

OTTF MEETING KOROR (Palau) 30th July 2005

PRESENCE

Delegates and coaches: Palau, Fiji, Northern Marianas, Vanuatu, Salomon Islands, New Caledonia, Marshall Islands, Guam
Kiribati (not still arrived)

OTTF: P. GILLMANN (President; G. IRELAND (ITTF BOD member, Management Committee in charge of finance), Anthony HO (ITTF BOD member, Management Committee in charge of South pacific group), S. DAINTON (Development Officer), F. KEYHOE (Umpire Coordinator)
Surendra SUWAL (Nepal)

MINUTES

1. Welcome

Patrick Gillmann thanked the PALAU TTA and particularly Jemmy Watanabe, to have fought to get the TT included in the Mini Games program.

"It's the custom in Melanesian countries to make custom and to thank for the hospitality of the host country and I do it with a small gift that represents a New Caledonia specific hut top arrow", PG said.

He also thanked the OTTF staff for preparing the venue.

2. Table tennis and the Mini Games, and the upcoming SPG.

It's the first time that TT is entered in the Mini games program and on behalf of all the delegates here, PG thanked again the Palau TTA. It is a factor of credibility to keep TT as a leading sport in Oceania.

PG hope that Samoa and the Cook Island TTA will fight strongly to keep TT included in all the next games programs.

3. OTTF and the South Pacific Island Countries:

a. The development program

Steve Dainton explained what the Development Program was, what was possible for OTTF to achieve with the available budget and what countries could apply for. Each association with an NOC were encouraged to apply for Solidarity courses (which were explained) because we obviously did not have the funds to have visits to associations every year, having a Solidarity course allows OTTF to do more and ensures that the association can have a course.

Steve Dainton:

OTTF gets a subsidy of 80 000 US\$ from ITTF and ONOC

National D.O.: Wages Palau, Kiribati, Vanuatu, Fiji 10 000 US\$

Annual equipment grant: 5 000 US\$

from 2006 only for organising of OTTF agreed training camps and competitions

Training camps: OTTF championships, WJC, Oceania talent team 5 000 US\$

WCC: 16 500 US\$

Women's course: 4 000 US\$

All associations present were informed that they could apply for the Women's Course and a NDO, however they needed to submit a formal proposal to the ED if they wished to apply.

The DO is now a half paid position and a new DO will probably be appointed before the end of the year. Surendra Suwal was introduced as the possible full time DO. All associations were encouraged to get to know Surendra during the rest of the competition.

The Umpire development program will be finalized soon under the responsibility of Fran Keyhoe, our umpire coordinator. ITTF is studying a possibility to grant an amount to develop umpiring in all continents.

Fran explained that she is ready to propose a project for an umpire and referee development program, but it needs a specific financing

b. The new structure of the Management Committee

Until the next BGM in Geelong (Australia):

President: Patrick GILLMANN (NCL), junior commission
Deputy President: vacant
BOD: David JACKSON (NZL), chairman technical and selection committee
Graeme IRELAND (AUS), in charge of finance
Anthony HO (FIJ), South Pacific commission
MC ordinary members: Ron GARRET (NZL) in charge of calendar group
Michel LEHOULLIER (NCL)
1 position vacant

Supervisor: Neil HARWOOD (AUS)
E.D.: Phil MALES (AUS)
Umpire coordinator: Fran KEYHOE (AUS)
Veteran Group: Averil ROBERTS (NZL)
Women's Group: to be appointed

c. The Special South Pacific Commission chaired by Anthony HO (Fiji)

The aim is to create a direct link between all the South Pacific Island countries and the OTTF management committee so that their aspirations will be taken in consideration much quicker. Anthony presented he's duty for the next months:

- He will collect all the information's from the Island countries and transfer them to the MC.
- He will be the link between them and the president.
- The next DO is expected to stay in Fiji; so, he can get the temperature of the visited countries in live.
- He can help them for different bids: N DO, WJC, Oceania championships, aso.

4. Oceania Championships, World cadet Challenge qualifications, World Junior Circuit, World Junior Championships qualification, Olympic Games qualifications.

PG: "In the last years, OTTF has enormously increased the international events in Oceania. Even if our development program is considered as one of the best in all continents, we are far away from the international level, and we must propose to our members more and more international events that they can attend. We are working on a ranking project that takes in consideration some national open championships or tournaments, regional events (Micronesia games) and the Oceania Championships which is the more important event in Oceania."

The present countries are happy with this proposal.

It was stated that all associations should email Steve Dainton and Phil Males their Calendar before November if possible. This calendar should be published and distributed to all associations before the end of the year.

As well it was informed to all associations that if they were interested in hosting the Oceania Championships or the WJC event that they should also put a formal proposal or bid together to present to OTTF at the BGM.

5. Representation at the ITTF AGM (world championships): Proxies or delegate

24th April to 1st June in Bremen.

Except NZL, AUS and NCL no other country expects to attend the WC.

It is important that all the Oceania countries will be represented with a proxy vote. The proxy must be written on a page with the national association's letter head and signed by the president.

6. Representation at the OTTF BGM (Oceania championships): Proxies or delegate

8th or 9th June in Geelong

Palau, Salomon, Vanuatu, Fiji, Kiribati (?), Marshall (?), Guam, New Caledonia,

7. Problems and needs coming from the Oceania Island Countries

if it was possible to help build his association. Raoul Rainouard from New Caledonia quickly explained that in NC things did not happen overnight and it took a lot of hard work from Patrick and himself to build the federation. OTTF could help a little but in the end it is the people within the country that must work hard. Ed Pabalinas (Guam) stated that they would like to see more Umpiring activities. Steve Dainton explained the current situation and that we needed to wait for the direction of the ITTF URC and if there would be possible funding opportunities from them. Patrick will talk with ITTF to go ahead with this important matter.

Jemmy Watanabe (Palau) had asked if ITTF can help Palau to build a venue with a subsidy of 50%. Steve explained again that OTTF has only 80 000 US\$ for the development program and if it accepted to spend 400 000 US\$ to built a venue, nobody in Oceania would get anything during five years. So, no hope for this project.

8. Miscellaneous

Patrick GILLMANN

Minute's secretary

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