



OCEANIA TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

Special Meeting



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**Minutes of Oceania Special Meeting
Held at Ahoy Stadium, Meeting Room Dock 1
On 11th May 2011**

Meeting Opened at 11.00am

Present: Patrick Gillmann, Phil Males, Graeme Ireland, Anthony Ho, David Jackson, Neil Harwood
Scott Houston, Will Goodier, Peter Marriott, Henry Redmond, Steve Dainton.

Apologies: Glenn Tepper, James Morris Anolyn Lulu, Barbara Talbot.

Welcome: Patrick Gillmann welcomed everyone.

Neil Harwood advised that he had to leave very soon and would like to make some comments on behalf of ITTF.

Current Management Committee looking after Oceania interests very well

Development is very good and sound.

Lot more table tennis will be on TV following negotiated contracts in countries.

Good recognition from ITTF.

Queensland announced they would bid for the 2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast and table tennis would be included.

Patrick Gillmann said that now we have aligned with ITTF to become ITTF-Oceania, it will provide more help and be very beneficial for OTTF.

Also need to support Steve with the TMS marketing side.

Neil Harwood left the meeting.

General Business:

Henry Redmond from TTNZ had to leave the meeting so the chairman advanced Item 17 on the agenda.

Henry Redmond from TTNZ asked that National associations be advised on coaching appointments for Oceania teams going overseas.

Scott Houston said that it is preferable to target coaches required for a particular purpose because of time restraints in most cases and it is easier just to appoint.

Steve Dainton said that OTTF would not take anyone who is not approved.

Discussion ensued with many points of view being tabled.

It was suggested that when a coach position comes up then OTTF would ask for nominations from National Associations and a selection will be made on the nominations received.

However OTTF will have the final decision from the nominations received.

Also Henry asked about the issue time for event prospectus as the one for Guam was quite late coming out. Scott replied and acknowledged that it was late and there were a few logistical issues that had to be resolved before the prospectus could go out. Every effort will be made in the future to get the prospectus out earlier.

Steve Dainton said that, in matter of TV broadcasting, there had been good success in Australia and Fiji but tough in New Zealand. TTNZ needs to give more support especially to lobby the NZ NOC for players who qualify to go to the Olympics. Maybe also needs more marketing of the game.

Henry to take back to TTNZ

Henry Redmond left the meeting at 11.37am

Return to Agenda order

Previous Meetings & Business Arising

Nil

Global Junior Circuit – Guam 2011

Scott gave verbal report.

Very Good overall, excellent publicity and Guam gave full support.

Raul Calin (ITTF Competition Manager) was very happy with the event overall.

There is a possibility that the World Cadet Challenge event could be held in Guam in 2012 and investigations into this will continue.

Oceania Senior Championships – Fiji 2012

Anthony Ho gave a verbal report. This will be linked with the Oceania Cup.

Contract still to be finalised.

TV contract has been signed but waiting on station opening confirmation.

Sponsors are currently being sourced. Also there will a focus on presentation & marketing.

Fiji will guarantee a fee of AUD\$5000-00 for hosting rights of the Oceania Championships and the Oceania Cup.

Patrick Gillmann said he was going to propose that OTTF charge a fee for hosting rights of the Oceania Championships and Oceania Cup.

The event will be 3 days for the Oceania Cup possibly 31/5/2012 to 02/06/2012 then 5 days for the Oceania Championships possibly 04/06/2012 to 09/06/2012.

Anthony Ho also advised that he has some health issues which could result in a kidney transplant.

He was concerned about the presentation in case he was incapacitated. It was suggested that a backup plan be prepared in case of Anthony's long term recovery.

Overall he was confident that all was going along OK.

Oceania Cup – 2011

Scott and Steve gave a verbal report.

All is progressing well. Title sponsor is Liebherr, a major sponsor is Addidas, equipment sponsor is Double Happiness and flooring is Tinsue

Equipment will be sold after event to raise some extra revenue.

After Scott returns from holidays at the end of the month he will work full time for 7 weeks with the organiser to prepare for the event.

Steve Dainton said that all was well with TMS and ITTF.

Patrick advised that all Management Committee members, the TTA president and the ITTF President have been invited. Adham Sharara confirmed orally to Patrick that he will attend except he has a late setback.

Development

Scott gave a verbal report

A very active program is still ongoing. Courses in Niue, American Samoa this year went well. Alois Rosario conducted a course in Vanuatu and Michael Brown is currently in Kiribati on a DNSS course. Patrick and Scott went to the ONOC/OSFO conference in Noumea New Caledonia.

Up-coming events will be to Marshall Islands and hopefully PNG

Oceania now has 100% membership.

Women's Working Group

No Report from Ashleigh Stevenson.

Scott and Patrick will go to the meeting in Rotterdam.

Ashleigh is currently preparing for the next Women's course.

AWD

Written report from Barbara Talbot was tabled. There is a push to have an Oceania region solely.

6 Countries in Oceania have some activity.

It was suggested to have a wheelchair and standing event only in the Oceania Championships

ITTF Annual General Meeting

Patrick advised the AGM delegates that Oceania has 100% membership following the acceptance of Tokelau and Wallis & Futuna by ITTF.

OTTF Olympic Qualification

No report received.

Scott has met with Chris Horwood the TTV CEO recently.

At this stage there is no TV as it is not under the contract with Fox but waiting until after the Oceania Cup to see how that goes before we approach.

Dates are 5th to 8th March 2012.

Merchandising

Steve Dainton said he had no time to deal effectively with this especially with the move from Beijing to Singapore of the ITTF Office.

Executive Director to pursue funds permitting.

OTTF Constitution

NIL

OTTF Regulations

NIL

Financial

Phil Males presented the financial report for review by power point and highlighted some of the areas of concern with the loss. It was pointed out by Phil that the report by Scott in his annual report to ITTF & ONOC did not totally line up and some explanation of the differences need to be made. It was agreed that further tweaking need to be done before final presentation to the BGM in 2012.

General Business – continued

Patrick Gillmann indicated that a review of the ranking situation for National tournaments is needed as some inconsistencies appear prevalent.

To qualify for International ranking points an event must have 3 International Countries entered to qualify for points to be allocated and pay 500 USD to enter the ITTF calendar.

For Oceania ratings it was advised that some countries do not send in their results so these cannot be updated in the system by David Jackson.

Also players do not come to the various Open championships organized by the NAs which does not assist with the ratings. All players and countries must be informed so that they can support these events. Something of an incentive such as prize money or accommodation should be offered if possible.

We need solutions to try and get players to support these events. Patrick urged everyone to give this some serious thought and come back with any ideas.

Some thoughts were:-

Recognise certain national events by OTTF

Some players have more opportunity to attend events so should try to assist as many as possible Pacific Games, Oceania Championships, Mini Pacific Games get realigned each 2 years.

Limit number of events used for Oceania rankings. Suggest 3 events with maximum of 4

Need to have an updated Oceania Calendar.

Use OTTF office and website to distribute any information.

Patrick Gillmann will speak to all countries at Pacific Games in Noumea.

Patrick announced that Will Goodier from Australia was appointed to the OTTF Management Committee up until the elections in 2012.

Meeting Closed at 12.58pm.