



OCEANIA TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION

Special Meeting - Zagreb Croatia 2007

Minutes of Special Oceania Table Tennis Federation Meeting **Held at CB Room, Zagreb Croatia** **on 21st May 2007 at 1.00pm**

1. Meeting Open & Welcome

The President opened the meeting at 1.08pm and welcomed everyone.

Present were: -

Patrick Gillmann (President & New Caledonia), Phil Males (Executive Director)
Steve Dainton (ITTF Asia Office), Andrew Hubbard (OTTF Development Officer)
Glenn Tepper (ITTF Development Manager), Paul Langley (Australia)
Anthony Ho (MC & Fiji), David Jackson (MC & NZL), Graeme Ireland (MC)
Neil Harwood (ITTF EVP)

2. Apologies

Ron Garrett (MC), Anolyn Lulu (MC), Fran Keyhoe (Umpires Co-ordinator)

3. Previous Meetings & Business Arising

Nil

4. Oceania Championships, World Cadet Qualification & World Junior Circuit Tahiti 2008

Tahiti are not present at time so were unable to give a report

Patrick Gillmann has attempted to contact.

Only possible period May to July 2008 due to many other events in 2008

Tahiti indicated probably July 2008

If Tahiti get here then Patrick will meet with them to ascertain progress

5. Oceania Olympic Qualification – New Caledonia 2008

Patrick Gillmann advised that the event was confirmed for 5-8 April 2008 in Noumea.

Following the qualification event, the New Caledonia Open will be held and players can stay on for that event as well.

Patrick advised probable media arrangements and stipulated that they were looking for finals events and that round robin would not be of interest.

Following discussion, It was suggested that a review of our qualification criteria may have to be undertaken and then Patrick Gillmann, Graeme Ireland and David Jackson would do this ASAP in Zagreb.

Neil Harwood joined the meeting at 1.34pm.

Patrick distributed the prospectus for the event which would be sent out later.

It was queried that some countries NOC may not send the players even if they did qualify so what would be the use in coming. Neil Harwood said that all countries who are eligible must be invited regardless of that, and they should come, again regardless of whether they can qualify or not.

Entries would be received direct to OTTF.

Referee most likely would be Bernard Barbier from France.

Graeme Ireland asked if umpires would be required. Yes, 1 from AUS & 1 from NZL would be subsidised by New Caledonia. If other wanted to come it would be their own expense.

6. **Global Youth Events**

New Zealand has World Junior Championships in 2008
Tahiti has World Junior Circuit event in 2008 in conjunction with Oceania Championships.
Oceania should look to hosting World Cadet Challenge in 2009 or 2010. Looking at Australia here. Glenn Tepper sent information to Australia late last year but so far have no response. ED to follow up.

7. **World Junior Circuit – New Zealand 2007**

Oceania Cadet Challenge Qualification & World Junior Championships Qualification

No report available. Entry forms for the qualification events are on the website and will be returned to the OTTF office.

New Zealand has a website for the Circuit event with information & prospectus. A link will be provided to the ITTF site for entry forms, accommodation & procedures.

8. **Regional National Championships**

It was noted that some associations are now having National Open events and this is to be further encouraged. Results for these events must be sent to David Jackson so that the ratings can be maintained. Patrick Gillmann to follow up results from Tahiti.

Anthony Ho advised that Fiji would hold on the 8-9 December 2007. Not on calendar.

9. **Sporting Pulse Website**

Steve Dainton advised that ONOC was encouraging taking up an offer by Sporting Pulse for a website which would incorporate a tournament management program.

The buy in price would be \$5000-00 one off payment.

The Table Tennis software was not good at the moment but if we buy in then they would work with us to develop specific Table Tennis Software. Graeme Ireland lives very close to the office of Sporting Pulse so indicated he could be the main contact with them to develop software specific to our requirements based on the software he uses.

Possible future implications from ONOC if we don't take up, and there would be no extra funding from any source to assist with payment. Funding would have to come from Development initially as we have not budgeted for this type of expenditure in General funds

It was confirmed that we go ahead but with a \$2500-00 payment initially and Graeme to liaise with Sporting Pulse.

Existing website to be transferred over in due course as long as all OK.

Neil Harwood left the meeting at 2.35pm

10. **Merchandising with new Logo**

No ideas at this stage but Chairman asked that this be considered and to let us know.

11. **New Caledonia Oceania Training Centre**

Patrick Gillmann gave an outline of the Training Centre proposal and distributed information about the plans for 2007. A subsidy of USD\$500-00 would be available. Australia & New Zealand have taken up so far.

12. **Objectives of Success**

Patrick Gillmann gave his thoughts on what he saw in regard to future success.

A report from each Management Committee member in regard to their responsibility in Oceania Table Tennis.

Ensuring that all possible efforts are exhausted to get Proxy Voting established for the ITTF AGM each year, and also for the OTTF BGM as well.

13. **Women's Forum – Oceania**

There has been a problem deciding where to hold this forum.

It was suggested that Tahiti would be the best next year during the Oceania Championships.

14. **Code of Conduct**

There have been some problems with parents accompanying the team and also criticism from parents in respect to their child's position in the team whilst touring.

We cannot stop parents travelling with their children but in the future we will not organise anything for the parents. They will have to do this themselves but we will supply the information necessary for travel and accommodation.

Steve Dainton supplied a code of conduct and agreement documentation he had developed, which will be developed into standard forms for Oceania and we will also work on a player, Coach, Manager and parents agreement form as well.

15. **OTTF Competition Manager**

Patrick Gillmann presented draft of proposed Directives for Oceania Championships and gave an outlined of how it had progressed to this stage. There were still some things that needed review and changing so these would be checked by our technical people and he extra items added before the proposed directives would be presented to the MC for acceptance.

The idea of a Competition Manger for Oceania Championships was explained and it as suggested if possible use of the ITTF CM who comes out to do the WJC event cold be utilised for our event as well. Patrick to check with ITTF and Phil to check with Raul Calin.

16. **Reports**

Written reports as detailed in the agenda were presented.

No questions were received.

Discussion on Finance.

Financial Report for 2006 has yet to be audited.

It was noted that we still owe Geelong monies for last years championship, but they had not presented any invoices or receipts for payment. Contact with Jim Montgomery was made last month, and this was mentioned and he was going to look into it. Amount showing as a creditor was the outstanding budgeted amount for the umpires' course.

If we do not receive anything soon we will accept that there is nothing further to pay and write off creditor amount.

17. **Development including TMS**

Andrew Hubbard gave a brief overview of the Development area.

It is hoped to have 4-5 Solidarity Courses this year.

With TMS he has not had a chance to do much at this stage.

Steve Dainton said he is now working with TMS a lot and is gaining a better understanding of how it all works and he will check with ITTF to see if he could help out by taking a guiding role to assist Andrew until he is able to go on his own.

However we still need to have the assistance of members countries to promote the game and the sponsors which we may be able to utilise to our financial benefit. General funds generate very little revenue from outside sources so we must look to TMS to assist our programs with the view to generating the extra funding required to finance our operations.

18. **Eurokids**

Patrick Gillman said that this was an area for Junior Development but there are difficulties because we and the players are not big or rich enough to finance the trips and accommodation. Countries can be invited directly by the ETTU to go but there would be difficulty co-ordinating and financing this. There is usually 4 players and a manager, but funding will always be the problem.

19. **General Business**

There was no extra business brought up

The meeting closed at 4.10pm

23rd May 2007

A meeting between Patrick Gillmann, Phil Males and Gerald Huioutu from Tahiti was constituted after the ITTF AGM on Wednesday to discuss the Oceania Championships scheduled for Tahiti in 2008.

Patrick Gillmann speaking in French went over the agenda with Gerald and highlighted the main points and then went through the Directives with him to ensure he had understood the obligations that Tahiti had towards the championships.

After discussion it was decided that the following would be the dates taking into consideration local holidays and travel problems for some countries.

- ITTF Training Camp – Sunday 29th June 2008 to Tuesday 1st July 2008
- World Junior Circuit event – Wednesday 2nd July 2008 to Saturday 5th July 2008
- Oceania Championships - Sunday 6th July 2008 to Friday 11th July 2008
- **World Cadet Qualification - to be scheduled**

Gerald indicated that they would be able to comply with the requirements and would be meeting with the French Table Tennis President to discuss the obligations with a view to seeking assistance in kind or monetary.

It was indicated to Gerald that OTTF would manage the entry procedure and provide the prospectus but that they would need to provide the information re accommodation etc ASAP so that information can be circulated to members in reasonable time. OTTF website can be utilised for this purpose as much as possible.

It was decided that Patrick would speak with ITTF President Adham Sharara to ask that the ITTF Competition Manager coming for the World Junior Circuit could also be utilised for Oceania.

Patrick Gillmann to be the main contact because of language difficulties.

Meeting closed

24th May 2007

Patrick Gillmann subsequently advised that following his meeting with Adham Sharara, the ITTF had given their full support in regard to the Competition Manager.

Also, in regard to the Women's Forum which is scheduled for Tahiti, ITTF would provide assistance to conduct the forum.

In addition, the ITTF President indicated that they would look at providing extra funds to cover the shortfall from the ITTF allocated amount to all continents for the World cadet Challenge in South Africa later this year.