

OCEANIA TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

A Continental Federation of the international Table Tennis Federation

Biennial General Meeting - Suva Fiji

30th June 2002

MINUTES of BGM

1) Meeting opened at 2-15pm. President, Nell Harwood, welcomed all Delegations, Management Committee and ITTF President Mr Adham Sharara.

2) Neil Harwood was confirmed as Chairman of the meeting.

3) **Present** - Neil Harwood (President). Patrick Gillmann (Deputy President), Phil Males (Exec Director), Glenn Tepper (ITTF Program Development Manager), Graeme Ireland (ITTF Council Member)
Raoul Ralnouard (Management Committee), Evo Tukuitoga (Niue), Fran Keyhoe (Umpires Co-ordinator), Dr Laisa Naivaluleva (FTTA President), Berenato Timon (Kiribati), Joel Lamound (Tahiti). Christian Chan (Tahiti), Joh Fifita (Tonga) Jeremy Dorovolomo (Solomon Islands), Michel Lehoullier (New Caledonia), Anthony Ho (Fiji) Ajay Gautan (Fiji), Hassan (Fiji), Alan Resture (Tuvalu).

4) **Apologies:** - David Jackson (ITTF Board Member)

Voting Requirements

5) It was confirmed that Australia, Fiji, Kiribati, New Caledonia, Niue, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Tonga would vote when necessary. New Zealand was not present due to their late arrival. Phil Males has a proxy for FSM.

Minutes of Previous Meetings.

Moved Graeme Ireland, Seconded Patrick Gillmann that the minutes of the BGM Held in Koumac New Caledonia on 8th June 2000 be confirmed "Carried"
It was resolved that the Minutes of the General Meeting held in Osaka Japan on 30 April 2001 be confirmed.

Business arising from Minutes

No business

President's Report

Neil Harwood gave a verbal report which covered many aspects during the period since the last BGM in Koumac. Thanked the ITTF President for coming and also the Management Committee and Executive Director for work done.
There were no questions of the President.

Finance Report

The Financial Report for 2001 was tabled together with the Auditors Report.
Moved Phil Males, Seconded Graeme Ireland that report be accepted.

Motion Carried

Membership

Fees Remain unchanged.

Membership fee of USD\$170-00 for Australian, New Zealand, New Caledonia, Tahiti
Membership fee of USD\$50-00 for all other countries.

11) Reports

Executive Director gave a verbal report. which covered outstanding membership fees and communications. Development Officer. Although Glenn Tepper has moved to the ITTF he gave a verbal report on his activities to the time he left and then on what has happened since then with Development without a permanent Development Officer.

It was advised that Steve Dainton had accepted the position of full time Development Officer and will commence duty on the 1., August 2002. A letter of confirmation and contract will be prepared.

Umpire's Co-ordinator Fran Keyhoe gave a verbal report on her visit to Fiji, which proved very successful. The Umpires course was presented to 90 people of which 38 passed the examination and became Oceania Umpires.

12) ITTF Information

Glenn Tepper referred everyone to the Annexure in the folder and summarised the main points.

Thanked Adham Sharara for coming and his positive support.

High Development Course should be held in the region in 2003 and either Australia, New Zealand or New Caledonia should take this up.

Highlighted Olympic Solidarity and that funds were available to run courses within own countries Look at hosting Global Youth events in region. Countries to consider seriously.

Graeme Ireland advised that there were major events organisers In Perth and Adelaide who may be Interested. Graeme to check out.

OTTF to consider changing Age Eligibility to comply with ITTF Age Eligibility. Referred to Management Committee.

13) ITTF Global Youth

Selection Criteria for 2003 World Junior decided. Winner of U17 events in Fiji. Selection Criteria for future World Junior Championships referred to Management Committee. Selection Criteria for World Cadet referred to Management Committee.

Australian Youth Festival - 8" to 12" Jan 2003 • 15-18age group.

An Oceania team would be invited but would have to pay all costs. Team members would be from any country apart from Australia or New Zealand. Referred to Management Committee for selection criteria.

14) Address by ITTF President

Mr Adham Sharara gave an address to all present, which highlighted Equipment Changes. Global Youth and ITTF policies. Indicated that Glenn Tepper had done a great job in Oceania and ITTF had sought his services as their Program Development Manager.

He stated that he was surprised and delighted with the obvious progress made in the region.

He would be leaving on Tuesday but would be available to talk with anyone in the venue up until he left.

15) Constitution

No changes proposed

16) Championship Regulations

Proposed changes presented for Information and were referred to Management Committee.

17) General Regulations

Proposed changes presented for information and were referred to Management Committee

18) Oceania Championships

Timing: - It was resolved that the championships should remain in the even years as not to clash with South Pacific Games and Mini South Pacific Games.

Proposal: - Glenn Tepper spoke to his proposal which is contained in the folder. He suggested reduced requirements for countries apart from Australia and New Zealand, or where do we draw the line.

Neil Harwood suggested that we may need to go further and have a complete review of whole conditions especially in relation to hosting and hospitality. Referred to Management Committee for action.

Hosting or next championships: - Applications for 2004 from Kiribati and New Zealand. Also, advice from Palau that they wished to host but no formal application received.

Referred to Management Committee for a decision after Glenn's proposal has been actioned.

19) Elections

Neil Harwood handed over to Phil Males for the election of President.

PRESIDENT & ITTF VICE-PRESIDENT: -

As Roland Sam withdrew because of the Tahiti situation, Neil Harwood was duly elected.

Phil Males handed back to Neil Harwood.

ITTF BOARD MEMBERS: -

Roland Sam and Evo Tukuitoga withdrew therefore no election required.

Patrick Gillmann, David Jackson, Graeme Ireland duly elected.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: -

Roland Sam withdrawn, Arthur Wilks cannot stand because of regulations prohibiting a person from the same country as the President and Executive Director to be on the Management Committee.

No elections required.

Raoul Rainouard, John Stapleton, Evo Tukuitoga elected as Management Committee members.

20) General Business

Application for membership was received from Tuvalu and approval was granted for provisional membership Formal application's and constitution still to be received. Membership fee for 3 years has been paid in full.


Women's World Cup: - It had been decided that because ITTF wanted the name of an available player by the 1st July, the highest ranked Oceania player on the World Ranking list would represent Oceania. This was LI Chun LI from New Zealand. David Jackson had been trying to contact her to ascertain her availability but had had no success. Also, It was advised that Chun Li had been nominated last year but withdrew at the very last moment and we were not able to replace her because of the time. Another player from the host country played the event in her place and the International Federation had not seen the whole episode In a good light. Adham Sharara confirmed this and suggested we take a positive attitude in this matter to ensure that an Oceania representative is in Singapore.

Taking into account all comments passed it was resolved that Chun LI not be nominated and the representation should pass to the second ranked player that being Miao Miao from Australia. Her availability had been confirmed and she will be duly nominated to ITTF, which would reach them on 1st July because of the time difference.

It was confirmed that the winner of the Oceania Championships this year would then represent Oceania at the 2003 Women's World Cup.

Men's World Cup: - It was confirmed that the Winner of the Men's Singles at this year's Oceania Championships would represent Oceania at the 2002 Men's World Cup.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.35pm


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