

## OCEANIA SQUASH FEDERATION

Minutes of 2018 Annual General Meeting  
Held in Auckland, New Zealand  
On Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018

1. **Meeting Opened** at 9.35am by OSF President, Mr Jim O'Grady.  
Jim welcomed the delegates to Auckland and thanked them for their attendance.

2. **Attendance**

Officers

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| President         | Jim O'Grady      |
| Executive Officer | Carol Kawaljenko |
| Vice President    | Dale Robbins     |

Delegates

|               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| Australia     | Dale Robbins     |
| Fiji          | Dinesh Narayan   |
| New Caledonia | Fabian Dihn      |
| New Zealand   | Jamie Tong       |
| Samoa         | Paul Wright      |
| Tahiti        | Charles Daxboeck |

3. **Apologies**

David Navarre – outgoing VP (New Caledonia)

Neven Barbour – Immediate Past President

Julie Lavialle – New Caledonia

*Moved Dale Robbins; Seconded Dinesh Narayan – that apologies be accepted.  
Carried*

4. **Minutes of Previous General Meeting**

*Moved : Dale Robbins; Seconded : Charles Daxboeck – that the minutes of the  
2017 General Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017 be accepted as written.  
Carried*

Matters Arising

6(a). **Financial Report**

*Fiji in arrears for 2016 & 2017 Membership Fees – paid in full*

12(a)(i). **Oceania Junior Championships**

*OSF to review current Regulation – Regulation updated to ensure compliance with WSF Regulations. Copy distributed to 2019 & 2020 hosts – New Zealand & Australia. It was noted that the outcome of a motion put forward at the upcoming WSF AGM regarding player eligibility may require further changes to ensure continued compliance.*

12(a)(ii) **Oceania Closed Championships**

*Expressions of Interest for the 2021 Championships to be sent to Member Nations with closing date of 31 March 2018 - This was delayed as considered too early to get EOI for 2021 event. Discussion deferred to Agenda Item 9(c)*

12(a)(iii) **Oceania Masters Championships**

*Member Nations to be asked to submit EOI for 2018 - This was delayed as there was no OSF Regulation for this event. A new Regulation has now been implemented ensuring compliance with WSF Regulations. Discussion deferred to Agenda Item 9(d)*

12(a)(iv) **Perpetual Trophies**

*EO to explore options to replace existing trophies – Current Oceania Perpetual Trophies are very old, damaged and now beyond repair. Recommended to replace with flat plaque type trophies for ease of transporting. EO to explore option of acrylic, rather than wood, to ensure biosecurity requirements don't jeopardise movement of trophies between Member Nations. All old records to be duplicated on replacement trophies. To be completed prior to 2019 Samoa Pacific Games.*

12(b) **Development Projects**

*OSF to develop a program for Coach Education – Discussion deferred to Agenda Item 10a.*

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

President spoke to his written report congratulating Tahiti on their hosting of the 2017 Oceania Championships acknowledging the wonderful teamwork and comradeship from all involved.

2018 Commonwealth Games was a very successful event with some outstanding performances from Oceania players.

The Oceania Junior Championships continues to grow. Although bulk of players are from Australia and New Zealand, pleasing to see competitors from PNG, Fiji, Singapore and Malaysia also competing.

OSF funded a Coach Development Program in Samoa recently. The Accreditation section of Program is currently in planning stages.

*Moved Jim O'Grady, Seconded Charles Daxboeck - that the President's Report be accepted. Carried.*

6. **Financial Report**

a. Financial Report & Audited Statements (Tabled)

OSF is financially stable and in a strong position to undertake further development programs. With the exception of Fiji's 2018 Membership Fees all other fees outstanding as at 30<sup>th</sup> June have now been cleared. Fiji are working with OSF to clear remaining outstanding fees. A major portion of income generated through WSF SPIN registration is utilised to freight Dunlop sponsored balls free-of-charge to Member Nations.

*Moved Dale Robbins, Seconded Dinesh Narayan - that the Financial Report be accepted. Carried.*

b. 2019 Membership Fees

*Moved Carol Kawaljenko; Seconded Jamie Tong – that current Membership Fee structure be retained for the 2018/19 financial year. Carried*

c. 2018/19 Budget

The proposed Budget discussed and several changes agreed :

- Oceania Junior Championships : budget reduced to \$0 as self-funded event.
- WSF Olympic Campaign : all Regions/Members approached by WSF to support the Olympic Bid by financial donation.

*Moved Jim O'Grady; Seconded Dale Robbins - that OSF donate \$3,000 towards the Olympic Bid in the next 2 financial years (2018/19, 2019/20).  
Carried*

*Moved Carol Kawaljenko; Seconded Jamie Tong – that Budget be accepted with agreed changes and/or additions actioned during meeting deliberations.  
Carried*

d. Appointment of Auditor for 2017/18

*Moved Carol Kawaljenko; Seconded Dale Robbins - that Bribie Island Accounting be reappointed as Auditor for the 2018/19 Financial Year. Carried*

e. Confirmation of Bank Account Signatories.

*Moved Charles Daxboeck; Seconded Dinesh Narayan - that the following persons be approved as signatories of the Federation's bank accounts held with the ANZ Bank in Australia*

- Jim O'Grady (President),
- Carol Kawaljenko (Executive Officer), and
- Dale Robbins (Vice President).

*Carried*

**\*\*9:40 am – Recess for Morning Tea. Reconvened at 10:00am**

**7. Member Reports**

All Reports were circulated prior to, and tabled at the meeting.

Member Nations present were invited to speak to their report.

- a. Australia – Now fully compliant with Australia Sports Commission which provides SA with participation funding. Legacy of Commonwealth Games is the acquisition of facilities at Carrara Sports Complex where 6 courts have been erected. Australia high performance program based at facility.
- b. Fiji – in rebuilding phase; introducing junior programs and reinvigorating senior players. Now fully compliant with Fiji Sports Authority. Planning Fiji Open early in 2019 at Warwick Fiji Resort. Further details shortly.
- c. New Caledonia – the loss of National Coach, David Navarre, has been difficult. Currently looking for new National Coach. Annual BCI Tournament to be held in late November.
- d. New Zealand – currently in rebuilding phase with major change of personnel over past 6 months and having to move premises. Looking at hosting Bronze Level PSA Event in 2019. Further details to come.

- e. Samoa – Looking forward to hosting 2019 Pacific Games.
- f. Tahiti – Last year’s Oceania Championships was a great experience. Expansion of Phoenix Club facilities to include doubles courts being explored. Difficult as a privately-owned venue. 3 coaches were accredited under the French Squash Federation Coaching Scheme

*Moved Dinesh Narayan; Seconded Charles Daxboeck - that Member’s Reports be accepted. Carried.*

## 8. **Election of Officers**

The following positions were declared vacant :

2 year tenure – President and 1 x Vice President

1 year tenure – 1 x Vice President (due to resignation of David Navarre).

The following written nominations were lodged by the closing date for nominations:

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| President      | Mr Jim O’Grady  | Nominated by Squash New Zealand |
| Vice President | Mr Dale Robbins | Nominated by Squash Australia   |

In accordance with Paragraph 5.5.7 of the OSF Constitution, there being no further written nominations for these positions the nominees were duly elected for a further term.

There being no written nominations received for the Vice President position vacated by David Navarre’s resignation, nominations were invited from the floor (in accordance with Paragraph 5.5.6 of the OSF Constitution).

*Moved Carol Kawaljenko; Seconded Charles Daxboeck - that Dinesh Narayan be appointed to the vacant position of Vice President (1 year tenure).*

Nomination accepted by Mr Narayan and he was duly elected and congratulated by those present.

## 9. **Championships**

### a. 2019 Pacific Games

To be held in Apia, Samoa from 7<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019

The following Officials have been appointed to date:

International Technical Delegate – Carol Kawaljenko

Tournament Director – Paul Wright

Rules relating to entries and events are determined by the Pacific Games Charter, eg

- Country Entries : Maximum of 10 players, with no more than 5 of the same sex
- Men’s Singles : 5 competitors
- Women’s Singles : 5 competitors
- Doubles : 2 pairs in Men’s, Women’s & Mixed Doubles
- Men’s Teams : 1 team (only 4 contest each tie)
- Women’s Teams : 1 team (only 3 contest each tie)

Technical Delegate currently working with Samoa 2019 Organising Committee to finalise Playing Arrangements & Rules.

Member Countries who have expressed interest in fielding players are Fiji, Samoa, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Tahiti and Norfolk Island. Also exploring opportunities for players from Tokelau and Cook Islands who are currently living in Samoa.

Unfortunately OSF was not able to get Australian and New Zealand participation in the squash event approved for these Pacific Games.

2019 Oceania Closed Championships will be held in conjunction with the Games and an Oceania Presentation Evening (for invited guests, players & officials) will be held on final night of competition. OSF currently working with Samoa Squash in planning this event.

It was noted that there was no restriction as to the standard of player competing at the Games (eg PSA members can compete as long as they meet the Pacific Games eligibility criteria).

b. 2019 Oceania Junior Championships

To be held in Auckland, New Zealand from 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Further information will be distributed to Member Countries shortly.

Australia to host the 2020 Junior Championships at Carrara Sports Complex on the Gold Coast. After deliberation it was resolved that the best time to schedule the event would be April.

c. 2021 Oceania Closed Championships

As squash is not included in the 2021 Mini Games in Northern Marianas a host country needs to be identified. Member Countries will be invited to lodge an Expression of Interest to host the Championships. Details to be distributed shortly with a closing date of 31 March 2019. The successful host to be announced at the completion of the 2019 Pacific Games.

All Member Countries of the Federation will be eligible to compete.

The possibility of changing the composition of teams to assist smaller countries was discussed. EO to send details to Member Countries to canvas opinions and preferences.

**\*\*12:15 am – Recess for Lunch. Meeting reconvened at 1:00pm**

*Mr. Jamie Tong (NZ) left the meeting and gave his apologies for the afternoon.*

d. 2020 Oceania Masters Championships

Members asked to consider the reintroduction of this event in the alternate year to the Pacific Games/Oceania Championships (eg 2020, 2022, 2024).

Details to be sent out early in 2019 with Expressions of Interest to host this event closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019.

- e. Oceania Open  
The reintroduction of this event may give an opportunity for a Member Nation to either introduce a new tournament or utilise an existing tournament. Using naming rights could increase opportunities for sponsorship and may assist in attracting higher profile players to compete.

Details to be sent out to Member Nations to consider.

- f. Oceania Doubles Championships  
With doubles being a component of the Commonwealth Games Squash Australia are keen to introduce an Oceania Doubles Championships. The event would give Member Countries further exposure to doubles competition. EO to seek further details from Australia for the Board to consider.

## 10. Development Projects

- a. Coaching

At the 2017 AGM it was agreed that OSF would develop Coach Education Programs. Two opportunities were offered during the year:

- i. **Papua New Guinea**

Two PNG coaches, Lynette Vai and Madako Suari, attended the Squash Australia WSF Level 1 Coaching Course, in conjunction with the SA National Coaching Conference in Melbourne, in February. Both were in Melbourne training for the Commonwealth Games and the PNG Sports Council approved their attendance. OSF covered their Conference and Course fees.

- ii. **Samoa**

OSF arranged for Paul Hornsby from NZ to present a coach development program to eight squash enthusiasts in Samoa in June. The program gave the participants the opportunity to learn and develop the necessary skills to potentially become qualified coaches, with the vision of growing the game both with current players and at grassroots levels.

The course, consisting of 6 x 2 ½ sessions over 5 consecutive days, was based on the WSF Coaching Course. Unfortunately Paul is not accredited to assess participants so an accredited Assessor will need to visit to complete the course. Hopefully this can be organised for late 2018 or early 2019.

Fiji are keen to undertake a similar program so OSF will work closely with them and organise a WSF Level 1 Coaching Course in this financial year

- b. Refereeing

OSF have been asked by the Pacific Games Organising Committee to conduct a Referee Accreditation Program prior to 2019 Pacific Games for local persons as a legacy of the Games. It is hoped that this would reduce the number of International Referees required during the Games and reduce Organising Committee expenses.

Discussions are underway with Samoa as to the feasibility of the course and identifying potential participants.

c. Other Projects

i. **Opportunities for Player Advancement**

Discussion around opportunities for players to attend programs in other countries acknowledged that sending players away from their home country was not ideal. Bringing a Coach into the country to coach a broad range of players at their home base is more beneficial.

After continued discussion it was agreed that if a Member had a specific need that they should submit, in writing, a proposal outlining their needs and potential costs that the OSF Board could consider and fund on an adhoc basis. Further details to be provided to Members.

ii. **Provision of Equipment**

Previously OSF had an arrangement with several court owners to collect old/no longer used squash equipment and OSF would distribute once or twice a year to interested Members. This would still be beneficial for Members and OSF will identify possible donors.

OSF to also look at opportunities to procure new equipment cheaply that Member Nations could purchase. Executive Officer to explore several options.

11. **Constitution Review**

The OSF Constitution was last reviewed in 2014. It was acknowledged that several sections of the Constitution need to be reviewed. Executive Officer to identify sections and distribute information to Members for comment. Any agreed changes to the constitution would need to be approved at the 2019 AGM.

12. **General Business**

a. Tonga

OSF has been contacted by Tui Havea, who has been living in America for some time and recently returned to Tonga. He is keen to revive squash and OSF has offered to assist where possible.

He is also keen to field players at the 2019 Pacific Games. Details of the PG Competition and Athlete Eligibility Criteria were forwarded to him and he was advised to contact the Tonga Squash Association & National Olympic Committee (TASANOC) for further information.

b. Regional Course Manager

In all other WSF Regions a Regional Course Manager has been appointed to assist the Coaching Commission to increase the number of qualified coaches. WSF contacted OSF suggesting that Jason Fletcher from NZ be appointed as the Oceania Regional Course Manager as he is an active member of the WSF Coaching Commission. Jason is keen to undertake this position. Expressions of Interest to be sought from suitably qualified persons from Australia & New Zealand. OSF Officers to consider and appoint asap.

13. **2019 General Meeting**

The option of conducting next year's AGM in conjunction with the 2019 Pacific Games was considered by the Delegates. It was recognized that personnel have other responsibilities at the Games and holding the AGM in Samoa would only distract them from their role at the Games.

It was agreed that Samoa was not the preferred option and a stand-alone meeting allowed Delegates to focus on the meeting agenda.

EO to work with Members to identify a venue that would be cost effective for the majority of Members. A final date and venue to be advised at a later date.

There being no further business for discussion the President thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 2:12pm.

Mr Jim O'Grady  
President