



2015 OSFO Assembly

Grand Pacific Hotel, Suva Fiji

Friday May 1, 2015

Draft Minutes

Attendees: Kevan Gosper OSFO, Chet Gray OSFO, Helen McMurray, Edwina Ricci OSFO, Gill Gemming OHF, John Saul, Oceania Wrestling, Sainmili Talatoka OSEP, Vidhya Lakhan, PGC President, Andrew Minogue PG Executive Director, John Tierney Oceania Sailing, Michael Brown Oceania Table Tennis, Hugh Graham and Terry Sasser Oceania Volleyball, , Russell Morris Water Ski/Wakeboard, Len Olender Sport World (Observer), Yvonne Mullins OSFO, Helen Brownlee Oceania Canoe, Bob Steffy Oceania Softball, Mr Edward McCowan ASC, Nick Sullivan, Oceania Shooting, Helen Smith Oceania Fencing, Talemo Waqa, Rugby Union, Christian Holtz , Table Tennis, J. Victor Langkilde Oceania Baseball, Laurent Cassier, Oceania Baseball, Inoke Niubalavu, Fiji Baseball/Softball, Kuno Ritschard, Waterski/Wakeboard, Phil Coles, Oceania Taekwondo, Ethan Lake, Oceania Wrestling, Pam Elgar, Oceania Hockey, Barbara Kendal ONOC Ex, Bruce Cook, World Rugby, Matthew Dunn, Oceania Swimming, Tony Philp, Oceania Sailing, Emma Waiwa, PNG 2015 GOC, Tauziet Charles, World Rugby, Dom Sansom, Oceania Cycling, Inoke Lesuna, ICC – EAP, Wainikiti Bogidrau, Oceania Netball, Makarita Lenoa, Oceania Karata, Cherry Harvey, Oceania Athletics, Lars Hansen, Oceania Athletics, Nancy Miyake, Oceania Swimming, Carl Floor, Oceania Handball, Karen Norden, Gymnastics, Brooke Kneebush, Gymnastic, Patsy Vercoe, Oceania Archery, Hans Jensen, Oceania Archery

Apologies: Mr. Neven Barbour - Oceania Squash, Mr. Jim Laven -Oceania Archery, Mr. Mosese Wagavonovono Oceania Golf, Mr. Inoke Niubalavu, Fiji Baseball, Ms. Katrina Watts - Oceania Sumo Wrestling Jenny Mann- Oceania Triathlon, Briar Martindale- Oceania Netball, Nicholas Sullivan- Oceania Shooting Federation, John Kotsifas Oceania Taekwondo Union, Patrick O'Rourke ITT, Geoff Gardner, Oceania Athletics, , , Mr. Andrew Cadzow, Oceania AFL, William Glenwright, Oceania Rugby League Mr. Franck Castillo Oceania Football, Mr. Linnie Niit Oceania Judo, Mr. Tas Baitieri, Oceania Rugby League, Rex Capil Oceania Softball Ms. Karen Murphy, Oceania Lawn Bowls, Ms. Kate Agnew, Oceania Netball., Kieran McMillan, Oceania Cricket, Carol Kawaljenko, Oceania Squash, Bob Claxton, Oceania Hockey

Agenda item 1. Official Opening OSFO Annual Assembly

The meeting was officially opened by President Kevan Gosper who welcomed IOC President Thomas Bach, informing the Assembly that Thomas was the first gold medallist in fencing and an inaugural member of the Athletes Commission which was set up in Baden Baden.

President Bach congratulated OSFO members on their 10th anniversary noting the great achievement we have reached in Oceania where both NOCs and Sports are working together for the same goal.

Following his presentation there was a brief photo opportunity with the OSFO birthday cake and OSFO members, then the IOC President left the meeting to attend talks with Fijian dignitaries.

Agenda item 2. Roll Call

Oceania Touch, Tennis, Rugby League – Not in attendance

Oceania Cycling and Oceania Taekwondo were in attendance.

Agenda item 3. OSFO Elections

Prior to the election process the Assembly was advised that the 20 voting members were financially confirmed and entitled to vote.

Election of Secretary General

It was noted that letters supporting the nomination of Chet Gray for a position on the Executive had been received from Oceania Baseball & Softball and Oceania Athletics.

Voting took place and there was unanimous support for the nomination of Chet Gray as Secretary General as well as a round of applause.

Election of Executive

From the floor Helen Brownlee, Canoeing nominated Helen Smith, Fencing

The nomination was seconded by Russell Morris, Water Ski/Wakeboard

Unanimous support from the Assembly

Agenda item 4. Review of the Previous Minutes & Financial Report

The previous Minutes were tabled and held til the end of the meeting.

The financials were tabled and the Secretary General advised that the OSFO President has secured a special grant from IOC Solidarity of US\$70,000 over two years. US\$35,00 has been received and we will receive the balance next year.

It was also noted that the OSFO bank account had been used as a holding account for monies relating to funding for UYM attendance at the Samoan Youth Games and these liabilities had now been cleared.

We dropped one member, but picked up another couple so by next year we should have increased the number of members.

The reports were accepted by Terry Sasser – Oceania Volleyball and seconded by Nick Sullivan - Oceania Shooting

Presentation by ONOC Athletes Commission Chair, Barbara Kendall.

Barbara commenced her presentation stating it was an historic moment for the Athletes Commission to present to the OSFO Assembly.

Her presentation discussed the aim of the Athletes Commission, highlighting that Oceania is the only region that has 100% compliance with every NOC having an Athletes Commission. The meeting was informed about the IOC Athlete Learning Gateway, the various publications produced by the Athletes Commission and outcomes from their recent meeting and shown a film clip on the Athletes Commission which contained valuable advice on available information for athletes.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Kevan noted that we have benefitted from Barbara's talents in Oceania, firstly as a medal winning athlete for sailing, subsequently the ONOC Athletes Commission and she is now an IOC member and a representative on their Athletes Commission. He congratulated Barbara and there was a round of applause from the floor.

Agenda item 6. Positive Sports Coaching

Edwina introduced Matt Scholes who gave a brief overview of his current role advising that he looks after the transition of AFL athletes after they complete their sport.

A promotional u-tube was shown and Matt advised that this 30 minute online course, which also has text for hearing impaired, caters to all levels of literacy and is suitable for coaches in both individual and team sports. Quizzes are included and the really important component is the self-reflection, which can be printed for future reference. A certificate is also available to print upon completion of the course.

Matt gave an overview of the course completion statistics, advising that results show the confidence of coaches is also improving. It was noted that personal data is not captured – that includes the self-reflections – however the personal pages are available for the individual.

We need the Federations to promote this course to the coaches as it complements other requisite courses.

Kevan Gosper had to leave the meeting and Chet Gray took the Chair

Agenda item 5. IT and Sponsorship Report by Edwina

Edwina advised that through collaboration with our partners we have achieved the Positive Sports Coaching course launch and are now working on a resilience athlete diary. An outline of the "diary" was provided as well as options for its cover.

The meeting was advised that ONOC has extended its contract with Fox Sporting Pulse and assistance was offered to Federations for their websites to ensure we build communication capacity. A closed group of OSFO on Facebook was also suggested.

Edwina thanked everyone for their commitment to OSFO – it has been ten wonderful years. Information was also provided on Thomas King and his achievements as a result of his involvement with OSFO.

Edwina's closing statement was "collaboration" is the key.

Agenda item 8. OSEP Update

Millie advised that OSEP wants to collect all the training courses offered by the Federations in the region so that an audit can be undertaken to know what is available and OSEP does not duplicate but develops courses that are needed.

OSEP has courses on planning, running proper meetings, developing a Constitution and OSFO should consider using these as many of our NFs have outdated Constitutions so are doing things without rules, strategic plans, etc.

The recommendations from OSEP are:

1. Support to prioritise governance
2. Share your education pathway accreditation
3. Recommend potential OSEP Educators and Master Educators

In closing Gill was acknowledged for working tirelessly with OSEP.

Agenda item 9. ASOP Program

The meeting was advised on the Pacific Partnerships Program which provides funds as well as support. Phase 1 was a \$15 million investment 2009-2014 and the results on this program will be available soon. Phase 2 will be a \$14 million investment supporting 11 sports and 9 pacific countries so we need to do more with less.

The core objectives of the program are :

1. Increasing the levels of participation of pacific islanders in quality sport
2. Improved health-related behaviours
3. Improved attitudes towards people with a disability

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) is currently managing the program but it will be relocated to Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade (DFAT) by 15 June

Presentation by Sailing – John Tierney

John wanted to highlight what Sailing has been doing in the region for the benefit of OSFO as we all need to work collaboratively. He advised ISAF is in reform and we would like to work with all of you, as Resolution 6 states :

“Ensure between our international federations there is equity in the resources that are applied to Continental Regions and the resources that come down to the sports”

We know that amongst our international federations the money does not filter down to the sports but we need to work together to ensure we all get a better equality of our human and funding resources.

Agenda item 7. Pacific Games Report

At the Port Moresby General Assembly last year, Australia and New Zealand were invited to join the Pacific Games and Kevan Gosper as Chairman was recognised for his input to this process.

The Pacific Games Council is working to ensure that the competition creates pathways for our athletes to higher competition and the onus is on the Federations to ensure their sports are well represented at these Games. Following the Games a review will be undertaken on the size of the Games, sports included, level of competition and cementing the Pacific Games as the regional games for continental federations. It is important that we continue to improve the dialogue between Pacific Games and our International Federations in the region to benefit the athletes.

Delegates of the Federations have visited Port Moresby, an initiative suggested by OSFO, to ensure technical delegates are in the host city at least once before the Games. This has occurred twice in the lead up and currently 28 sports have technical delegates.

OSFO was invited to present at the PGC Meeting during the Pacific Games in Port Moresby.

Agenda item 10. Update on the Resolutions

Michael provided the details on the resolutions from previous years

On Resolution re discussion with ONOC for increased funding it was mentioned that we need to create our own data on our athletes and how their performance played out compared to the funds invested. Perhaps we could present something to ONOC rather than waiting for them.

Michael then listed the 4 new resolutions for the current year

Resolution 1

Oceania Volleyball abstained from voting on Resolution 1
This was approved with the exception of Volleyball

Resolution 2

There was discussion from the floor that OSFO needs to agree on some sort of rational plan before achieving something like resolution 2

After much discussion, it was agreed to hold off voting on the resolutions and circulate prior to seeking a vote ahead of the next meeting. Additional resolutions were called from the floor and MOUs with other organisations was raised.

Agenda item 11. General Business

The previous minutes were approved.

The Chairman closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.