

OCEANIA TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

A Continental Federation of the International Table Tennis Federation

Special Meeting - Doha Qatar

3rd March 2004

MINUTES

- i. **Present** Neil Harwood (President) , Patrick Gillmann (Deputy President & ITTF Board Member), Phil Males (Exec Director), David Jackson (ITTF Board Member), Graeme Ireland (ITTF Board Member), Steve Dainton (OTTF Development Officer) Glenn Tepper (ITTF Program Development Manager), Mareta Tovata (Fiji) Brian Lauri (TTA), James Morris (TTNZ), Angelo Tabone (Observer)
- ii. **Apologies** Averil Roberts (TTNZ)
- iii. **President** Neil Harwood welcomed everyone, for Mareta and Brian it was their first OTTF Meeting. Acknowledge that TTNZ did a great job with World Junior Circuit event in Wellington Steve Dainton working very well and has made the job his own. South Pacific Games in Fiji (Table Tennis) was a great success. Thanks to Fiji and the officials who travelled to Fiji to assist with the event. At the ITTF **AGM**, the COOK ISLANDS were accepted as an ITTF member.
- iv. **Development Officer** Steve Dainton gave a quick rundown on programs to date and up-coming programs. Should not neglect Australia & New Zealand in the programs. Steve to work with respective administrations to achieve this.
- v. **Financial** Phil Males advised that financial report to 31/12/2003 had been distributed and was currently with the Auditor. Completion should be before the BGM.
- vi. **Oceania Olympic Qualifying Tournament**
Graeme Ireland confirmed that event dates are 12 to 15 April 2004
Venue will be the Croydon Table Tennis Stadium
Equipment Sponsors on board which are Joola through CST in Australia
Flooring by Gerflor and some from TTV. Enough for 3½ half courts but there will be four **(4)** tables .
Accommodation organised and ED to send out details to associations eligible
Internal Transport being organised
Contact is Graeme Ireland or Fran Keyhoe
Referee & Deputy in place. Umpires OK
It was decided that the Jury would be a representative from each competing country, the Referee and an Oceania Representative .
It was advised that Vanuatu will compete in the ITTF Tripartite Tournament later in the year because they were eligible under an IOC rule and will not compete in the Oceania event.
- vii. **Oceania Championships**
James Morris gave a report on the progress for the tournament
Dates from 19 to 2nd April 2004
All is going to plan. Equipment package has arrived in NZ, which is appreciated.
Balls same as will be used in Olympic Games
Accommodation is reasonable and fairly cheap
11 Preliminary Entries, 1 confirmed so far.
Sponsor is on board (Southern Trust)
Looking for country anthems - Suggest check with ONOC
Also need country flags plus ITTF & OTTF. ED has ITTF & OTTF.
JM to check to see if can get various country flags.
Due to the cyclone in Niue it was suggested that some assistance may be extended .
Neil, Steve and Glenn to look into.
JM also said he was trying to get the ITTF President to come but no commitment yet.
Venue is ready. Training Camp on track.
Umpires appointed but need more. 2 Japanese umpires coming on invitation who will pay their own travel costs.

It was decided that \$500-00 be allocated to assist 2 more Australian IU's. ED to advise Australia.

The 2006 Championships have been allocated to Kiribati but it was advised that the Chinese sponsorship in there had been withdrawn and the venue may not now be built. Apparently Taiwan may be providing future assistance to Kiribati and the building of the venue may resume however it may be a close call.

It was suggested that a backup may be required and ED to circulate associations for expressions of interest.

Steve to contact Kiribati to find out situation and report to BGM.

viii. ITTF World Junior

The event in 2003 at Wellington NZ went off well and was judged a great success.

New Caledonia holding A WJ event in May 2004 and looking for more entries

Closing date 15th March . ED to send out entries by snail mail as well.

Glenn advised that each continent would be offered the World Junior Championships in rotation and Oceania coming up in 4 years time.

Associations in Oceania should check to see if they can run a WJC event in 2005.

It was suggested that OTTF DO automatically become one of the selectors for any World Junior event where Oceania has to do selections itself.

- ix. BGM Agenda** The following items should be placed on the Agenda for the meeting in Whangarei
- Selection for World Cadet Challenge in odd years.
 - Selection of Junior Teams for World Junior Championships
 - Calendar of events in Oceania
 - Future Junior Development

x. Women's Affairs

Mareta expressed her thanks for assisting to get her to Qatar

1st Meeting held 2nd March 2004

Full meeting to be held 4th March 2004

Report to given to the Whangarei BGM

xi. Proxy Voting

Unfortunately after sending out notices no Oceania associations forwarded Proxy voting authorisations to ITTF. Apart from those present in Doha Oceania only had a small vote. President & ED to look at method similar to that done in Fiji to change this situation. Also for Oceania BGM.

xii. Constitution

David Jackson & Graeme Ireland to frame amendments to constitution to encompass the new ITTF 4 year terms.

xiii. General Business

None brought up.

Meeting closed.