



# **BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING**

## **BENDIGO Australia 2014**



**Biennial General Meeting of the  
Oceania Table Tennis Federation  
held at Bendigo Stadium  
Bendigo Australia  
on the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

### **MINUTES**

Meeting Opened at 9.05am

**1) Welcome**

President Patrick Gillmann welcomed everyone

**2) Present**

as per attendees listing signed by all

**3) Apologies**

Glenn Tepper (ITTF CEO), Keith Bowler (PHM), Barbara Talbot (AWD), Teinaroe Lalout (PYF & MC)

**4) Roll Call**

9 Voting members confirmed

**5) Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The following meetings were held over the period and minutes distributed to associations.

BGM 2012	Suva Fiji
MC Meeting	Paris 2013

Resolved that minutes for BGM 2012 be accepted -

**AGREED**

**6) Business arising from Minutes**

NIL

**7) Presidents Report**

The report was distributed to all associations and MC  
Patrick Gillmann highlighted various areas by PowerPoint presentation  
Thanked all Management Committee

**8) Finance Report**

Reports presented by Phil Males for 2012 by PowerPoint presentation  
Report not audited. Accounts settled down from previous big surplus & expenditure.  
It was queried "do we need to have them audited" – As not an incorporated body – NO, but as there are now big amounts passing through the accounts, it was deemed necessary.'

Resolved that 2012 accounts be accepted.

**AGREED**

Michael Brown advised that due to problems with the Singapore office numerous changes of staff and also with the auditors integrating the OTTF accounts with ITTF accounts, the 2013 Financial Report has not been finalised. Michael presented a printout of Income & Expenditure and the Balance sheet for 2013. Various items were discussed and the break up for the 2013 Oceania Cup was also presented. It was resolved that Financial Report be accepted subject to report and audit being received.

#### 9) Membership Fees

It is proposed that Membership Fees be removed from 2014 with the amount being deducted from allocated subsidies to the National Associations.

**RESOLVED**

Moved NZL, Seconded PNG that any outstanding fees be waived and all associations to start at zero from 2014.

**AGREED**

#### 10) Personal Honorary Members

It is proposed that PHM be retained but to also create a category of OTTF Honorary President. All past Presidents would qualify for the position and if deemed relevant they could receive some special duties from the Management Committee or President and become members of the MC but with no vote.

Reservations were expressed to have some control on this because there could be a short term president or bad president that should not qualify.

The matter was referred to the Management Committee for discussion and a recommendation to be submitted to a BGM or SGM for members vote.

#### 11) Oceania Cup

2015 Bendigo

2016 onwards – bid documents sent out inviting for specific bids. Verbal expression of interest received from Vanuatu, PNG and also Bendigo again for a 3 year period.

#### 12) Oceania Championships

2015 Junior Championship in Kiribati already allocated, however nothing received from them in relation to any preparation for the 2015 event. Michael Brown was in contact some time ago and will endeavour to re-establish contact after the Oceania Cup & Championships. It is suggested that a deadline of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014 be made and if confirmation has not been received by then the event would be re-allocated. Australia may be interested as they are holding a Junior Circuit event and could combine the 2 events without problem.

2016 onwards – No bids received but PNG may be in a position to host by then. Contact will be maintained and hopefully it will go ahead.

#### 13) Reports

Development Officer:

Michael Brown presented his report and gave a verbal summary

Umpires & Referees:

Dave Delpratt not present as tied up with tournament but Patrick Gillmann presented his report and gave a summary outlining specific points. It was noted that we have a lack of International Referees. Matter referred to Management Committee meeting.

Women's Development:

Cathy Gauthier not present but Patrick Gillmann presented the report and outlined specific points.

Michael Brown said that women must be included in all areas of TT. New Caledonia held a Women's course in 2013 which was a great success with 16 participating countries.

AWD – Para TT:

Barbara Talbot not present so written report was presented on screen. Will Goodier reported on Oceania Regional Para tournament held in Canberra ACT last year. 5 Athletes qualified for World Para championships, 4 from Australia and 1 from New Zealand. The event was run well and received great support.

It was good way to start this program with the organisation being very strong and keen to make it a success.

It was advised that qualification for the Rio games was difficult because

of changes made by a Europe dominated administration. Australia and Patrick Gillmann will lobby to have reviewed.

Christian Holtz was appointed as Oceania Para DO in February 2014 and is based in Australia as it is PSP program sponsored by the Australian Government. Christian presented a short presentation on his work so far which has only been in Vanuatu.

Four (4) countries have been targeted, Vanuatu, PNG, Fiji, Kiribati but completing the program will depend on further funding by the Australian Government.

Susanne Perez asked how the countries were selected for inclusion in the program. Michael Brown said that 9 countries were shortlisted but only the larger Pacific countries were considered however in the future, assuming the program continues, other countries may be included depending on the funding.

**Veterans:**

Paul Kyle presented his report and outlined specific points. 2014 World Veterans are being held in Auckland New Zealand. Stag is major sponsor and everything is positive considering it is only a month out from the event.

**ITTF Information:**

Patrick Gillmann reported on ITTF Junior Commission for 2012 World Cadet Challenge in Mangiloo Guam a great success WJC in Hyderabad India combined with Junior Commission meeting James Morris elevated to Junior Commission following Patricks election to the EC in Paris 2013. James reported on the World Junior Championships in Rabat Morocco . Need to look at hosting a major event in Oceania in the near future.

**Plastic Balls:**

To be introduced from 1/7/14 for all ITTF sanctioned events Youth Olympics and all qualifying events after July 2014 are not included, also Commonwealth Games

**Athletes Commission:**

OTTF needs to have its own Athletes Commission. It is suggested that we have 4 from different countries and 1 Para Nominations Forms sent out but only 1 received. Need to add to constitution David Powell proposed to ITTF Athletes Commission but because of problems with forms may not be elected. However as they want one person from each continent David may be appointed by the EC

**Global Junior Circuit:**

Named change to "World Junior Circuit"  
Better for Marketing  
Take effect from 2015

**14) World Cadet Challenge:**

Report presented by Manager, Michael Brown, on event in OTECEC Slovenia who outlined specific points and highlights.

**15) World Junior Circuit**

2014 – Cook Islands

2015 – Australia nominated

2016 – No bids

**16) OTTF President:**

Patrick Gillmann will resign at MC meeting tomorrow  
He outlined his achievements over the 10 years in office and thanked everyone for their support  
Will Goodier gave specific thanks

**17) Elections**

Only for Athletes Commission but as only 1 nomination – not required.

**18) Appointed Members**

This is for advice only but Management Committee will confirm appointments at their meeting.

**19) Any other Business**

NIL

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.03pm

**Minutes Confirmed**

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President OTTF