



Minutes of Biennial General Meeting of the **Oceania Table Tennis Federation** held at the BSE Stadium Meeting Room Bendigo Australia on the **20th March 2016**

1) MEETING OPEN & WELCOME

James Morris welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 10.52am

2) SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

It was advised that the New Constitution was approved with an amendment to increase the MC Members from “4” to “8”, and the new constitution takes effect from the close of SGM, therefore this meeting will be conducted under the new constitution.

3) APOLOGIES

Cathy Gauthier (MC Member)

4) 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..

5) CONFIRMATION OF VOTING REQUIREMENTS & PROXIES

It was determined that there were 9 associations present with 4 proxies making a total of 13 valid votes

6) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of BGM at Bendigo 2014 were confirmed
President signed off the minutes.

7) BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

**8) PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Report Distributed

and available on the Website

James highlighted specific items and said that associations need to step up re hosting of Local, Regional and World Events in Oceania.

No Questions

9) FINANCIAL

Financial Statements and Balance Sheet presented by Michael Brown

Highlighted Olympic Solidarity Courses available to countries with NOC's

Income increased due to late funds received from TMS and exchange rate differences.

The bad debt from the 2011 Oceania Cup was written off

Annie Loi (PNG) asked how to access Olympic Solidarity. MB explained.

Chairman advised that New Zealand had addressed some issues direct to him which he resolved in conjunction with Michael.

Thanks to Michael for his work

10) MEMBERSHIP FEES

Information only, advised new system of collection

11) PERSONAL HONORARY MEMBER

The OTTF Management Committee recommended that **Patrick Gillmann** be granted Personal Honorary Membership. AGREED

James Morris presented the membership to Patrick with acclamation

The subject of Honorary President was raised but was decided that it should not proceed.

12) OCEANIA CUP

2016 event in Melbourne Victoria in conjunction with Australian Open on 13th & 14th June.

Prize Money increased to AUD\$40000-00

For 2017, allocated to Fiji with Para Regionals again

Qualification System should be National Opens

Adds value to receive funding for the event

It was highlighted that to hold the event TV was a main component so this aspect excludes many countries from running event as impossible to get TV coverage

13) EVENTS / COMPETITIONS

Australian Open 8th to 12th June 2016 includes U21 events.

Oceania Junior Championships on Gold Coast in April will be trialling a new condensed version of the event over only a 2 day period.

Hopes Challenge, need more Talent Identification of players. MC to take up

Interest from Palau or Yap re hosting events but after Micro Games

Kiribati looking at hosting in 2019 a Junior Circuit Event and Junior Championships



Fiji allocated 2017 World Cadet Challenge with a revised Team structure with a composite Pacific Team of boys and a team of girls. This event was allocated to Fiji following withdrawal of Japan who will be supported for the 2018 event. Submission to government for funding already under way.

James Morris advised that ITTF had setup a working group to review World events and are required to report back by the end of 2016, therefore event schedules and format could change for the future.

Paul Kyle suggested that the Oceania Senior Championship be moved to the odd years. Referred to Management Committee.

Tonga could possibly host an event leading up to Pacific Games.

Also Vanuatu after Pacific Mini Games.

Barbara Talbot advised that the World PTT Team Championship would start in April 2017 in Slovenia and would be conducted every 2nd year. No qualification would be required.

Para events will be included in Commonwealth Games.

14) REPORTS

Development – Michael Brown presented his report and highlighted achievements PSP program has 3 countries in program and is now working in Thailand. Christian Holtz doing a sensational job. DFAT using this high end model as a benchmark for PTT Patrick Gillmann signed a sponsorship deal with Stag in Kuala Lumpur from now to 2020 There will be 3 equipment packages per year but have to pay shipping, but Stag can ship anywhere where others cannot. There are smaller equipment packages as well

Umpires & Referees – Dave Delpratt not present due to duties as Referee but his report was tabled. No questions that need to be referred to Dave.

Women's Co-ordinator – Cathy not present and did not submit a report. James already spoke to Cathy about the role.

PTT – Barbara Talbot distributed hard copy report and relative documents.

Para Sub-Committee formed, Trevor Hirth will be players representative

Australian Para Open Championships next month Fiji to attend

acknowledge the work of Christian on the PSP Program

Need athletes to go to more Factor 20 events and need to run more in Oceania.

Peter Marriott said the camp in Fiji was excellent and well run. It showed growth and that big things were happening in the region.

Veterans – Paul Kyle said it was a quite 2015 for Veterans.

In May 2016 the World Veterans will be held in Spain and 4600 had entered.

New Zealand and Australia continue exchange with tournaments and tests

New Zealand, namely Auckland, will conduct World Masters Games in 2016

New Zealand Veterans will be held in Christchurch.

Australian Veterans will be held in Sydney in October 2016.



Athletes

Commission – David Powell not present but submitted a report which was on the website for review.

15) WORLD CADET CHALLENGE

Held in Egypt last year. Good event but had some problems with flash floods which effected the opening ceremony, but not play.

New event, Mixed Doubles was introduced which was done as a random draw where any boy and girl from any country could be drawn together. New Zealand player won a bronze medal with the player she drew.

Next Cadet Challenge will be held in Shanghai China.

Selection will take place at the Oceania Junior Championships on the Gold Coast.

A new initiative “China in Oceania” where China Players/Coaches come to Oceania for 6 days before the event for training purposes. This will be funded by China.

16) ELECTIONS

Following the amendment to the new constitution, elections were not required so all candidates were declared elected for all positions. The new Managements Committee was read out and congratulated.

17) GENDER IMBALANCE

Referred to Management Committee.

18) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Patrick Gillmann said that because of the 2 separate events, Australian Open and Oceania Cup, countries had to enter and pay twice which means extra transfer fees. Also the fee appears to be rather expensive. Michael Brown said that, there was an accreditation fee included in the Australian Open fees which is an ITTF initiative, which they have no control over. TTA CEO said that only 1 invoice would be issued in AUD\$

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.42pm

Minutes confirmed

President/Chairman

Date