

MINUTES
of the
BADMINTON OCEANIA CONFEDERATION
34th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
held via Zoom

12:00pm (NZT) on Saturday 08 May 2021

1. Presidents Welcome

Geraldine Brown welcomed all to the 34th Annual General Meeting of Badminton Oceania. The first AGM to be held virtually.

2. Procedures

Julie Carrel presented the procedures for the Annual General Meeting and the voting process.

3. Roll Call of Officers and Delegates and Apologies

Executive Board

Geraldine Brown (President and Chair), Nigel Skelt (Deputy President), Johanna Kou (delegate for NCL), Loke Poh Wong, Glenn Cox, Ngaoa Ranginui, Karyn Gibson

Badminton Oceania Staff

Julie Carrel (Secretary General), Nadia Bleaken, Robbie Thackham, Tom Leonard, Lynne Nixey, Kum On Tarawa, Brian Ameua), Laurel Vagi

Committee Chairs

Peter Cocker (Chair, BOTOC)

BWF Observers

John Shearer, Stuart Borrie

Member Associations

Andrew Greenway (VD – AUS), Jamie Parsons (D – AUS), Thomas Mereana-Ngauru (VD – COK), Barry Whiteside (VD – FIJ), Ahmad Ali (D – FIJ), Sandra Low (VD – GUM), Henry Bwebweata (VD – KIR), Teuea Tebau (D – KIR), Ian Willans (VD – NZL), Merlie Tolentino (VD – MNP), Christy Villaflor (D – MNP), Shirley Kim (O – MNP), Janelle Pangillan (O – MNP), Nathan Guerrero (O – MNP), Nynette Sass (VD – SAM), Charles Meke (VD – SLB), Thinking Maitaki (D – SLB), Leo Cucuel (VD – TAH), Leody Vainikolo (VD – TGA), Diony Tundag (D – TGA), Iakopo Molotii (VD – TUV), Johanna Kou (VD – NCL)

VD = Voting Delegate, D = Delegate, O = Observer

Apologies received from Ian Bridge (S – Coaching & Development Officer), Gronya Somerville (Chair – Athletes Commission), Joe Hitchcock (NZL).

4. Opening remarks from the Chair

Geraldine Brown opened the meeting and noted how different this meeting and the past year had been. Due to the pandemic and lockdowns, it was heartening that we had continued to implement programs and activities in Member Countries and meet via virtual platforms – even though it has been challenging. FIJ and PNG are still facing lockdowns, thoughts are with these countries.

Speaking rights are extended to all Badminton Oceania staff and Observers.

5. Ratification of Scrutineers

The AGM was asked to approve that the Scrutineers be confirmed as Lynne Nixey and Tom Leonard.

There being no objections, the proposed panel of scrutineers was approved by the AGM.

6. Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Ballarat, Australia on 09th February 2020.

It was noted that there was an error in the section Heather Robson Remembered – Paragraph 3 has been amended to read 'she competed twice at Wimbledon in 1954 and 1957'.

There being no objections, the Minutes of the 2020 AGM with corrections were unanimously approved.

7. Annual Report and Financial Statements

To receive the 2020 Annual Report and to approve the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

There being no objections, the 2020 Annual Report and the Financial Statements were unanimously adopted by the AGM.

8. Annual Budget

The Annual Budget for 2021 as ratified by the Executive Board and as previously distributed prior to the meeting was presented to the AGM.

There were no comments to the 2021 budget.

9. Constitutional Amendments

To amend article 3.7 to be headed 'INCLUSIVITY' – currently is "Equal Opportunity" – to read:

BADMINTON OCEANIA supports inclusion and equal opportunity for all.

There being no objections, the proposed amendment was unanimously adopted by the AGM.

To amend article 11.1 to include the words 'and format of the meeting'.

11.1 would then read:

The AGM of BADMINTON OCEANIA shall be held annually within 5 months after the end of the financial year but not later than 31 May of each calendar year. The date, time, venue and format of the meeting shall be decided by the Executive Board.

There being no objections, the proposed amendment was unanimously adopted by the AGM.

To amend article 12.6 to enable both virtual and hybrid meetings to be undertaken.

12.6 would then read:

An Annual General Meeting may be held physically, virtually, or in a combination of both ("hybrid").

Virtual and hybrid meetings shall follow the same procedures as physical meetings, with necessary adaptations for their virtual environment.

Virtual and hybrid meetings may take place on any virtual platform that is reasonably accessible, and that allows for each participant to hear and be heard and to vote if necessary.

There being no objections, the proposed amendment was unanimously adopted by the AGM.

To amend article 13.9 to allow votes made during a virtual platform

13.9 would then read:

Voting for general items on the agenda shall be by a show of hands, proclamation of voice or votes made by other technological means unless the chair or a Member proposes a secret ballot which is agreed by a simple majority of the Voting Delegates present.

There being no objections, the proposed amendment was unanimously adopted by the AGM.

To amend article 13.12 to preclude abstention votes from total votes cast.

13.12 would then read:

It shall be required that a two-thirds (2/3) majority of Votes Cast to approve any proposal to amend the Constitution. An abstention does not count as a Vote Cast. Voting majorities will be calculated only on the basis of Votes Cast.

There being no objections, the proposed amendment was unanimously adopted by the AGM.

To amend article 14.3 to include the words 'and format of the meeting'.

14.3 would then read:

The notice calling a SGM shall give the date, time, venue and format for the SGM.

There being no objections, the proposed amendment was unanimously adopted by the AGM.

To amend article 14.5 to enable SGM format to be held under the same conditions as the AGM.

14.5 would then read:

A Special General Meeting may be held physically, virtually or in a hybrid format under the same conditions as an AGM.

There being no objections, the proposed amendment was unanimously adopted by the AGM.

10. Strategic Priorities

The Annual Plan (Strategic Priorities) for 2021 was presented by Julie Carrel (SG) who explained the document and how the KPI's for all the Badminton Oceania strategic areas are summarised.

11. Appointment of Auditor

To approve the appointment of David Turner & Associates as the 2021 Auditors.

The appointment was unanimously approved by the AGM.

12. General Business

BWF AGM

A reminder that this will be held on 22nd of May. Notification of Delegates must be forwarded to the BWF. Pre-AGM sessions will be held on 11, 12 and 17 May for our region and all Members are encouraged to attend one of these sessions.

Members must advise the BWF which session they wish to attend to receive your personalised invitation to attend this.

Pacific Mini-Games

To be held in Northern Marianas 17-25 June 2022. Badminton is included as one of 8 sports in this event. Our Pacific countries are encouraged to attend – currently 6 Pacific countries have entered. The more countries that enter helps support our case for Badminton to become a core sport in the future.

Pacific Games – Future Bids

If your NOC is bidding for future Pacific Games, please let Badminton Oceania know how we can assist to support the bid. It is important that if your country is bidding for the Pacific Games, that you ensure that Badminton is one of the sports on the programme. Badminton is not a core-sport and must be chosen by the host country. Badminton is not part of the Pacific Games in Solomon Islands in 2023 as it was not put on the programme by the host.

There were no further comments or questions through the on-line chat

Geraldine Brown passed a vote of thanks to the Staff of Badminton Oceania.

Everyone was thanked for their attendance with the hope that we would be all able to meet in person soon in the future.

Geraldine Brown closed the first virtual AGM.

Meeting closed at 12:29pm