

**MINUTES
of the
BADMINTON OCEANIA CONFEDERATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
held via Zoom
7:30pm on Wednesday 20th July 2022**

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

Apologies: Nil

Meeting commenced at 7:30pm.

Loke Poh welcomed all to his first meeting as President of Badminton Oceania.

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held 13th April 2022 were approved via email.

Matters Arising

Heather Robson Presidents Award – new criteria has been agreed to.

Finance Report – Managed Funds v Term Deposit. Julie, Nigel and Glenn to arrange a meeting to discuss

Risk Register – Julie and Nigel to arrange a meeting to discuss

Conflict of Interest Register – all replies have been received; the register is to be completed by office.

Fiji outstanding payment has now been settled.

Correspondence

Report presented of all correspondence sent to Executive Board between meetings

Items approved via email between meetings

- OSFO Funding application – awaiting response on this and Julie to follow up

Secretary General's Report

Report Received

Many of the staff have been down with COVID recently. Lynne, Nadia and Robbie all out over the past two weeks. Workload is very high, and staff are under pressure with the current workload and sickness. All protocols are being adhered to for COVID and staff not allowed to return to work unless testing negative.

BWF Reporting has been submitted, Julie meeting with John Shearer (BWF) this week to go over it

Ian Bridge is no longer employed by Badminton Australia and has confirmed he only wants to work part-time for Badminton Oceania, which is his current status. He is working more than his 25 hours contracted hours with TOIL hours being accumulated. At the recent Para Camp, Ian undertook resuscitation on one of the participants (successfully) and all protocols / reporting that were required were followed. Thanks have been passed on to Ian for his efforts.



There has been very little communication and follow-up from Fiji following the in-person trip by Nadia and Ian.

Pacific Mini-Games were hugely successful and valuable to our players. Reinforces that Badminton needs to be a core sport in these games. Tahiti will host Pacific Games in 2027 with a new facility being built which will be a great legacy. Contact has now been made with Palau; Julie is working on getting them to be a member and (hopefully) get badminton onto the schedule for the next mini games in 2025. Following on from the Mini-Games in Northern Marianas, discussions are now being held with regards to holding international tournaments in both NMI and Guam in the future.

Oceania Para Badminton Championships will be held next week in Melbourne, led by BOC staff

The BWF CC Workshop in August in KL will be attended by Julie, Nadia and Robbie.

BWF Line Judge nominations have been received for the new rotation (2023 – 2026). No nominations were received from New Zealand which was disappointing and concerning. Northern Marianas and Tahiti have both nominated one person and three from Australia were selected to fill the five positions available.

Te Manawa Funding project being undertaken in conjunction with Counties Manukau Badminton; Badminton NZ is aware of and supportive of this. The project is to give young Pacific Island children living in New Zealand the opportunity to experience and become involved in badminton. An Open Day at CM Badminton is planned for September.

Query regarding the new proposed position for 'Pacific Co-Ordinator'. The thought is to dis-establish the current RDO position in Fiji and bring a co-ordinator into the Badminton Oceania office - FT who will service targeted Pacific countries to build capacity and capability. Fiji has had the benefit of the RDO based in Fiji for over 3 years so they should now be sustainable to continue. This would require a top-up of funding from BWF, so this is in a discussion phase at present; to be discussed with the BWF at the CC Workshop.

Financial Report

Financial Report to end of July presented.

Activity has significantly increased due to travel being possible in Q2 and there will be a lot of activity in Q3 and Q4 which will ensure a lot of the current unspent funds will be utilised. Oceania Champs were an out of budget spend and Oceania Para Champs will almost certainly return an overspend as well.

Finance Report and Secretary General's Report were accepted by meeting.

Agreed by Consensus

August Executive Board Meeting

Face to face meeting will be held 20-21 August. Karyn will be an apology for this meeting.

All flights are booked for travel and will be based at the Parnell Conference Centre in Auckland.



General Business

TEAM Up (Australian Government) have indicated that this program will be extended by two years, we have indicated that we would like to continue with this program in Papua New Guinea.

Office – our current tenant has agreed to lease the large empty office. This will commence from 01 September.

New Zealand Open 2022 has been cancelled. There is a commitment to the new cycle from Badminton NZ to continue at the same level – WT 300, (2023 – 2026).

There have been several plan revisions following the cancellation of the NZ Open which led to the cancellation of the Manawatu International (International series). Oceania Umpire assessments have had to move from NZ to Australia and we have had to change player development plans for countries where we had planned to bring players to the Manawatu International.

BWF News - Sahir who was the Secretary General at Badminton Africa has now joined the BWF Development Staff.

John Shearer will be in NZ in December to deliver a Capacity Building Administrators workshop for our Pacific Island countries.

Next Meeting

Auckland – 20th August 2022.

Meeting closed: 20:17pm

Minutes Approved by Executive Board – 20.08.2022



Signed:

Name: Loke Poh Wong, President

