



2019 OSFO Annual Assembly

March 15, 2019 9.00am-1.00pm

Minutes

Meeting started at 9.02 with Chet Gray (Secretary General) taking care of the “housekeeping” and welcoming guests.

1. Roll Call

Attendees: Kevan Gosper OSFO Chairman, Chet Gray OSFO Secretary-General & Oceania Baseball & Softball, Helen Smith OSFO Executive member & Oceania Fencing, Talem Waqa, Rugby Union, Christian Holtz Oceania Table Tennis, Nadia Bleaken Oceania Badminton, Laurent Cassier, Oceania Baseball Andrew Minogue PGC Executive Director, Vidhya Lakhani PGC President, Ben Howard, GHD Graham Fredricks, Oceania Cycling, John Kotsifas, Oceania Taekwondo, Sainimili Savkuru, ONOC OSEP, Helen Brownlee Oceania Canoe, Brooke Kneebush Oceania Gymnastics, Denis Mowbray Gymnastics, Dennis Miller ONOC, Makiroa Mitchell-John Oceania Handball, Cyrille Mainguy Oceania Tennis, Ryan Pini PGC, Inoke Niubalavu, Oceania Baseball, Tas Baitieri Oceania Rugby League, Rex Capil Oceania Softball, Milton Bradley Oceania Shooting, Kitty Chiller Oceania Gymnastics, Hugh Graham and Terry Sasser Oceania Volleyball, Antonio Aquino Oceania Wrestling, Robert Turner World Archery, Kumon Tarawa Oceania Badminton, Debbie Masauvakalo Oceania Volleyball, Zena Iese – Oceania Gymnastics, Todel Kitto Oceania Hockey, Dinesh Parmeshwar Oceania Squash, Karo Lelai FIBA Oceania,

Sports: Hockey, Gymnastics, World Rugby, Table Tennis, Tennis, Badminton, Squash, Fencing, Taekwondo, Rugby League, Archery, Baseball, Softball, Shooting, Handball, Cycling, Volleyball, Canoeing, Basketball, Judo and Wrestling.

Apologies: Helen McMurray OSFO, Edwina Ricci OSFO co-opted Executive member, Gill Gemming Oceania Hockey, Yvonne Mullins OSFO Executive member & Oceania Athletics, Maree Burnett, Oceania Canoeing, John Tierney Oceania Sailing, Amanda Jenkins FIBA Oceania, Julie Carrel Oceania Badminton, Russell Morris Oceania Waterskiing & Wakeboarding, Nancy Miyake Oceania Swimming Neven Barbour Oceania Squash, Bob Claxton Oceania Hockey, Lara Collins, Vaa, Bill Kerr Oceania Touch, Mel Donald Oceania Shooting, Nicholas Sullivan Oceania Shooting Federation, Coby Au, Oceania Taekwondo, Jane Livesey, Oceania Cricket, Martin Doultton, FISU Oceania, Carol Kawaljenko Oceania Squash, Burton Shipley FIBA Oceania, Bob Steffy Oceania Baseball & Softball, Pam Elgar Oceania Hockey, Tracey Gaundry Oceania Cycling, Wainikiti Bogidrau Oceania Netball, Michael Kassis Oceania Karate, Geoff Gardner Oceania Athletics, Patsy Vercoe Oceania Archery, Patsy Vercoe World Archery, David Crocker FIBA Oceania, Stuart Lee Oceania Taekwondo, Len Olender Sport World,

Observers: Marius Vizer Jr. International Teqball, Viktor Teuszar Int Teqball, Matthew Curtain Int. Teqball



2. Official Opening OSFO Annual Assembly – Kevan Gosper

- Ratification of OSFO Executive member appointments
- President's report
- Oceania Australia Foundation update

2.1 The President, Kevan Gosper, declared the meeting open at 9.09 after the morning prayer. Chet explained that Michael Brown had relocated to Asia to take on a new role with the ITTF and therefore would not be able to continue his commitment to the OSFO Executive Committee. The Executive Committee, after going through a nomination process appointed Christian Holtz from Table Tennis to fill the vacancy. Similarly, the Executive Committee was extended to include an athlete representative and Ryan Pini (Swimming) was appointed to the position.

That the OSFO Executive appointments be ratified.

Moved: L. Cassier Oceania Baseball

Seconded: G. Fredricks Oceania Cycling

Motion carried.

Kevan decided to deal with agenda item #4 next as it relates to the previous item of business. Constitutional amendments to clause 8.1 (c) – Ratification of the increased number of Executive Committee members and addition of an athlete representative.

That in Clause 8.1 (c) of the OSFO Constitution, the number of Executive Committee members be increased from 3 ordinary members to 4 ordinary Executive Committee members and 8.1 (d) was added to include on the Executive an Athlete representative. Clause 8.7 Athlete Representatives Committee shall be appointed as follows:

The Athlete Representatives shall be appointed during an election year by eligible players (which eligibility shall be determined by the OSFO pursuant to standards which shall have been established by the Executive Committee) in accordance with such election process and procedure determined by the OSFO and which is approved by the Executive Committee. The voting for Athlete Representatives is to be conducted by and within the OSFO membership. The term of an Athlete Representative Committee shall be four (4) years was also added.

Moved: R. Capil Oceania Softball

Seconded: K. Chiller Oceania Gymnastics

Motion carried.

2.2 Kevan recognised Helen Brownlee and Kitty Chiller for recently being awarded the Order of Australia.

Kevan explained to the members that a constructive meeting took place with representatives of the Pacific Games Council, OSFO, ONOC and the Commonwealth Games Federation in Brisbane earlier in 2019. The purpose of the meeting was to look at ways for the organisations to give each other more support, to discuss qualification to world, Commonwealth and Olympic events through the Pacific Games, the need for more financial resources and how to better support the athletes, technical officials and administrators in our Oceania sports.



Andrew Minogue (PGC) explained that Volleyball used the 2017 Pacific Mini Games as a qualification event to the 2018 Commonwealth Games and it worked very well. The aim is to maximize our limited resources in Oceania by not duplicating efforts. Both Andrew Minogue & Vidya Lakhani (PGC President) are keen to convene another similar meeting in Samoa during the Pacific Games. They also mentioned that a number of sports are using the 2019 Pacific Games as qualifying events & that working together will assist with the gradual process of including Australian & New Zealand competitors into the Pacific Games.

After meeting with ASOIF members in Tokyo, Kevan further urged the regional sport federations to write to their IFs requesting more financial support with the knowledge that the IFs are receiving increased funding from the IOC.

Kevan also explained that although progress has been made to reach the objectives of the OSFO strategic plan, communication is not flowing to the members and between the members adequately. OSFO should be giving more information to the members and stakeholders to better inform them of opportunities in the region. Kevan also mentioned that OSFO has been lagging with the implementation of the Positive Edge Journal. OSFO has invested a lot of money into the development of this resource and OSFO needs to drive this forward.

Taekwondo suggested the creation of an OSFO WhatsApp group or Facebook group for further communication with and among the members. Of particular interest could be how OSFO represents the members internationally with each IF to increase funding/support.

2.3 Oceania Australia Foundation update

The report has been included in the ONOC report. Helen McMurray has been ill and is unable to be present.

3. OSFO Elections – Secretary General and two Executive Committee members

The office of the Secretary General has become vacant but no nominations have been received. Kevan asked the members to ratify that Chet Gray continue in his role as Secretary General. The motion was supported unanimously.

Due to the agreed change to the Constitution, there are now 3 Executive Committee positions available and 4 nominations to fill these positions:

- The positions of Helen Smith Oceania Fencing and Yvonne Mullins Oceania Athletics are up for election and they've nominated to fill their positions.
- Milton Bradley from Oceania Shooting and Brooke Kneebush from Oceania Gymnastics have also nominated.

There are 20 sports voting and the nominations will be decided by a simple majority.

Chet and 2 scrutineers counted the votes and confirmed that Helen Smith, Yvonne Mullins and Brooke Kneebush were elected as Executive Committee members.



Kevan thanked Milton for his nomination.

That the results of the elections be ratified.

Moved: H. Brownlee Oceania Canoeing

Seconded: K. Chiller Oceania Gymnastics

Motion carried unanimously.

That the ballots be destroyed:

Moved: G. Fredricks Oceania Cycling

Seconded: T. Waqa Oceania Rugby.

Motion carried.

4. Review of previous minutes – Chet Gray

- OSFO Financial report –2018
- Secretary General report

Kevan tabled the minutes and left them on the table until the end of the meeting.

Chet presented the financial report to the members. Chet explained that thanks to Kevan's initiative, ONOC has continued to provide a grant to OSFO which is the main source of income.

The financials were tabled. Chet pointed out that OSFO needs to move its website from Sporting Pulse to the new Olympic Channel platform. Kevan advised that OSFO should follow ONOC's lead in this regard. Chet pointed out the website & Facebook page need to be updated. The extra finances generated by the increase in membership fees will be used to contract a person to improve OSFO's online presence & its communications. Thus, it will be used to benefit the members.

Kevan pointed out the importance of ensuring ongoing funding for OSFO.

That the Financial Report be approved:

Moved: J. Saul Oceania Wrestling

Second: M. Bradley Oceania Shooting.

Motion carried.

Kevan pointed out that ONOC has given OSFO a grant because it believes it gets value for money.

OSFO was established 12 years ago as a result of an initiative from ONOC & it has matured extraordinarily well.

Talemu commented that OSFO should encourage its members to partner with OSEP to show its support and increase its influence at ONOC.

Chet presented the Secretary General report and thanked everyone for their contribution to the annual report. Furthermore, Chet encouraged the sports to reach out to him and the OSFO executive to update them on changes in governance and key reports.

That the Secretary General's Report be accepted.



Moved: L. Cassier Oceania Baseball
Seconded: G. Fredricks Oceania Cycling
Motion carried.

5. Major Project Report – Edwina Ricci

- Athlete Resilience Positive Edge Journal program

Edwina Ricci is not present. Kevan elaborated once again that the momentum has been lost. The detailed report can be found on page 20 of the ONOC Report.

6. OSFO Strategic Plan 2016-2020 – Helen Smith

Helen explained that during the year, the executive met twice to review progress against the KPIs. The operational plan includes a measure of success column and Helen concluded that while most items were achieved, a lack of capacity means that items which are not achieved, will remain so for now. However, with an increase in the Executive Committee & the intention to contract someone to work on communication & OSFO's online presence, it is her hope that more progress will be made in the coming year.

7. OSEP Sport Education Commission Report – Christian Holtz,

OSFO should recommend to ONOC that OSEP programs be compulsory for all NOCs. There's a need for more Regional Sport Federations to partner with OSEP. OSEP is a facilitation toll that fits the region, especially in the areas of administration, governance & coaching.

Christian will reach out to Milli to find out about the grants that Regional Sport Federations used to receive & ask ONOC whether there is funding to assist sports to engage with OSEP.

An update on progress with eOSEP was provided by Jubilee. A trial involving Oceania Hockey & Swimming is being held between July & September.

OSFO members expressed a lot of interest in eOSEP being made available to all Oceania sports federations. For the time being, Regional Federations will not have access due to cost. National Federations will have to request access through their NOCs. It was suggested that OSFO could take the lead in requesting information about costs from OSEP. There might also be interest from IFs.

8. PGC presentation – Andrew Minogue on behalf of Vidhya Lakhan

Andrew presented an overview of the PGC and its role in Oceania. Andrew emphasised PGC's wish to continue to work closely with OSFO and its members to reduce inefficiencies, stating that the PGC does not want to host the Pacific Games a month out from a continental qualification event. PGC is working with OSFO on an events calendar & is trying to encourage sports to use PGC events as points events or qualification events.

American Samoa and Palau are bidding for the 2025 Mini Games. In 2020, the AGA will be in Saipan and



the PGC will review its sports program for the Games.

Andrew commented that Australia & New Zealand will be competing in Samoa 2019 in 8 sports, with Archery, Athletics, Swimming, Taekwondo and Weightlifting using the games as a pathway for Tokyo 2020 while Basketball and Rugby 7s are using it as a World Championships pathway.

Two sports (Athletics & Table Tennis) will have a parasport component in Samoa 2019. The PGC is looking to increase the number of sports in 2023.

Furthermore, next year the PGC will be electing its board while 2027 bids will be announced this year during the 2019 games in Samoa Andrew encouraged all the OSFO members to lobby the potential hosts to include their sports in the program.

Every four years, PGC does a major review of its sports program. Currently the OSFO representative on the PGC Sports Committee is Yvonne Mullins (OSFO Executive Member & Oceania Athletics).

9. OSFO members' survey feedback

Chet asked members to complete the survey which is available in hard-copy during the meeting.

10. 2019 Merit Award

Geraldine Brown from Badminton Oceania has been recognized for OSFO's Merit Award. Bob Steffi from Baseball Oceania has also been recognized.

11. General Business

11.1 Ben Howard from GHD was invited to present on the Pacific Sport Partnership (PSP).

Ben provided an overview and background of PSP and a quick preview of the future of the program. The Australian Government has made a 10-year commitment to fund sport-for-development in the Indo-Pacific region, with 6 Pacific countries and 4 Asian countries being included in the initial 4-year phase. The Pacific countries are Fiji, Nauru, PNG, Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu.



The new program will start from October 2019 through to 2022 and this period is confirmed regardless of the outcome of the upcoming election in Australia as PSP has bi-partisan support, as reflected in the new Sports Diplomacy document.

Ben also informed the members of 2 online tools: the Massive Open Online Course and eOSEP Better Management which is an online governance and management training management tool.

11.2 Helen Brownlee was invited to present on Women and Sport Commission of Oceania.

Helen provided an update of the commission's mission of building and strengthening the capacity of women and girls in sport. In 2018, Women and Sport of Oceania had 3 sub-regional workshops that were self-funded with at least 20 representatives from sports who went on behalf of the NOCs. Helen emphasized that currently all NOCs have over 20% of women on their boards.

The commission will change its name to the ONOC Equity Commission from now on, but they will maintain a focus on women and girls empowered through sport.

Ryan Pini was invited to join Helen to provide an athlete's perspective on the risks faced by women and girls in sport in Oceania. Ryan explained that he put forward a recommendation to the Pacific Games Council that a Safeguarding Officer should be in place in Samoa. Ryan provided an example of how the Safeguarding Officer will have an impact on the accommodation and hospitality services provided during the games.

11.3 Teqball was invited to present an introduction to FITEQ, the International Federation of Teqball. With 18 federations already in place and 95 federations in progress, FITEQ is registered in Lausanne with a Teqball group, a private corporation based out of Hungary. Teqball presented a video of their world championships with events in singles and doubles. The Asian Olympic Council recognized Teqball as an official sport of their Continental Beach Championships.

FITEQ will announce a national federation program whereby they will donate a table to each NOC at ONOC and they hope to develop the membership in the Oceania region & become a member of OSFO.

11.4 Finally – OSFO approved and adopted the minutes from the previous meeting at 12.22 pm and Kevan subsequently closed the meeting.