

2014 OSFO Assembly

Leo Palace, Guam

Friday May 2, 2014

Minutes

1. Roll Call

The meeting was officially opened by Kevan Gosper.
Chet Gray did the roll call and subsequent to that Hugh Graham, Oceania Volleyball and Helen Brownlee, Oceania Canoeing joined the meeting

Also noted that Vidhya Lahkan and Andrew Minogue from the Pacific Games Council were in attendance.

16 voting members / 17 when Helen arrived.

The following delegates arrived ahead of agenda item 5 :

Oceania Baseball – Victor Langkilde

Shooting or Squash – Will ... Milton Bradley Chet not sure on details

Sanimilli Taletoka OSEP

2. Ratification of OSFO President's appointment and constitutional amendments

The Secretary General advised there were some constitutional amendments put forward outside the Assembly as well as the appointment of the new President and these have to be ratified.

Moved : Swimming Seconded : Hockey

Motion in favour : 16 for / 0 against

3. Official Opening of the 10th OSFO Assembly

President's Report

The Chairman thanked everyone for their support and mentioned his appointment story advising he was highly complimented to take this role. Kevan also added there is no other region within the Olympic movement that works as easily between the NOCs and Sports Federations, its a very successful liaison, and there is more work to be done but its very exciting.

For the sake of completeness Kevan provided the Assembly with some information about himself including his Sports athletic scholarship at Michigan State University, Commonwealth Games medallist, Olympic Games medallist Melbourne 1956. Kevan became an IOC Member in 1977 and finished active work in December 2013. During that time he was a Member of the Executive Board and Vice President of the IOC for 17 years. He also chaired a number of Commissions, including the Press Commission. Kevan was ONOC President for 20 years and AOC President for 5 years, so he has some practice chairing meetings, but this is his first as OSFO President.

Kevan advised that the President's Report was contained in the booklet and he had nothing more to add

OSFO Constitution Incorporation

Yvonne advised that incorporation in Australia for this organisation had been a four year process.

Many avenues were investigated for incorporation over the years, but it is not an easy process whether it be in Fiji, Oceania or Australia. Incorporation in Queensland was suggested and it is now through and finalised – a process which took 18 months.

Yvonne's name is one of the signatures because the OSFO office is located in the same office as Oceania Athletics Federation, but it makes no difference to the way we run OSFO.

Superficial amendments have been made to the Constitution, in line with Queensland Government Acts, but there was no change made which in any way lost the integrity of the original Constitution. Additionally, because OSFO is incorporated in Queensland, certain specific criteria and protocols will need to be followed, which include the requirement for a particular number of meetings and an AGM, all of which must be reported back to Queensland Fair Trading.

There were some questions raised including :

Whether there are restrictions on where the public officer has to reside?

So long as one person maintains that address in the future, but we may look at the implications of who would take on the role of Secretary / Public Officer

Is ASIC registration required for Queensland incorporation?

It was agreed that Chet Gray in due course would advise the answer.

Oceania Foundation Update

Chet is now a member of the Oceania Foundation Board, one of five persons, and one whom we believe should come from OSFO because the focus is building athletic performance and OSFO has the responsibility for improving this.

Foundation was formed in 2006 by ONOC as a subsidiary, with an initial grant of \$500,000 from the Victorian Government, no money from Australian Government and of course a five year sponsorship agreement with Samsung.

The Foundation started with a talent identification program in partnership with Monash University and the NOCs , but this was not sustainable.

Moved to academic sports scholarships and we have information contained in the ONOC report . Looking to the future we should identify scholarship programs offered by the individual sports to see if we can get some multiplier benefits by working together.

The Foundation is continuing to pursue Deductible Gift Recipient status, which has taken many years and we are now on a run which we believe will get us a tax concession on the basis that it is assisting a community in a region of importance to Australia. Currently working on the final submission following discussions with the Assistant Treasurer and Foreign Minister.

The Foundation has a very good working relationship with ONOC, which was demonstrated when we needed ONOC approval to change our name to include the work "Australia" and an inferred patronalism coming from Australia New Zealand towards the Islands in the early days.

ONOC Executive at short notice convened a meeting, which approved the Oceania Foundation Executive decision to incorporate "Australia" into the name. This puts us in a very strong position to enable us to spread our net to gain corporate sponsorship.

Additionally, the Foundation in consultation with OSFO will introduce two new programs - positive coaching and resilience, which are two issues the IOC and many sports federations are wrestling with now when they realise some of the coaching is not positive and some athletes are suffering from re-entry into normal life. The online positive coaching process, planned to go on line in June, will be discussed at the Assembly tomorrow and Mick Walsh has given an introduction on his resilience program. These programs need to be linked with OSEP and IOC, and we note that Barbara Kendall is the advisor to the Athletes Commission of the IOC for this region and will keep her updated on these programs.

4. Review of Previous Minutes

The Secretary General advised that the President's Report, Minutes, Secretary General's Report – commenced on page 127 of the ONOC Report.

The meeting was asked to note the following in relation to the financial report:

- Airfares for the Pacific Youth Conference – there was a \$55,000 grant from DFAT and we needed to bring it though – it is a simple in and out
- \$8,000 membership fees and second half of ONOC funding
- \$35,000 over a two year period from an IOC grant
- \$20,000 incidentals – conference room hire, etc.
- Membership fees \$8,304 – difference to previous year's membership costs is an increase of about two or three hundred dollars.

Additionally it was noted that OSFO does not need to contribute towards the publication of the ONOC Annual report

As there has been a 25 – 30% turnover in personnel in the sports, and the best communication tool is via email, we need to ensure everyone's correct details are on the system, so please update if required.

We need to continue our partnership with ONOC, PGC and Sports Federations and the PSP program support and provide some assistance with the 11 sports.

Moved : Oceania Touch / Seconded Oceania Badminton

All in Favour

5. IT and Sponsorship Report

This report is on page 129, 130 and 131 of the ONOC Report

Edwina Ricci informed the Assembly that this year we are celebrating our tenth OSFO AGM but it is our ten years next year, and we need to give some thought to how we want to celebrate this milestone when we are in Fiji next year.

It is important to celebrate what OSFO has brought to the table and consider what we can provide across all sports that has not been pursued – athlete resilience, positive coaching. We also need to ensure that OSFO has a funding stream which enables us to have sustainability.

The athlete resilience linked with positive psychology - with the support of Matt Scholes and Mick Walsh will give OSFO a platform and enable us to attract funding in an effort to move this organisation forward in the next ten years.

Edwina spoke about the rebranding from Reporters Academy to United Youth Media and this group's visit to New Caledonia. In particular :

- OFC hosted the event and they are very keen to link in with OSFO as a partner for this event in the future.
- 700 young people from 20 countries attended
- Showed a taster of the film

Edwina also thanked Mick for his collaboration on a resilience program and advised that he writes programs for schools to future proof kids which include reflection activities that integrate what's right and wrong. This program is having an effect in schools by reducing bullying.

There is much interest in building well being but we must consider this is about making it part of people's every day lives and this is how real change is achieved. We need all sports to engage in this to see how it would work in their individual sport.

Finally, the key is advocacy, education, collaboration and engagement – four words for the future.

Report tabled and approved

Corinne Barnard – Badminton asked
What does IT support involve? It was mentioned that we need to revisit and focus on resources revamp and provide progressive updates

Bob Elphinstone – Basketball – commented that Sporting Pulse is a leader in high level electronic flows and basketball is a very strong recipient of the support provided by them with electronic flows, live stats of basketball games. It was advised that Sporting Pulse is not owned by New Corp.

6. Pacific Games Report

Pacific Games Council sports Committee met prior and post the Games.
Advice to PGC Executive who discuss and move forward to the AGM
Met at Wallis & Futuna 2013

All of the sports were brought together in Papua New Guinea (February/March) to liaise with international delegates of their sports to discuss any issues for our Games in 2015

ED PGC Andrew Minogue

Warm congratulations on Kevan Gosper assuming the Chair today – a very experienced administrator

PGC needs OSFO assistance because you represent sport and the needs of the athletes better than anyone

Tripartite meeting OSFO/ONOC/PGC to talk through some of these issues and today we had a good meeting this morning which covered a number of issues which will be debated - the big one how do we make the Pacific Games a truly Continental event recognised by the IOC and IFs as the Games for the region?

MOU will be put on the table and hopefully the members will sign up.

2013 Snapshot of the Games in Wallis & Futuna was provided

Vidhya Lahkan

As OSFO, we are charged with developing the sports, the PGC only provides the venue for the Games.

If we do not move to a regional games, 17 nations will be able to compete, but we are going to lose our additional numbers who currently participate in the Pacific Games.

Need to balance the growth and learn from the lesson of Hockey

Weightlifting Asian? Now doesn't have a qualifying tournament

We want our sports to be used as a qualifying

Need to head off the move to other regional Games – Oceania taking part in Asian

Helen from Fencing

This could be a great development for my sport but this is up to the sports

John Tierney, Oceania Sailing

National Federations are supportive, even the smaller sports

Our sport is at the coalface and building relationships and resources in our countries

22 Members PGC, 17 National Olympic Committees

How do we increase the standard of athlete performance?

Strategic planning and Vision

We need to have better competitions, better development programs
 Better high performance, better mix of staff
 Better technology, better communication and better content management system

We need to do it all collectively so we will get better athletes, who will go to Olympic Games, Pacific Games, IF World Championships and Regional Championships

Competition and coaching must work in harmony

An opportunity to strengthen competition right around the world.

Bob Basketball

We see great value in the creation of increased sub-zone competition in Oceania, ie Micro Games, Polynesian, Melanesian and Commonwealth

By having these three regional Games it will :

- Reduce travel costs and time
- Increase competitive opportunities
- Help more athletes prepare in a better more meaningful way for the Pacific Games

Athletes currently only compete in once every four years in competition outside of what individual sports provide so perhaps qualification and preparation opportunities for the Pacific Games could replace mini games.

Athletics have moved to the principle of more competition is a good one
Perhaps a paper will be delivered by Bob

Cyrile (Tennis)

Oceania Championships started six years ago – working well

It has increased the level of Islanders competing but not the number of countries

Participation in a regional Games needs to be considered on a sport by sport basis

Andrew

We did invite the sailing team to mini games without a restriction on what standard of athlete .

A development team was sent and the experience of that event was what it was pitched at quite a good level for the competition

Vidhya Lahkan

Melanesian Games – spearhead group

I hope you understand where you are coming from and what we are trying to achieve. It is hoped that OSFO would be part of MOU we have entered into with ONOC because the PGC sees OSFO as a partner in achieving increased competition for all sports in Oceania Foundation

The Chairman noted the efforts of Vidhya Lahkan, John Tierney and Andrew Minogue on the Regional Games concept.

7. OSEP update

Gill Gemming provided this update and highlighted the work of Millia Taletoka in putting together and rolling out the program adding that Millie is now well supported by quality educators who reside in the Island countries and can roll out the courses and modules to support those who are doing the training. Millie's contribution was acknowledged.

The RAT is currently being redeveloped, with a new person being employed, and all sports and NOCs need to engage with this tool. Feedback is required as part of the review and we need to hear from the sports

Millie advised that OSEP offers the skills to our educators in countries to train the locals, with most of the investment for continual development and upskilling of their trainers. A zone co-ordinator to be engaged in the northern region to work with sports to get the accreditations going

Overall OSEP needs to work with the sports and communicate better to build the capacity of our coaches, administrators and technical officials.

8. ASC Pacific Sports Partnership Program - *Chet, I'm not sure of the presenter's name for this section*

The Australian Government is a proud supporter of sport in the region through the Australian Sports outreach program, which provides funding through Pacific Sports partnerships

Eleven sports have been selected for funding in phase two. Activities conducted in nine countries around the region. Use of sport to increase activity in an effort to reduce the incidence of NCDs. Empowerment of women in sport

Following the budget, the ASC will hopefully be in a better position to engage in a more productive manner with OSFO.

9. Outcomes from last year's workshop

A summary of the results of the resolutions put forward to last year's Assembly was provided.

It was advised that a funding source is needed for Resolution 4

In regard to Resolution 8 whilst earlier notice of the cost was received, it was actually more expensive.

OSFO Executive resolutions to be tabled to the 2014 ONOC Assembly as a group :

Resolution 1: OSFO support the continuation of the Pacific Sports Partnership (PSP) program beyond June 2014 with the intent to provide assistance, support, awareness and quality assurance to sports.

Resolution 2: OSFO/Oceania Foundation to work with the Athlete's Commission and OSEP to drive the development and training of the regional Athlete Resilience and Positive Sport Coaching Program in the region

Resolution 3: OSFO to support, promote and assist with the Oceania Foundation Samsung US college program

Resolution 4: OSFO to work with and support the education and awareness of the Oceania Foundation Non Communicative Disease (NCD) program

Resolution 5: OSFO supports the appointment of a fulltime coordinator to implement and deliver the Readiness Assessment Tool (RAT) through the OSEP program

Resolution 6: OSFO members support a policy whereby all IF's adopt a consistent policy aimed at an equitable allocation and sharing of resources across the continental regions in their commitment to raising the standards of athlete performances in Oceania

Resolution 7: OSFO to recognize the OSEP generic principle administration course as a foundation program for all sport specific accreditation pathways.

Resolution 8: OSFO to support and collaborate with the OSEP generic principles coaching program as a foundation accreditation pathway to sport specific courses.

10. General Business

The Secretary General advised that Len Olender from Oceania Sport Alliance, which was set up to assist all sports, was in attendance at the Conference and encouraged delegates to have some dialogue on how this alliance could assist their particular sport.

The Secretary General also mentioned the importance of collating information from each sport – cross matching for communication. If we are able to connect to the 600 National Federations, we can get information flow to where it needs to go. Proven pathways for athlete development should also be added to the list.

This group should recognise the services of Steve Smith – growing OSFO from 4 members to 38, and a citation will be printed and framed for presentation to Steve.

This group unanimously support its resolutions

Pass the Minutes

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