



**Badminton
Pan America**

**BADMINTON PAN AMERICAN CONFEDERATION
MINUTES – BPAC AGM 2021 VIRTUAL
October 30th, 2021**

1. WELCOME & PRESIDENT REMARKS

The President of Badminton Pan America Confederation, Mr. Vishu Tolan call the BPAC Annual General Meeting 2021 Virtual to order at 10:10am on October 30, 2021, by welcoming all the great Badminton Pan Am Family wishing them health and safety in these difficult times.

Mr. Tolan starts regretting the loss of Mr. Gokarn Ramdhani, former President of Guyana Badminton Association and Mr. Lisco Jackson known for working with the Inner-City Programme, for whom a time of silence was requested.

Mr. Tolan recognize the work done by our members with the Executive Board.

As for *Events*, 2021 was a remarkable year with the returning of our athletes to competition, on our CC Individual Championships (GUA) & Junior Pan Am Championship (MEX), and the upcoming “1st Youth Pan-American Games Cali 2021”.

Acknowledge of the participation of our members in the Olympic Games, represented by 19 players from 6 countries, and the participation in the Tokyo Paralympic Games with 3 athletes from 3 countries, with a special mention to the outstanding performance of Kevin Cordon (GUA), showing us that we can win an Olympic medal.

Mention to the first Olympic and Paralympic magazine highlighting the performance of our Olympians and Paralympians.

Greetings to the new and returning president associations (Mr. Gonzalo Castillo – PER, Mr. Sheldon Townsend – JAM, Mr. Armando Bruni – ESA, Ms. Dhayisbel Torrealba – VEN and Ms. Sylvie Plumain – GLP).

Congratulations to the new BWF council members from our region, represented in the persons of Ms. Pilar Carrillo and Mr. Jose del Busto.

AirBadminton saw the light around the world, and we also delivered two activities, one in Guatemala under a Legacy Project in April, and in Mexico our official Continental launch. Also, a special mention to the first competition “Mar y Tierra” organized in Mexico and the activities done by our members associations (BAR, BRA, ESA, CRC, ARG, GUY, GLP, VEN, CUB).

Before declaring the AGM virtual 2021 opened, Mr. Tolan, thanked BPAC staff for their engagement over the last year, and Mr. German Valdez proceed with the procedures and quorum call of the AGM.



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PROCEDURES & ROLL CALL QUORUM

The COO explains details of the voting process, and that it will work with simple majority unless specified at any specific item according to our Bylaws.

It is informed that 6 motions will be put in place and required for the delegates to cast a vote.

2. SCRUTINEER PRESENTATION

The first item in the agenda is to ratify the scrutineer, Mr. Jorge Ramirez Gaston (PER), sociologist based in Lima, Peru, with a master's degree in Social Sciences and Public Administration, university lecturer at the University of Santa Maria, University Agraria La Molina and University Cayetano Heredia. Also works as a consultant for the World Bank and FAO. He is former Deputy Ministry of Industry, and executive director of the National Fisheries, and Aquaculture for Innovation Programme from 2017 to 2020. Mr. Ramirez have checked/validate the names of the members and voting delegates, confirming that it is all according to BPAC Bylaws.

Motion – To ratify the proposed scrutineer.

- 19 votes "YES", representing 95 % of total votes cast.
- 1 vote "NO", representing 5 % of total votes cast.
- MOTION PASSED

3. ROLL CALL - QUORUM

The COO confirms that the notice of meeting was served in accordance with statutory requirements and therefore the AGM qualify to take binding decisions. Badminton Pan America Confederation has 36 members, and the numbers of members in good standing according to BWF are 24.

The number of members that submitted the delegate forms (24) were: ARG, ARU, BAR, BOL, BRA, CAN, CHI, COL, CRC, CUB, DOM, ECU, ESA, GUA, GUY, HAI, JAM, MEX, PAN, PER, LCA, SUR, USA, VEN. The number of members that logged at the time were 19 members: ARG, BAR, BOL, BRA, CAN, CHI, CRC, CUB, DOM, ESA, GUY, HAI, MEX, PAN, PER, LCA, SUR, USA, VEN. Therefore, the quorum was reached according to BPAC Bylaws art.19.

4. CONFIRMING BPAC AGM 2021 VIRTUAL – DECISION MAKING

Mr. Tolan remarked that our priority is to protect the health and safety of our community acknowledging that the COVID-19 outbreak is still present and therefore BPAC Ex-Co decided to organize this AGM virtual.

Motion – To ratify the BPAC AGM 2021 virtual

- 17 votes "YES", representing 89 % of total votes cast.
- 2 votes "NO", representing 11 % of total votes cast.
- MOTION PASSED



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5. MINUTES BPAC AGM 2020

Mr. Tolan informed that, the minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting held virtually on November 28th, 2020, were circulated to the members. No feedback or comments have been received.

Motion – To approve the minutes of BPAC AGM 2020 virtual.

- 20 votes “YES”, representing 95 % of total votes cast.
- 1 vote “NO”, representing 5 % of total votes cast.
- MOTION PASSED

6. AREA REPORTS

Mr. Tolan calls to the acceptance of the individual reports, audited financial statements for 2020 and budget for 2021, published and sent on September 29th, 2021; summarizing BPAC activities from June 2020 onwards.

Motion– To accept the reports for 2020 including the financial report, audits and 2021 budget.

- 18 votes “YES”, representing 95 % of total votes cast.
- 1 vote “NO”, representing 5 % of total votes cast.
- MOTION PASSED

Moving forward BPAC COO, commented on some updates recently received.

MA’s BWF Membership Grant; it was informed 24 out of 28 MA’s benefited from this grant for 2020. And in 2021, 19 associations benefited from it.

CC Events; it was announced the month and venue of our 3 CC events for 2022. In February our Pan Am Male & Female Cup (Acapulco, Mexico), in April our iconic XXV Pan Am Individual Championship (San Salvador, El Salvador) and another iconic event our XXX Pan Am Junior Championship (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic).

Mr. Tolan made a remark on the importance of our CC Championships delivered on an annual basis for example our Junior Pan Am Championships all through the last years which have served for 5000 athletes to show their skills.

7. CONSTITUTION UPDATE/PROCEDURE

Mr. Tolan provided an update on the changes to BPAC constitution to be in line with BWF, in that direction, the original constitution with some of the changes made has already been submitted on September 29 to the members associations for their input to move forward. Expecting to hear recommendations from them by November 26th, 2021, when the Ex-Co will meet for consider them and make a final proposal, to be presented to our members, to complete the review of our constitution.

8. AOB PROPOSALS / AMENDMENTS

It is noted that proposals were submitted and will be handled individually, it’s mentioned that to be approved they need two thirds of the votes according to our Bylaws.



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Proposal 1 – Official language of the Pan Am Bylaws article 10

Submitted by Badminton Peru Association (Spanish to be included as official language)

- 10 votes “YES” for the proposal and this represented 50 % of total votes cast.
- 10 votes “NO” for the proposal and this represented 50 % of total votes cast.
- PROPOSAL NOT PASSED

Proposal 3 – Good Governance Modification of the Pan Am Bylaws article 31 point 31.5. Only be re-elected once in their position.

Submitted by Badminton Peru Association

- 8 votes “YES” for the proposal and this represented 38 % of total votes cast.
- 13 votes “NO” for the proposal and this represented 62 % of total votes cast.
- PROPOSAL NOT PASSED

9. NEXT AGM & ADJOURN

The proposed date for the next Annual General Meeting is to be held in May, 2022, in conjunction with the TOTAL BWF Thomas and Uber Cups Finals in Bangkok, Thailand. The Board will confirm and announced to members as per the ByLaws.

10. CLOSING REMARKS

Mr. Tolan thanked everybody for taking the time on their busy agenda to join the BPAC AGM 2021.

Thanking Pan Am Ex-Co members for their support and assistance. (Anil, Chepe, Generoso, Gonzalo, Javier, Wayne and Zarko).

With no further business, the 2021 Annual General Meeting virtual was adjourned at 10.51am.
