



**MINUTES
of the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
held at the New World Wuhan Hotel – Wuhan, China
at 1000 hours on 26 May 2012**

Represented by - 93 countries with 190 votes.

AFRICA (18 countries)

Algeria, Botswana, Burundi, Central Africa, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Seychelles Island, South Africa, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

ASIA (16 countries)

China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Korea, Macau, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand

EUROPE (40 countries)

Albania, Armenia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Faroe Island, Finland, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Greenland, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Serbia, Slovak, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Wales.

PAN AMERICA (13 countries)

Argentina, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Guyana, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Peru, USA.

OCEANIA (6 countries)

Australia, Fiji, Kiribati, New Zealand, Tahiti, Tonga

PRESIDENT

Dr Kang Young Joong (KYJ)

DEPUTY PRESIDENT

Paisan Rangsikitpho (PR)

VICE PRESIDENTS

Torsten Berg (TBe), Gustavo Salazar (GS), Nigel Skelt (NS) , Liu Fengyan (LFY) , Gregory Verpoorten (GV), Paul Kurzo (PK)

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Lim Teong Kiat (LTK), Peter Gacheru (PGa), David Cabello (DC) , Etienne Thobois (ETH), Justian Suhandinata (JS), Raj Gaya (RG), Wayne Somers (WS), Ranjit De Silva (RdS), Li Lingwei (LLW), Junichiro Yamada (JY), Surasak Songvarakulpan (SS), Lawrence Chew (LC), Peter Tarcala (PT), Mehdi Kabasian (MK), Nora Perry (NP), Wu Jun Yan (WJY), Kaveh Mehrabi (KM)



BY INVITATION

Hon. Life Vice Presidents - Mme Lu Shengrong and Charoen Wattanasin, Tom Bacher (nominee for Hon. Life Vice President).

OBSERVERS

Thirteen observers registered their attendance.

1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1.1 President's Remarks

- 1.1.1 KYJ welcomed delegates from all Member Associations and also recorded his appreciation to the Chinese Badminton Association (CBA), Mayor of Wuhan City and Wuhan City Municipal Government and the Organising Committee for supporting the BWF Annual General Meeting and the successful hosting of the Thomas Uber Cup Finals.
- 1.1.2 He remarked that 2011 had been a very important year and thanked all Member Associations for their contributions. He added that for the first time, BWF was providing simultaneous interpretation in four languages at the AGM (French, Spanish, Arabic and Russian). He expressed his appreciation to Sergey Shakhray and the Russian Federation for funding the interpretation to Russian language.
- 1.1.3 KYJ highlighted the following the following achievements for 2011:
- (a) a sound framework for the World Superseries 2011-2013 (SS) and appreciation was conveyed to the host countries particularly the Premier SS hosts – Korea, England, Indonesia, China and Denmark. The total prize money for the world Superseries had increased to more than USD5 million. The increased prize money was appreciated by the players. The substantially enhanced media revenues generated meant that the BWF was now in a position to share the profit with the host countries.

Appreciation was also recorded for China, England, Canada and Chinese Taipei for hosting top level BWF Major Events in 2011.
 - (b) BWF had successfully concluded two key development projects – the Schools Badminton and the Coach Education Level 1 Resources projects. KYJ stressed the importance of close collaboration between BWF and the Continental Confederations (CC's) which provided the link to the Member Associations. KYJ expressed his confidence that further development can be achieved if everyone shared the same objectives and worked towards the same goals. He thanked the Chinese Badminton Association for their support in providing equipment for the development of badminton in less developed badminton playing nations and he hoped that more badminton



super powers would emulate the generosity of the Chinese Badminton Association.

- (c) the successful integration of Para-Badminton into the BWF organizational structure with the immediate goal to work harder together to ensure badminton's inclusion as a sport in the Paralympic Games in 2020.
- (d) the mammoth task of reviewing the Constitution was completed in December 2011 resulting in a proposal being put before the AGM for adoption. KYJ expressed hope that all Member Associations which are the owners of the Constitution had read it thoroughly and look forward to their full support at the AGM to have it endorsed.
- (e) BWF Strategic Plan 2012 – 2016 was adopted to pave the way towards Rio 2016 Olympic Games. KYJ stressed the need to work hard to promote Badminton in South America and Brazil in particular and requested Badminton Pan Am and its members to cooperate in this area. He said that although the BWF's financial health was looking good, the same cannot be said of the global economic outlook and stressed that the BWF should not be complacent but to take a cautious stance to ensure that the BWF financial situation was always sound.
- (f) KYJ was at the SportAccord Convention in Quebec prior to arriving in Wuhan and he indicated that ASOIF was very involved with the promotion of a system for data exchange system among International Federations (IFs). The goal was to generate a common data sharing platform to enable IFs to efficiently share data with media, fans and stakeholders. This would in turn generate wider exposure for sport. He requested members to keep the BWF data up to date and TL who was co-opted into the ASOIF ISIS commercial Working Group was tasked with ensuring that the BWF data is current.
- (g) in 2009 when the current Council was elected, new goals were redefined to develop Badminton as a global sport with a transparent and democratic governing body, building a sound financial base and to increase prize money for players. He was happy to report that these were achieved through effective and better communication and he expressed appreciation to Council colleagues and the BWF staff for their effort and cooperation. However, he cautioned that more was needed to be done if Badminton was to gain the same status of a better developed sport such as tennis. He was optimistic that this was achievable if the BWF worked to develop new sponsorships and to attract better audience with more star players. He requested Member Associations to work together with the BWF and to support its goals.

KYJ renewed his personal commitment to do his best along with the BWF Council and staff in order to provide better service to the membership with transparency and sound financial management in the next twelve months in order to achieve its goals.



- 1.1.4 KYJ concluded his opening remarks by wishing all Members a productive meeting and he invited them to join the luncheon after the meeting.
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1.2 Appointment of Scrutineers

- 1.2.1 KYJ asked TL to propose three names as scrutineers and the following **were accepted unanimously** – Madam Lu Shengrong, Tom Bacher and Ian Wright.

1.3 Roll Call

TL reported that a quorum for the meeting was met with 93 Member Associations represented and this comprised 190 votes - any proposal requiring a 2/3rd majority would need 127 votes while 96 votes would be needed for proposals requiring a simple majority.

2. MINUTES

- 2.1** Confirm minutes of the AGM held on Saturday, 28 May 2011.

The minutes of the AGM held on Saturday, 28 May 2011. **There being no objections or abstentions the minutes were adopted unanimously.**

3. COUNCIL REPORT

3.1 Report of Council and its Committees

3.1.1 Administration Committee – Reported by Peter Gacheru (PGa)

- 3.1.1.1 PGa said that the Administration Committee report could be found on Pages 10 – 14 of the Annual Report. He added that it was a busy year for the BWF.

PGa reported the following key activities and achievements:

- (a) Ongoing recruitment for the Secretariat to serve the needs of the Members and meet new work demands with the improved tournament structure and integration of para-badminton.



- (b) The BWF Secretariat had moved to a new location to provide better working space for staff members and to keep up with the standards befitting the status of an International Federation.
- (c) BWF membership had increased to 174 with the addition of one new member in 2011 and two more expected to join the Federation in 2012. More Members were expected to join with the revised and streamlined membership admission criteria.
- (d) The suspension of Pakistan Badminton Federation voted by the AGM in 2011 was still in force but consultations were ongoing to have the situation reversed as soon as possible.
- (e) A second Member's Forum was held following the favorable feedback received from those who participated at the first forum in 2011.
- (f) The Working Group set up in 2009 to review the BWF Constitution had accomplished the task to simplify the Constitution to make it more accessible and to address various concerns regarding the AGM and Council structure.
- (g) The BWF Strategic Plan 2012 – 2016 which was initiated two years ago was completed at the end of 2011 and this was presented at the Member's Forum.
- (h) The Awards System was reviewed to honor and appreciate those who had made significant contributions to the sport as well as to recognise the achievements of the players.
- (i) BWF was in compliance with the WADA Code.
- (j) BWF was looking into the development of an online museum to make articles and resources available for Member Associations, players, media, fans, members of the public and stakeholders.
- (k) The BWF Council continued efforts to go paperless in as many ways as possible.
- (l) PGa thanked all Committee members, Deputy Chair GV who also chaired the Members' Forum Working Group and Strategic Planning Working Group, TBe - who chaired the Constitution Review Working Group and Awards Commission and TL and the staff.

There were no questions to the report.

3.1.2 Development Committee - Reported by David Cabello (DC)



3.1.2.1 DC highlighted the following:

- (a) The successful implementations of the Shuttle Time Schools Badminton project and Coach Education Level 1 in three languages. The BWF was working in close collaboration with the CCs to facilitate planning and delivery of schools programmes and to promote the sport globally.
- (b) Partnered with Peace and Sport to promote badminton in under developed areas in Colombia, and would in 2012 collaborate in projects in East Timor and Haiti.
- (c) Published on the BWF website a list of research in badminton with more than 700 titles.
- (d) DC noted that Chris Guinness of IMG, the keynote speaker at the Members' Forum stressed the importance of building a broad base and to develop badminton at grass root levels in new markets for the sport to support media penetration in these new markets. This could be realized through the effort put into the development and implementation of the Shuttle Time Schools Badminton which had resulted in badminton development activities being conducted so far in forty-seven (47) member nations following the trials in 2011 involving 10 nations across all five continents.
- (e) Badminton was introduced into the curriculum in a number of education systems as part of the pilot projects and thousands of school children had benefitted from this program. This translated into more participants and more future funds for more potential international players.
- (f) Continued to maintain strong working relationships with the CCs to complete the Coach Education Level 1 resources to develop and train more coaches and tutors in 25 countries across the five continents as part of the pilot program.
- (g) BWF and the CCs continued to work as one team with the same objectives and priorities – Schools and Coach Education were priority focuses to achieve the desired goals and for this purpose the CC development grants were very important both for the BWF and the CCs. An investment of USD1.2 was budgeted for as part of the CC development grants for 2011.
- (h) DC highlighted that it was important to train and develop the right workforce to ensure the delivery and success of development projects.
- (i) Members Associations were more successful in securing Olympic Solidarity (OS) funded courses – and BWF's role was to recommend the expert coaches for the OS national technical courses.
- (j) Another priority for the next four years was on the development of players and to foster the development of programs in member countries and CCs.



- (k) DC expressed gratitude to the Chinese Badminton Association for taking the lead to support development programs in less developed badminton countries and hoped that other countries would follow suit. He also recorded his appreciation to Deputy Chair NS and other members of the committee, board members and staff of CCs and BWF staff and Member Associations for their effort and pro-active drive to focus on the continuing development of badminton.

3.1.2.2 KYJ opened the floor for questions.

3.1.2.3 Delegates from the following countries – Vishu Tolan (Jamaica), Moagi Gaborone (Botswana) and Omar Bellali (Morocco) applauded the work undertaken by the development team to implement Shuttle Time Schools Badminton which had seen the sport of Badminton being exposed to thousands of school children for the first time. In Botswana, the program had caught the attention of the sports authorities who had made an open commitment to expand the sport to a higher level to reach a wider population and an invitation was extended to KYJ to visit Botswana.

The consensus was that the program would ensure more people would take up the sport.

Vishu Tolan also commended the implementation of the Coach Education Level 1 project which has raised the level of coaches and tutors in the Pan Am region. He added that Mexico and Brazil which represent the largest markets for development of badminton were scheduled to participate in the Shuttle Time Project in September and this would be a positive move to pave the way for Rio 2016.

3.1.2.4 Delegate Junarto Suhandinata from Indonesia posed the following two questions:

- (1) on the progress on the production of a manual for the development of players and event organizers to assist under-developed countries as this had been mentioned in the last development meeting with the CCs.
- (2) On the status of the training centre in Indonesia that was identified as an advanced training centre but there had been no actions taken to make use of the centre to date.

3.1.2.5 Delegate Charoen Wattanasin from Thailand said that BWF should tap into the NOC funding through the Olympic Solidarity to assist the BWF in sports development projects. He added that Thailand NOC had successfully applied for this funding and Badminton Thailand had been a beneficiary of this fund for the past 5 to 6 years. He recommended the national associations to seek the help from their respective NOCs to secure such OS funding.

He shared three principles with the AGM (1) don't throw away good money, (2) help those who help themselves and (3) don't build a bridge where there is no river.



3.1.2.6 LSR shared the view of Charoen Wattanasin added that although Badminton is strong in China, the Chinese Badminton Association is still getting funding from OS to train referees and umpires. She urged delegates to tap into this source of funding through their respective NOCs.

3.1.2.7 In response to the question by the delegate from Indonesia, DC said that the Development Committee was still working in close cooperation with the Events Committee on the development of the events manual.

On the question of the training centre, DC noted that the approved centres were set up to assist with players who had an OS scholarship and were trying to qualify for London 2012 Olympic Games. The Centre had been communicated and offered to players, but unfortunately no players to date had taken up the offer, which at the end were their own choice. The structure of the Training centres are now being evaluated.

He agreed with the delegate from Thailand and LSR that the OS is a good source of funding and it is the duty of the Members to apply for funding through their NOC and to get their NOC to support Badminton through this fund opportunity.

3.1.2.8 On the question of the training centre, KYJ said that after making an objective evaluation from a business point of view, if some ventures are proving to be of no added value, it would be stopped. On the invitation to visit Botswana, he said that he would do his best to plan such a visit if there is a big Badminton event there to justify the visit.

3.1.2.9 **There were no further questions to the report.**

3.1.3 Para-Badminton Committee – Reported by Paul Kurzo (PK)

3.1.3.1 The following points were highlighted:

- (a) the integration of para-badminton into the BWF organizational structure since the last AGM, a Para-Badminton Committee was formed and met for the first time in December in Queenstown, New Zealand.
- (b) The first Para-Badminton World Championships were successfully held in Guatemala in 2011 - the first time in Pan America.
- (c) The process to review the section of the Laws on classification in para-badminton to bring Para-badminton into line with the IPC. The refinement is still ongoing. BWF is a IPC Recognised International Federation which is an important stakeholder of the BWF. The delegation of the classification section of the laws (Appendix 5) to the Council as classification regulations would be presented to the AGM.



- (d) Bring para-badminton membership under the BWF umbrella was important to ensure effective governance of para-badminton.
- (e) A need to increase participation in para-badminton events as one of the criteria for inclusion into the Paralympic Games. The key criteria was that the sport should be “widely and regularly” played in at least three continents and at all levels. This was included as part of the BWF Strategic Plan 2012 – 2016 which was approved by Council in December 2011.
- (e) A para-badminton coaching manual which was originally written in Korean was translated into English courtesy of KYJ and this was included in the gift pack distributed to all delegates. PK expressed his appreciation to KYJ and the authors for this coaching manual.
- (f) Appreciation was recorded for members of the Para-badminton Commission and Committee members.

3.1.3.2 KYJ opened the floor for questions.

3.1.3.3 Delegate Juniarto Suhandinata from Indonesia commented that the integration of para-badminton into its membership structure was very complex and asked for guidance from the BWF.

3.1.3.4 Delegate Jose Gabriel del Busto Fernandez of Guatemala recorded his appreciation to PK for giving the opportunity to Guatemala to host the World Championships and proposed that BWF looked into the implementing Shuttle Time for Para-badminton.

3.1.3.5 PK replied that there is no one model that is applicable to all Member association as each has its own organizational structure but indicated that the integration would be easier to implement first at the CC level before moving to the national associations. The Committee would look at producing a set of guidelines based on some countries that have successfully integrated para-badminton into their membership structures.

He thanked Guatemala for their proposal which would be considered but not an immediate priority

3.1.4 IOC/International Relations – Reported by Torsten Berg (TBe)

3.1.4.1 TBe said that the report of this committee was found on pages 29 of the Annual Report. He highlighted the following key points:

- (a) The main priority was to focus on fostering positive relations with the IOC and IOC family.
- (b) Continued work on para-badminton and Women in Badminton.
- (c) Milestone achieved – the complete integration of the Para-Badminton World Federation (PBWF) into the BWF governance structure in June last year. A



Para-badminton Commission was appointed comprising an expert group of people whose priority was to make para-badminton a Paralympic sport.

- (d) Athletes in badminton were given representation in Council with voting rights through the Athletes Commission and the BWF would continue to engage athletes in an on-going dialogue on issues relevant to players.
- (e) Increasing visibility of badminton representatives in the IOC and examples were the recent nomination of Ms Li LingWei as an IOC member and TL as an IF representative to evaluate London 2012.
- (f) IOC Evaluation of IF in the Olympic Program would be carried out after the London Games where new criteria would apply and this would be addressed by the Strategic Plan 2012 – 2016.
- (g) Proposed to establish an Ethics Commission to protect the integrity of the BWF and support good governance of the BWF.
- (h) Whistle blower telephone contact was established to discourage betting and the manipulation of match outcomes in the sport.
- (i) Continued to work to strengthen the presence of badminton in Multi-Sports events such as the Commonwealth Games, Mediterranean Games and the Universiades and looked towards the integration of para-badminton in the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Australia.
- (j) WIB Working Group had been elevated to Commission status and each CC was working towards establishing its own WIB Committee / Working Group. A target had been set to have 20% women representation on Council by 2013.

3.1.4.2 There were no questions to the report but KYJ said that Eth had an announcement to make.

3.1.4.3 ETH said that during the Masters Games meeting at the SportAccord, it was announced that Badminton was not yet confirmed for the 2013 Torino World Masters Games and that expressions of interest was open on the website. Badminton would be confirmed on the programme if the expressions of interest were high enough. Member Associations were encouraged to register as many participants as possible before the deadline of 15 July. More information would follow from the BWF Secretariat.

3.1.5 Marketing Committee – Reported by Etienne Thobois (ETH)

3.1.5.1 ETH reported that the Committee focused on two key areas – the OSIM BWF World Superseries and BWF Major Events with the main objective being the implementation of structural changes.



He highlighted the following points from the 2011 annual report:

- (a) Worked in close cooperation with media and commercial partners TSA, IMG and ESG on sponsorships and media rights for OSIM BWF World Superseries and BWF Major Events.
- (b) He recorded his gratitude to the title sponsor for the 2011 BWF World Superseries and the host organizers for the significant increase in prize money which had drawn more audience to the sport. The first ever million dollar prize tournament was the Victor Korea Open and overall prize money for the BWF World Superseries exceeded USD\$5 million in total.
- (c) 2012 would be an evaluation year for the BWF World Superseries and selection would be made for the next cycle starting in 2014.
- (d) The Major events in 2011 were successfully held – the Double-Star Sudirman Cup in Qingdao in May and the World Championships in London in August. The hosts for major events in 2014 and beyond would be identified in December 2012.
- (e) Following the successful re-branding of the Superseries in 2010, the new branding of the BWF Major Events was carried out in 2011 and a new BWF logo was launched at the 2nd Members Forum. Studies have shown that when launching a new logo many will not like it at first, but then this will change when they get used to it – and ETH hoped that all would quickly get used to the new logo and support it.
- (f) Significant increase in media exposure had led to increased fan base globally and this enhanced badminton's commercial position globally in world sport.
- (g) Television exposure had increased to 164 in 2011. These figures may not be spectacular compared to other sports but this is a positive uptrend indicator.
- (h) Forged close collaborations with Peace and Sport initiatives
- (i) Continued monitoring of betting and match irregularities as this was a significant threat to the integrity of the sport. This was an area of much concern within the IOC. Badminton was a sport which can be easily targeted and BWF had the right initiatives in place to keep this threat in check.
- (j) Continued work on improving our position in the world of competitive sport and to improve our commercial product towards Rio 2016.
- (k) To increase the fan base with a focus on youth through BWF website and social media tools.

3.1.5.2 ETH thanked all BWF major events organizers, Superseries organizers, TL and his team, players and Council members for their support and hard work.



3.1.5.3 **There were no questions to the report.**

3.1.6 Events Committee – Reported by Paisan Rangsitpho (PR)

3.1.6.1 PR highlighted the following:

- (a) 2011 was a good year with the successful hosting of major BWF events – the Sudirman Cup in Qingdao which had very good presentations and the World Championships in August which tested the field of play and technical aspects for the Olympic Games.
- (b) The BWF World Superseries had entered a new phase with new media and commercial partners which saw an increase in prize money of more than USD 5 million. A new Superseries structure with five Premier events was introduced.
- (c) An increase in television broadcast coverage and the introduction of digital platforms had created a bigger fan base and the 2011 World Superseries Finals was the best ever in terms of participation and audience.
- (d) World Senior Championships were hosted by Canada and saw 800 players gathered in Vancouver and this was reported to be a huge success.
- (e) World Junior Championships in Taipei saw 22 teams participating. The team event was won by Malaysia. A participation grant was approved by Council in December to encourage greater participation from under-developed countries as this event is important to develop future players.
- (f) The Olympic Games draw is scheduled for 23rd July and the Opening Ceremony would be on 27th July.
- (g) More new events would be created and a GP Gold circuit was being considered.
- (h) Revised the General Competitions Regulations and created the first ever world ranking system for teams and junior players.
- (i) Implemented on-line entry system for BWF events in all five Continents for all events from Levels 1 – 4.
- (j) A technical and event organizing manual was being developed to assist Member Associations.
- (k) Continued work to improve the presentation and structure of events to attract bigger audiences and more sponsors.



3.1.6.2 **There were no questions to the report.**

3.1.7 Athletes Commission – Reported by Kaveh Mehrabi (KM)

3.1.7.1 KM reported that he was re-elected as chair of the Athletes Commission. The other members of the commission were Emma Mason (Scotland), Lee Yong Dae (Korea), Tania Luiz (Australia), Rodrigo Pacheco Carrillo (Peru) and Pedro Yang (ex-officio).

KM highlighted the following challenges of the Athletes Commission:

- (a) The negative response to the proposed clothing regulations with many having the view that the rules should be extended to all players and not specifically to female players.
- (b) Finding the right occasion to hold the athletes annual elections as it is not necessarily an advantage to have it during major events even though more players were present as they are more focused on and occupied by the tournament. The Commission is working together with the office on alternative dates which are more suitable to encourage increased attendance and participation from amongst players as it provides a good platform for constructive discussions and feedback on issues relating to players.
- (c) To continue the monitoring of irregular matches and withdrawals which were more frequent during the Olympic qualifying period.
- (e) To send representatives to attend international forums – Emma Mason participated in the 5th IOC International Athletes Commission Forum and KL and Pedro Yang attended the 5th Edition of Peace & Sport International Forum.
- (h) Moving into 2012, the Athletes Commission is working closely with the Marketing and Events Committee in the evaluation of the Superseries with regular feedback from players.
- (i) To work with the IOC International Relations Committee and Development on Athletes Career Program.
- (j) To work on new approaches to gather better feedback from players on current issues.

3.1.7.2 **There were no questions to the report.**



3.1.8 Medical Commission Report – to refer to Page 69 of the Annual Report

3.1.9 Finance Committee – Reported by Lim Teong Kiat (LTK)

3.1.9.1 LTK said that the Finance Report could be found on Pages 73 – 99 of the Annual Report. He highlighted that:

- (a) the success in the Superseries and BWF Major Events had translated to better income for the BWF creating a surplus and for the first time the BWF is not totally dependent on Olympic funding. He expressed hope that the trend would continue as BWF was heading in the right direction. He thanked all the Chairs for their prudent spending.
- (b) The Finance Committee had budgeted for a deficit of USD1.543 million but at the end of 2011, the account reflected a surplus of USD774,000 and a reserve of USD7.077 million.

3.1.9.2 LTK thanked Mehdi Kabasian (Deputy Chair of the Finance Committee), Council members, and Chairs of all Committees for their prudent spending and assistance to ensure BWF was on a good financial footing.

3.1.9.3 **There were no questions to the report.**

3.2 To adopt the Financial Statements, duly audited, for the year ended 31 December 2011.

There were no questions or objections and the Financial Statements, duly audited, for the year ended 31 December 2011 were adopted unanimously by the Members.

3.3 Receiving 2012 budget and provisional budget for 2013.

3.3.1 Delegates Vishu Tolan of Jamaica said that looking at the 2013 forecast, there was more income from the Olympic grant coming in but the grant for CCs had been reduced.

3.3.2 LTK responded that this was because there was no Thomas and Uber Cup preliminaries in 2013.

3.3.3 KYJ remarked that there could be adjustments to future programs and sought the support from the AGM to delegate to BWF Council to decide accordingly. All members agreed to the request.



- 3.3.4 **There were no further questions and the budget for 2012 and the provisional budget for 2013 were received.**
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4. PROPOSAL – BWF COUNCIL

**4.1 Amendments to the BWF Constitution
Council Proposal – Constitutional Amendments**

A. Election of BWF Vice Presidents – (Annexure B)

To elect *BWF Vice-Presidents*, the Council proposes the following options for the AGM consideration:

Option 1 – Five Vice Presidents are elected at their respective Continental Confederation AGM as per the current BWF Constitution.

Option 2 – Five Vice Presidents are elected by the BWF Annual General Meeting with each Continental Confederation electing one Continental representative on Council at the respective Continental Confederation’s Annual General Meeting.

Annexure B of the Order Papers provided the proposed wording of the BWF Constitution for Option 1 and Option 2.

The option determined would be included in the Council Proposal for amendments to the Constitution in Item 4.2 of the Order Paper.

- 4.1.1 TBe explained that a Working Group was formed two years ago to look into a Constitutional Review after feedback that that the constitution was difficult to access information easily, that there were some inconsistencies and some of the clauses were not clear. The first completed draft was presented to Member Associations in 2010 following which another round of revision was completed in 2011 taking into consideration the feedback received from Members. The final version is now being presented to the AGM for adoption.

TBe added however, that there was one area of the proposed changes where the Council determined that the AGM should be provided with two options to consider and this was on Continental representation on Council and the manner of the election of the Vice Presidents.

He elaborated on the strengths and weakness of both options. He explained that Option 1 is not much different from the current system where the five Vice-Presidents would be elected at the Continental Confederation AGM to represent the CC and this meant that each CC would have a Vice-President who would be member of the Executive Board. The weak point would be that the Continental Vice-President may have divided loyalty to his Continent and the BWF.



The second option is almost the same as the structure prior to year 2006 with CC elected Representatives, but with VP's elected by BWF AGM. The strong point is that the CC representatives would be more at liberty to speak for their continent while the weak point was that they would not be guaranteed a seat on the Executive Board unless they were elected as a Committee Chair.

Hence the proposals from the Council come in two parts with the first part to be decided on the two options for election of the BWF Vice Presidents and whichever option was decided by the AGM, this would then be integrated into the main constitution to be adopted by the AGM with 2/3 voting majority.

- 4.1.2 KYJ remarked that the Council had deliberated at length and agreed to present both options at the AGM to the Members who are 'owners' of the Constitution to ensure total democracy. He said that a secret ballot would be carried out to determine the preferred option.
- 4.1.3 Delegated Ng Chin Chai from Malaysia sought clarifications and clarified some differences to the present Constitution on the following clauses:
- (a) Clause 19 of the current Constitution as contained in Annexure B had provisions for five Continental Vice-Presidents, 1 Vice-President for Olympic Relations as well as one honorary officers in each of the areas of Legal, Medical and Finance but the Vice-President for Olympic Relations and the three honorary officers posts had been removed in the proposal.
 - (b) Clause 18.2 provided that the Continental Representative shall take office the year before the Summer Olympic Games for four years. The issue with this clause is that some CCs hold their AGM every two years and this would then mean that the CC representatives would need to be changed automatically by the CC or would the changes take place in four years? He quoted the example of Asia where the CC representative was elected in 2011 for a term until 2015.
 - (c) Rationale for changing the position of COO to Secretary-General
 - (d) Clause 18.10 provided for Council the right to propose at AGM early termination of term of office of the President, an officer or Council which means that absolute power would be given to the Council. However, an important decision such as this should be open to the Member Associations.
 - (e) Clause 18.14 with regards to the term of office of the five Vice Presidents is very vague and should be refined.
- 4.1.4 TBe thanked the delegate from Malaysia for the points raised and explained that TBe had not highlighted the element to discontinue the position of the Vice-President for Olympic Relations as this was included in both options and this proposal has been sent out to the Member Associations for consideration. Furthermore the highlighted changes were more connected to part B of the proposal that would be presented after the vote on part A.



He added that the conversion of the position of COO to Secretary-General was in line with the Olympic movement where top officials of International Federations are usually called Secretary-General.

He further clarified that the early termination of elected official is a decision taken by the AGM but Council makes the proposal in case there is an unlikely case where a decision is needed to remove the President or any other Officers.

He explained that the definition in reference to Clause 18.4 could be in reference to cases of passing away, resigning, retiring or incapacitated due to illness and added that this is the same as in the current constitution.

- 4.1.4 There being no other questions or clarification, TL explained that the secret ballot voting slips could be found in each delegate's envelope and voting delegates are required to use slip B1 and to mark the "Yes" box if they vote for Option 1 and to mark the "No" box if they are in favor of Option 2.

While the ballot papers were being counted by the scrutineers, TBe was requested to explain the rationale for the following proposal:

(As per point 4.1.10, 137 voted for Option 1 and 51 voted for Option 2).

B. Council Proposal – Amendments to the BWF Constitution (Annexure C1 and C2)

- 4.1.5 TBe highlighted some of the major amendments to the Constitution:

- (a) Governance – in an effort to do away with proxies at the AGM, BWF would pay the airfare for one delegate to attend the AGM on condition that this delegate must be a board member or staff of the Member Association that they were representing.
- (b) Votes – the voting structure had been amended to reflected the international participation of the members and their players. Member Associations who were more active internationally would receive greater recognition for this through greater voting strength as per the criteria listed.
- (c) To establish an independent appeal panel based on advice from the IOC and legal experts

- 4.1.6 Delegate Omar Bellali of Morocco said that in including active participation into the criteria for differential votes, smaller nations would be disadvantaged and asked if this is in line with the IOC rules that all associations should have at least one vote.

- 4.1.7 TBe concurred that the IOC advocates one nation one vote policy but it was the opinion of many not to have the one nation one vote in this assembly and that the principle had been fed back to the WG on the allocation of votes to reflect activity and participation.



- 4.1.8 Delegate Moagi Magorone from Botswana asked if Item 15.17 regarding delegates having to belong to the Member Association they represent, would have any implications on delegates from Member Associations without putting them at a disadvantage as different Member Associations have AGMs at different times of the year.
- 4.1.9 TBe explained that this should not be an issue as it is quite unlikely that the members AGMs would clash directly with the BWF AGM.
- 4.1.10 KYJ said that the scrutineers were ready with the results of the secret ballot and he announced that **137 voted** for Option 1 and **51 voted for Option 2** and since a simple majority only needed 96 votes, the AGM had decided on Option 1 to be incorporated into the Constitution which would be decided under item 4.1B of the agenda.
- 4.1.11 Council proposal on amendments to the BWF Constitution was put to a vote by show of hands.

There were no objections or abstentions and the proposal was unanimously accepted.

4.2 Council Proposal – Amendments to the Laws of Badminton

Proposal 4.2.1 – Relocate Classification Matters (Annexure D1)

Proposal 4.2.2 – Integration of Para-badminton into Laws (Annexure D2)

Proposal 4.2.3 – To delete Appendix 5 – Para-badminton of the Laws of Badminton

- 4.2.1 TBe explained that the proposal had been circulated to Para-Badminton players and officials and no feedback had been received. However, he added that recently some queries were raised but these would be looked into by Council to decide if changes or adjustments were needed.

Each of the proposals were put to the AGM.

There were no objections or abstentions and all three proposals were unanimously accepted.

4.3 Council Proposal – Nomination of Honorary Life Vice President (Annexure E)

To approve the Council nomination of Mr Tom as Bacher (DEN) as an Honorary Life Vice President of the BWF.



PGa was invited to present the proposal and to read out the citation for Mr Tom Bacher.

Tom Bacher has served as IBF Council for 24 years from 1979 to 2003 with distinction and as Vice President from 1986 to 2003. He has contributed significantly to the business side of the game and was instrumental in raising the prize money and improved structure for tournaments.

He has served under three past Presidents of the BWF as Deputy President. He has also served on the board of the International Masters Games from 2004 to 2010.

Tom Bacher's involvement in Badminton started as player to umpire to selector to team manager culminating as the Deputy President of IBF and President of Badminton Europe.

In 2008, he received the Herbert Scheele Trophy from the BWF for outstanding and exceptional service to Badminton.

There were no objections or abstentions and the proposal was unanimously accepted.

Dr. Kang congratulated Tom Bacher and Tom expressed his gratitude to the AGM for the appointment as honorary Life Vice President.

5. SUBSCRIPTION

To consider Council's proposal that the unit of subscription for the year 2013 should be set at US\$200 per unit (unchanged).

There were no objections or abstentions and the Members agreed unanimously to maintain the unit of subscription for the year 2013 unchanged at USD200.00 per unit.

6. AUDITORS

Council proposes that the services of KPMG (Kuala Lumpur) be maintained. **There being no objections or abstentions the Members agreed unanimously to retain the services of KPMG as auditors.**

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Awards Presentation



7.1.1 **Women in Badminton Award**

- 7.1.1.1 LLW was invited to read out the citation for Mme Lu Shengrong (LSR) who was nominated to receive the first Women in Badminton award in recognition of her significant contribution to women and girls in badminton.

LSR was a Council member of the then IBF from 1982 to 1984, Vice-President from 1984 to 1993 and then as President from 1993 to 2001.

She was appointed as a member of the IOC Women and Sports Working Group in 1996. For more than 30 years she has contributed significantly to the world of Badminton and the Olympic movement.

LSR received the award from KYJ.

- 7.1.1.2 In her acceptance speech, LSR thanked the BWF and Council, China Badminton Association and all Members of the then IBF and BWF and badminton fans for their support throughout her career.

7.1.2 **Lifetime Achievement Award**

The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to the following two distinguished individuals who had made a positive impact and significant lifetime contribution towards the advancement and promotion of badminton worldwide and who were retired or retiring.

- (a) Gisela Hoffmann (GER)
- (b) Ole Mertz (DEN)

Chair of the Awards Commission TBe said that Ole Mertz was not in a condition to travel to Wuhan to receive the award and it would be presented to him at a suitable event closer to home.

He read out the citation for Gisela Hoffmann.

Gisela Hoffman was a national player of Germany in the 70's and was elected as a woman representative of the German Badminton Association Council. She was a member of the Development Committee of the then Badminton Union of Europe in 1981 and in 1986 as Honorary Secretary, a position she has held for seventeen years. In 1997 she was employed as the General Secretary until her retirement in 2003.

Gisela Hoffmann received her award from KYJ.

Gisela Hoffmann thanked the Council of the BWF for presenting her with such a prestigious award. On looking back she said that she had enjoyed a most interesting and rewarding badminton life through which she had met many outstanding individuals and made friends for life. She has always adhered to the



principle of mutual respect, and to give the best, if one expected the best and to be a friend is to have friends.

It was these principles that had taken her through a lifetime career in badminton.

7.1.3 Meritorious Service Award (MSA)

TBe said that the MSA is usually presented to people who had served in the national associations with long standing service. In exceptional cases it was presented to individuals who had served badminton in an extraordinary way.

The MSA was proposed to be given to Edwin Leung of HK for his outstanding media personality as a photographer who has served the game for a long period since 1989.

Edwin Leung has a great personality, pleasant nature and is well liked by players and fans worldwide.

KYJ presented the award to Edwin Leung.

In his acceptance speech, Edwin Leung thanked the BWF for the honor bestowed on his passion towards badminton photography which started in the early 80s. He said that throughout his career he had the opportunity to shoot photos of many great players and distinguished figures.

He added that he survived a brain tumor operation last year and expressed hope that he would be able to continue taking good badminton photos for at least another 20 years.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Annual General Meeting will be held in May 2013 in Kuala Lumpur in conjunction with the 2013 Sudirman Cup. Member Associations will be notified of the specific details at a later date.

There being no other matters, the meeting was adjourned at 1400 hours.

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Dr Kang Young Joong
President

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Date