

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.

AGM 2021

# BWF ELECTIONS

As you already know, we had BWF Council Elections process for officers for a 4-year term, after vote counting, we have 2 Board members coming from our Region: Mrs. Pilar Carrillo (PER) and Mr. Jose Del Busto (GUA).

## NEW BOARDS

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

- <u>PER</u> Gonzalo Castillo
- JAM Sheldon Townsend
- <u>ESA</u> Armando Bruni
- <u>VEN</u> Dhayisbel Torrealba

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.

## VIDEO REPORTS

As we are aware of current times and global and regional health status, 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

CC Championships 2021

We held our <u>Individual Championships</u> in April, in Guatemala City. This event proved a success due to participation, protocol safety and organization. We appreciate our athlete's responsibility during the event. Also, the Federation de Badminton de Guatemala for their strong support. Important to mention is that we were one of the few CC which could hold their event in these difficult times!! This allowed our athletes the opportunity to add points to their

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WR. Unfortunately, we could not have additional athletes from Brazil taking part due to national restrictions in Guatemala, even after trying to get permissions.

Our <u>Junior Championships</u> took place in Acapulco, Mexico. We had a fantastic setup and organization by the Federacion Mexicana de Badminton, in a venue that suited this big event, which counted players coming from over 12 countries. Team and Individual events were played, with safe protocols in place.

For year 2022 we have already the <u>host countries</u> for our CC events:

- Team Continental in Acapulco, Mexico in week 7.
- Individual Championships in San Salvador, El Salvador in week 17.
- Junior Championships in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic in July.
- Para badminton Continental will be held in Colombia in a date tbc.

#### SANTIAGO 2023 GAMES AND PARA PAN GAMES

We continue with our 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 and the Badminton Competition will take place from November 26 to 29 in Cali. We have very close communication and meetings with Panam Sports and the LOC.

#### TOKYO GAMES 2020

We had a very good athlete representation in Tokyo Games, taking part in the 5 events with players coming from Canada, United States of America, Mexico, Guatemala, Brazil, Peru. Special mention must be made for Kevin Cordon from Guatemala who had an outstanding performance in this, his 4<sup>th</sup> Olympic appearance. His matches were followed by all the Continent and made all of us feel very proud of Kevin! Well done Kevin!!!

### PARA BADMINTON

We were represented by 3 athletes at Tokyo Paralympics 2020, coming from Brazil, Canada, and Peru. This was the first time in which Para badminton took part at Games!! We look forward to Paris 2024 to have more players from our Region.

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### AIRBADMINTON

We launched 2 important activities in these past months, regional launch during our CC Individual in Guatemala, in April and our Continental launch in Acapulco, Mexico in July during the Junior Championships.

Both activities were successful and enabled participation of different local stakeholders in the activities. We are sure of the success the new outdoor sport will have in our Region.

## 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 included AirBadminton indicators, as per BWF planning as well.

### 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 schedule towards presential work and distance working.

We have 2 bank accounts, in the same bank, one in soles (local currency) and the second in US dollars. As mentioned in our last AGM, from year 2020 we are managing all our accounts and financial responsibilities in Lima, under Peru legislation. Among the documents received, you can find our Financial States and Audit report for year 2020.

## STAFF

No changes to our Staff, we continue our activities and commitments according to national health protocols. All personnel are in good health and always ready to assist our membership.

## COVID 19 SITUATION

As we all are aware, pandemic hit the world and by mid-March 2020 our badminton system was hard hit. Meaning this those 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.

Among our successful activities, we specially mention 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 these 5 seasons of conferences that to date add up to 75. 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.

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

At this moment we would like to acknowledge our appreciation towards different organizations or persons for their support during these months:

- 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.
- Our Board, for their support and confidence towards our work.

Closing my presentation, I would like to invite all of you to our Virtual AGM next Saturday October 30 at 10.00 Hrs. and looking forward to meeting ALL of you again next year 2022 hopefully in recuperated environment at our presential AGM 2022.

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