

**BADMINTON NEW ZEALAND**  
**MINUTES OF THE 92<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL**  
**MEETING OF BADMINTON NEW ZEALAND INC**

Held at CMBA 11.00am, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

**1. Welcome**

Ian Willans declared the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting open at 11.07am and welcomed all those in attendance.

**Present:**

**Officers & Board**

Simone Naylor	Nigel Skelt
Ian Willans	Danny Chan

**Life Members**

Graham Feist	Nigel Skelt
	Richard Purser

**Delegates**

Delwyn Cooper  
Steele Mildwaters  
Graham Feist  
Nathan Pitcher  
Linda White  
Lesley Gledhill  
Simon Lin  
Thomas Walther  
Jordan Miers  
Jeremy Rout  
Verity Potter  
Vaiola Vaeau  
Paul Shirley  
Peter Beckerleg  
John McGregor  
Glenn Cox  
Karen Blank  
Kerrin Harrison  
Aaron Spence  
Lou Satherley  
Laura Austin  
Leona Head  
Kai Khaw

**Association**

Bay of Plenty  
Counties Manukau  
Whanganui  
Otago  
Eastland  
Wellington North  
Wellington North  
Waikato (Zoom)  
Thames Valley  
Thames Valley  
Horowhenua/Kapiti  
Wellington  
Waitakere  
Waitakere  
Auckland  
North Harbour  
North Harbour  
North Harbour  
Northland (Zoom)  
Canterbury (Zoom)  
Taranaki (Zoom)  
Marlborough (Zoom)  
Hutt Valley (Zoom)

**In Attendance**

Stephen Nelson	Badminton New Zealand
Colleen Van de Laar	Badminton New Zealand
Julie Carrel	Badminton Oceania

## **2. Apologies**

### **Associations**

Nelson  
West Coast  
Oroua

### **Other**

Graeme Neilson – Bay of Plenty  
Craig Atkins - Wellington  
Nic Raines - Southland  
Christina Yu - Board

**Moved (Motion 1)            Paul Shirley / Lesley Gledhill**

***“That the apologies be accepted.”***

**CARRIED**

## **3. Obituaries**

Derek Light  
Jeff Robson

## **4. Procedures**

*Stephen outlined the meeting procedures and speaking rights.*

**Moved (Motion 2)            Delwyn Cooper / Richard Purser**

***“That speaking rights be extended to Badminton New Zealand staff”***

**CARRIED**

## **5. Confirmation of previous AGM minutes**

**Moved (Motion 3)            Verity Potter / Richard Purser**

***“That the minutes of the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022 are a true and correct record of the meeting”***

**CARRIED**

## 6. Matters Arising

Nil.

Items for General Business; Nil.

## 7. Annual Report

Thanks to all who contributed to the Annual Report.

- Ian Willans recognised John Moody & Susannah Leydon-Davis for their contributions to the Board.
- Simon Lin noted some omissions from Technical Officials submitted report – these will be submitted to CEO for inclusion as appendix.

**Moved (Motion 4)**

**Lesley Gledhill / Karen Blank**

*“That the 2022 Annual Report be received as presented.”*

**CARRIED**

## 8. Financial Statements

These were discussed in detail with Associations at previous days Hui. There were no further questions on the financial statements.

**Moved (Motion 5)**

**Lesley Gledhill / Sandra Lynch**

*“That the Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 be received as presented”.*

**CARRIED**

## 9. 2023 Budget

This was discussed in detail with Associations at previous days Hui. There were no further questions about the budget.

## 10. World Junior Championships Budget

Ian spoke further to request presented yesterday for 4 months to further investigate/expand WJC budget. Ultimately decision to be made by the Board but help/input from Associations will be sought as required.

### Questions;

John - Concerned that budget provided for AGM was supposed to be final draft. Was not expecting to be asked for more time. Worried how BNZ will focus on key outcomes if focused on developing this further.

Ian – an offer has been made by non-staff member to undertake the next 4-5months work until funding windows open. Feel that an accurate budget cannot be presented until funding application window is open and further work is done.

Peter - Julie Carrel has offered input into creating a more robust budget. Acknowledge a number of operational issues around resourcing etc. have been raised. Personally, will only support event if budget comes in at neutral or positive position.

Aaron – could we clarify definition of budget that works? Stephen clarifies strategic plan as outlining this to be 10% profit margin.

John – how much more time are we being asked to give?

Ian – 4 months. Plus some staff time from Colleen in October for funding applications.

John – BNZ is not in strong current state. Concerning that the Board is talking about major event and want the resourcing, costs/risks to be considered. Associations are concerned that focus is being taken away from the core business of BNZ. Would like confirmation that no staff resources will be needed to create further budgets.

Delwyn – if outside working group is taking on further budget development – will they also be handling the overdue/deadline stakeholder reports that need to be submitted for WJC? Ian confirms this will be the case. Delwyn expresses further concern that Associations are not in support of WJC and Board are not listening. Board should be listening to the room/its members.

John – this is not about surplus or profit lines, it is about getting BNZ back on track. Associations around the country are struggling – they should be BNZ's focus. This is not a profile building event and the focus needs to be on development from grassroots upwards. Associations do not believe right now that this event is in the best interests of BNZ. That being said, if a completely independent third party would be able to run the event, then would love to see it in NZ.

Peter – request again for 4 more months to look into delivery via a working group. Cannot move away from BNZ banner for international event. Reports to be given to the Board.

Glenn – in support of Delwyn/John's comments, and Thomas from yesterdays hui. Majority of the room is against event and believe governance must be focused on financials and structure going forward. Badminton Australia run their events via a third party with no liability to themselves.

Steele – agree with Glenn etc. Current BNZ priority and concerns of Board should be going into strengthening position. Can't see the energy being expended on this event as responsible action when BNZ needs to be keeping Associations going. Not fair to BWF also to put this off another 4 months.

Richard - question about how WJC fared in 2007? Peter confirms they achieved a small profit. Richard expresses his desire for this event to run to give youth players something to aspire to.

John – would like to request that any WJC funding be ring-fenced, and no money spent over the next 4 months.

Glenn – in terms of events for aspiring players – we need to look at trying to put in place as many Grade 3 tournaments as possible.

Nigel – the working group is asking for time outside of BNZ staff time. Agree no expenses to be outlaid in relation to WJC over the coming 4 months.

Karen – if what the working group can come up is enough to alleviate Associations fears around this event, then 4 months is acceptable.

Peter – Waitakere to offer free training courts for event, buy 3 of the court mats post event and if they believe budget to be tight, willing to underwrite losses up to \$100,000.

Ian – reiterated that will not pursue running event if the budget forecasts a loss.

## 11. Remits

No remits were received.

## 12. Resolutions

No resolutions to be passed.

## 13. Elected Board Members

Thank you to all Board members who have served this year, and particularly to Danny Chan for his contributions over many years.

Only one nomination was received for the two vacant elected Board positions. Kerrin Harrison was therefore successfully elected to the Board.

This means one elected position remains vacant and the Board will appoint someone to fill this vacancy until the next AGM.

## 14. Appointments

### Board Members

The BNZ Board Appointments Panel was convened to consider the best course of action with regard to the vacant elected and three appointed positions. Following the selection process, they have agreed to appoint Simone Naylor for one of the vacant appointed positions, for a term of three years.

The panel will reconvene post AGM to bring a further process to fill the remaining vacant Board positions.

### Auditor

**Moved (Motion 6)      Karen Blank / Verity Potter**

***“That BDO be appointed as the auditor for Badminton New Zealand for the 2023 year.”***

**CARRIED**

### Solicitor

**Moved (Motion 7)      Nigel Skelt / Sandra Lynch**

***“That Cruickshank Pryde be appointed as the Solicitor for Badminton New Zealand for the 2023 year”.***

**CARRIED**

## 15. General Business

Paul – would like to request that BNZ Board seek to recover outstanding fees from Canterbury as a matter of urgency. Stephen notes that both BNZ Board and Canterbury Board are aware of the situation and BNZ in discussions with Canterbury around this.

Ian – urged events staff to consider Canterbury’s Pages Road facility as a venue as often as possible.

Paul – Aware of the cost for NZ players to go overseas to improve their skills. Would like BNZ events team to look at a Northern Region Competition. Waitakere is willing to invest \$20k per year for 5 years to offer good prize money towards their development and would like other Auckland Associations to contribute also.


John – Concerns over number of players being asked to play in overseas tournaments just before Wisden – can we explain the plan/rationale behind this? Stephen confirms that Rikke works with players individually to find the best investments/tournaments for their own improvement. Glenn

clarifies further that the European tournament schedule also dictates this due to qualification for events.

John – thanks to Ian and Nigel for their work done so far around WJC. Robust discussion being held around risks. Everyone would like to see events, but the struggle right now is the timing. Sport NZ would expect focus from their NSO to be on staff/Associations/finances and not a one-off event. Associations are not being 'pessimistic'. Just aware of lots struggling and needing support. Thanks again for your work, you have answered a lot of questions over the last two days. Still frustration around room due to delays in decisions on topics that were discussed at November Hui, with expectation of decisions being made at AGM.

Glenn offered a brief summary of damage/plan for North Harbour stadium for those who were not present at yesterday's Hui. Reiterated the importance of comprehensive reviews of insurance policies and making sure that replacements are based on code of compliance standards rather than like-for-like. Hoping to reopen the stadium in January.

*The Chair thanked attendees and declared the meeting closed at 12.02pm.*

  
.....(Signed as a true and correct record)

Date: 11.04.2023

Notes: A copy of the Zoom file for this meeting is available. Please note that due to the nature of the discussions throughout the AGM, not all dialogue has been captured on the microphones for the Zoom recording.