

# OCEANIA TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

A Continental Federation of the International Table Tennis Federation

## MINUTES of a Special Meeting

Held at Salon Oslo, Maritim Hotel, Bremen, Germany on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2006

Meeting Opened at 12.00pm

1. **PRESENT:** Patrick Gillmann (Chairman), David Jackson, Graeme Ireland, Fred Whelan, Neil Harwood (departed 2.05pm), Fran Keyhoe, Mikael Andersson (departed 12.38pm), Surendra Sawal, Steve Dainton, Raoul Rainouard (departed 1.05pm), Gerald Huioutu, and Helen Codlin (arrived 12.23pm)
2. **APOLOGIES:** Phil Males, Ron Garrett, Anthony Ho, Anolyn Lulu
3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**  
Held in Shanghai 2005, Approved GI/DJ
4. **ITTF GLOBAL JUNIOR PROGRAM:**  
Mikael Andersson addressed the meeting and talked about plans for the future. Oceania to possibly host the World Cadet Challenge in 2009 or 2010  
A possible increase to 20 teams in the World Junior Championships with probably 2 teams from Oceania
5. **PRESIDENTS REPORT:**  
Refer to ITTF AGM booklet.
6. **FINANCE:**  
The provisional report circulated had some mistakes in it that needed correction. However a surplus of \$5000 was achieved and for next year, a championships year, a \$5000 loss was budgeted for. Steve Dainton spoke about new ways of generating additional income. It was discussed and generally agreed that a marketing group would be created with people that are not necessarily within the MC  
It was discussed that more emphasis/attention needs to be paid towards OTTF events.
7. **CONSTITUTION:**  
A lot of small changes were proposed tidying up things. Some more changes had been agreed in Bremen at a Management Committee meeting on 25th April. The more significant changes were to change the structure in line with that currently adopted by the ITTF. In particular the Executive Director will become a staff member rather than an officer or a member of the Management Committee. Existing positions and committees are to be renamed to align with the corresponding roles in the ITTF.
8. **DEVELOPMENT OFFICER:**  
Surendra Sawal (Nepal) was introduced to the meeting. He will take over as OTTF Development Officer now that Steve is working 100% for the ITTF. He will be based in Fiji subject to visa issues. Part of Steve's job with the ITTF is to be Development Manager for Oceania.
9. **DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM:**  
6 Olympic Solidarity courses are planned already for 2006. After the ONOC meeting in May there could well be even more. In ONOC, table tennis was the #1 sport for Olympic Solidarity courses. Steve would attend the ONOC meeting and hopefully Surendra will also be able to attend. Table Tennis has been asked to do a presentation to the Olympic Sports Federations of Oceania on the successes of the Development Program.
10. **OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS:**  
Fred Whelan spoke about the planning for the event. There had been no preliminary entries received but no follow up work had been done. Steve offered to chase entries with member countries. Letters of invitation were required for each competing country to assist with visa applications for island countries to enter Australia.

Raul Calin will be invited to attend the championships as Competition Manager to assist with presentation and publicity aspects of the championships. The extra costs for his accommodation will be met from Development funds. He will arrive from India before the end of the team events.

**11. ITTF WJC EVENT IN GEELONG:**

Japan would send 2 teams, Sweden and Malta would also be entering.

**12. TROPHIES AND SHIELDS:**

9 new trophies had been organised, 7 for the Open events at the Oceania Championships had been made in NZL organised by David Jackson. 2 for the South Pacific Cup events had been organised by Patrick Gillmann. All of these will be transported to Geelong, and thereafter will be looked after by the Executive Director.

**13. ITTF ATHLETES COMMISSION:**

As Karen Li was not attending the championships, Helen Codlin agreed to attend the Athletes Commission meeting in Bremen. A suitable replacement nominee could not be thought of. It was decided to leave the matter at this stage in the hope that Karen might attend the next World Championships.

**14. GENERAL MEETING IN GEELONG:**

Patrick Gillmann advised that he wanted the new Constitutional changes to become effective immediately. It was thought that the best way to do this was to have a SGM in Geelong immediately prior to the BGM.

The BGM will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> June, nominations close 30 days prior to this.

**15. GENERAL BUSINESS**

It was felt that it was better to hold a World Cup qualification tournament in each year where there was no Oceania Championships. Such an event would be held on a rotational basis and perhaps aligned with another major event in the host country

There was a suggestion that the next Olympic Qualifying event could be held in New Caledonia as there was a good chance of getting TV coverage and the opportunity to make some money from the event.

Although we had organised proxies for all OTTF Delegates, 2 late arrivals would most likely not be accepted. Proxies received as follows:

VAN to NCL  
FIJ to NZL  
MIS to TAH  
COK to David Jackson (BOD)  
SAM to Graeme Ireland (BOD)  
FSM to Patrick Gillmann (BOD)  
GUM to Neil Harwood (BOD)

The late arrivals were from SLB, PLW and TUV

An invitation was received from the Australian Olympic Committee for OTTF to enter a team in the AYOF. We will enter a team at this stage. The invitation is for 2 officials, 2 boys and 2 girls (4 players). Hospitality will be provided from arrival on 16<sup>th</sup> January to departure on 21<sup>st</sup> January, with travel to Sydney being at the participants own cost. We need to confirm entry by May, names by August and final entry by November.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.49pm.