



**Badminton  
Pan America**

## **BADMINTON PAN AMERICAN CONFEDERATION**

MINUTES – EGM 2022 VIRTUAL

February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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### **1. WELCOME – PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

The President of Badminton Pan America Confederation Mr. Vishu Tolan welcomes all members and apologizes for the late start, as time was given to members to connect, he mentions that at the moment 18 members were connected.

He continues wishing the best for all members and have the strong belief that we will go through this pandemic and to remain safe as this pandemic goes down.

Mr. Tolan reflects on the wonderful tournament that turn out to be our male/female championship in Mexico. He first thanked the member associations for their effort and support into sending their teams. He continues by congratulating and commending Javier Orozco, president of the Mexico Badminton Federation and his team for the high quality on the delivery of the tournament and to the Pan Am team (German, Ricardo and Josue) for their involvement. He congratulates USA for winning the female championship and Canada for winning the male championship after thrilling matches, and that he is looking forward for their participation in Thailand in the Thomas Uber Cup finals.

Mr. Tolan mention the upcoming events, our individual championship in El Salvador in April and our junior tournament in Dominican Republic in April, having Pan Am Events team visiting both hosts to ensure the facilities will meet the standards that Pan Am is achieving. Expecting exciting and successful tournaments.

Mr. Tolan wishes good luck to the countries and athletes that will take part of the Commonwealth Games, to be held in Birmingham towards the end of July going into August.

Mr. Tolan ends his remarks thanking all members present and for their participation in the discussion for the revision of this new constitution.

### **2. SCRUTINEER PRESENTATION**

Mr. Valdez, COO of Badminton Pan Am explains details of the voting process, making clear that once the vote is submitted it cannot be changed.

It is informed that 3 items of the agenda will be put in place and will require the delegates to cast a vote.

The first item in the agenda is to ratify the scrutineer, Dr. Carlos Javier Ramírez Gastón Roe. He is a sociologist in Lima, Peru, with a master’s degree in Social Sciences and Public Administration, a university lecturer at the University San Agustín de Arequipa, Catholic University of Santa María, Agraria La Molina, and Cayetano Heredia. He is a consultant of the World Bank and FAO. He is a former Deputy Minister of Industry, and executive director of the National Fisheries and Aquaculture for Innovation Program from 2017 to 2020. Being present at Badminton Pan America office, he has checked and validated the names of the members and their voting delegates, confirming that it is all according to our Bylaws.



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The vote of confidence is asked to accept the scrutineer, with the following result, **the votes for “Yes” are 17 out of 17; this means 100%.**, ratifying the scrutineer.

### **3. ROLL CALL - QUORUM**

Mr. Tolan welcome Mr. Stuart Borrie from the Badminton World Federation, and Ms. Ydania Roncalla, lawyer of Badminton Pan Am.

The COO mention to ratify the quorum for this Virtual EGM 2022, our Bylaws, Article 19 says: “A quorum for a General Meeting shall be the representation of at least one third of the Member Associations in good standing, from which at least one is a Delegate from North America, one is a Delegate from Central America, one is a Delegate from the Caribbean and one is a Delegate from South America. For the meetings of the General Meeting to be valid, it is necessary that, at the first call, at least half of the Member Associations in good standing be present. At the second call, any number of Member Associations will be sufficient.”

Badminton Pan American Confederation has 36 members, and we have 24 members who submitted delegate forms. Present at this moment are (18): ARG, BAR, BRA, CAN, CHI, COL, CUB, ESA, GUY, HAI, JAM, MEX, PAN, SLA, SUR, TTO, USA, and VEN.

COO reminds all that the Notice of Meeting to convene this EGM has been done with due observance the statutory requirements and, therefore, this EGM is valid.

Mr. Tolan points out that we have 18 members online: 3 from North America, 2 from Central America, 7 from South America and 6 from the Caribbean, so the quorum has been met. Mr. Tolan specifies that we have 29 members in good standing and, therefore, we needed to have one third. So, 10 members are needed for the meeting to start, along with one from each of the regions. For the meeting to be valid, fifty percent of the members is needed, which again is 15 members, and we now have 18. So, any decisions going forward, as of now, will become binding. So, all the statutory requirements have been met and we are going forward with 18 members online until this time.

### **4. VOTE ON CONFIRMING VIRTUAL EGM 2022**

Mr. Valdez mention that the next item is to ratify the decision of holding this Virtual EGM 2022.

Mr. Tolan, specify that 12 votes are needed to confirm it.

Mr. Valdez call the delegates to cast a vote to ratify the decision of this Virtual EGM 2022, and that this it to be approved by simple majority.

**The votes for “Yes” are 15; that means 83%. The votes for “No” are 3, meaning 17%.**

Mr. Tolan confirms that the Virtual EGM 2022 is hereby ratified by the votes mentioned. And move forward to the next item of voting on the revised constitution.

Mr. Tolan make a review of the process that started in 2018 between the Badminton World Federation and all the Continental Confederations to search for harmonizing their constitutions, reviewing them and making amendments to bring them into close alignment for some key areas (membership, judicial processes, ethics, etc.). Adjustments on concerns



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of gender quota, term limits, judicial processes, the ability to host virtual meeting have been included in this revised constitution.

Mr. Tolan remark that the changes are really to benefit the constitution and the Confederation as we go forward. Pointing out that it is a living document and, therefore, as we continue with the business of Badminton Pan Am Confederation, changes could be made to the constitution as deem fit over time. He also states that our constitution needs to be aligned with the laws of Peru, as our head office is in Peru.

With that said, he gave a brief update bringing us to today, when we are now going to vote on these new changes. It is the Ex-Co's recommendation —because we have put this together— that we have this voting approved so that the business of Pan Am can go forward. I now hand it over to you, Germán. So, take charge with the voting on the constitution.

BPAC COO ask the voting delegates to get ready to vote on the approval of the constitution proposal. He mentioned that at that time 19 members were following the EGM, with PER joining after quorum call was made. This is to be approved by  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the votes cast. That means, 13 votes to approve it.

### **5. VOTE ON CONSTITUTION PROPOSAL**

COO call the polls closed and provide the results: **the votes for “Yes” are 17, meaning 89%. The votes for “No” are 2, meaning 11%.**

Mr. Tolan confirms that the constitution proposal has been ratified by the votes. He thanked all member associations, as it was a document that needed to be approved. Our new constitution now becomes effective as of today. Thank you all very much for your confidence in your Ex-Co. As we move on to the agenda, we now go to the AGM 2022 updates.

### **6. AGM 2022 UPDATES**

Mr. Tolan thank all members, for their votes and confidence. And move forward on the next item related to the AGM updates for 2022.

He mentioned that the Badminton World Federation and Thailand are working together to determine whether or not the AGM 2022 will run face to face. He advice our membership that at that point we have not made any decision, there is no full decision by the Badminton World Federation regarding a face-to-face AGM in Thailand and bring to their attention, however that if there is a face to face AGM in Thailand, Pan Am will have the AGM 2022 in Thailand.

Mr. Tolan mention that with the passing of today's constitutional revision, there are some deadlines that will need to be met. And for that we get back to the membership to get the approval for this revision for this year only, if the AGM is going to be held face to face in Thailand. He hopes to be able to meet with all in Thailand.

Mr. Tolan points out that it will be needed to sign the necessary documents to register this constitution in the registry of Peru and, therefore, the BPAC president, the COO and at least one member who attended today will need to sign the documents related to this registration.



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## 7. ADJOURN

Mr. Tolan thank all the members who attended today, heartened by the level of attendance, and by their decision, also a big thank you to the staff, who continues during this pandemic to keep the flag of Badminton Pan Am flying.

Today's EGM would not have taken place without their commitment and efforts, and I'm sitting in front of you, in front of cameras, and this production is done by your Pan Am team that has gotten very proficient in terms of streaming, in terms of event production, in terms of development, and we have all seen all the virtual programs that we all have participated in.

Mr. Tolan finishes thanking Pan Am Ex-Co Board for their effort and work in developing this new constitution.

With no further business, at 10:49am the meeting is adjourned.