



# Minutes of Special General Meeting of the **Oceania Table Tennis Federation** held at the BSE Stadium Meeting Room Bendigo Australia on the **20<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

- 1) **Present:** James Morris (President),  
Graeme Ireland, Anthony Ho, Paul Kyle (BOD Members)  
Will Goodier, Tearoa Iorangi,(COK) - (MC Members)  
Patrick Gillmann (NCL), Philippe Estienne (NCL), Gary Williams (NZL),  
Gerald Huioutu (PYF), Alan Resture (TUV), Martin Burrows (FIJ), Annie Loi (PNG)  
Choy Freddy (KIR), Peter Marriott (AUS),  
Phil Males (AO), Barbara Talbot (Para), Michael Brown (ODO)
  
- 2) **MEETING OPEN & WELCOME**  
James Morris welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 9.39am
  
- 3) **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**  
James Morris by default
  
- 4) **APOLOGIES**  
Cathy Gauthier (MC Member)
  
- 5) **ROLL CALL OF MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS**  
4 Proxies were received - FSM to New Caledonia  
Marshall Islands to Tahiti  
Vanuatu to Cook Islands  
Nauru to Tuvalu  
  
A proxy from Solomon Islands was also received but was invalid.  
It was determined that there were 9 associations present with 4 proxies making a total of 13 valid votes.
  
- 6) **PROPOSALS**  
**Proposal No 1:**  
It is proposed that the OTTF Constitution be replaced in its entirety by the new version which was distributed to all member associations and approved by the Management Committee.



The chairman outlined the history leading up to the new constitution. Peter Marriott said that congratulations are in order to Phil Males and Graeme Ireland for the work put in to develop the new constitution proposal.

Anthony Ho said that there is an issue with clause 10.1.3 of the new constitution whereas if the number of ordinary members was reduced to 4 there would be less involvement from the Pacific Island nations. Also for Pacific nations to have representatives on an international sporting body is good to show governments that they are involved and also for funding purposes.

There was much discussion by MC members and delegates.

Patrick Gillmann said that as previous President he instigated the increase to 12 members and that he recommended it remain at 12 as we should keep the Oceania family together.

Patrick also expressed his concern over the Chair of the Athletes Commission also coming on to the MC and that it is possible that there could be 3 MC members from 1 country which would be against new clause 10.1.4. Graeme Ireland said that clause 10 was "Election of Members" whereas the Athletes Commission was appointed.

Michael Brown said that if this proposal goes through then an election would be held in Bendigo at this event to elect members of the Athletes Commission. The election is done by Athletes only. More discussion ensued.

Moved by New Caledonia, Seconded by Australia that clause 10.1.3. be increased from "4" to "8" Ordinary members. Carried: 12 for 1 against

Moved New Caledonia that the Athletes Committee Chairman not be included in the MC. There was no seconder so the motion lapsed.

The original proposal was then put and the new constitution, as amended, was approved. Carried: 13 for 0 against

### **Proposal No 2:**

The approved new constitution is to come into effect at the conclusion of the Special General Meeting. Carried: 13 for 0 against

The meeting was closed at 10.40am

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Minutes Confirmed