

MINUTES
of the
BADMINTON OCEANIA
TECHNICAL OFFICIALS MEETING
held via Zoom Meeting
7:30pm (NZT) on Wednesday 30th March 2022

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

Apologies: Nil

Meeting commenced at 07:32pm (NZT)

Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held 13th October 2021 were approved.

- **Matters Arising**

BWF BOC TO Commission documents were sent to all members of BOTOC

Nominations for assessment were received from NZ and Australia and these have been confirmed. Assessment Panel working on appointment of assessors.

Reports from events attended from TO's were difficult to find. Trish is working on a template for a future report.

Appraisal plan to be worked on – looking to follow the BWF Appraisal format. Greg Vellacott to work on a plan and provide the framework to David Turner/Assessment Panel for further work. Appraisals should be spread over 2-3 years and one tournament in each country targeted each year.

Requirement for Para modules to be included in National trainings. NZ working on it and is on the agenda for discussion at BATOC meeting this week.

Kelvin Tsui has been appointed to the World Championships for assessment as a BWF Umpire in August. A plan to be worked on with him for events leading up to that.

Plans and Budget were submitted to BWF in November and approved in December. They have been approved in the following areas: Pacific Umpire training, MA Referee Training, Ongoing development of National and CC TO's towards BWF level, BOTOC Operations, Oceania Assessments, Subsidies for BOC and BWF appointments. A special assistance grant was received for Kelvin Tsui to assist with him to travel to his BWF assessment and another event pre-assessment. Funding for Stephanie Ho to attend the BWF Referee course in person in KL – she has since declined that invitation.

Pacific Umpire criteria – is under action



Update on TO Activity

- BWF TOC meeting will be held in August at the World Championships
- Regular updates on rules etc have been sent through and distributed to all TO's

Report on Assessors Panel

- Umpires Workshops – 'Getting Back in the Chair' – held online in November and March
- Assessors panel working on appointing the panel for Assessments in 2022. To be confirmed shortly.

Approval of Criteria

- The Umpire, Referee and Line Judge criteria had been previously distributed and updated. This now needs to be formally approved in their current format.

Approved by consensus

Final copy of the criteria will be sent to all the members of BOTO and will be included in the Secretary General report to the next Executive Board meeting.

Removal of Non-Active officials

- Primarily Line Judges who do not return ROW's.
Office to contact those who have been in-active to see if they intend to become more active in the future. To provide a list to next BOTO meeting for a decision as to who is retained or dropped off our database

Junior Umpires Award

- Has been updated. Sent to BOTO and the Assessment Panel for comments which are due back by 10th April.

Pacific Development Update

- Cook Islands Umpire Course commenced pre-xmas and was completed post-xmas. Practical training and assessment will happen in May at the Oceania Masters in Paradise. The Theory exam has been sent and will be completed in the next couple of weeks.
- Pacific Mini Games in Northern Marianas in June. Local umpire training and Pacific assessments will be undertaken during this event. International TO appointments have been made, the office is currently working on booking travel
- Tahiti has undertaken some local training courses

NZ and Australia Development Update

- Original to be focused on a targeted plan to get more Referees onto BWF pathway from NZ and Australia, however we have identified there is also a lack of Umpires. BOC has written to the Chair of NZTO and BATO looking to target up to 4 Umpires and 2 Referees on a pathway to BWF and asking for their nominations. There are restrictions on this, and it requires these countries to be thinking long-term for their Officials. Responses required by 30th April.

Training Plan

- Following on from the success of the Umpires Workshops, there should be some planned dates for training. Plan should include online and face-to-face workshops. Online workshops to be shorter or specific topics. Peter Cocker and David Turner to look at a potential plan for the year and to come back to BOTO with suggestions.



General Business

- BWF AGM is 06 May.
- BOC AGM is 30 April at 2pm (Melbourne time). Will be a hybrid meeting (online and in-person)
- Suggestion that a topic for workshop could be what to do when players are not making best efforts on court.
- Trish gave an outline on report for Officials who are travelling overseas to events. Suggestion that she add a section on ‘feedback received’ and ‘uniform (was it received / was ours adequate)’. She will work further on this and send to all members for further discussion.
- David has withdrawn from the Pacific Mini Games. He has been replaced with Kenny Yew.
- David Turner will be attending Indonesia Open as an Umpire Assessor trainee and Denmark Open as Assessor. Greg Vellacott is also travelling to Indonesia Open, World Championships in Japan and Japan Open in Osaka as an Umpire Assessor.

Meeting concluded: 8:48pm (NZT)

Next Meeting: by end October / early November

Action Item	Who to Action	By
Appraisal Plan	DT & PC	End April
Plan for Kelvin Tsui leading up to assessment	Office	asap
Pacific Umpire Criteria	Office	End April
Appointment of Assessors for 2022	Assessment Panel	Asap
Approved criteria for Umpires / LJ & referee to be sent to all	Office	With minutes
In-Active officials to be contacted	Office	End May
Junior Umpires Award – responses to Office	BOTOC	10 th April
Training Plan	DT & PC	End April
Officials reports for overseas events	Trish	End April

