



## **BADMINTON PAN-AMERICAN CONFEDERATION**

### **MINUTES – 2019 AGM & Elections**

**May 22, 2019**

**Nanning, China**

#### **WELCOME**

Mr. Vishu Tolan, President of Pan Am Badminton Confederation, opened the Meeting and welcomed all the present Delegates and thanked the attendance of the Board Members.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

<b><u>No</u></b>	<b><u>COUNTRY</u></b>	<b><u>Delegate 1 vote</u></b>	<b><u>Delegate 2</u></b>
1	Argentina	Hector Omar Maleh	
2	Aruba	Terence Sybesma	Mary Grace Sybesma
3	Barbados	Kevin Wood	Dionne Haynes
4	Brazil	Francisco Ferraz	Angela Scherrer
5	Bolivia	Ivan Tolavi	
6	Canada	Anil Kaul	
7	Chile	Raymundo Lizama	Maylin Altamirano Bastias
8	Colombia	Constanza Moreno	
9	Costa Rica	Adrian Gomez C	
10	Cuba	Alexis Ramirez	
11	Dominican Rep.	Generoso Castillo	Linabel de Castillo
12	Ecuador	Emilio Zambrano	
13	El Salvador	Armando Bruni	Carmen Lima
14	Falkland Isl.	Amy Charlotte	

15	Guatemala	Donald Paiz	
16	Guyana	Gokarn Ramdhani	
17	Guadeloupe	Ydia Loial	
18	Guyana Francesa	Gaetan Depaquis	
19	Haiti	Diane Delorier	
20	Honduras	Carlos Mauricio Irias	
21	Jamaica	Nichole Case	Antonio Bell
22	Martinique	Marc Andre Pendant	
23	Mexico	Javier Orozco	Roberto Tavares
24	Panama	Olga Munoz	
25	Peru	Gonzalo Castillo	Federico Valdez
26	Suriname	Charlene Soerodimedjo	
27	St. Lucia	Myrtle Alexander	
28	Trinidad & Tobago	Christopher Joachim	
29	Uruguay	Jorge Rosales	
30	USA	Stephen Kearney	
31	Venezuela	Dhayisbel Torrealba	

The roll call is 28 countries, the vote is 28 votes, so that is confirmed; and the officers on delegations are 28 countries. They are all here and the names are listed.

**President opening remarks.**

Pan American Badminton Confederation is an institution that is above of any of us inside here. It has existed and it will exist even when we walk away from it, certainly. This is our organization that I am very proud of. The Badminton World Federation is very proud of Pan Am and how we have managed ourselves over the last 12 years, and that is only because of you, you the Members. You need from us proper management, proper accounting, and we hope we have delivered as best as possible and we would like to continue with that process. You are the real stakeholders and our players. Without our players there would be no Badminton Pan Am, no Badminton World Federation. So, I recall everyone who is here, as we move forward into another phase, there will be elections, but remember that this is a noble institution, the Pan American Badminton Confederation, from where we've come from to where we are as a team, and we need to rise to move forward.

So, thank you all very much for coming.

At this point, I would like to acknowledge the presence of the CEO for Badminton World Federation, Mr. Thomas Lund, who will address us. Please note that also Mr. David Cabello and Mrs. Nora Perry will join us later today, both BWF Council members.

For today's elections we have 2 scrutineers that have been supplied by the Badminton World Federation, Mr. Owen Leed, who is the Director of Marketing for BWF, and Ms. Pia Mackenzie, who is also the Marketing Manager for BWF. So, they will be the scrutineers for the elections. Are there any objections? Can I have that now? If there are no objections, then I'd like to ask that we accept them as our scrutineers. No objections? Thank you very much.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

item number 2. To confirm the Minutes of the AGM of May 17, annexure A, which was already sent out. I will not go through the Minutes here, they were provided for our meeting called these days. The Minutes were sent out and I ask, if there are any corrections, do so now; if not, can I get a confirmation of those Minutes that were sent out on April 30th.

Can I get a confirmation, no corrections? Can I get someone move in for the confirmation of the Minutes? Canada, seconded by Aruba. Thank you very much. The Minutes have been accepted. Are there any matters arising?

Gonzalo C. asks for the floor and comments on the format of financial statements, requesting that they be more complete.

VT states that expenses format are agreed and consolidated in Canada and BWF requests only that information, requests GC to follow the agenda order.

Francisco F. asks for the possibility of including his scrutineers in the election process

VT replies that the scrutineers have been asked to BWF and if he is suggesting that they are not trusted, which he considers to be an offense and reminds him that both have already been approved by the assembly, however he asks if he has a person, Francisco F. introduces Federico V. VT clarifies that he is a delegate from Peru so he cannot be accepted.

### **FINANCIALS REPORTS**

Wayne S. makes an overall presentation on management of funding, revenue and expenses and it is very clear to note that this is the information BWF requests from us just like the other CCs

GC requests more information on financial statements, considering the information presented not enough or complete and the possibility of auditing them.

VT reports that working with BWF, we manage everything in a cash base system and everything is accepted by BWF and is what is presented today.

Adrian G. declares that if we can continue with the AGM for reasons of time and if there are specific questions to ask them later to WS.

VT states that from 2020 all accounts will be handled at BPAC's Lima office and the financial report must be carried out in accordance with local obligations.

Anil K. is grateful for the clarity of the answers and explanations and

Angela Sch. asks Wayne S. if BPAC can freely manage BWF grants and if there is anything specific in the coaching area program.

WS declares to receive from BWF our grant addressed for different areas and projects and must be spent in that area, there is no free management of these resources.

German V. complements, explaining the elements of the programs and their activation using specific funds. In case coaches for example, are invited to participate in different activities as Conferences, courses, or camps.

Nichole C. states whether we obtain other income outside of BWF or whether interest is generated on the money received and the possibility that it will be audited.

WS explains that money is received and used in different activities or obligations such as expenses and over auditing, it is a possibility that BWF is studying; in terms of additional income it is something that this Committee is working on looking for in the future.

Nichole C. requests information about grants to MAs, if they will already be applied.

VT states that this initiative originated from BPAC and is already being BWF approved and will be implemented in the coming months.

Dhayisbel T. requests that countries in need of support be evaluated so they can really be benefited.

VT accepts this and states that every effort will be made, requests acceptance of the financial report. Owen L. performs verification by indicating 17 votes in favor and 7 against. Acceptance is appreciated and meeting continues with presentation of reports by areas.

Pilar C. COO provides an overview of the administrative area, events and others, and the importance of the next July, Pan American and para Pan American Games Lima 2019. About the development of Para badminton and the agreement with Special Olympics program for Latin America.

Next she introduces new Presidents-elected. Elections had been held in Argentina, Mr. Hector Maleh, for Bolivia, Mr. Ivan Tolavi and Panama with Mr. Dionisio Dixon. Also for USA had been Mr. Ben Lee elected as Chair of Board. All were recognized by the membership.

Regarding update report on the registration process of the BPAC, she introduced Dr. Ydania Roncalla, who took the floor.

Ydania R. exposes registration actions in Peru and the fulfillment of local legal requirements, including tax registration, maintaining bank accounts in Lima as well as the offices where it is operating. Employees are registered on a form according to law.

Gonzalo C. requests information on registration in public registers, the name of the register and representatives.

Ydania R. states that the first step has already been made according to the law on registration under the name Badpanam, and states that the next stage should include the members of the Board before records and finally proceed to a name change if necessary. At this stage can be incorporated all Associations.

Gonzalo C. appreciates clear information and answers.

VT states that by accepting the proposal from Raimundo L. in 2016, work and advance in this area had been done and now there is already regularization and staff benefits.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN**

Jose dB. explains the progress and achievements to date in the follow-up to the Strategic Plan, which should be completed in 2020. Reminding all that this is our first Strategic Plan developed, and its use as an important tool in our growth.

### **DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

German V. presents summary of the achievements achieved in recent months in the programs of ST, coach education and players. States that in the first 5 months of the current year, already there are 26 Associations that benefited from some activity, Also highlighting the collaboration of Panam Sports Organization since last year, ending his presentation with a video summary of activities.

### **EVENTS REPORT**

Through an indisposition of Mr. Zarko C. Events Chair, the presentation was in charge of Ricardo S., Director of Events, who presented an overview about the calendar of events, process accreditation of TOs, and information about the development and results of our Continental events. Different charts were used during the presentation.

### **PARA BADMINTON**

Pilar C. manifests that this area has been developing and with the support like the Agitos Foundation and BWF, there have been trained administrators, coaches, and athletes. The number of participants in international tournaments has increased and that after Tokyo 2020, the control of tournaments by the Confederations will be evaluated, since only the Continental tournament is directly controlled by BPAC.

## PROPOSALS

- Proposal on the sending of information 30 days prior to the date of the Assembly, supported by Suriname and seconded by Costa Rica, is approved
- Proposal Art. 10, official language of the Confederation, to add Spanish as an alternative language, after deliberations it is accepted to include the Spanish language as an alternative, which is approved by a majority without objection.

After this first part of the Assembly, Vishu T. appreciates the participation of the Delegates, the Members of Board of Directors and to the employees. Indicating the procedure to follow, for the election.

### Elections

- President ... first election
- Deputy President ... second election
- 4 Regional VPs in simultaneous ... third election.
- In the event of a tie, this specific election will be held again, the elections are held by a simple majority with 28 Associations duly accredited through their delegates, 15 votes will be necessary to be declared the winner.

Pilar C. invites scrutineer Owen L. to proceed with the election process with the following results:

- President: Vishu Tolan 16 votes. Francisco Ferraz 12 votes
- Deputy President: Anil Kaul 18 votes, Donald Paiz 10 votes
- VP North America: Francisco Orozco 18 votes, Mario, 10 votes
- VP Central America: Jose del Busto 15 votes, Armando Bruni 13 votes
- VP South America : Gonzalo Castillo 15 votes, Sandra Moreno 13 votes
- VP Caribbean : Generoso Castillo 14 votes, Richard Roberts 14 votes. Due to the tie a second vote is taken for this position obtaining the same result, it is deliberated to seek a solution on alternatives, after which it is decided to make one more round, result Generoso Castillo 14 votes, Richard Roberts 13 votes and 1 vote flawed.

At the end of the process, Vishu T. takes the floor, thanking those present requesting the adjourn of the meeting, Anil K. approves the motion supported by the Steve K.

It is reported that the next meeting will be in Denmark providing further details at a later date.