

MINUTES
of the
BADMINTON OCEANIA CONFEDERATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
held via Zoom
7:30pm on Wednesday 20th July 2021

Present: Geraldine Brown, Nigel Skelt, Loke Poh Wong, Glenn Cox, Johanna Kou, Karyn Gibson.
Secretary General – Julie Carrel.

Apologies: Ngaoa Ranginui,

Meeting commenced at 7:30pm.

Geraldine welcomed all to the Meeting.

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held 28th April 2021 were approved via email.

Matters Arising

- Fiji equipment storage – currently stored at Yat Sen which is not the venue for intended use however due to COVID issues no other arrangements can currently be put in place
- Safeguarding Policy – all updated with a reporting quick link on our website. This will be the subject of the next Pacific President’s meeting on 28th July

Correspondence

Report presented of all correspondence sent to Executive Board between meetings

Items approved via email between meetings

- Nil

Secretary General’s Report

Report Received

BWF - Mid-year reporting submitted, awaiting confirmation of second half year payments

MA Grants – document from the BWF on status of each MA circulated. Only 50% of our MAs have met requirements and eligibility for 2021 support. BOC staff have provided significant offers of help and support to our MAs to meet requirements

BOC AGM – PNG did not attend due to unforeseen circumstances, an email outlining the situation was received Monday following the meeting.

Agreed by consensus that dispensation on this occasion to be given to allow BOC to provide funding support to PNG despite not attending our AGM as PNG have attended all BWF sessions and all BOC President’s meetings

Staff – Brian in PNG has resigned, Laurel who is currently our administration officer in PNG has had her hours increased to full-time.

Paralympics – JC was a member of the BWF Bipartite Commission to select the available positions. Oceania only had nominations from Australia and have consequently had a male and female player selected.



Olympic Games – Oceania is represented by 4 players from AUS. NS spoke on the process undertaken in NZ whereby the player awarded the Oceania position in MS was declined by NZOC.

BOC aim to have a player qualify through a tripartite position in 2024

Events – Oceania Championships 2022 sanctioned (junior, open, team and individuals). JC to gather more information to put a case to BWF to reduce the currently agreed minimum number of 5 countries required for the tournament to proceed

Grade 3 tournament regulations updated – approved by consensus

TEAM Up – the contract has been signed with 50% of the project funding being received. Due to the delay in the project getting underway (in all sports) JC believes it will be extended at the end of 2 years

Committees – Events and BOTOC most active. GE and AC struggling to find areas/projects where they can make an impact

Insurance – discuss that EB Members from US territories are not covered by our policy – i.e., Guam and Northern Marianas. The insurance company has confirmed it is the people not covered and not the full EB. Agreed that if a person from these MAs is nominated, they are advised prior to the AGM that if elected to the EB they will not be covered by our Association Insurance, they will then need to determine if they want to stand or withdraw.

Financial Report

End of Q2 accounts were presented. No questions raised on these.

Previous office tenant – Umbrella Group – the outstanding debt has been referred to a debt collection agency.

To date a new tenant has not been secured, however the room is being well utilised by staff for on-line meetings

General Business

NS advised the CE of Badminton NZ has resigned, leaving end of October

NS advised World Junior Championships – NZ still on track for 2024, funding is all locked in

Concern was raised and discussed regarding junior international activity

LP gave information on tournaments in Australia planned for September which are open to players from outside of Australia. JC advised BOC is linking with the Bendigo Invitational to deliver an umpire workshop and view the venue set-up for future tournaments

Thomas/Uber Cup & Sudirman Cup – Australia unlikely to attend, NS advised NZ have been invited

In committee – JC left the meeting, assigned the host of the meeting to GC

Next Meeting

Wednesday 20th October – 7.30pm

Meeting closed 22:42pm

