



Biennial General Meeting AGENDA

Date: Saturday 17th of March 2018
Location: RACV Royal Pines Resort
Time: 10.30 – 15.00

1. Meeting Open & Welcome by Chairman

- Mr Anthony Ho welcomed all the Member Associations and MC Members. Mr Ho welcomed Mr James Morris and Mr Michael Brown and congratulated them on their new roles with the ITTF.
- Phil Males, Chairman of TTA wished to clarify that this meeting takes place under the 2016 Constitution.

2. Attendance

- 2.1 Roll Call of Member Associations
- Present: Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, and Vanuatu
 - 3 Proxies were received:
 - Tonga to Cook Islands,
 - Tuvalu to Fiji, and
 - Wallis & Futuna to French Polynesia
- 2.2 Apologies
- Federated States of Micronesia, Guam and Tuvalu.
- 2.3 Also Present
- Mr Graeme Ireland (ITTF-Oceania MC), Paul Kyle (ITTF-Oceania MC), James Morris (ITTF), Michael Brown (ITTF) and Christian Holtz (ITTF-Oceania).
 - Mr Wade Townsend, Mr Rowan Fajerman and Mr Patrick Wuertz (all ITTF-Oceania) were invited to present their reports.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

- 3.1 Business Arising from Minutes
- No business arising from previous minutes.
 - The minutes of the 2016 BGM and 2017 SGM were confirmed.

4. Confirmation of Voting Requirements & Proxies

- It was determined that there were 8 associations present and 3 proxies received for a total of 11 votes.

5. ITTF-Oceania Incorporation

- Mr Holtz provided background information explaining the MC's decision to incorporate.
- The association was incorporated in Queensland in February 2018 as the International Table Tennis Federation – Oceania Inc.



- Mr Holtz explained a need to meet the requirements set by the Queensland Government, including:
 - adopting a new set of operating rules;
 - producing a common seal;
 - keeping a bank account in Queensland; and
 - obtaining public liability insurance (recommended)
- Australia moved to pass a special resolution to remove the old constitution and adopt the new version, which will take effect after the 2018 BGM. The motion was unanimously supported by the members.

Therefore, the Member Associations unanimously resolved to adopt a new constitution.

6. 2017-2020 Strategic Plan

- Mr Morris provided the background for needing a strategic plan and the ITTF is also in the process of developing its own strategic plan.
- Mr Brown highlighted the need to have more funds invested into the region and that having a strategic plan was a requirement of the Commercialisation Agreement with the ITTF.
- Mr Holtz provided an overview of the 2017-2020 Strategic Plan and copies were distributed in the meeting.

7. Reports

7.1 President

- The report was circulated in the meeting.
- Mr Ho highlighted the Commercialisation Agreement with the ITTF and emphasised the importance of having a clear strategic direction, increased capacity and enhanced governance to develop new participation programs, roll out High Performance programs, and hosting and growing events.

7.2 ITTF

- Mr Morris remarked that the ITTF is pleased with the progress made by ITTF-Oceania with the Commercialisation Agreement and congratulated the MC and the staff for their efforts.
- Mr Morris also explained that the Futures Working Group was tasked with re-defining the World Championships, because the current system is detrimental to the feasibility of the event. Mr Morris explained that a recommendation will be made to the ITTF BOD to adopt a FIFA-like model. This model will increase the footprint of the World Championships by having every National Association involved in the qualification process, but it will limit the number of associations competing at the event, therefore making it financially feasible.
- Mr Brown explained that ITTF will invest approximately US\$1 million into the qualification stages of the World Table Tennis Championships.

7.3 Operations & Finance

- Mr Holtz highlighted the progress made to increase the governance, capacity and transparency of ITTF-Oceania.
- Mr Holtz explained that there are 5 areas of focus, namely Operations, High Performance, Participation, Events and Communications. Each area



has a dedicated person responsible the Management Committee via the Executive Director.

- The financial statements were circulated to the BGM and the statements were approved pending on the addition of explanatory notes.
- Australia moved to approve the financial statements and this was seconded by Cook Islands.

7.4 Events

- Mr Holtz explained that GOLDOC requested that Mr Rizo Patron remains at Oxenford Studios, where the competition is taking place, at all times.
- Therefore, a summary of the events was presented by Mr Holtz.
- Mr Holtz concluded by introducing the 2018 ITTF-Oceania Tour, a new concept introduced in 2018 with Tonga, Australia, Fiji, Tahiti, New Zealand and Vanuatu as the inaugural hosts.

7.5 Participation

- Mr Fajerman presented an overview of the Smash Down Barriers program, including the progress made since joining ITTF-Oceania.
- Mr Fajerman highlighted that since 2016, 6,310 people were reached through the program, with 39% of them having a disability. Furthermore, 4,366 participants joined in ongoing activities and 49% of them have a disability. These statistics highlight the importance of implementing inclusive programs.
- Mr Fajerman also highlighted that a new smashdownbarriers.com website has been developed, and that a Smash Down Barriers manual was translated from English, to Arabic, French and Spanish.

7.6 High Performance

- Mr Wuertz highlighted that in 2017 development activities took place with 12 member associations. 2,590 people were involved in development activities. 40% of them are female and 32% of them have a disability.
- Mr Wuertz introduced the Elevate Program – a new initiative by ITTF-Oceania that aims to provide clear pathways to transition from community level to high performance.

7.7 Communications

- Mr Townsend explained that increases in reach, users, impressions, etc. enable ITTF-Oceania to promote athletes, events, and programs to a wider audience, which increases the influence of ITTF-Oceania.
- Mr Townsend highlighted that in 2016, the average number of daily unique users reached was 230 users, and in 2017 this increased to 8,216 users.
- Mr Townsend showed a video captured during the para table tennis events in the Pacific Mini Games which received over 1 million views across all platforms.
- ITTF-Oceania now ranks 3rd in Facebook presence among Olympic sports Federations in Oceania.
- A new website was launched in 2017.

7.8 Other

7.8.1 Umpires & Referees

- Report submitted by Alan Hopkins was circulated to the BGM.
- Mr Hopkins summarised the development activities that took place in 2017 and highlighted that 2 Umpire Scholarships were awarded to Ms Pareina Matariki (VAN) and Mr Henry Yee (FIJ).



7.8.2 Women's Coordinator

- No report was submitted by Ms Cathy Gautier.

7.8.3 Para Table Tennis

- Report submitted by Ms Sue Stevenson was circulated to the BGM and presented by Mr Holtz on behalf of Ms Stevenson.
- 10 countries and 47 athletes competed in the 2017 ITTF-Oceania Para Championships. This is a significant increase compared to 2015 where 5 countries and 22 players competed.
- Australia won 6 out of 7 events with Mere Roden becoming the first Pacific islander to become an ITTF-Oceania Champion.

7.8.4 Veterans

- Report submitted by Mr Kyle and circulated to the BGM.
- Mr Kyle highlighted that Australia and New Zealand continue to have a healthy flow of veterans competing in events.
- New Zealand is hosting its veteran championships in Taupo with 140 entries.
- The World Veterans Championships will be held in Las Vegas.

7.8.5 Athletes Commission.....Tearo Le Caill (by correspondence)

- No report was submitted.

8. Membership Fees

- The BGM resolved to keep membership fees the same.

9. Election of Personal Honorary Members

- The ITTF-Oceania MC recommended Mr Phil Males is granted Personal Honorary Membership.
- The members unanimously agreed.

Therefore, Mr Phil Males was granted Personal Honorary Membership by ITTF-Oceania.

10. Any Other Business

10.1 Pacific Games Schedule

- Ms Cathy Gautier (ITTF-Oceania MC Member) expressed her concerns regarding the schedule of table tennis events in the Pacific Games.
- Mr Ireland explained that the Pacific Games Council determine the schedule of the Pacific Games. Table tennis events are scheduled to be played over a 1 week period. Therefore, the options are to request that table tennis events are played over the 2 weeks of the Pacific games, or reduce the number of events at the Pacific Games; which would affect medals.

11. Date of Next Meeting

11.1 2019 ITTF-Oceania Cup



- Under the new constitution, which takes effect upon closing the 2018 BGM, ITTF-Oceania will host Annual General Meetings.

12. Meeting Close

- Mr Ho thanked everyone for their participation and closed the meeting.