

OCEANIA SQUASH FEDERATION  
(OSF)

Minutes of the Inaugural General Meeting of the Oceania Squash Federation (OSF) held in Auckland, New Zealand on 13 May 1992 commencing at 4.05 p.m.

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1. Interim Chairman, Murray Day declared the meeting open and welcomed all representatives and observers in attendance. The Chairman reported that this was an historic occasion for the game of squash in this region of the world. The meeting paid tribute to Murray Day, Col Clapper and Bill Murphy for their work undertaken to-date towards the establishment of the OSF.

2. Attendees. An Attendance Roll was circulated and the following attendees recorded:

Murray Day	Interim Chairman OSF
Mike Martin	President Papua New Guinea
Susie Simcock	ISRF Vice President
Sylvia Wesney	President New Zealand
Don Cotter	Council Chairman New Zealand
Verne Pere	South Pacific Games Official New Zealand
Denise Fischer (for David Boyd)	New Caledonia
Isimeli Cerelala	Vice President P.R.O. Fiji
Robert Skews	Executive Cook Islands
Bob Finch	President Australia
Etuale Sefo	Western Samoa
Sepuloni Taufia Paupula	President Tonga
Henri Yansaud	President Tahiti
Bill Murphy	Interim OSF Representative to ISRF & Executive Director New Zealand
Col Clapper	Interim Secretary OSF
Marco Puluivuea	New Caledonia
Lesly Kasten	Vanautu
Observers -	
Brian Wightman	Zone Development Officer, Oceania National Olympic Committee New Zealand
Butch Gifford	
Charmian Hayes	
Richard King	Team Manager Papua New Guinea
Nevin Barbour	New Zealand

3. Apologies. The following apologies were recorded:

Norfolk Island  
American Samoa  
David Boyd  
Carol Murray

4. Letters of Congratulation. The Chairman read to the meeting letters of congratulation to the delegates attending this Inaugural General Meeting from ISRF President Y.A.M. Tunku Imran and ISRF Executive Director Ted Wallbutton (Letters

attached).

5. Seating and Introduction of Delegates.

The Chairman advised that Delegate seating for the meeting was arranged in alphabetical order of Country.

Each Delegate provided an introduction and brief resume of the position of the game in his/her country, identified the desired benefit for his/her country from OSF, and affirmed support for the establishment of OSF.

6. Official Establishment of OSF.

The Chairman advised that all Delegates would be asked to sign a Foundation document before the end of week as an acknowledgment of their presence and involvement in the formation of the OSF.

7. Proposed OSF Constitution.

A draft Constitution of the OSF had been circulated to all prospective Members prior to the Meeting. Detailed discussions on the draft and related issues concerning the operation of OSF ensued and included the following points:-

- i) Boundaries of OSF to conform with ISRF requirement; they are consistent with the Olympic Committees definition; there is a possibility that the boundaries will change with Eastern Asian countries being moved into Oceania region.
- ii) The position regarding New Caledonia and Tahiti membership requires checking with the ISRF and French Federation. The President and Executive Director will discuss with the ISRF.
- iii) Australia and New Zealand do not participate in the South Pacific Cup. Resolved that under agreed circumstances there may be OSF events in which all Members are not participants.
- iv) The South Pacific Games will not come under the umbrella of the OSF.
- v) The composition of the Officers, with 3 Vice Presidents, was debated. Australia raised their concern of cost and proposed there only be 2 Vice Presidents. The Chairman put the matter to the vote - 8 For, 1 Against. CARRIED.
- vi) Issue of 2 x 2 year terms was raised. Resolved that this be altered to 3 x 2 year terms.
- vii) Resolved that allowance to be made to allow for a representative to represent for a Member and an Alternate, if appropriate.
- viii) Agreed that general meetings be held on an annual basis.
- ix) Agreed that voting entitlement be related to the Members contribution in respect of Constitutional changes, Members Fees and Election of Officers, while simple voting provision to apply to other matters.

- x) Concern expressed by a number of representatives if two accounts are issued - one for OSF and one for ISRF. Difficulty arises in getting funds offshore. Resolved that one account only should be issued. Changes to ISRF Constitution will allow for Full ISRF Members to remit single payment to ISRF, who will onforward OSF component. OSF will bill Affiliate Members for both ISRF and OSF element.
- xi) Financial year to be brought in line with ISRF financial year in their new Constitution when it comes into force.
- xii) Resolved that reporting of the Annual Accounts be in the currency as determined by the Officers.
- xiii) Proposals tabled (see attached) covering
  - . voting provisions;
  - . category of membership; and
  - . member fees
 Resolved that proposal dated 13 May 1992 be supported in principle.
- xiv) Resolved that "Associate" Member be altered to "Affiliate" Member.
- xv) Resolved that Interim President and Interim Secretary consider points raised and submit changes later in the meeting.

#### 8. Member Fees.

- i) Some representatives considered fee being proposed was too low.
- ii) Benefit of membership was raised:
  - ISRF membership raises Countries profile as a member of world body
  - Access to coaching, materials, etc.
  - Stepping stone to full ISRF membership
  - Increases impact of the ISRF
  - Promotion of the game.
- iii) Australia and New Zealand will explore the possibility of funding to OSF via Foreign Affairs, etc.
- iv) Members Fees for 1992/93 as proposed in the attached document dated 13 May 1992 were adopted unanimously.
- v) Accounts of fees due to be issued as soon as possible for 1992. In following years accounts to be issued in the January to March period.
- vi) Subscriptions to ISRF for Affiliate Members to be collected in advance and held in trust until requested by ISRF.

#### 9. Election of Officers.

The following OSF Officers were elected for the ensuing year -

President

Murray Day

Vice Presidents

Mike Martin  
David Boyd  
Carol Murray  
Col Clapper  
Bill Murphy

Executive Director  
Oceania Representative  
to ISRF

10. Adjournment of Meeting.

The Chairman adjourned the Meeting and it was resolved that the Meeting would reconvene at 9.30 a.m. on 15 May 1992.

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Minutes of the Adjourned Inaugural General Meeting of the Oceania Squash Federation (OSF) held in Auckland, New Zealand on 15 May 1992 commencing at 9.45 a.m.

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1. The Chairman declared the adjourned meeting opened.

2. FINALISATION OF CONSTITUTION

Resolved that the following alterations to the draft Constitution be applied:

- i) "Associate Member" to be redefined "Affiliate Member" throughout the document.
- ii) Article IV Section 5. Paragraph 4 line 3.  
"two terms" to read "three terms".
- iii) Article IV Section 5. Paragraph 6.  
Delete paragraph and insert "The President may not be a representative of a Full Member."
- iv) Article IV Section 6 line 3.  
"Executive Officer" to read "Executive Director".
- v) Article IV Section 6 line 9 to end of sentence.  
Alter existing wording to read "resolution must be carried by those Members present and entitled to vote at the General Meeting, on the following basis:  
  - i) two-thirds or more of the Members; and
  - ii) two-thirds or more of all votes cast by the Members."
- vi) Article V Section 4. Amend to read as follows:  
"At no time may an individual serve as a Representative of more than one Member."
- vii) Article VIII Section 1 line 2. Add "financial" before "Full Members".
- viii) Article VIII Section 4. Renumber to become Section 2, and the following words to be added after the word "each" on line 1:  
"except for those matters concerning the Constitution, Election of Officers and Membership fees, whereupon the following voting structure shall apply:  

Category A	1 - 9 courts	1 vote
Category B	10 - 19 courts	2 votes
Category C	20 - 99 courts	3 votes
Category D	100 - 999 courts	4 votes
Category E	1000 or more courts	5 votes
- ix) Article VIII Section 2. Renumber to become Section 3.
- x) Renumbered Article VIII Section 3 line 3. Delete

following -

"At the General Meeting:

- i) two-thirds or more of those Members present and entitled to vote; and
- ii) two-thirds or more of all votes cast by those Members present and entitled to vote."

xi) Article VIII Section 3. Renumber to become Section 4.

xii) Article XIII Section 2.

- . line 6 - Delete the word "Principal".
- . c) - alter to read "Women's Development"
- . d) - alter to read "Fixtures"
- . e) - alter to read "Coaching Accreditation"
- . g) - alter to read "Medical & Sports Science"

xiii) Article XVII Section 1.

- . line 1 - after "shall be" add "Pounds Sterling".
- . Add new sentence - "Notwithstanding, the presentation of the Annual Accounts shall be in the currency of the Federation's Bank Account."

xiv) Article XVIII "Offices" to read "Office".

xv) Article XIV line 3. Delete the words after "is supported" and replace with the following:

"At the General Meeting by:

- i) two-thirds or more of those Members present and entitled to vote; and
- ii) two-thirds or more of all votes cast by those Members present and entitled to vote.

The alterations were adopted unanimously and it was agreed that an updated Constitution would be issued.

3. Resolved that all Members in attendance would sign a signatory document as Foundation Members of the OSF. The signatory document is to be attached to the official copy of the Constitution.
4. Recognised by all Members present that some events could be under the control of OSF in which all Members may not be eligible to participate (e.g. South Pacific Cup).
5. Resolved that delegates recognise, and it be recorded that this was an historic and important event for squash in this area of the world, and that special recognition be given to Australia and New Zealand for the part they played in making the Inaugural Meeting possible.
6. Resolved that an Oceania Calendar be developed. The Executive Director would issue a request for inclusions on the calendar, which should only include those events open to players from other countries.
7. Resolved that the Oceania Junior Aged Championships:
  - should be held in the May/June time window.
  - should be held next year and annually thereafter subject to annual reviews.

- venue to be determined by the Officers following a call for applications.  
(A number of Members expressed interest including New Caledonia, Fiji, PNG, Vanautu and Western Samoa.)
- Australia advised that in future the event will be included in the AIS programme of activities.
- Format to continue at the Under 19, 17 and 15 age levels in the Individuals. The Teams Events to be further developed, if possible.
- Officers to consider the appointment of a Technical Director for the event.

8. Resolved that regulations be developed for the South Pacific Cup.
9. Resolved that an Oceania Masters Championships be promoted.
10. Resolved that the next General Meeting be held at the same time and venue as next year's Junior Aged Championships.
11. Resolved that the mailing list be updated and re-issued.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all those in attendance for their part in a most successful meeting, and declared the Inaugural General Meeting of the OSF closed at 12.05 p.m.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

## OSF FORUM

Immediately following the Inaugural Meeting of the OSF, an Open Forum was held. The following issues were raised:

### 1. Resource Material:

Australia presented the following resource material and advised that it would provide one copy free of charge via the OSF to each OSF member. A charge would be levied for any additional copies requested:

- . Squash Coaching Manual Level 1
- . Squash Skills (Video)
- . Play Squash For Fun
- . Mini Squash
- . Mini Squash (Video)
- . Resource Manual

New Zealand also advised they had resource material available and would provide details.

### 2. Promotion of Women's Squash:

Suzie Simcock tabled a paper on the development of Women's Squash (see attached). The proportion of females playing the sport was addressed:

- . PNG Ratio is 2 to 1 males to females.  
Competition is integrated in all but one of the 9 Clubs.
- . Western Samoa 45% are female players
- . Australia 35% are female players  
Women's Development Committee responsible for promoting female squash. Squash used as model sport in Government's promotion of equity programme.
- . Fiji 33% female players
- . New Caledonia low proportion of female participation. Heat is a factor.
- . New Zealand 33% female players.

### 3. Refereeing:

- . Consideration to be given to an OSF grading system for referees.
- . Consideration to be given to the appointment of an OSF Director of Refereeing.