

PAN AMERICAN BADMINTON CONFEDERATION - BADPANAM  
BPAC AGM 2023  
KUALA LUMPUR - MAY 25, 2023  
MINUTES

DATE: Thursday May 25, 2023  
TIME: 09.00 Hrs. (KL time)  
PLACE: KLCC, Meeting room

1.- PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1.1. President's Remarks

Mr. Vishu Tolan starts the assembly at 9.00am welcoming the delegates present at the time and thanks the effort and time dedicated to our sport. Mr. Tolan says this will be his last time as BPAC president after two terms in office.

Mr. Tolan recounts all the highlights in his years collaborating with the Confederation from its beginnings as a member of the Board, then as general secretary, finally as president. He comments on the long road traveled in which we started with a basic staff of two people in shared hours, with a basic budget and today we find an office established in Peru made up of nine employees and an operational assignment by BWF that allows the work and growth of our Region.

It is important to highlight the athletes and their participations at Olympic, world and continental level, with a solid calendar of events for our athletes, training based on the BWF system for coaches, camps for our athletes and different activities and courses for our different associations.

Highlight the growth that has been had with Para badminton in which in different modalities we have world champions from our region and we hope soon to have medalists at the Para Olympics after participation in Paris 2024.

Finally, he is grateful to have been able to work with the current board, Anil, Javier, Chepe, Generoso, Gonzalo, Zarko and Pilar, who have been very important in the growth of our organization. Finally, he recognizes the great support of the Staff of our Pan American office which has always been attentive to the needs of our region and in close communication with BWF.

Thank you all and we continue with the meeting.

1.2. Appointment of scrutineers

Mr. Tolan states that we had requested the collaboration of BWF in providing the scrutineers for today's Assembly, which is why I present Mr. John Shearer and Mr.

Thomas Delaye for which I ask the Assembly to support the approval for the function of both as scrutinizers today.

The vote for approval is opened.

Results: 22 votes in favor, 0 votes against. Consequently, the collaboration of Messrs. Shearer and Delaye as scrutineers of our 2023 General Assembly is approved.

### 1.3. Roll Call

Being 9:20am the quorum has been reached taking into account delegates from the four regions, coming from the following countries: ARG, ARU, BAR, BOL, BRA, CAN, COL, CRC, CUB, CUW, DOM, ECU, ESA, GUA, GUY, HAI, HON, JAM, MEX, PAN, PAR, PER, LCA, SUR, URU, USA, VEN.

It is reported that the delegates of CAY (Cayman Islands), Association that sent its delegate format after the deadline, are present as observers. This agreement to provide observer status was submitted by the Executive Council yesterday and unanimously, this agreement was reached.

## 2. MINUTES

2.1. To confirm the minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Thursday May 05, 2022 (Annexure A1, A2)

Mr. Tolan informs that the documents that will be the subject of today's meeting have been sent jointly with the Agenda, one of them being the minutes of the 2022 Assembly held in the city of Bangkok, in May 2022.

Mr. Tolan asks if there are any comments or corrections on these minutes.

As there are no comments, he requests the approval of the minutes of the 2022 Assembly.

We shall now proceed to the vote.

Results: 20 votes in favor, 0 against. Thanks are made to delegates.

2.2 Matter arising the Minutes.

Mr. Tolan asked whether there were any outstanding issues on the content of the minutes.

In the absence of any comment, this item is closed.

## 3. REPORTS

3.1 Development, Events, Marcomms (Annexure B1 - B6)

Development

Presented by Mr. Anil Kaul, who recounted what has been done in recent months and the possibilities for growth by our region, for athletes and coaches through organized activities and positive participation by our associations. Thanks to José del Busto for the confidence in presenting this report and his support within the Development Committee with its co-direction.

Finally, he thanks the development team within the Office: Delia, Jorge, Mario and Juan Pablo for their time and dedication to this important area of the Confederation.

## Events

At the request of Mr. Javier Orozco, Mr. Ricardo Salamanca, Director of Events, makes the presentation of the report in which the events held during 2022, the participation in continental events of both athletes and technical officials and different numbers that illustrate the presentation.

The realization of the Para Badminton Continental event held in Cali, Colombia in November 2022, which allowed our athletes to add points to Santiago 2023 and achieve the participation of five new countries in this important event.

He reminds delegates that the Bidding for the 2024 events has been published and its application deadline is approaching. In the absence of comments or questions in this regard, Mr. Salamanca is thanked for the presentation.

## Marcomms

Dr. Generoso Castillo makes the presentation in which he emphasizes the creation of content during the last months which allows greater visibility to our organization and positions us in an expectant situation of different media and interesting accesses with a necessary projection within the plans of our organization.

Dr. Castillo reinforces the implementation in all continental events of the streaming system and LiveScore, which allows a better remote monitoring of our athletes and positions our sport with interesting audience numbers.

It is mentioned that all the equipment and personnel is our own and is available in our offices if necessary from our associations.

Within the search for greater exposure of our sport, Dr. Castillo is carrying out the management with important news media such as FoxSports, in order to feed with updated information of our sport and achieve coverage by these companies.

As there are no questions or comments, he appreciates the support received from the Executive Committee and the important support from the office of Mr. Josué Angulo, our Communication Manager.

## 3.2 COO (Annexure B7, B8)

Our COO, Germán Valdez, takes the floor and presents a brief summary of what was done during 2022, which was circulated with the documents of the Agenda and then presents the panorama of the months January-April 2023 among which the update within our registry stands out to be recognized now as "Confederacion Panamericana de Badminton" since the end of February, keeping our same tax number and accounts. This fulfills what was promised in 2019, during the Assembly on the subject of registration.

Mr. Valdez informs us that we maintain the accounts in the same institution and are audited by the company approved by the Assembly, RCM Peru. We maintain the office known to several of the delegates, athletes and coaches, located in the district of Miraflores in Lima. Our relationship with BWF is optimal in terms of our plans and activities and requested reports.

Mr. Valdez presents the budget of BWF's support to our confederation for the year 2023 and explains the different areas in which we must have the follow-up of BWF programs and explains the content of the Base Grant. Updates information about Events Grants and their use authorized by BWF today.

Mr. Valdez continues presenting the table of participation of our associations in the different activities carried out during the year 2022, which exceed 30 associations and then presents the updated table of the first five months of the year 2023 in which it is observed that to date there are 22 associations benefited or participated in different activities carried out by our organization.

Requesting questions from the delegates present, Miss Rena Wang (USA) comments about the events of our circuit in relation to the payment of entry fees to each of them, indicating that some of their athletes comment on the cost, in some cases of up to 180 dollars. Mr. Valdez explains that the entry fee is the decision of the organization of each event, and that in many cases these events are held with little or no local support from national sponsors. That is why the associations try to finance with their own resources and to a lesser extent with registration fees. However, contact will be made to recommend to the organizers that the entry fee can be reviewed in the events they carry out.

Ms. Wang appreciates the comment and adds that the athletes also make an expense to be able to participate in the different events of the circuit and to be able to achieve the points with the purposes of better positions within the world ranking.

### 3.3. Audited Financial Statements 2022 (Annexure C1, C2)

President Mr. Vishu Tolan explains the scope of the audit carried out for the year 2022 and the positive comments of the auditing company and asks if there are any comments on this or suggestions regarding the audit report.

As there was no comment, it is requested approval of the financial reports and proceeded to the vote.

Results: 22 votes in favor and 0 against.

#### 3.4. BPAC Budget 2023 (Annexure C3, C4)

Mr. Valdez within the COO report, presented and explained the 2023 budget, based on the contributions from BWF for the operation of our Confederation.

#### 4. COFFEE BREAK

Mr Tolan asks that we go to the coffee break for 15 minutes and then proceed to the vote, in accordance with this year's agenda.

#### 5. PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR EXCO ELECTIONS

Mr. Germán Valdez (COO), indicates that the profiles of the candidates for the different positions within the electoral process of our organization were circulated with the Agenda and documents of this Assembly and even have them in physical form in case someone wishes to corroborate any nomination, support or delegate nominated to this Assembly.

There being no comment or request, we proceed to the election of the different positions.

#### 6. EX-CO ELECTIONS

At this time, Mr. Valdez informs and updates the delegates present, including:

CHI, TTO, GUF, GLP and MRN, indicates that we have 32 associations present from the four regions and therefore, the quorum complies with our Constitution. Of the 31 associations present, 29 are associate members with the right to speak and vote, and 3 associations with the right to speak only. 1 association (CAY) is maintained as an observer, as mentioned above.

The scrutineers are summoned, who explain the voting process and the ballots that will be used in each position to be voted, indicating that the 4 positions of regional VP's will be carried out in a single ballot.

The first ballot was taken:

##### **\*BWF VP**

**Mr. Vishu Tolan** was elected (15 votes); 2nd place Mr. Gonzalo Castillo (9 votes) and 3rd place Mr. Anil Kaul (5 votes).

##### **\*BPAC President**

**1st round:** Armando Bruni (13 votes), Zarko Cukic (13 votes) and 3rd place Anil Kaul (3 votes). As there is a tie, a second round of voting is held among the tied candidates.

**2nd round: Elected Armando Bruni (16 votes) and Zarko Cukic (13 votes).**

**\*Deputy President BPAC**

**Elected** Mr. José del Busto (17 votes), 2nd place Gonzalo Castillo (12 votes)

**\*Vice-president**

**North America: Elected** Javier Orozco (21 votes), 2nd place Armando del Carpio (7 votes)

**Central America: Elected** Olga Muñoz (18 votes), 2nd place Adrián Gomez (10 votes)

**South America: Elected** Roberto Santini (16 votes), 2nd place Dhayisbel Torrealva (12 votes)

**Caribbean: Elected** Dionne Haynes (18 votes), 2nd place John de Bell (9 votes)

According to our constitution, the minimum gender quota was met in the election process.

7. Confirmation of Auditors (RSM Panez, Chacaliaza & Asociados)

Mr. Tolan resumes the main table together with the new president Dr. Armando Bruni and the COO Germán Valdez and requests the confirmation of auditors for the current year 2023, suggesting to the current company (RSM Panez, Chacaliaza & Asociados), the vote is proceeded and 17 is obtained in favor, 0 against.

It is therefore approved to continue to rely on the services of that firm.

8. ADJOURNMENT AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Mr. Tolan invited Dr. Bruni to take the floor and continue with the Assembly.

Dr. Bruni greets those present and thanks them for their participation in this assembly, recognizing the support received and the desire to work together with the executive council, for the benefit of all our associations. He expressed his commitment to continue working with the office and its current staff and no changes will be made, and looks forward to an early visit to the headquarters in Lima.

He states that he will seek the collaboration of all for the benefit of our sport and athletes and continue to advance and grow as an organization. Without further ado, he declares this Assembly closed and mentions that the next Annual Meeting will be communicated in a reasonable time in conjunction with the BWF meetings in May 2024.