



2017 OSFO Assembly

Holiday Inn Resort, Port Vila, Vanuatu

Saturday December 2, 2017

Draft Minutes

Attendees: , Kevan Gosper OSFO Chairman, Chet Gray OSFO Secretary-General & Oceania Baseball & Softball, Edwina Ricci OSFO co-opted Executive member, Gill Gemming Oceania Hockey, Yvonne Mullins OSFO Executive member & Oceania Athletics, Helen Smith OSFO Executive member & Oceania Fencing, Talemwa Waqa, Rugby Union, Christian Holtz Oceania Table Tennis, , Laurent Cassier, Oceania Baseball, Nancy Miyake Oceania Swimming, Nadia Bleaken Oceania Badminton, Julie Carrel Oceania Badminton, Jo Miller PSP, Andrew Minogue PGC Executive Director, Vidhya Lakhan PGC President, Marcus Stephens Vice President Nauru NOC, Ben Howard, GHD, Bob Claxton Oceania Hockey, Jane Liversey, Oceania Cricket, Rob Gomm, Oceania Cricket, Lara Collins, Vaa, Tai Nicholas, Oceania Football, Aaton Alsop, Oceania Volleyball, Martin Doulton, FISU Oceania, Coby Au, Oceania Taekwondo, Graham Fredricks, Oceania Cycling Sainimili Savkuru, ONOC OSEP, Jackie Lauff, Pacific Sport Compass

Apologies: Helen McMurray OSFO, Russell Morris Oceania Waterskiing & Wakeboarding, 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, , Carol Kawaljenko Oceania Squash, John Saul Oceania Wrestling, Bruce Cook Oceania World Rugby, Helen Brownlee Oceania Canoe, Milton Bradley Oceania Shooting, Carl Floor Oceania, Handball, Burton Shipley FIBA Oceania, Hugh Graham and Terry Sasser Oceania Volleyball, Bob Steffy Oceania Baseball & Softball, Ethan Lake Oceania Wrestling, John Tierney Oceania Sailing, Michael Brown OSFO Executive member & Oceania Table Tennis, Pam Elgar Oceania Hockey, Tracey Gaundry Oceania Cycling, Wainikiti Bogidrau Oceania Netball, Michael Kassis Oceania Karate, Geoff Gardner Oceania Athletics, Brooke Kneebush Oceania Gymnastics, Patsy Vercoe Oceania Archery, Monika Elder Oceania Archery, David Crocker FIBA Oceania, 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 Ferris, PSP, Len Olender Sport World, Katy Atkinson, Reporters Academy, Lars Hansen, Athletics, James Morris, Oceania Table Tennis,

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. Seventeen of the twenty-eight OSFO members were represented.

Agenda item 2. Official Opening OSFO Annual Assembly

The meeting was officially opened by the President Kevan Gosper who tabled his annual report which was available within the program manual. The following summary was provided:

Following on from the successful meetings in Vanuatu where a Strategic Planning meeting was held on Koror island, the Executive has continued to focus on our mission to create, sustain, develop and advocate an enabling environment that assists our Members to enhance the role of sport in all communities in the Oceania region.

In subsequent meetings the pillars of Advocacy, Stakeholder Engagement, Governance & Leadership, Organisational Capacity & Sustainable activities have been identified and the next step is for an operational plan to be documented.

As last year's pilot study of our Positive Sports Coaching program indicated, this online program is continuing to have a positive effect and we are currently investigating options for a next step, but it is essential that sports continue to engage with this program.

As a result of the decision to have an OSFO Merit Award, which recognises service to OSFO beyond an individual sport, the first successful awards winners will be presented during the Assembly today. We want to ensure this is a prestigious award to acknowledge an individual's contribution to OSFO and more details on this will be available shortly.

Oceania Australia Foundation (OAF) update – The Foundation is now 10 years old and has provided over 44 US college scholarships so far of whom 60% have been awarded NCAA scholarships to continue their scholastic and athletic programs. Most athletes are in Track & Field, also Basketball, Rowing, Tennis and Volleyball. Four OAF scholarship recipients made it to the Rio Olympic Games. The total funds invested in this program are currently about \$1M AUD.

Motion: That the President's Report be accepted.

Moved: Oceania Baseball

Seconded: Oceania Table Tennis

Carried unanimously.

Agenda item 3. OSFO Elections President and one Executive Committee member

The elections of the OSFO President and one Executive member was conducted and as a result Mr Kevan Gosper was re-elected as President and Michael Brown was re-elected to the Executive.

Kevan advised that OSFO needs to find a successor for him in the next 2 years. The members congratulated both Kevan on his appointment.

Agenda item 4. Review of the Previous Minutes & 2016 Financial Report & Secretary Report

The previous Minutes were tabled and held pending till the end of the meeting in case there were any matters arising from the Minutes during the meeting.

The decision regarding the proposal to raise membership levy from \$300 to \$500 was postponed until after discussion regarding the Operational Plan in the OSFO Workshop the following day.

Motion: That the 2016 Financial Report be accepted.

Moved: Oceania Athletics

Seconded: Oceania Badminton

Carried unanimously.

Secretary-General's Report

The Secretary-General noted that OSFO membership had dropped this year by 1 members due to the change of personnel.

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 in the joint ONOC/OSFO Annual Report booklet.

The President announced a new \$35K USD grant to OSFO from the IOC.

The Secretary General's report was approved. The President acknowledged the huge amount of work carried out by Chet Gray.

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

Moved: Oceania Hockey

Seconded: Oceania Cricket

Carried unanimously.

Agenda item 5. Major Project Report

Edwina Ricci reported on the Positive Sports Coaching project. Edwina mentioned the free Positive Sports Coaching program available at www.positivesportscoaching.com.au

It is a training program about how coaches should talk to athletes.

Edwina also reported on the Positive Edge Journal which contains 52 weeks of bite-sized well-being science activities, designed to assist in achieving transformation in thinking to achieve transformation in behaviour.

Agenda item 6. OSFO Strategic Plan 2016 - 2020 - Operational Plan 2017/8 update

Helen Smith provided a brief update & outline of what the group would do at the next day's workshop.

Agenda item 7. OSEP Sport Education Commission Report

Gill Gemming & Christian Holtz gave a brief report as the OSFO representatives on the Commission. Sainimili (Mili) Saukuru from OSEP gave a detailed report on activity over the past year. OSEP wants to sign up with Regional Sports Organisations via MOUs. There are 94 OSEP Trainers in 21 sports on the ground. There is a need to remunerate OSEP Trainers. OSEP is looking at developing Apps to support training. Mili announced a Call to Action for partner RSOs to nominate participants for joint training & to work out when OSEP & RSOs can go in-country together to carry out training.

Agenda item 8. Pacific Sports Council Sport Committee Report

Yvonne Mullins gave a brief report as the OSFO representative on the PGS council. She noted that Andrew Minogue would provide a detailed report during the planned workshop after the meeting.

Agenda item 9. 2016 OSFO Resolutions activities report

The meeting agreed to remove Resolution #2 as it didn't really mean anything.

Two additional resolutions were agreed to:

- (i) That OSFO support sports to lobby to retain Oceania regional qualification for all World Championship and Olympic Games within their sport. Importance of Olympic Games qualification to remain in Oceania.
- (ii) That OSFO supports its sports' athletes to push for participation in the Olympic Games for athletes that have qualified on merit.

Moved: Oceania Rugby Union

Seconded: Oceania Swimming

Carried unanimously.

Agenda item 10. Pacific Games Council presentation

The Executive Director of the PGC, Andrew Minogue gave apologies for President Vidhya Lakhan and provided an update on the Pacific Mini Games which were about to begin in Pt Vila with 14 sports & 23 countries participating.

Tonga had to withdraw as host of 2019 Pacific Games, but Samoa had replaced Tonga as the government was prepared to underwrite the Games.

AUS & NZL will be invited in 8 sports for Samoa. The PGC wants to accelerate the process for bringing AUS & NZL in to the Pacific Games.

A call has been made for bids for the 2025 Mini Games.

There will be a tri-partite meeting between PGC/ONOC & OSFO representatives possibly on the following evening. Yvonne Mullins & Helen Smith will represent OSFO.

Agenda item 11. 2017 Merit Award announcement

It has previously been agreed to grant the inaugural OSFO Merit award to the former OSFO President of 10 years Steve Smith.

Chet Gray advised the meeting that the Executive had developed the award criteria & called for nominations, of which 9 were received.

The Executive announced the four successful Merit Award nominations for 2017 as the following individuals:

Peter Anderson –	Oceania Shooting
Ray Brown –	Oceania Baseball
Carol Hicks –	Oceania Archery
Talemo Waqa –	Oceania Rugby Union

Call for nominations before the next assembly in 2018 will be actioned.. A plaque & pin will be awarded to up to 9 recipients in 2018 or those attending the OSFO Assembly.

It was decided that the Executive will form an independent panel of up to 5 people to judge the awards in future.

The Secretary General will advise all recipients of their award.

Agenda item 12. General Business

(i) Pacific Sports Compass Working Group

It was agreed that OSFO will make a submission to the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat under the call for submissions for regional policy priorities due February 9 2018.

(ii) A presentation was given by Nancy, Jane & Mili about a planned interactive online training platform using the same platform as that used for Positive Sports Coaching. Funds are being sought from DFAT. The application is due before Christmas 2017, the project timeline is 6 months.

(iii) During the OSFO Operational Plan review workshop it was agreed to update the Ops plan for the next OSFO Assembly based on the feedback provided by members. A further decision took place regarding the OSFO Membership Fee review, resulting from how we would resource and achieve the delivery of key actions of the Operational plan. As a result of the review and discussion the OSFO membership fee would be increased from \$300 to \$400 AUS beginning in 2018. The additional funding generated would be used to engaged a resource to deliver key deliverables from the Operations plan.

Moved: Oceania Athletics

Seconded: Oceania Hockey

Carried

The 2016 OSFO minutes were tabled by the President for approval.

Moved: Oceania Table Tennis

Seconded: Oceania Badminton

Carried unanimously.