

MINUTES
of the
BADMINTON OCEANIA CONFEDERATION
36th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
held as a hybrid – in person and via Zoom

2:00pm (KL time) on Thursday 25th May 2023

1. President's Welcome and Opening Remarks

Loke Poh Wong welcomed everyone to the meeting in his first year as President. He acknowledged the work and long service of Geraldine Brown for the last ten years. Welcome to Owen Leed from BWF. Welcome to those online.

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

Loke Poh Wong - President (IP), Glenn Cox (IP), Ngaoa Ranginui (IP), Johanna Kou (IP), Geraldine Brown (V)

Badminton Oceania Staff

Julie Carrel - Secretary General (IP), Lynne Nixey (IP), Robbie Thackham (V), Lachlan Greensill (V).

Member Associations

Stephen Nelson (NZ – VD IP), Andrew Greenway (AUS – VD IP), TJ Weistra (AUS – O IP), Joseph Gibson (FIJ – VD IP), Kinivanagi Karo (PNG – VD IP), Leo Cucuel (TAH – VD IP), Marcus Sionosa (TGA – VD IP), Endrina Nau (WLF – VD IP), Henry Bwebeata (KIR – VD V), Merlie Tolentino (NMA – VD V), Roselyn Monroyo (NMA – O V), Caroline Brial (WLF – O V), Thomas Mereana-Ngauru (COK – VD V), Iakopo Molitii (TUV – VD V), Tovia Tovia (TUV – O V), Taoki Arinoko (KIR – O V), Teuea Tebau (KIR – O V)

BWF Staff

Owen Leed – Commercial and Communications Director (IP)
John Shearer – Head of Continental Development (IP)

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

Apologies

Robin Bryant (Life Member), Karyn Gibson (Executive Board Member),
Nadia Bleaken (BOC Staff Member),

Speaking Rights

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

4. Ratification of Scrutineers

Scrutineers to be Robbie Thackham (online votes) and Owen Leed (In person at meeting).

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 via a hybrid meeting on 30th April 2022.

There being no objections, the Minutes of the 2022 AGM were approved.

6. Matters Arising from Minutes

Nil

7/8. Annual Report and Financial Statements

To receive the 2022 Annual Report and to approve the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

There being no objections, the 2022 Annual Report and the Financial Statements were adopted by the AGM.

9. Annual Budget

There were no comments to the 2023 budget.

10. Constitutional Amendments / Motions for which notice has been given

Remit One – Change to Article 16.2

16.2 Members of the Executive Board shall serve for a term of four (4) years. The terms of Members of the Executive Board shall be staggered so that no more than one half of the Executive Board shall be re-elected every second year. ~~To that effect, at the first AGM after the date of adoption of this Constitution, the term of office of all existing members of the Executive will terminate. One half of the persons elected as member of the Executive Board (being those Members who receive the most votes in favour of their election) shall be elected for a term of four (4) years, and the other half shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. In the event that insufficient nominations, or only sufficient but no excess nominations, are received in respect of membership of the Executive Board then a ballot shall be held, at~~

~~the relevant AGM, whereby each delegate representing a Member, who is present and entitled to vote, shall cast one (1) vote in favour of their preferred nominee. The half of the nominees who receive the most votes shall be deemed to have been elected for four (4) years and the remainder of the nominees shall be deemed to have been elected for two (2) years.~~

Reason for deleted text – this wording was required for the first year after we changed our constitution in May 2017. This is no longer required. The first two sentences are repeated

Remit Two – Removal of Article 16.4

~~16.4 — Except in respect of those Executive Board members who are appointed at the first AGM after the date of adoption of this Agreement who are elected to serve for a term of two (2) years, Members of the Executive Board shall serve for a term of four (4) years. Terms of Executive members shall be staggered so that no more than half of the Executive will be elected every second year.~~

Reason for deletion – this wording was required for the first year after we changed our constitution in May 2017. This is no longer required and is a repeat of the information contained in article 16.2

Remit Three – Change of numbering for Article 16 if Remit 2 is passed

Thereafter, if the removal of 16.4 is agreed upon, there will be a change of numbering as follows:

Current Constitution	Updated Constitution
Article 16.5	Article 16.4
Article 16.6	Article 16.5
Article 16.7	Article 16.6
Article 16.8	Article 16.7
Article 16.9	Article 16.8
Article 16.10	Article 16.09
Article 16.11	Article 16.10
Article 16.12	Article 16.11
Article 16.13	Article 16.12
Article 16.14	Article 16.13

Remit Four – Amendment to Article 29.2

SECTION 6 – DISSOLUTION

Article 29. Dissolution

29.2 In the event of the dissolution of BADMINTON OCEANIA, the property and other assets of BADMINTON OCEANIA remaining after the payment of all its debts, expenses and other liabilities shall be transferred to some other **not-for-profit** organisation having similar objects or partially similar objects to BADMINTON OCEANIA, such organisation, or organisations to be determined by Members at the meeting at which the dissolution of BADMINTON OCEANIA is approved. ~~In the event that no such organisation exists, or is approved by the Members, then the remaining assets of BADMINTON OCEANIA shall be distributed as approved by a majority of members present and entitled to vote at the meeting at which the dissolution of BADMINTON OCEANIA was approved.~~

Reason: The new Incorporated Societies Act (effective 2022) requires Surplus assets to be given to a not-for-profit organisation. Previously surplus assets could be given to any party.

There being no objections, the remits 1-4 above were adopted by the AGM.

11. Strategic Priorities for 2023

Julie Carrel provided an update on strategic priorities for the 2023 year.

12. Election of BWF Vice President - Oceania

As only one nomination was received for the position – Geraldine Brown was duly elected to the position of BWF Vice President – Oceania for the next four-year term.

Geraldine thanked the membership for their votes and advised she would continue to represent us well at the BWF.

13. Appointment of Auditor

To approve the appointment of David Turner & Associates as the 2023 Auditors.

There being no objections, David Turner & Associates were appointed as Auditor for 2023.

14. General Business

Badminton Australia spoke to the motion to the BWF AGM regarding an additional seat on the BWF council.

John Shearer (Head of Continental Development for BWF) gave a short presentation regarding the links between MA's, CC's and the BWF and key projects.

Heather Robson Award

Presented to Thomas Mereana-Ngauru – COOK ISLANDS

Serve-ing Pacific Grand Prize Winner drawn for a staycation

Winner – Joseph Devenecia – GUAM

Serve-ing Pacific presentation – winner for July 2023

Ngaoa Ranginui – COOK ISLANDS

Meeting finished: 3:00pm (KL time)

Minutes approved by Executive Board via email -

Signed:



Name:

Loke Poh Wong, President – Badminton Oceania

Date:

06th June 2023