

OCEANIA TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

A Continental Federation of the International Table Tennis Federation

MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING Held at Advocate Stadium Whangarei NZ on 20th April 2004

Meeting Opened at 5.15pm

1) **PRESENT:** Neil Harwood (Chairman), Phil Males (Executive Director), David Jackson, Graeme Ireland, Patrick Gillmann, Steve Dainton (Development Officer), Ron Garrett, Anthony Ho

2) **APOLOGIES:** John Stapleton

3) **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Minutes of meetings in Doha, Paris and BGM in Suva were reviewed and any outstanding matters looked at for attention at the BGM

4) **REVIEW OF BGM 2004 AGENDA**

The agenda for the 2004 BGM was reviewed and the following matters were discussed

It was suggested that a sheet be passed around for all present to put name & country on.

FINANCE

Phil Males gave a report on the 2003 Financial Report and advised that the auditor would not accept the report without inclusion of the ITTF Development Manager details. The Executive Director submitted an amended report with the additional details included and it was agreed that this would be presented at the BGM with the audit to follow and be completed by the end of June.

A discussion was commenced in regard to the ITTF Development Manager being paid through us, and it was agreed that we speak with Glenn Tepper about terminating this procedure as he is regarded by the ATO as being employed by OTTF instead of ITTF. Could be legal implications as well as work cover and long service leave implications if we continue under the present arrangement. Neil & Phil to speak with Glenn when he arrives in Whangarei.

The ITTF Development agreement was discussed and it was agreed that we must take care with distribution of funds to ensure that we are expending them in line in the ITTF Agreement. Neil, Phil, and Steve to speak with Glenn about this aspect

A financial report up to current date was distributed for information.

COACHING COMMISSION

New Caledonia proposed that a Coaching Commission be formed with specific duties as per their proposal. This to be put into our General Regulations.

It was agreed that it be made up of 3 persons plus the Development Officer and would be appointed by the Management Committee on a 2-year tenure with re-appointment after the BGM. Steve Dainton & Patrick Gillmann to work out specifics and advise MC.

ITTF GLOBAL YOUTH

Patrick Gillmann expressed his disappointment that there would be no ITTF Head Coach at the Training Camp at the World Junior Circuit event in New Caledonia in May.

The coach who was arranged could not now come and It was indicated that Steve Dainton could fulfill the duties however this was not satisfactory as an ITTF Coach is normally sent to these training camps and why has New Caledonia been overlooked.

Steve to talk with Glenn with view that Glenn could take up the option. We await developments.

The situation in regard qualification for 2005 World Junior was discussed.

It was suggested that the event should be held in conjunction with another local event and should be in the first half of the year as later would be no good considering the time involved for preparation and fundraising for players to go overseas.

The selection process for the 2004 World Cadet and future events was discussed. A proposal, (refer annexure 2 on BGM agenda) to appoint a selection committee for a specific period was also discussed. It was resolved that this can be approved by the Management Committee and would be submitted to the new Management Committee after their election at the BGM. However, it was approved in principle that this be accepted but with a 2-year tenure with the committee due for re-appointment at each BGM.

Graeme Ireland and David Jackson to reformat actual regulation wording.

A proposal to create a South Pacific Junior Championships was submitted by Steve Dainton. It was agreed that all Oceania countries except Australia & New Zealand could participate and the event could be held in conjunction with the World Junior Circuit event in Oceania. It was agreed that Steve Dainton and Patrick Gillmann work with the coaching commission on a process to make it happen as soon as possible.

AUSTRALIAN PROPOSAL

The proposal by Australia in regard to the Oceania Olympic Qualifying was discussed. It was advised that we do not know what the format for future Olympic Games will be after Athens as there could be teams included therefore to lock in a set time for qualification would not be feasible. It was suggested that a Working Group be formed consisting of Graeme Ireland, Alois Rosario, David Jackson, and Simeon Cairns to formulate a proposal after we receive notification from ITTF what the format for the next Olympics will be. We have been advised that it should be about 6 months after the Athens Games.

5) UMPIRES SUBSIDIES

It was confirmed that we give AUD\$250-00 to an umpire from Fiji.
It was confirmed that we pay AUD\$250-00 to John Stapleton for his umpire participation at the Oceania Championships in Fiji 2002. This was not paid at the time.
It was agreed that we pay AUD\$250-00 to Len & Barbara Powell from Australia as the subsidy offer approved in Doha was not taken up by other Australian Umpires.

6) PROXY ALLOCATIONS:

It was agreed that we prepare a Proxy Allocation form for the next World Championships in Shanghai China and we ask Oceania members to sign the form which will be allocated to an Oceania country attending the championships or an ITTF Board Member from Oceania.
Steve Dainton to also canvas countries on his travels and obtain signatures on any that we cannot obtain in Whangarei.

7) OCEANIA OLYMPIC QUALIFYING 2004:

The event has been run and qualifiers are known. Australia & New Zealand have been officially advised and will need to obtain confirmation from their respective Olympic Committees and confirm back to OTTF Executive Director.

8) APPOINTED POSITIONS:

It was agreed for this to be handled at the Management Committee meeting after the BGM when the new Management Committee is in place.

9) OCEANIA NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE:

Steve Dainton attended the last ONOC meeting in Palau and was advised that Table Tennis may not be included in the next SPG in Samoa 2007 because of the lack of representation in Samoa. Patrick Gillmann advised that changes being effected within SPG and that the requirement was that there must be 12 compulsory sports and that a minimum participation for each sport must be 10 countries. This may or may not be a problem, but we need to have 10.
It was agreed that in addition to the Development Officer, the President should go to ONOC meetings in future as he has many contacts within the Olympic movement, which could be an advantage. Also, the fact that a head of an Oceania sport takes time to attend could also be an advantage.
In addition, Steve advised that Table Tennis is being cut from the Youth Olympics which was a concern and if either the President or Deputy President goes with the Development Officer this may not have occurred. Further representation may be required to get this re-established.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.55pm