

## 46<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting Minutes 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016 Courtyard by Marriot Hotel Shatin, Hong Kong

### PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

The President opened the meeting by thanking the delegates for attending and his hope for productive meeting resulting in the election of a new Executive Board.

He further commented on his involvement with international squash for over two decades; the challenges faced during his term as President; the many achievements, while recognising Member's disappointment at not gaining a place in the Olympic Games, despite his and National Federations best efforts. He then went on to thank a number of people who helped him along the way, the Board Members, the Office, squash players and Member Nations.

He finished by stating his pride at having been WSF President for the past eight years, his honour to have served it and his willingness to provide assistance if called upon to do so in future. The President's comments were received with acclaim.

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from the Nigerian Member Nation. Personal apologies were received from Murray Day (WSF Past President), Sarah Fitz-Gerald (Vice-President Nominee).

### 2. ATTENDANCE & PROCEDURES

#### a) Members Represented

Argentina	- Sergio Becerra	Japan	- Kazuya Kasahara
Australia	- David Mandel	Jordan	- Ramzi Tabbalat
Austria	- Wolfgang Denk	Korea	- Andrew Ho
Bahrain	- Haytham Gobashy	Kuwait	- Waleed Al-Sumaiei
Belgium	- Hugo Hannes	Luxembourg	- Roger Lakhani
Botswana	- Iman A.O. Shahin	Macau	- Armando Amante
Brazil	- Hany Hamouda	Malaysia	- Huang Ying How
Canada	- Lolly Gillen	Mexico	- Federico Serna
Cayman Islands	- Fayez Al-Mutairi	Monaco	- Jean-Denis Barbet
China	- Liu Yu	Netherlands	- Marcel Borst
Chinese Taipei	- Clinton Wang Wen Jui	New Zealand	- Jim O'Grady
Colombia	- Pablo Felipe Serna	Norway	- Otto Kalvo
Czech Republic	- Tomas Cvikl	Pakistan	- Syed Razi Nawab
Denmark	- Reidun Ribesen	Peru	- Angelica Villegas Botero
Ecuador	- Tang Suet Yee	Philippines	- Dick Leung
Egypt	- Assem Khalifa	Poland	- Jakub Zalotynski
El Salvador	- Wu Sang Wash	Portugal	- Sunil Lakhani
England	- Tom Duggan	Saudi Arabia	- Ziad Al-Turki
Estonia	- Ardo Nomm	Scotland	- Jim Hay
Finland	- Rajkumar Sangtani	Singapore	- Major Maniam
France	- Jacques Fontaine	South Africa	- Steve Doeg
Germany	- Steve Mann	Spain	- Chris Herridge
Gibraltar	- Jovi Au	Sweden	- Thomas Troedsson
Guatemala	- Claire Frederique Snel	Switzerland	- Volker Bernardi
Hong Kong, China	- Cedric Tyen	Tahiti	- Charles Daxboeck
India	- Debendranath Sarangi	USA	- Mark Pagon
Iran	- Ping Him Chan	Venezuela	- Francisco Paradisi
Ireland	- Gar Holohan	Wales	- Richard Bennett
Italy	- Martin Wren	Zimbabwe	- Zenaib Fathi
Jamaica	- Othman Hassaneim		

**b) Observers Present**

Australia	- Richard Vaughan	Macau	- Lim Chee Ming
England	- Paul Evans	New Zealand	- Gerard DeCourcy
Estonia	- Aliis Allas	Pakistan	- Qamar Zaman
Germany	- Jan Weber	USA	- Peter Lasusa
India	- Cyrus Poncha		- Natalie Grainger
Japan	- Miyuki Adachi	PSA (Affiliate)	- Alex Gough

**c) Others Present**

**i. By Right**

N. Ramachandran	- WSF President
Linda MacPhail	- WSF Vice-President
Mohamed El-Menshawy	- WSF Vice-President
Jahangir Khan	- WSF Emeritus President
David Mui	- WSF Regional Vice-President – Asia
Zena Wooldridge	- WSF Regional Vice-President – Europe
Neven Barbour	- WSF Regional Vice-President - Oceania

The WSF Regional Vice-President of Africa and Pan-America were also in attendance representing Brazil and Mexico respectively.

**ii. By Invitation**

Andrew Shelley	- WSF Chief Executive
Lorraine Harding	- WSF Operations Manager

**d) Voting Procedures**

The Chief Executive explained the voting procedures and advised that 59 Member Nation were represented at the meeting, with a total of 137 votes. He further advised that changes to the Articles of Association required 103 votes (75% of the total votes) whereas general motions only required 69 votes (50% of the votes) for them to be passed.

With respect to WSF Executive Board elections he advised that in accordance with Article 64 the President and the Vice-Presidents elected first and second would be elected for a term of four years and the Vice-Presidents elected third and fourth would be for an initial term of two years - to ensure that not all members of Board are voted upon at the same Annual General Meeting - that a 50% of the votes were required to elect the President and that - if one of the candidates did not reach that number - the nominee with the lowest number of votes would be removed from the ensuing ballot until someone does reach the required majority. For the election of Vice-Presidents the same process is followed but, when one nominee has been elected, all the candidates that had been removed in the ballots leading up to that election would be re-entered into the ballot for the next Vice-Presidential position.

**e) Appointment of Scrutineers**

WSF Emeritus President, Jahangir Khan and former WSF Vice-President, Heather Deayton were accepted unanimously as the official Scrutineers.

**3. APPLICATIONS FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP**

**a) Tahiti**

Having provided the requisite documentation, Tahiti's application was approved.

**Application Accepted Unanimously**

**b) Russia**

Having provided the requisite documentation, the application for recognition of the new Federation in Russia was approved.

**Application Accepted Unanimously**

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

The minutes were approved subject to the following corrections being made:

**a) Page 4, Point 4, Third Paragraph, Final Sentence.** Wording amended at the request of Barbados.

**b) Page 5, Point 9.** Age limit corrected from 1 December to "...31 December in the year of the election" at the request of Germany.

c) Page 7, Point 14, First Paragraph, Second Sentence. Wording amended at the request of Barbados.

It was agreed that Point 5 a) 7 should be amended to reflect the intention of the original motion, which had been detailed in the explanation of the Agenda of the Extraordinary General Meeting.

**Approved Unanimously**

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

None.

**6. SPECIAL RESOLUTION**

That the non-filing of changes to the WSF Memorandum & Articles of Association with the Companies Registry in the years 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2009 and 2011 have been noted, rectified and filed. As there has been no prejudice to Members, the Board resolves to ratify and absolve all current and previous Directors of any liability.

It was clarified for USA that the document currently available on the WSF website is the current and correct WSF Memorandum & Articles of Association Articles.

**Resolution Approved Unanimously**

**7. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2015-2016**

**Accepted Unanimously**

**8. MOTIONS TO AMEND THE RULES OF SQUASH**

None submitted.

**9. MOTIONS TO AMEND THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF WSF LIMITED**

a) **To amend the number of votes to 'one nation, one vote' in respect of elections for the position of WSF President and Vice President under Article 34 for elections from 2017 onwards.**

Motion: Executive Board; Seconded by Egypt

India stated its support of the motion, as they had done in Nice.

**Motion: Not Carried**

b) **To replace the word 'sex' with 'gender' throughout the Articles**

Motion: Executive Board; Seconded by Canada

**Motion: Carried Unanimously**

c) **To generally follow IOC Guidelines so that they will be applicable for the WSF Athletes' Commission**

Motion: Executive Board; Seconded by Australia

**Motion: Carried Unanimously**

d) **To generally follow IOC Guidelines so that they will be applicable for the WSF Ethics Commission**

Motion: Executive Board; Seconded by Brazil

**Motion: Carried**

e) **To link the WSF Code of Ethics, including its Appendices to the WSF Memorandum & Articles of Association.**

Motion: Executive Board; Proposer Singapore, Seconded by Netherlands.

Subject to the removal of the changes suggested in the first bullet point, leaving the wording unchanged.

**Motion: Carried by Majority**

f) **To ensure that the rotation in the election of the President and Vice Presidents will be maintained over time.**

Motion: Australia; Seconded by Netherlands

**Motion: Carried by Majority**

## 10. MOTIONS GENERAL

None submitted.

## 11. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

### a) To update Members on progress made in assigning World Championships in the last year and receive expressions of interest to host future events:

The Chief Executive updated the schedule that had been included in the Agenda, as follows:

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Men's Team	-----	FRANCE <sup>(A)</sup>	-----	VACANT <sup>(C)</sup>	-----
Women's Team	FRANCE	-----	CHINA <sup>(A)</sup>	-----	VACANT
Women's World Championship	PSA	PSA	PSA	PSA	PSA
Men's World Championship	PSA	PSA	PSA	PSA	PSA
Men's & Women's Junior Individual <sup>(B)</sup>	POLAND	NEW ZEALAND	VACANT	VACANT <sup>(C)</sup>	VACANT
Women's Junior Team	-----	NEW ZEALAND	-----	VACANT <sup>(C)</sup>	-----
Men's Junior Team	POLAND	-----	VACANT	-----	VACANT
World Masters	SOUTH AFRICA	-----	USA	-----	VACANT
International Doubles	AUSTRALIA	ENGLAND	-----	-----	VACANT

**Note:** Tenders are required by 31 December two years ahead of event e.g. for 2019 events by 31 December 2016.

(A) Tender accepted subject to successful inspection of proposed venue, Court Accreditation and Accommodation proposed.

(B) Played before the Junior Team Championship held concurrently with it.

(C) Tender closes 31 December 2016.

The Chief Executive further commented that, subsequent to the distribution of the Agenda, it has been agreed that the World Doubles Championships will be held in 2017 not 2018 and that a Tender has been received for the two vacant events in 2018. He also advised the deadline of 31 December 2016 for Tendering for vacant events in 2019.

## 12. GENERAL BUSINESS

### a) To receive the Forward Plan of the WSF for 2016/2017

Proposer Canada, Seconded by South Africa

**Received Unanimously**

### b) To receive reports from WSF Regional Federations

The Reports had been circulated prior to the meeting and were duly received with only Oceania adding an additional comment welcoming Tahiti into Membership.

## 13. WSF FINANCE

### a) Adoption of the audited accounts for the financial year 2015/2016

Proposer Brazil; Seconded by Belgium

**Adopted Unanimously**

### b) To authorise the Officers to appoint and fix remuneration of the auditors

Proposer Canada; Seconded by South Africa

**Authorised Unanimously**

### c) To receive the Budget for the financial year 2016/2017

Proposer Jordan; Seconded by Ireland

*Subsequent to approval of motion 13d) it was confirmed that the Budget will be updated to reflect the increase in Membership Fees.*

**Received by Majority**

**d) Motion – MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

That the Membership Fees of the WSF for the calendar year 2017 shall be increased by 12% to:

Full Member - 6 votes	(1501 courts and over)	£7,000
Full Member - 5 votes	(1001 - 1500 courts)	£5,115
Full Member - 4 votes	(751 - 1000 courts)	£4,175
Full Member - 3 votes	(501 - 750 courts)	£2,295
Full Member - 2 votes	(51 - 500 courts)	£1,300
Full Member - 1 vote	(1 - 50 courts)	£415
Associate Member		£35
Affiliate Member		£560

Acceptance of the Motion was proposed by Malaysia; Seconded by Ireland.

**Motions: Carried**

**14. ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF WSF LIMITED**

**a) PRESIDENT**

Each nominee made a short presentation and following 3 ballots the nominee from England, Zena Wooldridge (Europe) was declared elected.

Subsequent to the election of the first Vice-President, Malaysian nominee, Ying How Huang (Asia), and during the sixth ballot for the second Vice-President, Germany requested a recount of the third Presidential ballot. This was agreed and the recount ascertained that the votes had been miscounted; the result being a draw. Following a review of the WSF Articles, which did not legislate for when the last ballot resulted in a draw, Members were asked and agreed by majority to the third Presidential ballot being retaken. The Presidential ballot was retaken and the nominee from France, **Jacques Fontaine** (Europe) was declared elected for four years.

The Members then decided the necessity to restart the voting for the Vice-Presidents, in accordance with the WSF Memorandum & Articles of Association. The newly elected President decided that henceforth voting numbers would be announced for each ballot, which had not been the previous practice.

**b) VICE PRESIDENT**

Having all made their presentations prior to the recount of the election for President and following four ballots the nominee from Malaysia, **Huang Ying How** (Asia) was declared elected as the first Vice-President for a term of four years.

Following five ballots the nominee from Colombia, **Pablo Felipe Serna Cardenas** (Pan-America) was declared elected as the second Vice-President for a term of four years.

Following three ballots the nominee from Ireland, **Gar Holohan** (Europe) was declared elected as the third Vice-President for a term of two years.

The requirement for both genders to be represented on the Executive Board excluded all the remaining male candidates, the nominee from Australia, **Sarah Fitz-Gerald** (Oceania) was declared elected as the fourth Vice-President for a term of two years.

**15. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

None

**16. FUTURE MEETINGS**

National Federations were reminded the availability to host the 2017 Annual General Meeting. The meeting closed at 19:54.