

OCEANIA TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

Minutes of General Meeting Held at Putra Stadium, Kuala Lumpur Malaysia on 22nd February 2000

Meeting Opened at 2.05pm

1) Welcome

Neil Harwood welcomed all to the meeting and especially new member Palau represented by Jemmy Watanabe. Also to Murray Finch and Peter Jackson who were attending for the first time.

2) Apologies

Patrick Gillmann (Council Member & New Caledonia)

3) Roll Call

Neil Harwood (Chairman), Phil Males (Exec Director), Glenn Tepper (Development Officer), Fran Keyhoe (Umpires Co-Ordinator), Graeme Ireland (Council Member), Ann-Maree Colborne (AUS), Alex Jacubczak (AUS), Murray Finch (NZL), Peter Jackson (NZL), Roland Sam (TAH), Jemmy Watanabe (PLA), Michael McAvinue (Observer), Angelo Tabone (Observer), Ron Keyhoe (Observer).

4) Confirmation of voting requirements

It was confirmed that if a vote was required then, Ann-Maree Colborne (AUS), Murray Finch (NZL), Roland Sam (TAH), Jemmy Watanabe (PLA), were the only ones eligible to vote.

5) Minutes of Meetings

Special General Meeting - Eindhoven August 1999 Management Committee - Auckland, September 1999

It was advised by Executive Director that these minutes could not be passed at this meeting, but any business arising could be discussed.

6) Business Arising - Discussion

Western Samoa suspended by ITTF . Debt written off.

Details of grants as requested by Eindhoven meeting was tabled. Badges still under notice.

Constitution & Regulations on Website and Hard Copy sent out.

7) Presidents Report

Neil Harwood gave a verbal report.

Glenn Tepper is doing excellent work and commended by ITTF Executive and Council. Glenn's program will be used as a prototype for other Continents especially Africa and Latin America.

Website is an excellent information base again mentioned by ITTF Executive and Council.

Neil indicated it had been a hectic time with ITTF and SOCOG work, but he is keen to continue as OTTF President and will be seeking re-election at the BGM in New Caledonia.

8) Finance Report.

Phil Males presented the Annual Report up to 31/12/1999 and an up to date report was also presented for information.

The Annual Report could not be passed at this meeting but must be done at the BGM in New Caledonia.

Questions were invited.

Graeme Ireland suggested investment of surplus funds in a term a/c. It was advised that some funds would be required in a few months so will look at after they have been paid out.

9) Report's

Development Officer

Glenn Tepper gave a verbal report and outlined certain pertinent points. It was agreed that a condensed version of his quarterly report should go on the website.

Action GT & PM

He suggested that we target the mini South Pacific Games which will be held in Norfolk Island later. South Pacific countries attend this event in lieu of larger events where they may not be competitive. All agreed that monetary assistance to be given if required. Glenn to put up a proposal when all facts to hand.

It was agreed that attendance at the ONOC meeting by Glenn and if possible, Neil Harwood as representative of OTTF is a necessity. There could be further funding if we play our cards right.

Umpires' Co-Ordinator

Fran Keyhoe gave a verbal report.

Not much activity but have targeted New Zealand Umpires program. NZ umpires sub-committee setup but Michael McAvinue suggested it may be disbanded following some problems with IU candidates. Neil Harwood to contact a New Zealand Board Member he knows to ascertain position.

Murray Finch to determine NZ development plan and report to next meeting in New Caledonia.

It was requested that New Zealand look at Website and check both Umpires and Coaches names and if any errors to let Phil Males know so that they may be corrected

10) Membership

Phil Males gave an overview of membership status for both OTTF and ITTF. It was advised that if countries did not pay at least OTTF membership then any second visit by Glenn Tepper would not be approved. All visits are on the basis of development, but it is expected that when a 2nd visit is requested, membership is to be paid up to date prior to the visit.

11) Oceania Championships

Phil Males gave a verbal report on the situation up to date and circulated an E-mail from Patrick Gillmann re costs for hotel and other items.

Patrick also sent an E-mail requesting the meeting to consider restrictions for how many events that can be entered at a championship, was tabled. It was decided that it was too late to do anything about it now as entries had gone out for this year, but a proposal could be put to next BGM meeting for future championships.

Mention was made about how the draw would be done in New Caledonia following the problems encountered at Bendigo.

A document for ranking and association nomination has yet to be sent out but it was decided that World Rankings after performances at the 2000 World Championships would be used first then by association nomination and then as the Classification Committee sees it.

Ranking List and Seeding for Junior events should where possible include results from Australia, New Zealand, New Caledonia & Guam South Pacific Games.

Action David Jackson

Results for Australia, New Zealand & New Caledonia open and closed championships should also be obtained to assist with other seedings.

Action David Jackson

It was decided that the Classification Committee should be appointed now, and the following were nominated.

David Jackson - Chairman (already elected by MC)

Glenn Tepper - Development Officer

Roland Sam - Tahiti

Deputy Referee from New Caledonia

David Jackson to liaise with the above when necessary.

12) Training Camp

The Training Camp to be held in New Caledonia was discussed and Glenn Tepper indicated that numbers were unknown at this stage even with the subsidy in place. It was hoped that progress will be made as the time draws nearer. Glenn said he and Raoul were OK and it just needed them to sort out procedures when he gets there.

13) Council Members Subsidy

Management Committee had confirmed payment of half an airfare to ITTF Vice-President and Council Members from Oceania. Only Neil Harwood and Graeme Ireland present and it was indicated that ITTF may now pay assistance to them. Neil Harwood and Phil Males to keep under notice and if payment is made by ITTF then OTTF payment will not be required.

Action NH & PM

14) Umpires Subsidy - Oceania Championships

Management Committee had approved an Umpires Subsidy of AUD\$250 to four International Umpires. MC will provide accommodation & meals.

It was confirmed that this is not a precedent for further events and any application for assistance will be treated separately and on its own merits.

15) Umpire Appointments - Sydney Olympic Games

On-going appeals and support for Mick McShane were still coming in and this matter was listed for information purposes, however the meeting confirmed that the appointment could not be changed and confirmed the selection decision.

16) General Business

The 40mm ball was discussed and Phil Males advised that samples had been sent to some countries and Glenn Tepper had a supply to issue when he went to countries on his development visits. New Zealand indicated that they had not seen them. Murray Finch to check with their office.

Neil Harwood advised that it was likely the 40mm ball would be introduced with the 38mm ball still to be used but phased out in 2002. The decision will be made at the ITTF meeting tomorrow

The future of the World Championships would also be discussed at the ITTF General Meeting. Osaka will be a full event of 15 days. The option was then to split in 2003. Some associations are not capable of running a combined event but could manage either teams or individuals. Alex Jacubczak indicated Australia was interested in holding the World Junior Championships.

Neil Harwood indicated that the consensus was that it will happen.

Ron Keyhoe bought up Racket Control for Oceania Championships. As the subject needed substantial discussion it was deferred to the next meeting, but it was indicated that we could not afford it for the championships in New Caledonia.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.50pm.