

MINUTES
of the
BADMINTON OCEANIA CONFEDERATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

held at Albany Executive Motor Inn, Auckland, NZ
on Saturday 30th November 2019

Present: Geraldine Brown (GB), Nigel Skelt (NS), Loke Poh Wong (LPW), Ngaoa Ranginui (NR), Leody Vainikolo (LV), Julie Carrel (JC), Johanna Kou (JK), Glenn Cox (GC), Lynne Nixey

Apologies: NIL

Meeting commenced at 09:00am

Geraldine welcomed all to the meeting

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th October via Conference Call were discussed and accepted by consensus with the following amendment:

The subsidy of NZD400.00 for the AGM as mentioned in the minutes is not in our current constitution (2107) as noted. There was a dollar amount in the previous constitution now it is an Executive Board decision if we allocate a subsidy for the AGM which we will only do when it is not held in conjunction with the BWF AGM

Matters Arising

Regarding de-registration of players. The BWF have not changed their stance on the 3-month re-application date at this stage.

A discussion was held regarding Executive Board meetings and the on-going difficulties in using an internet-based conference system. Several options were discussed. The decision is to continue with the quarterly meetings (two face-to-face and two via conference call). Those who are affected by internet issues (mainly Tonga), will call in and then be reimbursed for the cost of the call. This negates the requirement for an internet-based system.

It was reiterated that reports need to be read prior to meetings

Secretary General Report

Report Tabled

Country Update: In order to get on-going support, countries must have plans in place. No planning = no Support.
Planning is underway for a course to be held in NZ in the last quarter of 2020 – to include Planning / Reporting / Running National Tournaments and Player Development. 2 from each Member will be invited to attend; this is aligned with the new MA grants/support being implemented by the BWF

Executive Minutes are only received from Cook Islands and Tonga. Australia and NZ both publish theirs on their own website. BOC should receive copies of Minutes (especially AGMS's) as this enables us to keep up to date with what is happening in country.

Samoa Pacific Games – The equipment received for this event is held by a private company. SBF have the electronic stringing machine and the left over shuttles. Venue hire, for the venue used at PG is expensive so no use of it or the mats to date.

Gender Equity projects – currently underway in Solomon Islands and Tahiti.

- PSP: Will be known as ASPP as from July 2020. Applications for the next cycle are due in the New Year. Nadia is working on this with targeted countries.
- Athletes Commission: Big difference in opinions of Athletes from NZ and AUS following survey sent to them regarding the Oceania Tour; however it was noted that the response rate was very low Decision to be made early next year as to which tournaments will be included in the Tour for 2020.
- Para Badminton: BWF have made it very clear that there is a need for our Region to have a Para Badminton International in 2021 and held annually after that
- Grade 3 Tournaments: Refers to all tournaments in the Region except the NZ and Australian Open. National bodies (NZ and AUS) put no cash into Grade 3 tournaments and it is getting harder to get hosts for these. There is a danger of these tournaments not going ahead. Currently NZ has two sanctioned for 2020. Waikato have increased their entry fees to NZ players due to losing money in previous year, we have expressed our concern over this decision which is against what the Grade 3 hosts meeting agreed in 2018. BOC only receives USD20,000 to assist with all our tournaments despite discussing the need for more with BWF on numerous occasions. National bodies need to take some responsibility to help the hosts run these tournaments.
- These tournaments help Players and Technical Officials on their pathways. It was noted that BOC will have 8 Technical Officials at the Olympics and Para Olympics in 2020.
- Each country is only allowed to run one event of each level. Australia are currently working on their tournaments for 2020.
- Player Development: BOC is investing \$50,000-\$60,000 (NZD) into the Player Development Camp & Oceania Championships to enable our Pacific countries to attend. This is predominantly into Junior Players leading up to the World Junior Championships in 2020. Samoa has not met the requirements or timelines so are not part of this program in February, we are currently discussing with Fiji following Nadia and Julie's visit.
- Oceania Masters: JC and Tom Leonard met with the Cook Islands, in Rarotonga last week. This event will be run in June 2020 with the legacy for CIBA to be:
- Promotion of Badminton in Cook Islands
 - Money for CIBA / BOC. CIBA funds will go towards Player Development
 - Equipment for CIBA
 - Event / Technical Officials training
- Currently locking in an agreement with an accommodation provider; details should be released soon.
Targeted is 80 players, although we can cope with more.

Tournaments: LPW noted that the Arafura Games are confirmed for 2021 and hoping to include an Airbadminton competition.

Airbadminton will be launched in first half of 2020 in Cook Islands.

BWF MA Grants: All our Member Countries except NZ and Australia will be eligible
All MA's will get a survey to gauge their needs, as a result of the survey a plan will be developed for each MA around training and education requirements

Enhanced Grant: Up to USD30,000
BWF have identified PNG as a country to target
Based on population and several other factors
Will be a 4-year program
The program is very accountable
Administered by the BWF

Office Lease: Copy of Office Lease has been received from our Solicitor
Another rent increase is after 2 years
New carpet being installed on 12th December
Little office – tenancy has been renewed
Big office – Up for lease

Synthetic Shuttle Nigel gave an update on this new shuttle type. Currently it is believed that post-Olympics this will be introduced at a Junior level and possible Grade 3.
Currently high-level players do not believe the shuttle is quite ready. The idea is that this will eventually replace a feather shuttle.

Constitution:

JC introduced what has been a very large task by presenting the PowerPoint presentation from the BWF. The meeting went through the new document and agreed on changes to be made.
BWF / JC are to produce a summary of why changes are happening and what the main changes are, to be sent out to all Members.

AGM's:

BWF AGM: Denmark, May. Strongly advocate all Pacific Island members to attend. Information will go out approx. Feb-March. BOC will offer to do bookings for members where required.

BOC AGM is to be held in Ballarat on 09 February 2020. Pre-AGM will be held from 08:30am – 10am and a Post-AGM meeting held after the AGM.

2020 – 2024 Strategic Plan

JC presented how we are currently tracking against the current strategic plan.

The framework for the 2020-2024 plan was outlined. This will now be finalised by the Office Staff and forwarded to all Executive members for further comment.

BWF Plans

JC presented the Coach Education, Player Development and Capacity Building plans for the 2020 year.

JC needs to submit our plans and budget for 2020 to the BWF by the end of next week. They will then discuss with JC with the aim of finalising late December/early January

Oceania Tour Regulations

These were presented to the meeting and approved by consensus.

Meeting closed: 2:30pm