

MINUTES
of the
BADMINTON OCEANIA CONFEDERATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
held via Zoom Meeting
7:30pm on Thursday 15th October 2020

Present: Geraldine Brown, Nigel Skelt, Loke Poh Wong, Glenn Cox, Johanna Kou, Ngaoa Ranginui, Karyn Gibson. Secretary General – Julie Carrel. Minute taker – Lynne Nixey

Apologies: Nil

Meeting commenced at 7:32pm

Geraldine welcomed all to the Meeting.

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held 28th July were approved via email.

Matters Arising

Nil

Secretary General Report

Report Received

Finances

Executive Board agreed that this has been very well managed through a tough time.

BWF 2nd half payment has been confirmed but not yet received

This year any unspent BWF funds must be returned to BWF, they cannot be carried forward in our accounts

Discussion was held on potential surplus spending

Staff Update

PNG Admin Officer – new candidate offered job. PNG Admin Officer combined with PNG PSP reporting role – so job will be 30 hours per week. Engaged a recruitment agency in PNG to assist with recruitment.

Governance Course

Julie and Glenn attended a course held in Auckland. Recommendation that the Executive Board undertake some training/up-skilling with the same company. Executive Board agreed with recommendation.

Secretary General to discuss with company regarding undertaking the course virtually.

Recommendation that presentation of Minutes follows guidelines from Course. This means individual names are only mentioned in attendance and all items of business are moved by the EB as opposed to individual people. Individuals should only be named if they specifically request their name is noted in opposition to a motion or abstention – or if they have specifically been assigned an action item. Executive Board agrees with recommendation.



BWF MA Grants

BOC members have all been categorised through the BWF MA Categorisation tool. AUS = 9, NZ = 8 and rest of members at 2, 3, & 4.

Due to the economic situation, the focus of the grant has been changed to a 'back to Badminton' focus for 2020.

BOC offered assistance to all Pacific MA's to put their grant applications together; most took up this offer

All Pacific countries applied for the grant except Nauru

This is the biggest Development initiative by the BWF into this region

Events

Oceania Championships in February 2021 will not be going ahead due to NZ border restrictions and quarantine requirements

A public announcement will be made once BWF approve it to be announced

Discussions are currently underway regarding possible alternative plans.

North Harbour International will not be going ahead in February 2021 - alternative options are under discussion with BWF

Constitution Changes / Policies

Additions to the Constitution as required by NZ Incorporated Societies on use of a Common Seal and resignation as a Member. In addition, we have added the ability to hold the Annual General Meeting via electronic means.

Executive Board agreed with changes as submitted to the constitution with a Special General Meeting to be called to confirm these changes.

Delegated Authorities Policy

New Policy was presented to Executive Board.

Executive Board approved the Delegated Authorities Policy.

Financial Policies

New Financial Policies document was presented to Executive Board

Discussion held regarding Reserves and the amounts held. Agreement made that when the Reserves agreed amount is met, then this can be re-visited.

Executive Board approved the Financial Policies.

Financials

Quarterly report to end of September received



BWF Sports Disciplinary Panel

Paper distributed to all Executive Board Members by SG with a proposed process to determine the Oceania representative as requested by the BWF

EB approved the process as presented

Information will be forwarded to all Members and nominations to be made direct to BOC by Monday 26 October. Executive Board Members may also forward this information to any prospective Panel members.

General Business

2021 AGM – at this stage the intention is to hold our AGM in conjunction with the BWF AGM in China as per our agreed policy.

New Caledonia – vote was held regarding independence. Voted to remain part of France with another vote to be held in approx. 2 years

Tournament equipment proposal for court mats, net posts and umpire stands for Fiji and Cook Islands was discussed. This has been presented and discussed with the BWF; a decision will be made following the November Council meeting.

Update on the World Junior Championships was given. This will not be held in NZ in 2021 due to quarantine restrictions in NZ. BWF has appointed NZ as host of 2024 World Juniors.

If the World Junior Championships in 2023 does not go ahead in USA, there is a strong possibility that NZ will be appointed the alternative host instead of hosting in 2024

BOC is looking at plans to assist some members to attend the WJC in 2021 in China – will be those members who already have an established Junior Development program, who were intending to play in the 2020 WJC in NZ and have been working with BOC on this.

BOC Staff out of office 19-23 October to consider 2021 plans.

Meeting closed – 8:52pm

Next Meeting: - date to be confirmed

