BWF Council Members**

The BWF has put forward a proposal whereby all Council Members and CC VP's will need to be vetted prior to election. This is to mitigate the reputational risk for the BWF. BWF requested feedback on the proposal as it affects our VP who is a member of council and have also raised the question if CC's will follow this policy and vet their EB members?

A document was circulated to all Executive members showing the proposed wording for the BWF constitution GB advised that this wording was not finalised, NS agreed, advising that there had been a lot of discussion particularly around re-offending and stand-down periods for transgressions. This is to be discussed further at the BWF Administration meeting in December.

The BWF is seeking feedback on this by the 4<sup>th</sup> of November. In principle we agree with this policy and we would look to implement it sometime in the future, however we need to consider the cost.

#### **Oceania Masters Competition**

No further information on this at this stage. In discussion for a suitable date with the stadium and resort, JC hopes to have more information within the next few weeks.

**World Junior Championships**

NS – spoke to this event. NZ will shortly be looking for volunteers to assist with the running of this event and they will be approaching Badminton Oceania. The Team event will now be run under the current system, not the team relay as previously advised, for one additional year so this is the format that will be played in NZ.

There is an intention to have a World Coaching Conference for all racquet sports/all levels during the event.

As there was no further general business the meeting closed at 19:50pm. Geraldine thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting.

**Next Meeting: Albany Executive Motor Inn, Auckland – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Details to be confirmed.**