

# OCEANIA SQUASH FEDERATION

## Minutes of the 2016 - 25<sup>th</sup> General Meeting

held at Jetpark Hotel & Conference Centre, Auckland, New Zealand  
on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016

1. **Meeting Opened** at 10:15 am by Mr Neven Barbour (President OSF).  
Neven welcomed the delegates to Auckland.
  
2. **Attendance**
  - Officers
  - President*                      *Neven Barbour*
  - Vice President*              *Jim O'Grady*
  - Executive Officer*          *Carol Kawaljenko*
  - Delegates
  - Australia*                      *Richard Vaughan*
  - New Caledonia*              *Fabian Dinh*
  - New Zealand*                *Jim O'Grady*
  - Samoa*                          *Norman Wetzell*
  - Tahiti*                          *Patrick Morelle*
  - Observers
  - Tahiti*                          *Rebecca Morelle*
  - Samoa*                          *Jordan Chewlit*
  
3. **Apologies**
  - Vice President*              *David Navarre*
  - Life Members*              *Col Clapper & Murray Day*
  - Fiji*                              *Ravi Singh*
  - Norfolk Island*              *Rob Rowston*
  - Vanuatu*                        *Yannick Jacobe*
  - OSF Reps*                      *Gerard DeCourcy (WSF Disciplinary & Appeals Committee)*  
*Chris Sinclair (WSF Rules & Refereeing Committee)*
  - Other*                          *Dale Robbins (Australia – Vice President Nominee)*
  
4. **Minutes of the Previous General Meeting**
  - a. The minutes of the 2015 General Meeting held on 21 November 2015 were accepted. *Moved: Jim O'Grady; Seconded: Carol Kawaljenko*
  - b. Matters Arising - Nil
  
5. **Confirmation of Voting Entitlements**  
Election of Officers - There being only 1 candidate for each of the two vacant positions it was deemed that voting was not required.  
Membership Fees – not required as current level of fees recommended.
  
6. **President's Report** - Tabled  
Neven pointed out that the hardest and most difficult job for OSF is to maintain effective communication with Member Countries. OSF & Member Countries need to continue to grow squash in the South Pacific and get value for money from the funds accumulated over the past 4 years. Our major goals need to be increasing player numbers, improving the standard of current facilities and construction of new facilities.

Many Federations try to promote the game at the wrong end and concentrate on competitions and elite players. We need to get young people (7 – 19 yrs) to play squash, get on a court and enjoy themselves. They are the future of our game. School programs can be successful in bringing in new players. Organisations need to change the way they think and promote our sport, and try to offer young people of today what they want, eg use of technology.

Being his last term as President, Neven thanked the support of the Members and the OSF Officers over the past 4 years.

*Moved: Norman Wetzell; seconded: Richard Vaughan.*

## **7. Financial Report**

### a. Financial Report & Audited Financials

Current funds on hand - \$66,539. Development projects are planned to assist Member Countries however we must ensure that this funds is used conservatively to ensure longevity for programs required. The needs of Member Countries have to be considered and projects implemented that will benefit the Members.

*Moved: Richard Vaughan; seconded Fabian Dinh that the financial report be accepted. Motion passed by show of hands.*

### b. Membership Fees

#### i. Outstanding 2016 Membership Fees

*Moved: Carol Kawaljenko, seconded Norman Wetzell. that Vanuatu's membership fees be waived until they re-establish their Association. Motion passed by show of hands.*

#### ii. 2016/17 Membership Fees

*Moved Carol Kawaljenko; seconded Neven Barbour that the current level of Membership Fees would be maintained for 2016/17. Motion passed by show of hands.*

### c. Approval of 2016/17 Budget

*Moved: Carol Kawaljenko, seconded Norman Wetzell that the tabled 2016/17 Budget Proposal be accepted, subject to possible changes from outcomes of Workshop discussions. Motion passed by show of hands.*

### d. Appointment of Auditor for 2016/17

*Moved: Neven Barbour, seconded Fabian Dinh that current Auditor be retained for 2016/17 audit. Motion passed by show of hands.*

## **8. Member's Reports - tabled**

- a. Australia
- b. Cook Islands
- c. New Caledonia
- d. New Zealand
- e. Samoa
- f. Tahiti

*All member reports were accepted as read.*

## **9. General Reports - tabled**

Referee Convenor's Report - *accepted as read.*

## **10. Motions – Nil received**

11. **Election of Officers**

The following nominations were received by the due date (20<sup>th</sup> October 2016):

- a. **President** - Mr Jim O'Grady (nominated by New Zealand Squash)
- b. **Vice President** - Dale Robbins (nominated by Squash Australia)

In accordance with Paragraph 5.5.7 of the OSF Constitution, there being only 1 nominee for each position the nominees were duly appointed until the 2018 General Meeting.

12. **Other Business**

a. Bank Signatories

With the change of Office Bearers it was deemed necessary that the current signatories of the Oceania Squash Federation with the ANZ Bank Australia be reviewed. The following persons were nominated as signatories:

President : Jim O'Grady (New Zealand)

Vice President : Dale Robbins (Australia)


Executive Officer : Carol Kawaljenko (Australia)

*Moved: Carol Kawaljenko, seconded Neven Barbour that the above signatories be accepted. Motion passed by show of hands.*

b. Motion of Thanks

Jim O'Grady (incoming President) moved a motion of thanks to Neven Barbour for his valuable contribution to the Federation during his term as President of the Federation. He expressed appreciation for Neven's support and his dedication to the sport through his experience as a player and administrator over many years. Those present showed their appreciation by applause.

13. Meeting Closure : 10.50am



Jim O'Grady  
Incoming President

16 December 2016