

**MINUTES**  
of the  
**BADMINTON OCEANIA CONFEDERATION**  
**35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
held as a hybrid – in person and via Zoom

**2:00pm (AEST) on Saturday 30 April 2022**

**1. President's Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Geraldine Brown welcomed all to the meeting. The first AGM to be held in a hybrid format with 6 attending in person and all others via zoom.

**2. Procedures**

Julie Carrel outlined the procedures for the Meeting and the voting process.

**3. Roll Call of Officers and Delegates and Apologies**

**Executive Board**

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

**Badminton Oceania Staff**

Julie Carrel (Secretary General) – IP, Nadia Bleaken, Robbie Thackham, Tom Leonard – IP, Lynne Nixey – IP, Kum On Tarawa, Laurel Vagi, Alex Deng

**Member Associations**

Andrew Greenway (VD – AUS), Jamie Parsons (D – AUS), Thomas Mereana-Ngauru (VD – COK), Makiroa Mataio (D – COK), Jean Akavi (O – COK), Barry Whiteside (VD – FIJ), Sandra Low (VD – GUM), Bernard Tatireta (VD – KIR), Teuea Tebau (D – KIR), Toaki Arinoko (O – KIR), Jerome Kathawan (VD – NCL), Ian Willans (VD – NZL), Stephen Nelson (D – NZL), Merlie Tolentino (VD – MNP), Christy Villaflor (D – MNP), Kinivanagi Karo (VD – PNG), Cestleigh Ila (D – PNG), Thinking Maitaki (VD – SLB), Dr Amanaki Fakakovikaetau (VD – TGA), Caroline Brial (VD – WLF)

VD = Voting Delegate, D = Delegate, O = Observer, IP = In Person

**Observer**

Pierce Lucas - lawyer as approved by the Executive Board at the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Apologies**

Peter Cocker (Chair – Technical Officials Committee)

Ian Bridge (Staff – Coaching & Development Officer).

## Speaking Rights

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

### 4. Ratification of Scrutineers

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

At this point – due to a technical issue with the voting system, all members were asked to leave the meeting and re-join again.

All members who had previously joined the meeting re-joined successfully.

The vote for the ratification of the Scrutineers was then undertaken.

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

### 5. Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting which was held virtually on the 08<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

A confirmation of who was voting was undertaken to ensure this was correct. Two votes were declared invalid as voting had been undertaken by a non-voting delegate. This was corrected and the voting confirmed.

**There being no objections, the Minutes of the 2021 AGM were approved.**

### 6. Matters Arising from Minutes

Nil

### 7/8. Annual Report and Financial Statements

To receive the 2021 Annual Report and to approve the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**There being no objections, the 2021 Annual Report and the Financial Statements were adopted by the AGM.**

### 9. Annual Budget

Geraldine Brown spoke to the Annual Budget.

The Annual Budget for 2022 as ratified by the Executive Board had been distributed prior to the meeting.

**There were no comments to the 2022 budget.**

**10. Strategic Priorities 2022**

Strategic Plan for 2022 has been posted online and distributed to all Members. Julie Carrel spoke to the Strategic Priorities. These plans are reviewed constantly and updated if there are changes. Anyone with queries on this document are encouraged to contact the Badminton Oceania office.

**11. Election of President**

Geraldine Brown vacated the Chair and handed to Nigel Skelt to conduct the election.

Two nominations for the position of President: Geraldine Brown (AUS) and Loke Poh Wong (AUS).

Voting was undertaken via Zoom voting. One vote (Fiji) was unable to be taken online due to internet difficulties. They were then contacted via phone to lodge their vote.

Following confirmation of votes, the scrutineer (Pierce Lucas) confirmed that Loke Poh Wong was appointed as President.

Geraldine Brown then reclaimed the Chair position for the remainder of the meeting.

**12. Election of Deputy President**

Nigel Skelt was appointed un-opposed to this position.

**13. Election of Executive Board members**

As Loke Poh Wong was appointed as President, his nomination was withdrawn from the Executive Board nominees. Geraldine Brown (AUS) and Glenn Cox (NZL) were appointed to the Executive Board unopposed.

**12. Appointment of Auditor**

To approve the appointment of David Turner & Associates as the 2022 Auditors.

**There being no objections, David Turner & Associates were appointed as Auditor for 2022.**

**13. General Business**

The BWF Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May via a hybrid format in Bangkok. Australia is the only Oceania country who will be attending in person. Geraldine Brown is also attending. It is extremely important that as many Members as possible attend the AGM virtually

Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 – June 17-25. We are looking forward to a very successful games with the final number of countries attending still to be

confirmed. Several Technical Officials from NZ and Australia have been appointed to the Games.

Upcoming Major Events in the Region

2024 – BWF World Junior Championships	New Zealand
2025 – BWF World Senior Championships	New Zealand
2026 – Commonwealth Games	Victoria Region, Australia
2027 – Pacific Games	Tahiti
2032 – Olympic and Paralympic Games	Brisbane, Australia

Nigel Skelt spoke to the meeting and thanked Geraldine Brown for her years of service as President of Badminton Oceania. A legacy of her time as the President is the huge growth that has occurred within the Oceania region. Geraldine continues to represent us well as the BWF Vice President – Oceania.

Loke Poh Wong thanked the membership for their trust in voting him in as President of Badminton Oceania and reiterated the comments from Nigel Skelt. He looks forward to working in conjunction with Geraldine, Nigel and the rest of the Executive Board towards further improving badminton within the region.

Geraldine Brown thanked everyone for their attendance at our first Hybrid AGM.

Meeting closed at 14:46pm