

OCEANIA SQUASH FEDERATION
Minutes of 10th General Meeting held at Taruma House, Raratonga
on Sunday, 20th September 2009.

2.15pm – Meeting opened with prayer lead by Mousie Skews.

Attendees	Col Clapper	President/Executive Director OSF (<i>P/ED</i>)
	David Boyd	Vice President New Caledonia Squash (<i>NC</i>)
	Grant Priest	President, Cook Islands Squash (<i>CI</i>)
	Edmond Pereira	President, PNG Squash (<i>PNG</i>)
	Norman Wetzel	President, Samoa Squash (<i>SAM</i>)
	Butch Gifford	OSF Vice President (New Zealand) (<i>NZ</i>)
	Carol Kawaljenko	OSF Vice President (Australia) (<i>AUS</i>)
	Mousie Skews	OSF Vice President (Cook Islands)
	Robert Skews	Cook Islands
	David Navarre	New Caledonia (Technical Manager)
	Heimata Karika	Cook Islands (2009 PMG Tournament Director)
Apologies	Gary Robertson	OSF Vice President (Norfolk Island) (<i>NI</i>)
	Francoise Meira	OSF Vice President (New Caledonia)
	John Holland	OSF Regional Vice President (Australia)
	Chris Sinclair	OSF Referee Committee Convener (Australia)
	Mal Tarrant	Norfolk Island (President)

1. Official Opening

P/ED thanked the 2007-2009 Committee for their input over the past 2 years. He also thanked Cook Islands Squash for their assistance and organization of the 2009 Pacific Mini Games and the use of facilities for the OSF General Meeting.

A letter from President, World Squash Federation, was read to the meeting wishing all squash players the best for the upcoming PMG.

Voting rights were outlined as follows:

Australia	5 votes
Cook Islands	1 vote
Fiji	2 votes
New Zealand	4 votes
New Caledonia	1 vote **
Norfolk Island	1 vote
Samoa	1 vote **

** Number of votes will change as membership status needs to be upgraded as court numbers in these countries has increased.

2. Minutes of Previous General Meeting

The Minutes of the 9th General Meeting held in Apia, Samoa on 1st September 2007 were tabled. Moved Mousie Skews (CI), 2nd Butch Gifford (NZ) that the minutes be accepted as written.

CARRIED

3. **Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

14(a) – New Constitution

Legal advice is that although there is minimal risk of exposure it is prudent for OSF to consider incorporation to ensure Officers are covered for any liability that may arise. It is not recommended that OSF become an entity under the Company's Act. Several other Oceania Sports Federations are undergoing this process and discussion has been undertaken with several of these entities as to their approach. Queensland State Legislation has been amended recently and Oceania Federations are able to incorporate under the new legislation under the *Fair Trades Act*.

Motion – That OSF become an incorporated body under the Queensland *Fair Trades Act*.

Moved Grant Priest (CI), 2nd David Boyd (NC). CARRIED

4. **OSF Federation Reports**

4.1 President/Executive Officers Report (Written Report Tabled)

- membership remains at 8
- AUS and NZ maintain full membership of World Squash Federation (*WSF*)
- CI, Fiji, NC, NI, PNG and SAM maintain *WSF* associate membership. Fees paid by OSF.
- still pursuing Vanuatu, Tahiti and Solomon Islands as future members.
- OSF website launched. Moved Robert Skews (CI), 2nd Norman Wetzell (SAM) that letter of appreciation be sent to Jeff Wollstein and Sandie Davis for their assistance in the development and support of the site. CARRIED

4.2 Major Games Report – Sarah Fitz-Gerald (Written Report Tabled)

- Critical of several aspects relating to recent World Juniors. To be addressed by *WSF*.

4.3 WSF Regional Vice President – John Holland (Written Report Tabled)

4.4 Technical Committee – Mike Gregg (Written Report Tabled)

4.5 Disciplinary & Appeals Committee – Barry Gardiner (Written Report Tabled)

- No issues arose during period.

4.6 Referee & Rules Committee – Chris Sinclair (Written Report Tabled)

4.7 Coaching & Development Committee – Butch Gifford (Written Report Tabled)

- Jeff Wollstein (AUS) has been collecting data relating to Oceania coaching and will upload to OSF website on completion.

4.8 Competitions Committee – Carol Kawaljenko (Written Report Tabled)

Moved Grant Priest (CI), 2nd David Boyd (NC) that reports be accepted. CARRIED

5. **Reports from OSF Countries**

5.1 Australia (Written Report Tabled)

5.2 Cook Islands (Written Report Tabled)

5.3 Fiji – no report received

5.4 New Caledonia (To be circulated on David Navarre's return to NC)

5.5 New Zealand – no written report received

- Butch Gifford reported that NZ CEO resigned recently and has not been replaced. NZ undergoing a 3 year restructure.

5.6 Norfolk Island (Written report tabled)

5.7 Papua New Guinea (Written report tabled)

- Edmond Periera advised that are PNG currently undergoing governance changes and investigating the possibility of amalgamating with tennis to form PNG Racquets Assoc.

5.8 Samoa (Written report tabled)

Moved David Boyd (NC), 2nd Mousie Skews (CI) that reports to accepted. CARRIED

6. Financial Reports

6.1 Audited Financials

Moved Edmond Periera (PNG), 2nd Norman Wetzel (SAM) that the audited financial reports for 2007-2009 period be accepted and a letter of appreciation forwarded to auditor.

CARRIED

6.2 Proposed Budget for 2009 – 2011

- Proposed membership subscriptions need to be reviewed to reflect change of court numbers in SAM, NC and PNG.

Motion - Proposed budget and membership subscriptions be accepted subject to implementation of new categories for 3 countries under review.

Moved Grant Priest (CI), 2nd Edmond Periera (PNG). CARRIED

7. OSF CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORTS

7.1 2011 Pacific Games, Noumea (David Boyd)

- squash is included in program as official sport, to include teams, singles and doubles
- optimistic about squash competition and hope countries will commit to sending teams
- 6 countries expected to confirm, with possible 2 additional countries participating (Vanuatu and Tahiti)
- although Solomon Islands have 2 courts they are not active and not expected to compete.
- additional 2 courts being built in Noumea – will have 5 singles and 1 doubles court

7.2 2009 Pacific Mini Games (Robert Skews)

- all preparations have gone smoothly thanks to CI Organising Committee
- looking forward to a friendly and competitive games
- CI enquired as to be reasons of NI withdrawal from 2009 PMG
- current PG eligibility rules excludes many NI players and decision made to boycott games
- NI have committed to compete at the 2011 Games.

7.3 2013 Oceania Championships

- No squash in 2013 Mini Games as games are being held in Wallis & Futuna
- Request for Expressions of Interest to host the 2013 Oceania Championships to be circulated in October/November. NI already lodged EOI.
- recommendation to appoint hosting country to be circulated to countries for comment prior to decision of OSF Officers

7.4 Oceania Masters Championships

- Report on NI 2008 15th Oceania Masters Championships tabled. Moved Mousie Skews (CI), 2nd Butch Gifford (NZ) that the report be accepted. CARRIED
- 2009 16th Championships will be held in Whakatane, NZ in October. Planning is well underway. Butch Gifford will be the OSF representative.
- 2010 17th Oceania Masters Championships will be hosted by Samoa utilizing the new facilities built for the 2007 Pacific Games.
- Request for Expressions of Interest to host the 2011 Championships to be circulated. NI already lodged EOI.

7.5 Oceania Junior Championships

- members are keen to reinstate the Oceania Junior Championships
- rules and playing arrangements to be reviewed and age groups changed to U13, 15,17,19
- as Fiji already have sponsor committed they will be offered opportunity to host the 2010 Junior Championships (subject to current political situation in Fiji)
- need to coordinate dates to maximize opportunity for AUS and NZ players to compete

7.6 Oceania Open

- members keen to reinstate the Oceania Open Championships
- request for Expressions of Interest to host the 2010 Oceania Open to be circulated
- preference will be for hosting country to commit to 2 or 3 year hosting package

7.7 Pacific Circuit

- important to attempt to have all Oceania Championships included in a Pacific Circuit so as to encourage the maximum number of Oceania & international players to support events
- Competitions Committee to coordinate Tournament Calendar to avoid clashes

8. **Major Games Reports**

8.1 Olympic Games Bid

- squash was not included in the recommended sports for 2016 Olympics

8.2 Commonwealth Games

- Australia, New Zealand, Cook Islands, PNG, Norfolk Island and Samoa eligible to compete. (Fiji currently suspended)
- Australia, New Zealand and PNG confirmed nomination of athletes in squash program

8.3 2009 Arafura Games (Carol Kawaljenko)

- verbal report on the 2009 given, written report to be circulated
- NC commended on its success at the Games.

9. **ONOC and OSFO Report**

- P/ED represented OSF at meeting held in Queenstown, NZ in April 2009.
- A presentation from cities and 6 of 7 sports bidding for the 2 available sport positions were presented to participants.
- Main focus of workshop was Player Eligibility for Pacific Games and PG Charter
- Oceania Sports Federation concerned that Games cannot be used as a qualifying event for Olympics as the Playing Rules & Regulations are not consistent with sport's international eligibility rules
- Pacific Games Council advised that current ruling will prevail, but may be reviewed in future

10. **General Business**

10.1 Notice of Motion from New Zealand Squash regarding Governance Issues of OSF

- paper intended to initiate review, not implementation at 2009 General Meeting
- Motion** – that issues outlined in paper be considered in review of OSF Governance.
Moved Butch Gifford (NZ), 2nd Norman Wetzell (SAM). CARRIED

10.2 Strategic Planning and Outcomes of Conference/Workshop

- Proposed 2010-2015 Strategic Plan to be reviewed in final workshop session.
- as the Conference/Workshop had not concluded prior to the commencement of the General Meeting outcomes are to be considered once all sessions are concluded.

10.3 Life Membership

- criteria for Life Membership discussed.
- Motion** – that a criteria for Life Membership of the Oceania Squash Federation be implemented to assist in future consideration of submissions from members.
Moved Carol Kawaljenko (AUS), 2nd Robert Skews (CI). CARRIED

10.4 Member Voting Rights

- clarification of when voting rights are implemented requested
- P/ED advised that for normal issues each member has only 1 vote
- voting rights (as outlined at the commencement of the meeting) were only evoked when decisions on major issues were under consideration, eg budget, constitutional reviews etc.

10.5 Marketing

- OSFO have requested any photos from 2005 and 2007 games
- any member able to provide photos is asked to forward to P/ED

10.6 Phillip Cridge Trophy

- only 5 replica trophies were made originally and they have been used
- PNG approached to source additional replica trophies
- Paul Speedy & Derek Hunter have provided additional replicas free of charge as Steel Industries have agreed to donate in remembrance of Phillip's input into PNG squash.
- P/ED to forward Certificate of Appreciation

11. **Election of Office Bearers**

Nominations received by the closing date (23rd July)

Position	Nominee	Nominated By
President	Col Clapper	Squash Australia
Executive Director	Col Clapper	Squash Australia
Vice Presidents	Carol Kawaljenko	Squash Australia
	Butch Gifford	Squash New Zealand
	Elisapeta (Mousie) Skews	Cook Islands Squash
	David Boyd	New Caledonia Squash
Finance Director	Michael Davis	Squash Australia
Regional Vice President	John Holland	Squash Australia
	David Navarre	New Caledonia Squash

In addition to above nominations a further nomination was received from Norfolk Island after the closing date for Mal Tarrant as Vice President.

Regional Vice President

- there being 2 nominations an election was conducted.
- David Navarre was asked to leave the room whilst deliberations were undertaken
- a vote was conducted and David Navarre was duly elected to the position.
- it was agreed that John Holland would represent OSF at the upcoming ManCom meeting in KL.
- David Navarre encouraged to attend to effect a smooth handover

The following persons were duly elected to the OSF 2009-2011 period:

President & Executive Director Col Clapper
Vice Presidents Carol Kawaljenko, Butch Gifford, Mousie Skews,
 David Boyd and Mal Tarrant
Regional Vice President David Navarre
Finance Director Michael Davis

12. OSF Standing Committees

- Standing Committees are convened by an Officer where possible.
- Standing Committees are in line with equivalent WSF Standing Committees

The following nominations were received for Standing Committees

Committee	Nominee	Member Country
Coaching & Development	Butch Gifford	New Zealand
	Jeff Wollstein	Australia
	Pat Sicillano	Australia
	Richard Cagliarini	Australia
	Ken Watson	Australia
Major Games	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	Australia
	Neven Barbour	New Zealand
Referees & Rules	Chris Sinclair	Australia
	John Small	Australia
	Peter Highstead	New Zealand
	Gye Duncan	Norfolk
	Chris Buckland	New Zealand
Disciplinary & Appeals	Barry Gardiner	New Zealand
	Gerard DeCoursey	New Zealand
Technical	Mike Greig	New Zealand
	Neven Barbour	New Zealand
Masters	Gary Robertson	Norfolk Island
	Gower Dallimore	New Zealand
	Mal Tarrant	Norfolk Island
Marketing	Mike Thompson	New Zealand
	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	Australia
Competitions	Carol Kawaljenko	Australia
	Frank Chan	Fiji

It was resolved that the composition of Standing Committees will be discussed and implemented by the OSF Officers.

The role of Standing Committees to be included in Governance Review.

13. Next General Meeting

In accordance with current constitution the next General Meeting will be held in conjunction with the 2011 Pacific Games in Noumea. A date and time to be confirmed.

In line with discussions at the Workshop it is proposed to hold a meeting in 2010 in Auckland, New Zealand to consider recommendations from the proposed Governance Review. A date and time to be confirmed. All member countries are encouraged to be represented at this meeting.

Meeting Closed at 5.10pm.