

OCEANIA SQUASH FEDERATION
OSF

MINUTES OF THE SECOND GENERAL MEETING OF THE OCEANIA SQUASH
FEDERATION (OSF) HELD IN NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA ON 25 MAY 1993
COMMENCING AT 9.15 A.M.

1. The Chairman, Murray Day declared the Meeting open and welcomed all representatives in attendance. He also outlined the proceedings for the Meeting, alterations to the Agenda and arrangements for the day.
2. ATTENDEES: The Attendance Roll was circulated and is enclosed herewith. The following attendees were recorded:

Murray Day	President OSF
David Boyd	Vice President OSF
Col Clapper	Executive Director OSF
Bill Murphy	OSF Representative to WSF
Bernard Idoux	Delegate, New Caledonia
Denise Fischer	Interpreter, New Caledonia
Graham Corderoy	Delegate, Australia
Richard King	Delegate, Papua New Guinea
Victoria Hillman	Delegate, Vanuatu
Peter Adam	Delegate, New Zealand
Peter Marsters	Delegate, Cook Islands
3. APOLOGIES: The following apologies were recorded:
 - Norfolk Island
 - Fiji
 - Western Samoa
4. OFFICER RESIGNATIONS: The Chairman advised the meeting that during the year resignations had been received from the following Officers -
 - Mike Martin
 - Carol MurrayThe vacancies caused by their resignations would be filled later in the Meeting.
5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING: It was resolved that the Minutes of the Inaugural General Meeting of the OSF held in Auckland, New Zealand on 13 May 1992, and those of the Adjourned Meeting held on 15 May, 1992 as distributed at the meeting, be adopted. It was also resolved that all business arising from the Minutes would be addressed during the course of the Meeting.
6. OFFICERS ANNUAL REPORT: The Annual Report of the Federation, enclosed herewith, was presented by the Chairman. It was resolved that the report be adopted.
7. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS: It was resolved that the Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Federation for the period 15 May 1992 (i.e. the date on which the Federation was inaugurated) and 15 May 1993, together with the Auditor's Interim Report to Members, be adopted.

8. REPORT ON RULES & REFEREEING: Bill Murphy reported to the meeting. The key issues were:

- i) New updated rules of the game apply from 1 May 1993;
- ii) Australia and New Zealand are producing resource material on the new rules. Other members of the Federation should be able to gain access to this material;
- iii) The Federation needs to begin an active training and accreditation programme for the region;
- iv) International level and World level refereeing accreditation has been put into place by WSF;
- v) Each Region should mirror the WSF structure;
- vi) Chas Evans (New Zealand) is the current OSF representative on WSF, having been appointed by the WSF Executive Committee;
- vii) A four year moratorium now applies on rule changes;
- viii) The new rules provide for International Singles and Doubles, Hardball Singles & Doubles. Although the traditional scoring system (i.e. hand-in, hand-out, up to 9 points) remains the official scoring system, point per rally scoring to 15 points per game has been officially recognised.

9. REPORT ON TECHNICAL AND WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT: No report was tabled at the meeting.

10. REPORT ON FIXTURES: Executive Director reported that a report on the Inaugural Junior Age Championships held in Auckland had been circulated to all member countries. New Zealand was commended on presenting an excellent report on the 1992 Championships.

11. REPORT ON COACHING ACCREDITATION: Bill Murphy reported to the Meeting. The key issues were:

- i) The WSF has a Coaching Committee in operation;
- ii) Jeff Wollstein (Australia) is the current OSF representative on WSF, having been appointed by the WSF Executive Committee;
- iii) Standardised coaching accreditation for levels 0,1,2 and 3 are to be established by WSF;
- iv) WSF are looking at the concept of a broader level training criteria for professional coaches, which includes promotion, court management, etc.

Vanuatu raised the issue of availability of suitable resource material for coaches in countries like Vanuatu. Australia was identified as an ideal source.

12. REPORT ON JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT: Reported that Mini Squash has been introduced by the WSF. Australia and New Zealand were close to launching Mini Squash.

13. REPORT ON MEDICAL AND SPORTS SCIENCE: Reported that WSF report on drugs and eye protection is due for release. Drug testing is now being undertaken at almost all WSF Championships and OSF will eventually need to introduce drug testing for its events. The drugs policy is set out in the WSF Constitution.

14. REPORT ON 1993 OSF JUNIOR AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS: New Caledonia reported that -
- i) organisational arrangements for the 1993 Championships were proceeding satisfactorily;
 - ii) they were surprised at the number of players entered from Australia and New Zealand;
 - iii) because of the number of participants, insufficient billets could be found so two Boarding Schools had been organised for the players;
 - iv) there was disappointment at the number of countries participating in the Championships;
 - v) the composition of teams may need to be reviewed for future Championships in order to contain the size of the event. Consideration of one team per country covering all age groups instead of one team per age group was one possibility.

Australia reported that New South Wales could easily have sent more players to the Championships.

It was agreed that the format of the Championships must involve keeping the players active with plenty of squash. The Meeting passed a resolution congratulating New Caledonia for having done an excellent job in organising the 1993 Junior Age Championships.

15. REPORT ON 1993 OSF MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS: Cook Islands Delegate Peter Marsters issued each representative with a well compiled Presentation kit. The Meeting congratulated Cook Islands on their excellent presentation. It was reported that the event will be held in Cook Islands from 24 to 29 September 1993. Australia reported their National Masters will also be held in September in Hobart, and that this could affect attendance at the OSF Masters by Australian players. The World Masters will be held in Scotland from 18 to 25 September. It was agreed the Championships should be open to all countries.
16. REPORT ON 1993 SOUTH PACIFIC CUP: The Fiji Delegate was not in attendance to deliver a report on the 1993 South Pacific Cup. However, the Chairman reported he had received a facsimile from Fiji dated 19 May 1993 and was arranging to discuss issues with the Fiji Association when he visited the country in the next few days. The South Pacific Cup is to be held in Suva from 20 to 27 August, 1993.
17. REPORT ON SOUTH PACIFIC MINI GAMES:
- . The Games will be held in Vanuatu from 6 to 16 December, 1993;
 - . The Host Country elects the sports to be contested and squash will not be part of the '93 Games;
 - . Sports include Athletics, Netball, Soccer, Golf, Boxing, Tennis;
 - . The next Mini Games will be held in 1997 (every 4 years);
 - . Competitors are restricted to Pacific Island Nations

only;

- . OSF is invited to send a representative to the Games to confer with Pacific Olympic representatives.

18. REPORT ON SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES:

- . The next Games are scheduled to be held in Tahiti in 1995;
- . The likely period is August;
- . 5,000 participants are anticipated;
- . Individual and Teams competitions are contested;
- . Eligibility of a sport to be included in the Games requires a minimum of 6 participating countries;
- . New Caledonia advised they would provide a copy of the Games Charter;
- . The venue for the 1999 Games will be decided in Tahiti;
- . The Meeting resolved that every effort should be made for an OSF representative to seek permission to attend the forthcoming Oceania Olympic Committee Meeting in Auckland. It was also resolved that each member country should maintain regular correspondence with their respective Olympic Committee.

19. NOTICE OF MOTION TO ALTER ARTICLE XV SECTION 1 OF THE CONSTITUTION: It was Moved Australia and Seconded New Zealand that Article XV Section 1 be amended to read as follows -

"The financial year of the Federation shall be 1 January to 31 December of the same year." MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

20. PROPOSAL FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTICE OF MOTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE VI SECTION 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION: Moved Australia, Seconded Papua New Guinea that the Meeting consider a Notice of Motion to alter Article IV Section 5 of the Constitution. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

21. NOTICE OF MOTION TO ALTER ARTICLE IV SECTION 5 OF THE CONSTITUTION: Resolved unanimously that -

- i) the Officer positions of Three Vice-Presidents be increased to Four Vice-Presidents; and
- ii) the Officer position of Oceania Representative to the WSF be deleted.

22. PRESENTATION OF THE OSF BUDGET FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

Moved Australia, Seconded Vanuatu that the following budget for the OSF be endorsed -

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Income	2900
Expenditure:	
WSF Subscriptions	150
Administration Expenses	500
Travel (Fares & Accommodation)	
Executive Director	900
Seminars & Workshops -	
Coaching & Refereeing	500
Technical Director Assistance	400
Promotion	400
	2850

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

23. SETTING OF MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Moved Australia, Seconded New Zealand that -

- i) Membership Fees paid in the initial year be for the 1992 year only;
- ii) Membership Fees for 1993 to be paid by 30 September 1993;
- iii) Membership Fees for 1994 to be paid by 31 March 1994; and
- iv) Membership Fees for 1993 and 1994 to be set at the same rate as the 1992 fee rates.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

24. REVIEW OF OSF COMMITTEE STRUCTURES:

Resolved that in accordance with the Constitution, the Committees listed are not a mandatory requirement. Committee structures can be varied and new Committees formed.

25. UPGRADE OF NORFOLK ISLAND TO FULL MEMBERSHIP:

Norfolk Island is also an Associate Member of Squash Australia and is part of the Commonwealth of Australia. However, the Squash Australia representative advised that he did not believe that Australia would raise any objection to Norfolk Island being elevated to full membership of OSF. They could still retain their associate membership with Squash Australia.

Moved Vanuatu, Seconded Cook Islands that, subject to an application being received by OSF from Norfolk Island, the Officers shall be empowered to upgrade Norfolk Island to full membership status. CARRIED.

Resolved that Norfolk Island should make formal application to OSF following consultation with Squash Australia.

26. MEMBERSHIP TARGET:

Resolved that the Officers consider strategies to enhance membership of OSF, including -

- . target objective to attract one new member per year over the next five years;
- . Nauru to be encouraged to join;
- . Hotel chains to be encouraged to build squash courts in their development plans;
- . Solomon Islands to be considered as a potential member;
- . programme to upgrade affiliate members to full membership status; and
- . membership from expatriates of countries who are not members of OSF and the expatriates are currently living in OSF member countries.

27. COACHING SYMPOSIUM:

- . Geoff Hunt, Head Coach of the Australian AIS was invited to join the Meeting where discussion took place on arrangements for the Coaching Symposium scheduled for 26 and 27 May 1993.

Reported that all arrangements were in hand and a good attendance was anticipated.

- . Resolved that an urgent need existed for the establishment of recognised grading standards for the OSF area.
- . Level 0 coaching material is available from Australia and New Zealand and should be available in each member country.
- . Resolved that -
 - i) the offer from Australia for coaching development in the OSF area be accepted, and the Officers work with Squash Australia to make all necessary arrangements;

- ii) OSF express its sincere appreciation to the Australian Government and Squash Australia for the most generous offer.

28. OSF CHAMPIONSHIPS PROGRAMME:

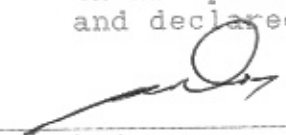
- (i) Resolved that the OSF provide as part of its championships programme an Open Championships, either as a separate event or aligned to a major Championship event conducted by a Member Country. This event would be designed to cater for top international players. Individual events only to be held.
- (ii) Resolved that the OSF also provide as part of its championships programme an Oceania Cup which would be on the basis of -
- . catering for OSF Member players only;
 - . top touring professionals to be excluded;
 - . being open to all ages; and
 - . providing for teams and individual events.
- The OSF Officers to prepare the rules for the event.
- (iii) Resolved that the following venues be allocated for OSF Championships:
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| 1993 | OSF Junior Age Championships | Noumea,
New Caledonia |
| | South Pacific Cup | Suva, Fiji |
| | OSF Masters Championships | Rarotonga,
Cook Islands |
| 1994 | OSF Junior Age Championships | Australia |
| | Oceania Cup | Cook Islands |
| | OSF Masters Championships | Western Samoa |
| | OSF Open | T.B.A. |
| 1995 | OSF Junior Age Championships | Papua, New
Guinea |
| | South Pacific Games | Tahiti |
| | OSF Open | T.B.A. |
| | Oceania Cup | T.B.A. |
| | OSF Masters Championships | T.B.A. |
| 1996 | OSF Junior Age Championships | Cook Islands |
| | OSF Open | T.B.A. |
| | Oceania Cup | New Caledonia |
| | OSF Masters Championships | T.B.A. |
| 1997 | OSF Junior Age Championships | Vanuatu |
| | OSF Open Championships | T.B.A. |
| | Oceania Cup | T.B.A. |
| | OSF Masters Championships | T.B.A. |
| | South Pacific Cup | T.B.A. |

(NOTE: T.B.A. = To Be Allocated)

- (iv) The Meeting extended best wishes to New Zealand and Australia for their staging of the following international championships -
- . 1994 World Junior Men's Championships
New Zealand

. 1995 World Junior Women's Championships
Australia

29. OSF ANNUAL MEETING ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1994:
Resolved that the 1994 Annual Meeting be held in Raratonga, Cook Islands in conjunction with the OSF Oceania Cup. This will be in early September, 1994.
30. OCEANIA NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (ONOC):
Resolved that all OSF Member countries be encouraged to write to their Olympic Committee to have squash included in the Year 2000 Olympics. Bill Murphy to provide a sample letter which could assist each OSF member in preparing their letter. Also resolved that each OSF member country be encouraged to follow-up with lobbying of their National Olympic Delegate. It was noted by the Meeting that the provision of funds from the Solidarity Fund is to Olympic Programme Sports only.
31. REFEREEING: The Meeting expressed its appreciation for the report from Chas. Evans and resolved that an active Committee should be established by OSF to assist Chas. Also resolved that close co-ordination with the Australian Referees Association should be established to develop courses, seminars, etc. that could be used in other OSF member countries.
32. DESK TOP PUBLISHING FACILITY: Resolved that the Executive Director investigate the availability of Desk Top facilities for OSF newsletters, etc.
33. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The Chairman advised the meeting there was a need to fill vacant Officer positions through the resignation of certain Officers.
. Moved New Zealand, Seconded Cook Islands that Victoria Hillman be elected to a position of Vice President of OSF. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
. Moved New Zealand, Seconded Cook Islands that Graham Corderoy be elected to a position of Vice President of OSF. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
. Moved Australia, Seconded Vanuatu that Bill Murphy be elected to a position of Vice President of OSF. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
34. CLOSURE OF MEETING: There being no further business to be transacted the Chairman thanked all those in attendance for their participation in the Second Annual Meeting of the OSF and declared the Meeting closed at 5.00 p.m.



Chairman

(Date) 25/10/95