

**MINUTES
of the
BADMINTON OCEANIA CONFEDERATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
held via Zoom
7:30pm (NZT) on Thursday 18th July 2024**

Present: Loke Poh Wong, Glenn Cox, Ngaoa Ranginui, Johanna Kou, Geraldine Brown,
Merlie Tolentino
Secretary General – Julie Carrel.

Apologies: Nil

Minute Taker: Lynne Nixey

Meeting commenced at 7:34pm

Glenn Cox had been delegated as Chair by LPW and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Conflict Register – anything new?

No new declarations for the conflict register

Minutes of meeting held 25th April 2024 (AGM)

Approved via email.

Matters arising from the Minutes.

Ngaoa Ranginui asked about the amendment to the constitution agreed to at the AGM. It was confirmed that all members had received full information in advance of the meeting with regards to the amendments that were voted on.

Information sent between meetings.

List of emails sent to Executive Board between meetings presented.

Item approved via email – Loan to Cook Islands Badminton for World Junior Championships.

Management Reporting

Report from the Secretary General was tabled.

Strategic Alignment Meeting – Meeting was held with BWF, and notes tabled. Return on investment was discussed and noted as an important part of spending. There is a need to confirm our needs with regards to CCHR – Julie Carrel is to review this from a management perspective and confirm to BWF our requirements. This will be discussed at the CC Workshop in September.

BWF 6-month reporting – In final stages of reporting and will be sent to BWF shortly.

MA Grant applications - a lot of work has been done by staff with MAs to get grant applications into BWF.



Tahiti – difficulties ongoing with communication and internal issues within Tahiti. Because of this there is very little activity happening

Oceania Championships – Proposed that North Harbour is confirmed as the host for the VICTOR Oceania Championships 2025 and u/15 Pacific Invitation Challenge competition.

Agreed by consensus

Oceania Junior Championships – Proposed that Northern Marianas is confirmed as the host for the 2025 Oceania Junior Championships. Julie has been working on a proposal with Northern Marianas Badminton Association (NMBA) to stage the Oceania Junior Championships 2025 (team & individuals) followed by an International Series tournament in June Ground costs for invited teams (accommodation and transport) and some meals will be covered by NMBA, linked into the BOC Player Development Programme.

Concern was raised that some countries who would usually attend may not be due to the distance and cost to travel. It was requested that a discussion document be sent out to countries likely to attend to seek their expression of interest. The Executive Board acknowledges that this is a very generous offer from NMBA and in principle agreed to the OJC 2025 being held in Saipan - Northern Marianas subject to feedback from our members.

The format for the OJC team event was discussed. It was recommended that the format is the 'Team Relay format' which is being played at the World Junior Championships this year and likely to be continued at this level in the future.

Agreed by consensus

Pacific Games – document presented by Julie Carrel. If Badminton is to be a core sport, then we must agree to have NZ and Australia representation in the Pacific Games. This could prove problematic to our Pacific countries as their funding is usually dependent on achieving medals at Pacific Games. The Pacific Games Council have agreed that NZ and AUS representation can be restricted to u21 or u23 players who have not represented their country at an international level in a national team, including juniors.

Another requirement to be a core sport is that players must be able to earn BWF world ranking points, which it does not currently. This is a matter under discussion with the BWF in a wider discussion about regional events

Badminton Oceania to follow up with trying to get Badminton as a core sport into the Pacific Games.

Agreed by consensus

BOC Line Judge Ratifications – following assessment at the SATHIO Group Australian Open 2024, the following Line Judges from Australia were confirmed as BOC Line Judges with ratification required by the EB:

Alfred Ling, Chaithanya Madhyasastha, Jie Liu, Karen Ford, Stephen Sam, Vicky Zhang, Ying Jing – all Australia

Agreed by consensus

Technical Officials Uniform Policy - this was presented to the EB for ratification

Agreed by consensus

BOTOC Restructure – Restructure document presented to EB – this is a similar restructure that the BWF has undertaken for their TOC. Recommended that the work currently undertaken by BOTOC and the office for Technical Officials should be incorporated into a new role in the BOC office. This to be part of the CCHR discussion Julie to have with BWF

Agreed by consensus

Ngaoa Ranginui left the meeting at 20:26.



Stephanie Ho has withdrawn from attending the BWF Referee course due to political unrest in New Caledonia. Because of this, BOC will have to return funding received from BWF for her planned undertakings.

Strategic Plan – Summary presented of outcomes from the working groups at the AGM.

This is a responsibility of the EB, and it was agreed that a meeting would be held with the EB on Tuesday night at 19:30 to discuss progressing this.

The EB needs to confirm the Vision, Mission and Pillars – or confirm if these should be changed.

Following this, and the CC Workshop the staff will prepare a draft Strategic Plan to present to the EB by end of October

Annual General Meeting 2025 – Recommendation that if the BOC AGM is held in conjunction with the BWF AGM (where funding is provided for members to attend), then the meeting should be held in person only i.e. not online.

Agreed by consensus

Office lease expires at end of 2024 and negotiations are being entered into with the current landlord

Management Reporting – Finances

Financial Report received.

Approved by consensus

Auditors letter was received after the audit was completed; the office is currently working through the recommendations. An online payroll system has now been implemented.

BOC – BWF Strategic Alignment Meeting

Already discussed

BOC Risk Register

Recommendation that disruption to Members be added eg Civil unrest (external) or Internal personnel issues (Internal). This is to be a risk probability of 3 with an impact status of 3. Julie to make the changes to the document

Next Meeting – Thursday 7th November 2024 at 7:30pm

Meeting closed: 20:52

Minutes Approved by Executive Board via email –

Signed:



Name: Loke Poh Wong, President

