

MINUTES
of the
BADMINTON OCEANIA CONFEDERATION
37th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
held as a hybrid – in person and via Zoom

10:00am (Chengdu time) Thursday 25th April 2024

1. President's Welcome and Opening Remarks

Loke Poh Wong welcomed those attending the meeting in-person and online to the meeting.

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 (IP),

Badminton Oceania Staff

Julie Carrel - Secretary General (IP), Lynne Nixey (IP), Robbie Thackham (V), Sam Kreuzer (IP).

Member Associations

Julie McDonald , (AUS – VD IP), Tjitte Weistra (AUS D IP)
Ahkim Tikiroa (COK – VD IP), Thomas Mereana-Ngauru (COK – D V),
Joseph Gibson (FIJ VD IP),
Sandra Low (GUA VD IP),
Henry Bwebweata (KIR VD V), Mr Tebau (KIR D V),
Stephen Nelson (NZL VD IP),
Merlie Tolentino (NMP VD IP), Christy Villaflor (NMP D IP),
Lancelot Gerawa (PNG VD IP),
Elisapeta Kerlake (SAM VD V), Cherish Reti (D V),
Caroline Brial (WLF VD IP),
Nicolas Mouret (TAH VD IP)

BWF Staff

Sahir Edoos – Head of Development Projects

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

Apologies

Robin Bryant (Life Member), Karyn Gibson (Executive Board 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 Sam Kreutzer (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 36th Annual General Meeting held as a hybrid meeting on 25th May 2023.

There being no objections, the Minutes of the 2023 AGM were approved.

6. Matters Arising from Minutes

Nil

7 Annual Report

To receive the 2023 Annual Report

The President gave an overview of Governance related matters which occurred in 2023

The SG gave an overview of Management related matters which occurred in 2023

8 To receive and approve the 2023 Financial Statements

The SG presented the Financial Statements to the meeting highlighting the differences between budget and actual in both income and expenditure

It was noted that the percentage of our income received from BWF is decreasing

Badminton Australia asked if there was a strategy for utilisation of the Reserve Funds. The SG advised the main reserve fund is based on having up to three years of funds available to continue our core business if for some reason there is a disruption to our income streams

The second reserve fund is for specific projects which potentially includes the provision of court mats within the Pacific and assistance for Para Internationals within Oceania.

There being no objections, the 2023 Annual Report and the Financial Statements were adopted by the AGM.

9. Annual Budget

The SG presented the 2024 budget to the meeting; identifying areas where there was a significant difference between the 2024 budget and the 2023 actual

NZL raised a question regarding the lower budgeted income for Interest – this is due to conservative budgeting.

AUS queried Other Income which is budgeted lower than the actual in 2023. This is unforeseen income and difficult to budget and as such is budgeted conservatively.

All income received from the BWF must be used within the calendar year that it is received. If income received is not spent, this must be returned to the BWF.

Relevant expenses in the budget have been adjusted to take into account the current inflation rates in New Zealand.

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

Badminton Australia propose the below amendments/additions to clause 16.10, 15.2(d) and 17.12 of the Badminton Oceania Constitution. The proposed amendments/additions are highlighted in *red*.

- 16.10 In the event of a vacancy on the Executive Board, the remaining members of the Executive Board may appoint or second a member to replace such vacancy, which appointment/secondment shall have effect until the commencement of the immediately following AGM where an election shall be held to fill the vacancy. *Where such vacancy arises, the Executive Board may disregard clause 16.8 and may make a skills-based appointment where the Executive Board has identified the need for such an appointment.*
- 15.2(d) Up to an additional two (2) appointed Members appointed by the Executive Board as per 17.12. *Appointed Members are deemed neutral and are not considered part of the Member quota as per 16.8.*
- 17.12 To appoint up to two (2) persons to the Executive Board who may have the specific skills required by the Executive Board. Appointed persons may be appointed for a term of up to four (4) years and may be appointed to ensure rotational terms that coincide with the elected Executive Board rotational terms. Appointed persons will have all the same powers and duties as elected members of the Executive Board. *Appointed Members are deemed neutral and are not considered part of the Member quota as per 16.8 and 15.2(d).*

Badminton Australia spoke to the remits above and provided a rationale for them.

After agreement from the meeting, it was agreed that one vote would be undertaken to cover all three remits above.

The above changes were adopted by the AGM via majority vote (13 for 3 against).

11. 2024 Strategic Priorities / Plan

The SG provided an update on strategic priorities for the 2024 year based on the plans and budgets submitted to and approved by the BWF. She also presented the planning timelines for each year from the BWF.

Sahir Edoo (BWF) spoke to the meeting and congratulated BOC on their good planning / finances. He acknowledged the requirement for good planning for the future

12. Election of BOC Deputy President

As only one nomination was received for the position – Glenn Cox (NZL) was duly elected to the position of BOC Deputy President for the remainder of the term of the current position (elected until 2026 AGM).

Election of Executive Board Members

Three nominations were received for three vacant positions on the Executive Board. Those nominated were duly elected to the position as follows:

Johanna Kou (NCL)
Ngaoa Ranginui (COK)
Merlie Tolentino (NMP)

Due to the election of Glenn Cox as Deputy President there is now a vacant position on the Executive Board and this will be discussed by the board at the next meeting.

13. Appointment of Auditor

To approve the appointment of David Turner & Associates as the 2024 Auditors.

There being no objections, David Turner & Associates were appointed as Auditor for 2024.

14. General Business

Julie McDonald (AUS) spoke to their proposal to the BWF AGM and their rationale behind this.

Geraldine Brown spoke regarding the BWF proposals to the AGM

Meeting finished: 11:37am (Chengdu time)

Minutes approved by Executive Board via email -

Signed:



Name:

Loke Poh Wong, President – Badminton Oceania

Date:

15.05.2024