#### **AGM 2020 - VIRTUAL**

### **BPAC – COO Report**

Mr. President, Board Members, Member Associations, Delegates good day to you all and welcome to the COO Report!

**Welcome all**. My best wishes to Delegates, their families and sports communities in their countries, hoping that the necessary prevention will continue to be taken in these difficult times, with covid-19.

**BPAC ELECTIONS**: Last May in China we had our Elections process and our elected officers for a 4 year term, we had candidates running for the positions available and the final result was:

President: Mr. Vishu Tolan (16/28)

<u>Deputy President</u>: Mr. Anil Kaul (18/28)

VP for NA: Mr. Javier Orozco (18/28)

VP for CA: Mr. Jose Del Busto (15/28)

<u>VP for SA</u>: Mr. Gonzalo Castillo (15 /28 )

VP for Caribbean: Dr. Generoso Castillo (14/27)

**New Boards**: I am pleased to report on the renewal of the directive in the following countries, carried out in recent months:

**DOM Alberto Feliz** 

MEX Javier Orozco

C<u>HI</u> Helio Alvarez

**BRA** Roberto Santini

To all of them to express our recognition and best wishes during their management and reiterate that we are to support them at any time.

**New Staff:** In line with BWF and our needs, qualified staff search processes were conducted to fill positions in the area of events and development. We received

approximately 9 to 10 applications of interest to each position. Many of these applications were from outside the continent as well as from our region. They were conducted in 2 stages through interviews and were eventually selected for such positions.

Through support from <u>BWF CCHR grant</u>, we have 2 new staff working at Lima Office:

Juan Pablo Alvarado (GUA) Development Director Leonardo Puyen (PER) Events Manager

**VIDEO Reports**: As we are aware of current times and global and regional health status, for the first time, our Board made a decision to host a Virtual AGM, knowing it is always preferred to have a presential Meeting as always, but in safeguard of all those involved (Delegates, Board and supporting Staff) and to count with your participation through a digital platform.

Due to the mentioned, we have produced video presentations with reports from our different areas, besides to all information sent by Email to our MAs.

#### **Events:**

Pan American and Para pan American Games Lima 2019: We were part of both important events, which showed an excellent presentation of our sport and also proved to be historical, as it was the first participation of Para badminton at Games level, also historical our first champions! We would like to recognize them: Raul Anguiano (GUA), Pedro Pablo De Vinatea (PER), Pilar Jauregui (PER), Vitor Tavares (BRA), Mikaela Almeida (BRA), Eduardo Oliveira (BRA), Pascal Lapointe & Olivia Meier (CAN), Marcelo Alves & Julio Cesar Godoy (BRA). Also on conventional side we recognize Michelle Li third straight Gold medal, Ygor Coelho first Gold among the winners. Last but not least, our TOs team at both events! Our recognition for the attending Presidents and Delegates during the Games.

**CC Championships status**: Due to covid-19 pandemic, we had to postpone our pending CC Events. Continental Individual Championships 2020 to April 2021

(week 17), this event is confirmed to take place in Guatemala City, Additionally, as this event is part of Olympic Qualification System, we are waiting for BWF Sanction for new dates. The same expectance situation has Canada International Challenge, Giraldilla Cuba and Peru International Series.

Also our Junior Championships 2020 have been postponed and confirmed for July 2021 in Mexico.

**Santiago 2023 Games:** We have already began our planning call meetings with the organization Santiago 2023 towards a successful delivery of our sport in 2023 Games.

**Cali 2021 Youth Pan American Games**: Inaugural event with an U23 age limit, this event has been moved from June to September 2021 in Cali. We have close communication and meetings with the LOC.

**Games Circuit:** We have notice that Bolivarianos Games Valledupar 2022 will take place in Colombia and preparations are under way.

Also South American Games Asuncion 2022 are under organization on its fixed schedule.

**Para badminton:** We were the first CC to implement the first Level 1 Coaches Course together with Module 13 (covering discapacity) in Argentina last December. Also we have been implementing this Module in Bolivia and ... . Our recognition to <a href="Peru">Peru</a>'s Giuliana Poveda for her Gold Medal at World Para badminton Championships in Basel, Switzerland!!

In addition through the BWF Grants, athletes from our region were supported with qualifying possibilities towards Tokyo 2020.

Nº	ATLETAS	PAIS	CLASE
01	PILAR JAUREGUI	PER	WH1
02	MARCELO ALVES	BRA	WH1
03	JULIO CESAR GODOY	BRA	WH2
04	PASCAL LAPOINTE	CAN	SL4
05	OLIVIA MEIER	CAN	SL4
06	MILES KRAWJESKI	USA	SS6
07	VITOR TAVARES	BRA	SS6

**Strategic Plan**: As you may be aware, we have provided video report on this important document. All our Staff has been supportive and coordinated with our Director Mr. Del Busto on this matter. We have updated our current Plan and began working towards our new Plan.

**Head Office:** We continue to operate from Miraflores district in Lima, Peru. We have been following health protocols, quarantine, and procedures. Currently we are following internal schedule towards presential work and distance working.

We have 2 bank accounts, one in soles and the second in US dollars. Beginning year 2020 we are managing all our accounts and financial responsibilities in Lima, under Peru legislation, as promised at our 2019 AGM held in China.

We would like to mention that training activities are carried out at the headquarters of our main office which facilitates participation and use by participants. We have conducted Level 3 courses, Special Olympics presentations, meetings of the Executive Committee among other activities

**COVID 19 SITUATION**: As we all are aware, pandemic hit the world and by mid-March our badminton system was hard hit. Meaning this that events and activities were being cancelled or postponed. At Badminton Pan Am our communication grew closer with BWF, our Board and we worked on keeping close to our community and promoting participation on online courses with BWF, but observing the continuing of the situation, we began to work on keeping our contacts close and designing some activities we could integrate our Players, Coaches, TOs and Membership.

First we implement our Coach Corner Program aimed at the coaches of our region and interested community. We have had participation from up to 5 continents and more than 50 countries during this cycle of conferences that to date add up to 40. I would like to emphasize that all the professionals who have carried out presentations, have done so with great passion and with a broad desire to collaborate with our region. Our recognition to ALL our presenters.

In the case of athletes, the Pan Am HOME CUP was designed by the Events area in which our guest athletes could interact with each other and perform ability tasks at home and according to their skill compete and have a champion at the end of each competition. When receiving this report you will be able to appreciate that also included athletes for Para badminton in this competition, with proof of specific skills for each group of athletes.

Finally, our continental courses designed with BWF support which have already started:

- 1. BPAC Events Managers Course.
- 2. BPAC Strategic Plan Course.
- 3. BPAC Administration Course.

These courses are developed by our staff and remotely delivered, after which participants will be able to continue in future weeks with BWF courses in those areas.

All these mentioned activities/programmes were recognized in our Region and beyond in some cases. We approached Coaches, Players and experts and immediately got their support and their desire to give back to our sport, to our community!! Our appreciation and THANKS to ALL of them!!

**Courses – Invitation to present:** We received requests from different Associations to assist with presentations on specific topics, to date we have done the following:

# Colombia:

Universidad de la Amazonia – Shuttle Time (September 12)

Jorge Sabastizagal, Juan Pablo Alvarado, German Valdez.

### Argentina:

o Aula Nacional – Organization (September 24)

German Valdez.

#### <u>Colombia:</u>

Antioquia League & Federation (September 26)

Delia Valenzuela, German Valdez.

## Argentina:

Development of Para badminton in Pan American region (October 1)

Jorge Sabastizagal, Juan Pablo Alvarado

# • Special Olympics Latin America

Shuttle Time (October 15)

Jorge Sabastizagal, Juan Pablo Alvarado, Delia Valenzuela, German Valdez

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- YONEX
- PANAM SPORTS
- Special Olympics L.A.
- BWF .. their Staff and of Course our colleagues at the other CCs.
- Our STAFF ... Mirtha, Delia, Ricardo, Josue, Mario, Jorge, Leonardo, Juan
  Pablo for their passion and compromise through these times!!
- Our Board, for their support and confidence towards our work!

• Special thanks to our former Boss, Mrs. Pilar Carrillo for her dedication, long hours and compromise through the past 12 years in guiding us to were we are now! Thanks Pilar!

Closing my presentation, I would like to invite all of you to our Virtual AGM next Saturday November 28 at 10.00 Hrs. and then meet ALL of you again next year 2021 in our presential AGM 2021!!

THANKS!!