

OCEANIA SQUASH FEDERATION 2015 GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held on Saturday, 21st November
at Sports House, 150 Caxton Street, Milton, Queensland, Australia

1. **Opening and Welcome**

Meeting Opened at 10.10am. The President thanked everyone for attending. In recognition for his contribution to squash in the Oceania Region a minute silence was held for Butch Gifford, Life Member of OSF who passed away in June 2015.

2. **Attendees**

- Neven Barbour (President, OSF)
- Jim O'Grady (VP, OSF + NZ Delegate)
- David Navarre (New Caledonia)
- Col Clapper (Past President & Life Member of OSF)
- Jean-Jacques Annioner (President, New Caledonia)
- Carol Kawaljenko (Executive Officer, OSF)
- Dale Robbins (Squash Australia Delegate)

3. **Apologies**

- Patrick Morelle (President, Tahiti)
- Norman Wetzell (President, Samoa)
- Brett Baudinet (President, Cook Islands)
- Eli Webb (President, Papua New Guinea)
- David Mandel (President, Squash Australia)
- Gerard DeCourcy (OSF Rep to WSF Disciplinary & Appeals Committee)
- Chris Sinclair (OSF Rep to WSF Refereeing Committee)

4. **Minutes of the Previous General Meeting** – 8 November 2014

Moved Jim O'Grady, seconded David Navarre that the minutes of 2014 General Meeting be accepted as written.

5. **Matters Arising from the Previous General Meeting**

- a. Agenda Item 7(b) – Motion 12 : Proxy Voting
Constitution (para 6.3.1) allows a Full Member to hold a proxy vote for only 1 other Full Member. At 2014 GM it was suggested to change this so that any person (not just a representative of a Member Country) can hold a proxy for a Member. Members were asked if they wished to change this condition as if so to put a motion forward to the 2015 General Meeting. No motion was received so paragraph will remain unchanged.
- b. Agenda Item 13(c) – Oceania Masters Championships
No Member was awarded the hosting rights for 2015.
Members to be asked to lodge Expressions of Interest (EOI) for 2016 asap.
- c. Agenda Item 13(d) – 2017 Oceania Championships
Tahiti Squash have lodged an EOI to host the 2017 Championships.
This will be discussed further in Agenda Item 13(b).

6. **President's Report** (Tabled)

President spoke to his report. Australia & New Zealand need to take a major role in the Oceania Region. The profile of squash and availability of facilities is a major problem. Squash needs to think outside the square to increase participants.

7. **Financial Report**

- a. Treasurer's Report (Tabled)
OSF continues to be financially stable. WSF SPIN monies has generated in excess of \$5,800

over the past 12 months. WSF distributes SPIN subsidies equally between the WSF Regions. SPIN monies to be used for Development Programs across the Region. Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) funds were utilised to run a Coach Education Development Program in Fiji. Completion of this program is expected early 2016. Unfortunately GCF funds are no longer available so OSF will need to expend it's own funds to run all development programs across the Region in the future.

Moved : Jim O'Grady, Seconded Dale Robbins that the 2014/15 Financial Report be accepted.

b. 2015/16 Budget

Proposed budget tabled. Membership fees have been maintained at the same level – this has been in place for the past 5 years. Tahiti will be invoiced at Category A level and Samoa has changed from Cat.B to Cat.A with only 5 courts. Most members have provided updated court numbers to ensure correct fees are being charged.

It is estimated that a further \$4,000 will be received through SPIN this year. Dunlop sponsor balls will be freighted free-of-charge to Members in 2015 using SPIN monies. Cost estimated at approximately \$1,500.

A total of \$12,000 has been set aside for development projects. OSF Officers to discuss projects for funding.

Moved : Carol Kawaljenko, Seconded : Jean-Jacques Annioner that the 2015/16 Budget be adopted.

c. Appointment of Auditor

Moved : Carol Kawaljenko, Seconded : Dale Robbins that Bribie Accounting be retained to undertake the 2015/16 audit.

8. **Member's Reports**

a. New Caledonia (Tabled)

- continues to promote and develop squash with clubs and sports institutions.
- 3 squash centres now affiliated. Galapagos Squash Club is a new member.
- have held a variety of competitions and tournaments throughout the year.
- working with North Province to build a squash centre in their region.

b. New Zealand (Tabled)

- calendar provides a varied range of events from junior to elite.
- online club referee qualifications well supported
- Auckland to host 2017 World Master Games, 25,000 athletes expected.
- regional high performance hubs established.
- focused on implementation of delivery of Kiwi Squash & Squash Start programs.

c. Samoa (Tabled)

- after 2 years without a facility Samoa has new facility (3 single + 2 doubles)
- used during the recent C'wealth Youth Games.
- currently negotiating to lease the new complex.

d. Tahiti (Tabled)

- held several tournaments with players from Oceania and other countries attending.
- competed for the first time at the Pacific Games in PNG
- established Phenix Squash School, open to all age groups.

Moved : Dale Robbins, Seconded : Carol Kawaljenko that Member's Reports be accepted.

9. **General Reports**

a. Refereeing Report (Tabled)

- Chris Sinclair attending WSF Referee Committee Meeting, Cairo in December.

- Slight increase in referee numbers over year
- 3 new accreditation levels in Oceania

b. Pacific Games Report (Tabled)

- held in Port Moresby in July
- 5 countries represented including Tokelau for 1st time
- new 3 court facility built at POM Racquets Club
- concern that squash will not be included in Pacific Games program until 2023.

c. 2015 Oceania Junior Championship Report (Tabled)

- event held in Invercargill, NZ
- successful event

Moved : Jim O'Grady, Seconded : Dale Robbins that General Reports to accepted.

10. **Voting Entitlements**

Voting entitlements were confirmed in accordance with the OSF Constitution.
Proxies – Tahiti advised David Navarre (New Caledonia) held their proxy.

11. **Motions** - Not Applicable. No motions received.

12. **Election of Officers**

Nominations closed on 22nd October with two nominations received.

a. **Vice President**

- Mr David Navarre (nominated by New Caledonia)

b. **Executive Officer**

- Mrs Carol Kawaljenko (nominated by Squash Australia)

In accordance with OSF Constitution Para 5.5.7 – there being only 1 candidate nominated for each position both nominees were duly elected for a 2 year appointment.

13. **Other Business**

a. 2016 Oceania Junior Championships

- to be held 15th to 18th January 2016 in Labrador on the Gold Coast.
- online registrations close 4th December
- OSF negotiated extension to 18th December for Island Countries providing they don't want to purchase a Tournament Shirt.

b. 2017 Oceania Championships

- Tahiti have lodged EOI to host 2017 Championships.
- Announced at PG Presentation Night with positive response from countries present.
- Executive Officer to liaison with Tahiti to finalise dates etc.

c. 2016 Oceania General Meeting

- Samoa has requested meeting be held in Auckland, NZ
- OSF Officers to discuss further and advise Members

14. Meeting Closed : 11.45am

President thanked all who attended and advised Workshop discussions would commence at 12.30pm.

WORLD SQUASH AGM

Jim O'Grady gave a short synopsis of proceedings of the recent WSF AGM.

Jim, David Mandel (Squash Australia), Richard Vaughan (CEO Squash Australia) and Patrick Morelle (Tahiti) attended the meeting from the Oceania Region.

Disappointment at the failure of squash being included in 2020 Olympics was high on the agenda. WSF continues to build relationships with IOC. Squash possibly included in Youth Olympics.

There was some concern regarding the governance structure of WSF. France moved that a Working Group be established with 2 persons from each of the 5 Regions. Terms of Reference and costs to Regions have not been detailed.

PSA & WSF are currently in conflict and not positive for the promotion of the sport.

OSF REPRESENTATIVE ON WSF COMMITTEES

All current persons on WSF Committees were contacted asking their interest in continuing as OSF representatives. The following have confirmed their continued interest:

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| - Disciplinary & Appeals | Gerard Decourcy (NZ) |
| - Major Games | Sarah Fitz-Gerald (Aust) |
| - Rules & Refereeing | Chris Sinclair (Aust) |
| - Championships | Gary Hampson (Aust) |
| - Technical | Jim O'Grady |

Coaching & Development representative position is currently vacant. Ken Watson advised his intention to resign. Need to confirm what this position entails and seek suitable person to represent OSF on this Committee. Jim O'Grady to follow up.

OSF Board to discuss and confirm all appointments to WSF.

WSF COACH EDUCATION PROGRAM

OSF is yet to identify a suitable person to take on WSF Regional Course Manager role.

Currently NZ & Australia have joint Course Managers.

Jim O'Grady to clarify requirement with WSF and advise Board.

WSF keen to have Oceania representative attend the WSF Tutor Workshop, followed by Coach & Development Conference in February 2016.

OSF STANDING COMMITTEES

OSF Board to discuss what the role of Committees will be in the future and how they will operate.

FUTURE PACIFIC GAMES AND OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pacific Games appointments are:

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| 2017 Pacific Mini Games | Vanuatu (no squash included) |
| 2019 Pacific Games | Tonga (no squash facilities) |
| 2021 Pacific Mini Games | Marshall Islands (no squash facilities) |

Tahiti has lodged a proposal to host the 2023 Pacific Games. OSF to send letter of support.

Tahiti Squash appointed as 2017 host for Oceania Championships.

COACHING AND REFEREEING DEVELOPMENT

Jim O'Grady to explore options of presenting coaching and refereeing projects in Member Countries.

Proposal to be formulated and presented to OSF Board for consideration.