



**2007 OSFO Assembly
Hotel Kitano Tusitala, Apia, Samoa
Monday March 19th
Draft Minutes**

Attendees: Steve Smith FIBA, Chet Gray BCO, Dan O'Connell ITF, Clare Hargrave OJU, Edwina Ricci Sporting Pulse, Anne King, Oceania Foundation, Carole Hicks Oceania Archery, Mike Thoms Oceania Archery, David Rowson Oceania Archery, Renuad Bouillard Oceania Archery, Kylie Bates ASC, Reg Bandits IAAF, Yvonne Mullins IAAF, Corrine Barnard Oceania Badminton, Phillip Hope SPBBF, Helen Brownlee Oceania Canoe, Matthew Weisheit Oceania Cricket, Helen Smith Oceania Fencing, Gill Gemming OHF, Derek Wilshere OHF, Andrew Pragnell Oceania Judo, Dennis Miller ONOC/ Oceania Swimming, Brian Minikin ONOC, Albert Miller SPSI, Baklai Temengil PNOC, Tas Baitier Oceania Rugby League, Will Glenwright Oceania Rugby Union, Bob Leveloff ISF, Bob Steffy OSC, Ric Blas GNOC, Andrew Hubbard Oceania Table Tennis, Steve Dainton OTTF, Brain Hinton Oceania Triathlon, Ian Brodie OUZA, 2007 SPG Competition Managers

Apologies: Pam Brodie Volleyball, Col Clapper Squash, John Kotsifas Taekwondo, Matthew Curtain Weightlifting

1. OFFICIAL OPENING OSFO ASSEMBLY –

Steve Smith – OSFO Chairman opened the assembly by welcoming all members and observers and outlined the objectives of this year's OSFO Assembly in Apia, Samoa.

Objectives of Assembly were;

- To elect OSFO Executive members whose positions had become vacant and appoint a Secretary General for the organization.
- To provide the opportunity for all sports to meet with their relevant SPG Competition Managers to review and discuss preparations for the forthcoming SPG Games in Samoa.
- Provide the opportunity for the Samoan SPG organizing committee to present an update to sports of the progress made to date for preparations of the SPG games.
- Put together a checklist of issues for every sport that need to be resolved prior to the SPG Games.
- Collate issues which pertain to all sports regarding the SPG Games and present this information to the PG Council and SPG LOC in American Samoa.
- Provide information pertaining to the Oceania Foundation and the OSEP Training program.

2. OSFO ELECTIONS

Steve Smith explained that the position of OSFO Secretary General and one Executive Member was due for election as per the OSFO Constitutional requirements.

In addition, to the one Executive position being vacated by Dan O'Connell the Assembly was informed that Matthew Curtain had resigned his Executive position as well. The Chairman indicated that two OSFO Executive positions were now being selected.

- Election for OSFO Secretary General position – The Chairman indicated that he had received one nomination for the position from Chet Gray. The Chairman indicated since Mr. Gray had been in this position for the past two years he asked the OFSO Members to support Mr. Gray's nomination for the position.

-The OSFO members unanimously supported Mr. Chet Gray's nomination as the OSFO Secretary General for the next four years. The Chairman acknowledged the appointment of Mr. Chet Gray as the OSFO Secretary General and congratulated him.

Election for OSFO Executive member (Four year term) – The Chairman indicated receiving one nomination from Oceania Athletics for Mrs. Yvonne Mullins for the OSFO Executive position. The Chairman asked if there were any nominations from the floor, none were received. The Chairman

asked for the members to vote for endorsing the nomination of Yvonne Mullins to the OSFO Executive position. The vote was unanimous to support Mrs. Mullins' appointment.

Election for OSFO Executive member (Two year term) – Since this position was vacated prior to the OSFO Assembly, calls for nominations were not possible prior to the Assembly.

The Chairman indicated that nominations from the floor would be taken for this position. Two nominations were received; Tai Nicholas from Oceania Football and Carole Hicks from Archery. The members were asked to submit their vote in writing at which time the Secretary General was asked to collate the votes and present the results.

It was confirmed that Tai Nicholas from Oceania Football was appointed to the second OSFO Executive position.

The Chairman welcomed the newly appointed Executive members to OSFO and wished them the best on behalf of the group.

3. THE ROLE AND PROGRESS OF OSFO IN OCEANIA SPORTS -

The Chairman provided an update to the members of the progress made in the area of the Oceania Foundation and OSEP. For further information he referred members to his report.

The Chairman outlined one of OSFO's major roles in the region was to work closely with ONOC in advising and making policy suggestions on how best to support sports through ONOC funding. The Chairman continued to discuss the development of policy guidelines which include: criteria to assist ONOC with funding support to sports.

The publication of the OSFO Annual report and the ONOC Annual report which included most sports was reviewed.

The question was did we need to produce two sports annual reports each year for the Assembly. After some discussion the members felt it best to continue to produce the two documents for promotional reasons internationally.

Funding for OSFO was reviewed and the Chairman indicated through the support of the ONOC President, Kevan Gosper an administration grant of \$70,000 USD was secured through the IOC solidarity program for OSFO over the next two years. An initial \$30,000USD would be made available to OSFO in 2007 and the balance of \$40,000 would be paid to OSFO in 2008. This was an outstanding outcome for the organization and the members were very appreciative of the support and assistance that Kevan Gosper provided in attaining this funding.

4. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES, 2006 FINANCIAL REPORT AND SECRETARY GENERAL REPORT

- The OSFO Secretary General presented the 2006 OSFO Assembly minutes from the previous meeting in Fiji for approval by the members.

A motion was put forth by Oceania Athletics that the 2006 OSFO Assembly minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Oceania Tennis.

The motion was put forward to the members and approved.

- The 2006 OSFO Financial report was submitted to the members for approval.

A motion was put for Oceania Table Tennis that the 2006 OSFO Financial Report be accepted. The motion was seconded by Oceania Judo.

The motion was put for the members and carried.

The Secretary General report was presented for review and comment. Two main points were elaborated, membership growth and financial challenges of putting together our Annual Assemblies.

5. OSFO CONSTITUTION REVIEW

The Chairman provided an update as to the status of the OSFO Constitution review which members put forth following the last Assembly. There were only a couple adjustments made to the Constitution following the members input. The OSFO Constitution will now be prepared so that OSFO can seek incorporation in Victoria, Australia. It was approved by the membership that OSFO now seek incorporation in Australia.

6. IT AND SPONSORSHIP REPORT - EDWINA RICCI

Edwina provided an overview of what was happening with the Oceania Sports website and how it would operate at SPG Games time. Each Sport's Calendar of Events was requested by Edwina in order for the information to be posted on the Oceania Sport site. . www.oceaniasport.com
Sponsorship – Edwina provided an update regarding sponsorship which had been achieved for the OSFO Assembly. Sport World and Sport Cover were secured as sponsors for the Assembly with provider support from Sporting Pulse and C King Print Management Pty. Ltd. For further information please refer to the IT and Sponsorship report.

7. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Steve Dainton – Oceania Table Tennis

Steve provided a power point presentation of the outstanding work that Oceania Table Tennis has accomplished in the region over the past couple of years. Copy of Steve's presentation was made available to all members attending by way of download.

Dennis Miller – ONOC Project Manager – Oceania Region Olympic Solidarity Update

Dennis provided a power point presentation of Olympic Solidarity and how it operates in the region. There are several categories of programs available through Solidarity which is administered directly by the IOC and ONOC in the region.

Dennis provided some application templates for the members to review. Dennis's presentation was made available to members upon request.

Simon Trowell – Sport Cover

Simon provided the group with an overview of Sport Cover and how the organization could provide assistance to Sports in the Oceania Region. The Sport Cover presentation was made available to members upon request.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS:

-Oceania Judo raised an issue regarding incorporation within a country and its legal jurisdiction in other countries within the region. Clare provided a brief on a situation within Oceania Judo whereby an individual within one country was taking legal action against an organization which was incorporated in another country.

Clare was to provide a follow up to this issue at the next Assembly.

- Norfolk Island Issue – Carole Hicks from Archery had concern of the move by the Australian government to bring Norfolk Island under Australian governmental jurisdiction. This action could have a major impact on Norfolk sports and athletes eligibility to represent their country at Oceania events in the future. This item was to be raised at the ONOC Assembly and followed up by Carole.

- A request was made to OSFO if Visa requirements information for all Oceania countries could be made available to all members.

- Nominations were requested for individuals interested in being involved with the OSEP management committee. It was recommended that we have one person from a team sport and one person from an individual sport with a teaching background.

Nominations would be reviewed by the OSFO Executive and appointments confirmed: Nominations were Andrew Pragnell -Judo, Gill Gemming – Hockey, Pam Brodie -Volleyball, Mike Thoms – Archery.

OSFO Executive met the following day to collate key SPG organizational issues which were to be presented to the PG Council, SASNOC and SPG LOC in American Samoa.

12.30pm Meeting concluded - Concluding comments – Steve and Chet thanked everyone for their participation and contribution to the conference and the creation of OSFO.

