



## ITTF-Oceania Management Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2022

**Location:** Microsoft Teams ITTF-Oceania MC Group Chat

**Time:** 15:30 Australian Eastern Standard Time, Guam & PNG Time  
16:00 Australian Central Daylight Time  
16.30 Australian Eastern Daylight Time & Vanuatu Time  
17.30 Fiji, Nauru & Wallis & Futuna Time  
18:30 New Zealand Daylight Saving Time, Samoa & Tonga Time

### 1. Meeting Open & Welcome by Chairman

- Mr. Ireland opened the meeting at 15:34 Australian Eastern Standard Time and welcomed everyone in attendance.

### 2. Roll Call

#### 2.1. In attendance

- Graeme Ireland (Interim President & ITTF Board Member), Xuan (Carolyn) Li (ITTF Board Member & Treasurer), James Ji Jr (ITTF Board Member), Scott Houston (ITTF Board Member), Sarah Sandley (ITTF-Oceania Ordinary Member), George Shao (ITTF-Oceania Ordinary Member), Reagan Moses (ITTF-Oceania Ordinary Member) & Trevor Hirth (Athletes Commission Representative).
- Therefore, a quorum was achieved with 8 out of 12 MC members in attendance.

#### 2.2. Also, in Attendance

- Ryan Wiegand (Secretary) & Barry Griffiths (Chief Executive Officer).

#### 2.3. Apologies

- Joh Fifita (ITTF-Oceania Ordinary Member), Charles Gaveau (ITTF-Oceania Ordinary Member) & Frankie Cai (ITTF-Oceania Ordinary Member).

#### 2.4. Absent

- Anolyn Lulu (ITTF-Oceania Ordinary Member)

#### 2.5. Conflict of Interest Register

- Nil.

#### 2.6. 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021 MC Meeting Schedule of actions follow up

- On-going.

#### 2.7. MC only time – MC Members only

- The meeting went "in committee" from 15:37 until 15:43 Australian Eastern Standard Time.



- Mr. Wiegand and Mr. Griffiths left the meeting during this part of the meeting and returned at 15:43 Australian Eastern Standard Time.

### **3. Matters for Decision**

#### **3.1. Approval of 2021 full year Management Reports**

- Mr. Griffiths gave an update on the ITTF-Oceania 2021 Management Reports and an update on the audit for 2021.
- Management Reports for 2021 were moved by Mr Shao and seconded by Mr Ji.

*Resolution #1:*

2021 full year Management Reports:

The ITTF-Oceania Management Committee Members ratified the 2021 full year Management Reports.

#### **3.2. Approval of the 2022 budget**

- Mr. Griffiths gave an overview of the 2022 ITTF-Oceania budget.
- A discussion was had on why ITTF sent affiliation fees for Member Associations to ITTF-Oceania for 2020 and 2021 in early 2022.
- It was also discussed what the consequences are for Member Associations who do not pay the ITTF affiliation fees on time as ITTF-Oceania used to pay this on behalf of Member Associations. Mr. Griffiths will follow up with ITTF staff so these questions can be answered.
- The ITTF-Oceania Management Committee agreed to delay approving the 2022 ITTF-Oceania budget until the ITTF funding for 2022 is known.

#### **3.3. Approval of the new ITTF-Oceania Ranking Policy following a survey being presented to our MAs**

- Mr Wiegand updated the ITTF-Oceania Management Committee on the survey results received from MAs with all 12 responses being in favour of an ITTF-Oceania Ranking system being implemented.
- Moved by Mr. Hirth and seconded by Mr. Moses.

*Resolution #2:*

ITTF-Oceania Ranking Policy:

The ITTF-Oceania Management Committee Members unanimously approved the ITTF-Oceania Ranking Policy.



## **4. Matters for Discussion**

### **4.1. Discussion regarding cancellation of 2021 ITTF-Oceania Senior Championships and 2021 Oceania Cup**

- Mr. Griffiths gave an update to the ITTF-Oceania MC Members on the reasons for cancelling the 2021 ITTF-Oceania Senior Championships and the 2021 ITTF-Oceania Cup.
- Due to ongoing travel and quarantine restrictions in most Oceania countries when returning home from the events in Australia, ITTF-Oceania received entries from two MAs for the 2022 ITTF-Oceania Senior Championships and 7 players from two MAs for the 2021 ITTF-Oceania Cup.

### **4.2. Discussion about combining the ITTF-Oceania Senior and Youth Championships**

- A discussion was had about combining the ITTF-Oceania Senior and Youth Championships with all ITTF-Oceania MC Members in favour of this due to the fact it reduces the costs for MAs to attend these events. Over the last couple of years, Table Tennis Australia has merged the Youth, Senior and Para events together which has worked really well in gaining government support and sponsors.
- ITTF-Oceania will look into merging all of our Youth, Senior and Para events from 2023.

### **4.3. Trevor Hirth to present information from a recent ITTF meeting on Para Table Tennis**

- Mr. Hirth gave an update on ITTF Para Table Tennis due to a lot of items being addressed recently.
- The ITTF Para Committee recently met to discuss/approve:
  - The qualification guide for the 2022 ITTF Para World Championships.
  - Changes to the ITTF Para ranking system. The changes made are a huge benefit to Oceania athletes and Mr. Hirth has been pushing that the case for para-athletes to obtain a ranking on the ITTF Para ranking list by competing in a total of four tournaments which has now been approved. In the previous ranking list, athletes had to win two matches against world ranked athletes which was very difficult to achieve, due to the low number of world ranked players in the Oceania region. That means for the 2022 ITTF Para World Championships, the highest world ranked athlete in each class from Oceania will qualify as long as they play in one tournament before the end of July.
  - The first ever ITTF Para strategic plan is being worked on and is due to be completed by May 2022.



- Marketing and sponsorship assistance from ITTF/WTT to LOC who organise ITTF Para events.
- Assistance to MAs to integrate able-bodied and para-athletes under the one Table Tennis organisation.
- A better package needs to be offered for Para Tournament Organisers so that elite/professional opportunities are created, and prize money is offered. A suggestion was to integrate Para with Able-bodied events.
- It was discussed that it could be a risk holding the 2023 ITTF-Oceania Para Championships in conjunction with the 2023 Pacific Games due to the riots recently and the COVID-19 outbreak in the Solomon Islands now.

## **5. Matters for Noting (discussed only if requested, otherwise taken as read)**

### **5.1. CEO Report**

- Taken as read.

### **5.2. 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021 MC meeting Minutes were approved by email**

- Taken as read.

### **5.3. ITTF-Oceania Risk Register**

- Taken as read.

## **6. Meeting Close**

### **6.1. Any other business**

- Nil.

### **6.2 Next MC Meeting**

- 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

### **6.3. Meeting Close**

- 16:53 Australian Eastern Standard Time.

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