



2016 OSFO Assembly

Warwick Le Lagon Resort & Spa, Port Vila, Vanuatu

Saturday May 7, 2016

Draft Minutes

Attendees: , Chet Gray OSFO Secretary-General & Oceania Baseball & Softball, Edwina Ricci OSFO co-opted Executive member, Gill Gemming Oceania Hockey, Ethan Lake Oceania Wrestling, John Tierney Oceania Sailing, Michael Brown OSFO Executive member & Oceania Table Tennis, Yvonne Mullins OSFO Executive member & Oceania Athletics, Helen Smith OSFO Executive member & Oceania Fencing, Talem Waqa, Rugby Union, Christian Holtz Oceania Table Tennis, , Laurent Cassier, Oceania Baseball, Pam Elgar Oceania Hockey, Nancy Miyake Oceania Swimming, Tracey Gaundry Oceania Cycling, Wainikiti Bogidrau Oceania Netball, Michael Kassis Oceania Karate, Geoff Gardner Oceania Athletics, Caitlyn Lyons Oceania Gymnastics, Karen Norden Oceania Gymnastics, Brooke Kneebush Oceania Gymnastics, Patsy Vercoe Oceania Archery, Monika Elder Oceania Archery, David Crocker FIBA Oceania, Nadia Bleaken Oceania Badminton, Julie Carrel Oceania Badminton, Bill Kerr Oceania Touch, Karen Murphy Oceania Lawn Bowls, Laura Piekarski Oceania Cricket, Lennie Niit Oceania Judo, Bruce Osborne Oceania Tennis, Stuart Lee Oceania Taekwondo, Dennis Miller ONOC, Jo Miller PSP, Andrew Minogue PGC Executive Director, Vidhya Lakhan PGC President, Marcus Stephens Vice President Nauru NOC, Len Olender Sport World, Jo Ferris, PSP, Katy Atkinson, Reporters Academy, Lars Hansen, Athletics, James Morris, Oceania Table Tennis, Ben Howard, GHD,

Apologies: Kevan Gosper OSFO Chairman, Helen McMurray OSFO, Russell Morris Oceania Waterskiing & Wakeboarding, Bob Claxton Oceania Hockey, Inoke Niubalavu, Oceania Baseball, Neven Barbour Oceania Squash, Nicholas Sullivan Oceania Shooting Federation, John Kotsifas Oceania Taekwondo Union, Andrew Cadzow Oceania AFL, Tas Baitieri Oceania Rugby League, Rex Capil Oceania Softball, Kieran McMillan Oceania Cricket, Carol Kawaljenko Oceania Squash, John Saul Oceania Wrestling, Bruce Cook Oceania World Rugby, Helen Brownlee Oceania Canoe, Milton Bradley Oceania Shooting. J. Victor Langkilde Oceania Baseball Carl Floor Oceania, Handball, Burton Shipley FIBA Oceania, Hugh Graham and Terry Sasser Oceania Volleyball, Bob Steffy Oceania Baseball & Softball,

Agenda item 1. Roll Call

A roll call was carried out of all those who had advised of their attendance in advance of the meeting. All attendees were asked to sign the Attendance Sheet. The meeting was advised of apologies received.

Agenda item 2. Official Opening OSFO Annual Assembly

The meeting was officially opened by the OSFO Secretary-General Chet Gray who welcomed all attendees and passed on the apology of President Kevan Gosper who was unable to attend at short notice due to other pressing commitments.

The Secretary-General chaired the meeting in the absence of the President and drew the meeting's attention to the President's Report which can be found on page 159 of the joint ONOC/OSFO Annual Report booklet.

Motion: That the President's Report be accepted.

Moved: Oceania Baseball

Seconded: Oceania Gymnastics

Carried unanimously.

Agenda item 3. Review of the Previous Minutes & Financial Report

The previous Minutes were tabled and held till the end of the meeting in case there were any matters arising from the Minutes during the meeting. The Secretary-General noted the comments made in 2015 by IOC President Thomas Bach regarding the unique situation in Oceania where Sports and NOCs are working together for the same goal.

The audited Financial Report was tabled and the Secretary-General reminded the meeting that the OSFO President has secured a special grant from IOC Solidarity of US\$70,000 over two years. US\$35,00 was received in 2015 and we will receive the balance in 2016.

Last year, OSFO became an incorporated body in Queensland, Australia.

In 2014, OSFO received funding from the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade (DFAT) for the Pacific Youth & Sports Congress, acting as a banker to hold the funds until they were dispersed. It took 18 months to complete the acquittal of the funds. OSFO received an administration grant of \$14,097 for providing this service.

As the 2014 income exceeded \$100,000, an audited financial report was required. The 2015 Financial Report is the first ever audited report.

OSFO contributed \$20,000 towards the cost of producing the Positive Edge Journal which has been report in the printing and extras line item. A further \$25,000 was received from the Oceania Australia Foundation for the project. Action: Chet: to include details of the print and extras line item as per the grant towards the development of the journal.

OSFO membership fees have increased only once in 11 years. The amount received in membership fees usually only covers the costs related to the Annual Assembly. ONOC carries the cost of the ONOC printed report that includes OSFO's reports & all of the individual sport reports.

It was agreed that there is a need to review the Membership Levy.

Motion: That the 2015 Financial Report be accepted.

Moved: Oceania Athletics

Seconded: Oceania Badminton

Carried unanimously.

Secretary-General's Report

The Secretary-General noted that OSFO membership had increased to 30, including new and retained members.

The Secretary-General reminded the meeting of OSFO's partnership with the Oceania Australia Foundation and referred attendees to the related report which can be found on page 33 of the joint ONOC/OSFO Annual Report booklet.

Motion: That the Secretary-General's Report be accepted.

Moved: Oceania Hockey

Seconded: Oceania Karate

Carried unanimously.

A wide-ranging discussion took place regarding the Membership Fee review, resulting in the following motion.

Motion: That subject to the review of the OSFO Strategic Plan, the OSFO Executive should develop appropriate recommendations to ensure the financial viability of OSFO, including, but not limited to, securing additional sources of revenue and adjustments to membership fees.

Moved: Oceania Athletics

Seconded: Oceania Basketball

Carried unanimously.

Agenda item 4. Major Project Report

It was agreed to move this item to the workshop following the General Assembly.

Agenda item 5. OSEP Sport Education Commission Report

Gill Gemming (Oceania Hockey) gave her report as the sole OSFO representative on this ONOC commission. The second OSFO representative had only attended one meeting since his appointment & had withdrawn from the position.

Gill suggested that a second OSFO representative be appointed, preferably from an individual sport.

Agenda item 6. Pacific Sports Council Sport Committee Report

Yvonne Mullins (OSFO Executive & Oceania Athletics) gave a brief report as the OSFO representative on this commission. She noted that Andrew Minogue would provide a detailed report during the planned workshop after the meeting.

Agenda item 7. 2015 OSFO Resolutions activities report

Michael Brown (OSFO Executive & Oceania Table Tennis) reported on the feedback received from members regarding the resolutions that were proposed to the 2015 General Assembly & subsequently circulated to members for feedback. There had been no changes to the wording of the proposals, but some clarifications had been requested & given.

Resolution 1: Following the invitation of the Pacific Games Council, in which athletes from both Australia and New Zealand have been invited to compete at the 2015 Pacific Games in four sports, OSFO requests its Members to confirm an action plan for the inclusion of Australia & New Zealand into future Pacific Games. OSFO will advocate on behalf of its Members to the Pacific Games Council to maximise the inclusion of Australia & New Zealand in as many sports as possible, to assist in establishing the Pacific Games as the Continental Games of the Oceania Region.

Moved: Oceania Hockey
Seconded: Oceania Cycling
Carried unanimously.

Resolution 2: OSFO would like to work with ONOC and its member NOCs, as well as OSEP, to develop a rationalization of sport development in Oceania based on current needs.

This resolution was withdrawn.

Resolution 3: OSFO would like to provide ONOC, and its NOCs, with access to the Positive Sports Coaching online learning, and seek their collaboration in its uptake through the NOC and OSEP network.

Moved: Oceania Touch
Seconded: Oceania Athletics
Carried unanimously.

Resolution 4: OSFO wishes to extend an invitation for a member of the ONOC Executive to be a member of the OSFO Executive with a view to ONOC extending an invitation to have a member of the OSFO Executive on the ONOC Executive. The terms of this exchange to be agreed between the President of OSFO and the President of ONOC.

Moved: Oceania Athletics
Seconded: Oceania Hockey
Carried unanimously.

Resolution 5: OSFO would like to introduce an Awards Program, with clearly defined categories and criteria, which recognises significant contributions made to sport within the region.

Moved: Oceania Hockey
Seconded: Oceania Archery
Carried unanimously.

Motion: That Steve Smith (first Chairperson of OSFO) be awarded the inaugural OSFO Merit Award.

Moved: Oceania Athletics
Seconded: Oceania Taekwondo
Carried unanimously.

It was agreed that the OSFO Merit Award criteria developed by the OSFO Executive would be circulated to members after the meeting.

After discussion around possible other types of awards, it was agreed that criteria, as well as a nomination & selection process for a range of OSFO Awards will be developed & circulated to members well in advance of the next General Assembly.

Agenda item 8. Pacific Games Council presentation

It was agreed to defer this item to the workshop planned for later in the afternoon.

Agenda item 9. PSP/OSFO workshop outcomes

Jo Ferris from DFAT advised that the report on the workshops held during the previous week will be shared with OSFO members.

She also advised that DFAT will also be feeding back to the Australian government the outcomes & recommendations from the workshops held with OSFO members before the General Assembly.

Agenda item 10. OSFO Executive resolutions to be tabled

There were no resolutions to be tabled.

Agenda item 11. General Business

11.1 Yvonne Mullins suggested that the members go across to Erakor Island the following morning to work on the review of the Strategic Plan. It was unanimously agreed to meet at 10am.

11.2 A minute's silence was observed in memory of Nu'u Tapasu Leung Wai, the Secretary-General & former President of the Samoa Association of Sports & National Olympic Committee who had recently passed away. Andrew Minogue outlined some of his significant achievements in sport in Samoa & the Pacific.

11.3 Motion: That the previous minutes of the 2014 General Assembly be approved.

Moved: Oceania Taekwondo

Seconded: Oceania Karate

Carried unanimously.

11.4 Pam Elgar (Oceania Hockey) moved a vote of thanks to the OSFO Executive which was carried by acclamation.

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