



Minutes of Management Committee Meeting of the **Oceania Table Tennis Federation** held at the BSE Stadium Meeting Room Bendigo Australia on the **21st March 2016**

Present: James Morris (President),
Graeme Ireland, Anthony Ho, Paul Kyle (BOD Members)
Will Goodier, Tearoa Iorangi, Carolyn Lee, Choy Freddy, Alan Resture (MC Members)
Patrick Gillmann, Gerald Huioutu, Gary Williams (Invited Guests)
Phil Males (AO), Barbara Talbot (Para). Michael Brown (ODO), Christian Holtz (OPDO)

1) MEETING OPEN & WELCOME

James Morris welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 1.33pm

2) APOLOGIES

Cathy Gauthier, George Shao.

3) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of MC Meeting at Kuala Lumpur were confirmed
President signed off the minutes.

4) FINANCIAL

Financial Statements and Balance Sheet tabled at BGM by Michael Brown

Local Auditor engaged to audit books at very reasonable price

James Morris advised that as Michael Brown is now 50/50 between Oceania and Africa it leaves a hole in our development and marketing program. James will discuss with ITTF President, Thomas Weikert and Marketing Director Steve Dainton to secure funds to employ another person to manage Events and Marketing plus some Administration and Development functions as well, if the person is capable. It is suggested that the initial term be for 4 years.

Anthony Ho asked if this would affect Development visits in the region. Advised that other people are being trained to conduct visits but must be ITTF authorised.

Will Goodier asked if this new person brings in sponsorship funds, do they receive anything. Advised that a percentage is paid to whoever is able to secure it, after funds received.

James asked for a mandate to continue pursuing this with ITTF and report back. AGREED.

Michael Brown also presented a budget projection up to 2020 on the assumption that this extra funding for this new person is confirmed.



5) DEVELOPMENT

Report tabled at BGM and available on the website.

With Michael now doing only 50% Oceania, new people to do development courses are being sourced, but must be ITTF authorised.

6) ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Phil Males asked to leave the room whilst this matter was discussed.

James asked if he was happy with the job to date. Phil is happy to continue in the role until the matter of extra staff is resolved.

The matter was discussed and it was agreed to continue to employ Phil under contract until the World Championships in Dusseldorf 2017 when the situation would be re-assessed.

7) MARKETING

This will be part of the new role if approved.

Patrick Gillmann secured a new sponsor with the signing of Stag in Kuala Lumpur during the World Team Championships. This will be in effect until 2020.

For Special Events, DHS will still sponsor.

Tinsue looks like ending sponsorship. Awaiting confirmation and seeking new flooring sponsor
Michael Brown advised that there would be a China/Oceania training camp with \$25000-00 worth of equipment possibly available. Awaiting confirmation.

Also IPong will provide 20 robots to Oceania. Michael to distribute later.

There will be 8 small equipment packages available to the 8 best associations organising World Table Tennis Day on the 6th April 2016.

Christian Holtz indicated that it might be possible through DFAT Australia to assist shipping and transport which could reduce costs.

8) PARA TABLE TENNIS

Barbara Talbot distributed report at BGM

Christian Holtz gave a presentation by PowerPoint and Video on the PSP Program in Oceania and now moving in Asia.

in 2017 there will be more collaboration with Oceania Paralympic Committee through AGITOS for a Talent ID & Classification Seminar

Regional Para Team TT Championships will start in 2017

Thanks to Christian for his presentation and great work

Barbara and Christian left the meeting to conduct Para talks.

9) EVENTS & COMPETITIONS

It was suggested that the Oceania Championships change to odd years.

Discussion,

With the new ITTF Working Group due to report at the end of the year it was agreed that we leave as is until it is seen what they come up.



Michael Brown proposed that to instil more prestige into the Oceania Cup that OTTF purchase Perpetual Trophies of some value. He showed photos of the suggested trophies which are from a Czech company which is in partnership with ITTF to provide trophies. The cost would be around EUR3000.00 each, but depending on the design.

Everyone agreed that it should be done but the cost was excessive.

Discussion centred around cost and where they would be stored

It was suggested that an amount be agreed that Michael could go back to the company with and get an appropriate trophy for the cost.

The amount agreed was AUD\$4000 to \$5000 for 2 trophies

It was agreed that if we purchase these trophies it would be more professional and allow the event to grow.

All agreed that Michael explore first and report back before a commitment is made

Michael also said that associations need to plan in advance for events and we need to push out to at least 2020.

10) WORLD CADET CHALLENGE

2016 in Shanghai. Four players in Girls and Boys from 4 different associations

Nominations for positions of coaches will be called for from National Associations as has been done in previous years.

Michael Brown will be Manager or maybe, if suitable, the proposed full time staff member, if funding is approved and they are on board in time.

11) UMPIRES & REFEREES

Report tabled at BGM

Dave Delpratt will stepdown but will continue to assist with courses.

Alan Hopkins has agreed to take over

AGREED by All

12) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Review of Duties – James Morris

James explained that he wanted MC members to take ownership of countries as was displayed on the whiteboard.

The 5 main points that need to be considered:-

- 1) PROACTIVE
- 2) COMMUNICATION
- 3) NATIONAL OPEN
- 4) OCEANIA EVENTS
- 5) LINK TO DNA – ITTF SUPPORT

Need to build Oceania Championships through National Associations which need to be started somewhere, even homes and garages.

ITTF are starting new initiative, Developing National Associations (DNA) which will also assist on how to run competitions.



After discussion the following were allocated:-

Choy Freddy -	Kiribati – Marshall Islands
Alan Resture -	Tuvalu – Samoa – American Samoa – Tokelau
George Shao -	Papua New Guinea – Solomon Islands – Guam – Northern Marianna’s
Anthony Ho -	Fiji – Tonga (jointly with Carolyn Lee)
Carolyn Lee -	Fiji – Tonga (jointly with Anthony Ho)
Tearoa Iorangi -	Cook Islands – Niue
Cathy Gauthier -	New Caledonia – Tahiti – Wallis & Futuna
Will Goodier -	Australia – Norfolk Island – Vanuatu
Reagan Moses -	Nauru – FSM – Palau
Paul Kyle -	New Zealand

Other duties allocated:-

Graeme Ireland -	Technical Director
Paul Kyle -	Veterans
Cathy Gauthier/Christine Young –	Women’s (Sue Stevenson to assist)
Phil Males & Michael Brown -	Calendar
URC -	Alan Hopkins

13) ATHLETES COMMISSION

David Powell as Chairman of the AC address the meeting
 He indicated that the inclusion of the AC Chair as a member of the MC was a very positive step forward and would increase the standard in the whole of Oceania
 There would be elections this week to elect the remainder of the commission. Under the Terms of Reference 3 athletes would be elected by their peers plus 1 Para Player who is already known (Trevor Hirth), and the ITTF Athletes representative, currently David Powell. The chairman would be elected by the commission members.
 All players either current or retired can be nominated
 Michael Brown will organise election

14) ITTF AGM

Advised that Phil Males had moved from Rules Committee to Nominations Committee.
 Associations need to start looking at ITTF Committee Members for elections in Dusseldorf

15) COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Michael Brown gave a rundown on competitions for 2016 both completed and future
 It was suggested that the Hopes program needs a co-ordinator. Christine Young the TTNZ Administrative Assistant was suggested as she would like to be involved with something.
 Paul Kyle and Garry Williams to check and confirm.
 World Junior Championships in Cape Town has issues with new requirements for entry into the country for children, this is to avoid child trafficking so documentation must be available
 Hopes will be in Qatar at end of May start of June
 Australian Open confirmed for Melbourne in June 2016



16) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Gender Equality – already covered

Patrick Gillmann is negotiating with a sponsor for a subsidy to assist send delegates to the next AGM in Dusseldorf Germany. The aim would be to get 24 votes from Oceania. Priority would be for MC members to attend however there may be other associations who will also attend the AGM so would look favourably to extend assistance to them as well. MC members to work with their allocated associations to get a proxy vote unless the association attends themselves. A proposal was suggested where an MC member had to organise a National Open tournament in their respective country to qualify for a subsidy. This was discussed with no outcome. It was brought up that should a player/delegate attending the World Championship could be playing when the AGM is on, however we should be able to work around this. Patrick was able to confirm that the money will be forthcoming and USD\$30000.00 would be transferred to Oceania following the issue of an invoice. Patrick to supply details.

Paul Kyle raised an issue with New Zealand Hopes players and their families who went to New Caledonia and some problems with cost of accommodation, certificates of participation and medals. They are looking for issue of certificates of participation which were not received, medals not received, to reimburse some costs and an apology for the problems. Patrick Gillmann acknowledged that non-issue of the certificates was a mistake. After discussion it was agreed that no costs would be reimbursed, ITTF would not provide certificates but Oceania would organise this. Oceania Medals are not applicable but something else might be able to be arranged. No apology would be issued as not relevant but James Morris will send a letter acknowledging their concerns. It was acknowledged that the Hopes is still a Work in Progress to build the model, it is not perfect at the moment but getting there. Tearoa Iorangi asked if all players would get certificates. Answered yes they would.

It was advised that retiring members from the MC would receive a letter of thanks for their work and participation.

Patrick Gillmann advised that the ITTF President, Thomas Weikert, would be arriving Tuesday and would meet MC and delegates from 4 to 6 pm Tuesday. Also it was advised that a dinner with Thomas would be on Wednesday night at a restaurant in Bendigo and all are invited. Michael Brown to organise transport and advise.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.44pm

Minutes confirmed

President/Chairman

Date