



**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
MINUTES of MEETING  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016  
At Accapella Hotel, Orchid Room (1F)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

President: James Morris  
ITTF BOM- Graeme Ireland, Anthony Ho, Paul Kyle  
MC Members: Will Goodier (AUS), James JI GUM)  
Associations: George Shao (PNG), Gerald Huioutu (PYF)  
Others: Patrick Gillmann (ITTF EC), Phil Males (Admin Officer) Michael Brown (ODO),  
Glenn Tepper (ITTF DCEO), Neil Harwood (PHM)

**1) MEETING OPEN & WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN:**

Meeting Opened at 7.00pm

President James Morris welcomed those present with a special welcome to ITTF Staff and PHM, Neil Harwood

**2) APOLOGIES:**

Tearoa Iorangi, Cathy Gauthier, David Powell, Reagan Moses  
Apologies not Received :- Susan Perez, Anolyn Lulu

**3) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS METINGS**

Suzhou 2015 – Confirmed as a True and Correct record  
Business Arising - Nil

**4) FINANCIAL**

Michael Brown presented on screen a draft of the OTTF financials for the year 2015.  
The books are with the auditor at present and the full audited financials will be presented to the BGM in Bendigo on the 20<sup>th</sup> March.

**5) DEVELOPMENT**

Michael Brown gave a brief overview of 2015 Development Program and forward for 2016.  
Anthony Ho asked if there was any assistance for TT administration for Pacific Countries.  
Glenn Tepper said that ITTF had recognised this and would introduce the “Developing National Associations” program and would give an introduction to it at the AGM tomorrow.  
Glenn also indicated that the process has been started to prepare the 2017 to 2020 Continental Development Agreements.  
Glenn thanked Michael Brown for his work both with Oceania & Africa  
Neil Harwood said that he was very pleased to see OTTF at this stage and that OTTF had come a long way since seeing Glenn as the first Development Officer  
James Morris suggested that OTTF should have an extra paid person as Michael is 50/50 between Oceania & Africa, an extra paid person would fill that gap. Michael Brown said that this person should have the skills to drive sponsorship and source extra funding.  
ITTF staff would be happy to assist to find this person.  
James asked the MC for permission to explore ideas and the possibility to employ this extra person  
ITTF President coming to Bendigo so an opportunity to discuss with him.  
All in agreement.



## 6) MARKETING

If this proposed new position eventuates then that person could take it on as well manage the OTTF website which is a little bit static due to Michaels current position  
Michael gave an outline of TV contracts in Oceania countries  
Patrick Gillmann is also involved in marketing and said that the current equipment contract with DHS (for Development) would expire this year, while still maintaining their support for ITTF-Oceania events, and that a new contract with Stag was being explored for 5 years (specifically for the Development Program). It was hoped to finalise during the WTTC in Kuala Lumpur.  
Patrick also advised that he has been working on a sponsorship to assist OTTF association delegates travel to Dusseldorf in 2017 for the ITTF AGM. He is seeking USD\$3000-00 towards travel costs.  
More information is to come, with the distribution of the subsidies still to be confirmed. Will Goodier said that the Management Committee should set the criteria for receiving this subsidy.  
The possible generosity by Stag was noted and thank you to Patrick Gillmann for his efforts to obtain this.

## 7) PARA TABLE TENNIS

Phil Males gave an outline of the new Para Sub-Committee which has been formed and approved by the OTTF Management Committee.

Chair: Barbara Talbot (AUS) – Automatic as ITTF-PTT Oceania representative

OTTF Para DO: Christian Holtz - Automatic

Members: Sue Stevenson (AUS), John Tuki (NZL), Elwin Taloimatakwa (SOL)

An invited representative from Oceania Para Olympic Committee – TBA

An invited person to act as Athlete Representative – TBA

(The ITTF-PTT Players Committee Oceania representative)

Peter Marriott advised that Christian was successful in obtaining extra funding to setup an OPC office in Fiji in conjunction with Badminton. Anthony advised that Alison Burchell (former ITTF staff) has been appointed the Permanent Secretary for Youth and Sports in the Fiji Government and will be a big help for Para Table Tennis and table tennis in general.

TTA was thanked for Christian's involvement as he is doing an excellent job and in turn TTA thanked the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs for their financial assistance.

Anthony Ho acknowledged the contribution and involvement of TTA with Christian

Anthony also advised that the recent Para Camp in Fiji was a great success

Will Goodier said this learning with Para could go forward to able bodied as well

Peter Marriott said that we are the leader in the Para program in the Pacific and the Department of Foreign Affairs is very happy about it.

The subject of subsidies and funding to the Para Sub-Committee will be discussed at the MC in Bendigo during the Oceania Championships.

## 8) EVENTS

Michael Brown gave a review of 2015 events

ITTF Oceania Cup & PTT Championships, Oceania 1<sup>st</sup> continent to integrate Para and Able Bodied at high international level.

Oceania Junior Championships in Kiribati was the 1<sup>st</sup> major event hosted there, with strong support from the Government

James Morris attended and said it was well run and very successful

George Shao said the Pacific Games was wonderful event for PNG and was the 1<sup>st</sup> time Para was included in the games but only for some sports

It was advised that Para events will be included in all future Mini Pacific Games (in which the host country chooses Table Tennis as an elective sport) and Pacific Games (where Table Tennis is a compulsory sport).

Patrick Gillmann advised that Australian & New Zealand may be invited for Para events only at this stage

IOC is pushing to integrate Australia & New Zealand into the Pacific Games, and ITTF-Oceania are looking to formalise this integration through PTT first. Oceania is only continent not to have a continental games so could be renamed Oceania Games

#### 9) **WORLD CADET CHALLENGE**

It was advised that the Oceania Junior Championships will be the qualifying event

Trying new model for Junior Championships with reduced events

Anthony Ho said that regulations have restrictions on entries – some discussion

Michael Brown said that multiple age groups takes too much time so this will minimise doubling up of events

James Morris said that Fiji is putting in a bid to hold World Cadet Challenge in 2017. A budget has been submitted to the government and ITTF. Anthony Ho is confident government will support but this will not be known for another 2-3 months.

Patrick Gillman as EC member in charge of Juniors said there are 2 bids for 2017 World Cadet Challenge, Fiji and Japan, and the BOD has to make a decision at the BOD meeting in 2 days so must be 100% sure if Fiji can proceed. It was suggested that Fiji move to 2018 but Anthony rejected this as everything had been done for 2017 so it has to be 2017 or nothing.

Paul Kyle suggested that Japan be asked to defer to 2018 but be on standby for 2017 in case Fiji falls through

Glenn Tepper said that if Fiji withdrew after being allocated the event, Oceania would look bad after the New Zealand experience a few years ago, but would love to see Fiji run the event.

Patrick Gillmann and Anthony Ho to work through to try and obtain a solution

#### 10) **CONSTITUTION**

Advised that new Constitution going forward for presentation at the SGM in Bendigo

No questions

#### 11) **UMPIRES & REFEREES**

Umpires will be required for Commonwealth Games in 2018

Graeme Ireland advised that must be IU's, but can have National Umpires from Australia only

Graeme to liaise with Competition Manager, Jens Lang and TTA

#### 12) **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Review of Duties – Deferred to Bendigo

#### 13) **ATHLETES COMMISSION**

Phil Males advised that when the new constitution goes through, the Oceania Athletes Commission representative will be a full Management Committee member with a vote

Michael Brown said that during the Oceania Championships there will be an info booth where nominations will be called for and 5 athletes (4 AB + 1 Para) will be appointed.

Glenn Tepper advised that there is a proposition for the ITTF Athletes chairman to go on the Executive Committee with full voting rights. Reservations were expressed by some.

***On the 1<sup>st</sup> March at the ITTF AGM the proposition was agreed and the AC Chairman joined the Executive Committee immediately***



#### 14) ITTF AGM

Patrick Gillmann advised the proxies received from Oceania countries

James Morris -	Vanuatu
Graeme Ireland -	Nauru
Paul Kyle -	Cook Islands
Anthony Ho -	Kiribati
Guam -	Marshall Islands
New Caledonia -	FSM
Fiji -	Solomon Islands
PNG -	Tonga

Patrick explained the system regarding proxies and mentioned that for next year we need a full quota because of the elections

PROPOSITIONS to ITTF AGM

James Morris suggested the meeting look at some propositions that may be relevant to OTTF Delegates will vote as they see fit as OTTF can only advise, cannot dictate

P5 – African Federation opposed, they see as a threat – not in favour

*At the AGM on the 1<sup>st</sup>, proposition was passed*

P6 – to be withdrawn

P8 – Discussion and not in favour *(At the AGM on the 1<sup>st</sup>, proposition was NOT passed)*

P9 – Agree, new materials should be introduced *(At the AGM on the 1<sup>st</sup>, proposition was NOT passed)*

P11 - Not first time has come up – Not in Favour *(At the AGM on the 1<sup>st</sup>, proposition was NOT passed)*

P12 – Do not agree *(At the AGM on the 1<sup>st</sup>, proposition was NOT passed)*

RES A – Do not agree *(At the AGM on the 1<sup>st</sup>, proposition was NOT passed)*

James advised that the Oceania proposition to the BOD was not formulated correctly so has been revised for re-submission to the BOD. Amended version was display on screen

#### 15) COMPETITION SCHEDULE

ITTF-Oceania Championships & Oceania Olympic Qualifying 20 -25 March – combining 2 events

Eight countries coming – no funding for any. Preparations proceeding well

Peter Marriott asked about entry requirements – anyone within regulations for 1<sup>st</sup> stage

Graeme Ireland explained draw procedure for champs

Concern was raised that possible qualifiers could be knocked out in the preliminary rounds

Australian Junior & Cadet Open 5 – 8 April – Australia, China, Fiji, New Zealand and Korea maybe

Oceania Junior Championships straight after 9 – 10 April

World Junior Championships in Cape Town – New requirements to enter country will apply which is a concern as they may be restrictive

World Hopes – 1 Boy and 1 Girl both from Australia going to Qatar

Australian Open 8 – 12 June, contract yet to be signed to confirm location

ITTF-Oceania Cup 13 – 14 June, contract not signed, but due to follow Australian Open

#### 16) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Anthony Ho said that Fiji players and officials are having trouble with Visas as Immigration is very difficult in Australia. The Deputy Referee for the Junior from the Philippines also encountered problems which have now been sorted

James Morris said that we must be aware of all requirements especially for Australia



Anthony also said that transfer of funds is difficult and expensive and suggested using credit card. It was agreed would be easier but being a merchant can be expensive but Michael and Phil will look into it and find out what is required and advise the MC.

Michael Brown advised that World Table Tennis Day is the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016 and encouraged countries to participate.

James Morris acknowledged and congratulated the International Technical Officials for the Rio Olympics and Paralympics from Oceania countries.

David DELPRATT – Deputy Referee Rio Olympics

Fanny HO – Umpire Rio Olympics

Val SCARR – Rio Paralympics

Alan HOPKINS – Rio Paralympics

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-01 pm.

**Minutes Confirmed:** \_\_\_\_\_