

MINUTES
of the
BADMINTON OCEANIA
TECHNICAL OFFICIALS MEETING
held via Zoom Meeting
9pm (NZT) on Friday 26th March 2021

Present: Julie Carrel (JC), Peter Cocker (PC), David Turner (DT), Greg Vellacott (GV), Jean-Philippe Berges (JP), Trish Gubb (TG), Lynne Nixey (LN), Geraldine Brown (GB) - Observer

Apologies: Nil

Meeting commenced at 09:00pm (NZT)

Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held 18th June 2020 were approved.

- **Matters Arising**

Query regarding the National TO Courses having a Para badminton module incorporated. This is a requirement from the BWF and the Pacific courses that have been run have had this included. BOTOC to remind NZTOC and BATOC of the requirement for these.

BWF TO Grants for 2020 – some of the grant money was returned from the Referee Development, Umpire Development and National TO grants mainly due to COVID related reasons. This will not influence funding to be received in the future.

Minutes note that the Committee is to meet twice per year (hopefully once in person). This did not happen in 2020 and it is important to ensure that this happens this year.

Umpire Assessors attending tournaments – NZ feedback

Feedback was received from the Events Committee meeting that NZ was querying with regards to Assessors at tournaments also Umpiring. This was addressed in our June 2020 meeting and is included in the Umpire Assessor working guidelines. It was asked that this was reported back to the NZTOC.

2021 / 2022 Assessment Plan

NZ and AUS Open's have been postponed for this year. Currently there are two Grade 3 tournaments in Bendigo and Sydney later in the year planned and BOC is awaiting guidance from the BWF with regards to the level of tolerance regarding border and quarantine restrictions.

After discussion the Committee agreed that there would be no Umpire assessments held in 2021 even if International tournaments are able to be held in the Region.

Discussion held with regards to Stephanie Ho and Referee assessment. She has been working in New Caledonia and has undergone an English course to upskill her language. BWF is currently working on an online workshop for anyone who wishes to attend BWF Training in the future and we believe that Stephanie will be a candidate for this. Her status as a Certificated Oceania Referee will be confirmed as soon as we are able to have her assessed.



2021 Assessment Plan will be deferred to 2022 – potential candidates to undertake as much local practise as they are able. NZTOC and BATOC to be advised and asked that potential candidates are encouraged to attend as many events as possible.

2021 BWF Plans and Funding

Plans were distributed to committee and discussed.

Discussion held on 2022 plans and when they were due. BOTOC will need to meet by end of October/early November to enable BOC to include 2022 plans submitted.

Pacific Training Courses

2 online Pacific Training Courses were held.

1 course – 8 weeks of 1-hour sessions from 5 different countries – run by David Turner (18 attendees).

1 course – 2 weeks of 1.5-hour sessions three times a week to Solomon Islands – run by Susan Taylor (27 attendees).

Summary of courses was given and suggestion that 2 days per week for 3 weeks (1.5-hour sessions) could be the ideal length for the courses.

Exam currently being undertaken by the Pacific course attendees. This will be the first time the exams have been undertaken online and results of this will determine how they are undertaken from here. Solomon Islands will probably have to undertake their exam manually and we will work through the NOC for this.

Practical assessments are the next challenge.

A course was also run in New Caledonia by Jean-Philippe Berges. 7 people attended the theory course (5 have passed theory exam with 2 still to sit) and practical assessments are still to be finalised. Once they are passed on this system (French) they will be cross credited to the Pacific qualification.

Pacific Mini Games are scheduled to be held in Northern Marianas in 2022.

Pacific Co-Ordinator Update

This has been difficult to get underway as we have been unable to engage the Co-Ordinator in the role as we had envisaged. This is being driven by BOC at the moment.

DT has been in contact with Joel and Cherish Reti from Samoa. This has proved challenging, and he has had communication with them, but this takes a lot of time and follow up.

Joel and Cherish have given the following update:

- Badminton is continuing in Samoa, basics are being taught to players and new members
- Hoping to undertake some inter-high school competitions
- Cherish and Joel have undertaken training of new umpires and umpired at their recent tournament

Potentially need to review the Pacific Co-Ordinator role – possibly this needs to be a more one-on-one mentoring role. This should be revisited and discussed at the next meeting. In the meantime, David will maintain the relationship with Joel and Cherish.



Also need to reach out to our Tahiti Oceania Officials (Taurea and Nicolas)

Review of Pacific Umpire Criteria

The Pacific Umpire criteria needs to be reviewed. Our Pacific Umpire Criteria follows the same concept as the Oceania Criteria, but this now needs to be revised as we no longer follow this process in the Pacific. The office will commence this process and send to Committee for discussion.

Update from BWF TO Commission

PC updated Committee on changes that have been approved by the BWF Chair of Events.

Noted that Kelly Hoare has been accepted as a BWF Umpire Assessor from 2022. She was to 'shadow' another assessor in 2021 but this is not due to commence until after the Olympics.

Umpire Assessors workshop to be held in 2022 at a time/date to be determined and held over 3 days.

Next Commission meeting and Umpire Assessment Panel meeting was to be held during Sudirman Cup finals in May, (face to face), but this is unlikely so waiting for confirmation of details and anticipating virtual meetings.

Post Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games, there will be a change to only one level of Umpires for BWF (ie no longer Accreditation and Certification).

From 2022 the maximum age that someone can be assessed to be a BWF Umpire is 50, from 2024 this will be 48.

It was queried if there is any recommendation for CC's to also mirror the change to one level of Officials? So far there is none, but this may change in the future. It is difficult for us to undertake regular appraisals which are required if there is only one level. It was also noted that there is little or no consequence of a bad appraisal. Concerns were raised about the impact of the 360-degree BWF appraisals and the people who were able to make comments on Umpires and Referees performances. Agreed that discussion on this should be held with GV, TG, LN, PC and JC.

Online selection course for BWF Referee Workshop will be undertaken – originally planned for September / October this year.

Clothing document produced by BWF is very good – has been shared with all our CC TO's.

How to ensure our Officials are ready to go when the time comes:

Recommendation that for the next 18 months – 2 years there will be a requirement to run workshops prior to the tournaments to upskill our officials. Would be ideal to have Officials at tournaments a day or half day prior to have these workshops – or run a Zoom workshop 1-2 weeks prior to tournament.

Online refresher courses to be looked at to connect our officials and get them motivated to carry on. A refresher on rule changes and relevant points would be ideal. We have Jiten and Trish (SP Umpires) who could look to run something in conjunction with our Umpire Assessors. BOTOC should be connecting with our Oceania officials to see what they are doing and ensuring they are officiating where possible.

Does NZL or AUS have plans for their higher level's officials for the future – to follow up.



General Business

Oceania 2021 Championships will push into 2022 at North Harbour, New Zealand. To include Juniors. All subject to change.

2022 – scheduled for an Oceania Para Badminton Championship

2021 Tournaments in September. Decision made as to whether these will be taking place will be held around the end of June.

Question raised about non-affiliated groups and non-sanctioned events which are being run and utilising National officials. Concern that these officials are wearing their National uniforms. This is a National issue but BOTOC would recommend that countries have a policy on when officials are able to wear their uniforms. NZL has a uniform policy – recommendation that NZTOC look at this to ensure that this is covered and if an update is required.

Question raised if there is a BOC policy on uniform and as to whether this is necessary – to be looked at and suggestion made.

Meeting concluded: 10:40pm (NZT)

Next Meeting: by end October / early November

Action Item	Who to Action
Reminder to NZTOC and BATOC to include Para module for their TO courses	BOC Office
NZTOC to be advised re policy on Assessors at events	Trish Gubb
NZTOC and BATOC to be advised re decision on assessments for 2021	BOC Office
Consideration of Pacific Co-Ordinator role for next meeting	All Committee
Pacific Umpire Criteria – commence revision	BOC Office
Refresher workshops for CC Officials	BOC Office / Trish / Others
NZTOC and BATOC to be contacted to see if they have plans in place for higher level officials	BOC Office
NZTOC and BATOC to be contacted with regards to Uniform Policy and Umpires working at non-sanctioned events	BOC Office
BOC Uniform Policy to be looked at	BOC Office
Oceania Pacific Officials – to be contacted to see what officiating they are undertaking	BOC Office

