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**ORPF GENERAL ASSEMBLY HELD AT THE SAMOA INDOOR SPORTS AUDITORIUM-GYM 1
10.00AM ON TUESDAY 16th JULY 2019**

1. Present –

- i. **President**-Mr. Eric Jioje (Fiji)
- ii. **Vice President**-Mr. Horasio Cook (Nauru)
- iii. **General Secretary**-Mr. Sailo Tulifau (Samoa)
- iv. **Treasurer** – Prof Gordon Thorogood (Samoa)
- v. **IPF General Secretary** – Dr. Robert Keller (USA)
- vi. **Samoa Powerlifting Federation President** – Mr. Christian Fruean
- vii. **New Caledonia Powerlifting Federation President** – Mr. Dominico Vaotoa
- viii. **Papua New Guinea Vice President** – Ms. Linda Pulsan
- ix. **Tuvalu Powerlifting Federation Representative** – Mr. Liai Mataio
- x. **Tahiti Powerlifting Federation President** – Mr. Christian Pothier
- xi. **Kiribati Powerlifting Federation** – Mr. Tokaruru
- xii. **Australia Powerlifting Union Vice President** – Mr. Ray Owen
- xiii. **New Zealand Powerlifting Federation President** – Mr. Graham Fong
- xiv. **Solomon Island Powerlifting Federation** – Mr. Joe Au Ramosaea
- xv. **ORPF Technical Official** – Ms. Pam Cutjar
- xvi. **ORPF Record-keeper** – Mr. Joel Riddings

2. Members in Attendance –

- I. **Ropati Mualia** – Samoa
- II. **Vagi Henry** – Papua New Guinea
- III. **Nakibae Kitiseni** – Tuvalu
- IV. **Pothier Fifij** – Tahiti
- V. **Andrew Tuhaika** – Solomon Island
- VI. **Victor Wai'ia** – Solomon Island
- VII. **Tawita** – Kiribati
- VIII. **David Vaughan** – Australia
- IX. **Pat Whymark** – Australia
- X. **Tony Edwards** – Niue
- XI. **Carol Edwards** – Niue
- XII. **Temakan Tannana** – Nauru

3. Absent –

- Sean Muir – Australia (APU)

4. Roll Call –

- The Chairperson and Interim President of Oceania Regional Powerlifting Federation (ORPF) Mr. Voatoa welcomed all members on board and humbly requested Mr. Fruean of Samoa Powerlifting Federation if he could help conduct the AGM in English as majority of

the members are English speaking. Mr. Fruean obliged to help conduct the meeting in English.

- For expediency purpose to assist Mr. Fruean requested if the board members agreed to this request.
- The motion was moved by Mr. Fong of NZPF and seconded by Mr. Ramosaea of the Solomon Islands
- During the roll call conducted by Chair-Mr. Fruean of the AGM all were present when the names were called out
- Each of the delegate introduced themselves for the benefit of the others

5. President's Address and approval of the last minutes of the last meeting

- This agenda item was held concurrently
- Chair advised the members on receiving both minutes of the last AGM that was held at the Gold Coast in Australia in 2018
- Mr. Fong raised the issue that some of the documents pertaining to this AGM was not received and these were agenda, minutes of the previous meeting, 2018 financial statement and the nominees list. To this effect NZPF abstains from the vote.
- Interim GS stated that all documents were sent out to all those that were copied in the email.
- Mr. Keller suggested that all the documents be recirculated to all current members.
- The Chair gave summary of the 2018 minutes pertaining to the comments made by Mr. Andrew Minogue for the 2019 Pacific Games in Samoa.
- The Chair also acknowledged those who are not yet members of ORPF/IPF and are present in the meeting and these were Niue, Solomon Island delegates. Victor John Wai'ia of the Solomon Islands Powerlifting (SIP) c/o National Olympic Committee of Solomon Islands (NOCSI)
- Mr. Fong respectfully suggested that members who are not current affiliates of ORPF/IPF must recuse themselves as there are sensitive matters that may have an impact on the ongoing discussion with IPF, ORPF, APU and World Powerlifting.
- Chair agreed with Mr. Fong suggestion and requested that all sensitive matters will be discussed towards the end of the meeting and all general matters will be discussed first.
- For the approval of the first minutes of the meeting, Chair requested that a member nation who was present in the 2018 ORPF Gold Coast (GC) meeting to approve the minutes.
- The motion was moved by Mr. Kitiseni of Tuvalu and seconded by Mr. Fruean of Samoa who was also present at the meeting.
- As for the minutes of the second meeting Dr. Keller instructed that minutes of the second meeting be circulated as NZPF did not receive the minutes in question.
- Chair requested if any member who was present in that meeting would like discuss and give an overview of the second meeting in question.
- Prof: Thorogood advised members that he was present at the meeting and also read the minutes of the meeting and they are correct. This was seconded by Mr. Kitiseni.
- Mr. Fong objected to the minutes of the second meeting on behalf of Mr. Muir of APU.

- Chair requested if there was any formal feedback from Mr. Muir in respect of the draft ORPF GC meeting minutes. Interim GS responded that he was not aware of receiving any response to the ORPF minutes from anyone.
- Mr. Keller reiterated his earlier statement that the minutes of the meeting be circulated within one week.
- The Chair, advised the members and a follow on from Dr. Keller advice that a certain timeframe be given for the amendments of the minutes and recirculated.
 - *23rd July for re-circulation of second minutes of the meeting*
 - *30th July for feedback, corrections and closure*
- This motion was moved by Mr. Fong and seconded by Mr. Owens of APU

6. Treasurer's Report

- Prof: Thorogood presented the ORPF financial report stating that is was not good news and further stated that ORPF is currently insolvent.
- The Chair, enquired with members if they have a copy of the financial report, Prof: Thorogood responded and said that it was circulated. This was confirmed by interim GS and that those that were copied in the email those were the ones that all the documents were sent to. Mr. Fong responded as to he did not receive those documents.
- Request made from the members if copies could be made available for viewing.
- Interim Treasurer reported that ORPF (via APU) owed Mr. Kingston \$12,000AUD and other monies (profits) that were owed by APU to ORPF since the GC Oceania's in 2018 which was \$843.44AUD. There was also issues in respect of equipment bought during the 2018 Oceania competition held in the GC received from competitors in addition to an outstanding payment for insurance which was not listed in the ORPF GC competition and report presented by APU.
- Action taken by interim Treasurer to recover all monies owed was on the advised of ASIC, ORPF external auditor and on advice from ORPF lawyers.
- Interim Treasurer also stated that due to his work condition he comes under mandatory reporting as a director of an Australian registered company he needs to inform all activities to his employer and he needs to inform his security department of his organization and in turn they report to ASIO, this matter was also reported to the Australian Federal Police.
- Mr. Owen seeks clarification that all these monies were owed by APU and this was confirmed by interim Treasurer. Mr. Owen further stated that this report in under dispute and it is with the lawyers and he further stated that due process was not followed by ORPF
- Mr. Fong interjected and stated that these are serious allegation made and respectfully mentioned in a conversation he had with Mr. Kingston that the money given to ORPF through APU was a donation.
- Interim Treasurer reads an email correspondent between him and Mr. Kingston dated 5th of May 2019 in which Mr. Kingston stated that it was a loan to ORPF through APU and he expected the float /loan repaid in full after the competition in 2018.
- The Chair intervene and stated that as a requirement by the ORPF constitution that a financial report be tabled and note the fact that there are some money issues that needs to be resolved and the new EC will need to follow up on how to have the outstanding money

reimbursed to ORPF in order that the outstanding ORPF debts could be repaid and these important historical issues closed off.

- Mr. Ray Owens also mentioned that APU would meet with ORPF Treasurer to discuss to resolve the handling of funds during the Oceania championship in 2018 and also the Michael Kingston float to be reimbursed.
- The motion was moved by Nauru to accept the financial report as is and this was seconded by Mr. Fruean for the purpose of process. Majority of the members approved with the accept Mr. Ramosaea (Solomon Islands Powerlifting Federation) who stated that he would like to review the accounting treatment of the Euro grant of \$15,000 provided by IPF to ORPF in 2018 to fund travel by ORPF nations for the IPF general assembly held in Halstad, Sweden in early November 2018. Prof Thorogood stated that amount would not be accessible until ORPF provides a thorough audited account from 2018.
- Dr. Keller advised that the IPF funds are supposed to be used for regional championship and related events e.g. to pay for referees, lighting systems etc. Further to this Dr. Keller reiterated that ORPF must have robust financial policy in place so that ORPF could excess those funds.
- **Budget** - the Chair requested that the members to discuss the budget and thus Prof. Thorogood proposed that the current ORPF membership is \$300AUD which is too expensive and to revise the membership to \$50AUD so that ORPF could get more nations to join ORPF. Subsequently to recover the money is that ORPF to increase the competitor's fees from \$100AUD to \$170AUD.
- Interim Treasurer also added that ORPF needs to relook at the anti-doping levy which is \$75AUD which is not enough to cover cost when you calculate exchange rates.
- Mr. Fong suggested that these revised changes to fees mentioned has to be taken as consideration so that member nations can discuss with their respective members of the changes in fees and be adopted in the next AGM.
- The Chair recommended that the new EC looks in to and draw up a revised budget and circulated to all members for comments. The motion was unanimously accepted by the board.

7. Interim General Secretary's Report

- The interim GS stated that apart from the documents that was circulated by email there was no matters was tabled and further stated that unless there were specific questions asked then he was prepared to answer.
- The Chair stated that because the organization was in a transitional phase and as part of the constitution all items must be discussed and documented.
- There was a unanimous decision to accept the GS report.

8. Member Nations Report

- At this juncture the Chair requested if each member nation could give a brief report or update on developments in their respective nations.
- Mr. Riddings raised an enquiry about the community reports as per the constitution. This was clarified by GS that the community report mentioned in the constitution is listed as member nation report.

- Mr. Horasio Cook presented for Nauru – and requested if the ORPF championship could be hosted in Nauru to help celebrate its independence as what they did earlier this year in 2019. Chair thanked Mr. Cook & Nauru for the offer and stated that the new EC will work with Nauru to organize the event.
- Mr. Ramosaea presented for the Solomon Islands but only thanked the members and requested that every one respect their decision as he was prepared to divulge any information when opposition part to his organization are present
- There was no presentation from APU
- Mr. Vaotoa presented for New Caledonia and requested if the Oceania championship could be held in New Caledonia in 2020. The Chair responded and said like the Nauru offer, the new EC will meet and make a decision and inform the members respectively.
- There was no presentation from Tahiti
- Mr. Vagi Henry from PNG presented – and informed all members on PNG’s domestic competitions and also alluded that PNG was supposed to have hosted the Oceania’s in early 2020 but after much discussion & deliberation PNG has decided to withdraw from hosting the 2020 Oceania competition.
- Eric presented for Fiji – and informed members of the progress from 2017 till 2019 since taking up the executive position for FPF. FPF will be conducting an interclub championship towards the end of 2019 to prepare a team for the Oceania’s in 2020.
- Mr. Fruean presented for Samoa – and shared his view on current development in Samoa, equipment donated by China and also the development of powerlifting at school level and also to retain athletes in the sport. Mr. Fruean also alluded bring powerlifting in to the major spot light like the commonwealth & Olympic events. Dr. Keller responded to several comments made – at school level for the new EC to encourage Junior & sub-Junior at regional powerlifting competitions.
- A clarification was sort from Mr. Fong stating that some of the member nation reports are very sensitive...case in point the Solomon Island nation case as some of the opposition part are present in the meeting and respectfully requested if some of these members could recuse themselves from the meeting

9. Outstanding Legal Matters

- The Chair, requested if Mr. Fong and Dr. Keller could update the members on current development between OPF and IPF from ORPF’s perspective. Mr. Fong also stated that APU and ORPF requested that Mr. Fong be the represented lawyer in legal matters.
- Dr. Keller advised members that their several cases between IPF and Robert Wilks of OPF/WPF in the Luxemburg court.
- Mr. Fong went on to state that what Mr. Wilks wanted was to dissolve the IPF, expunge all records and results from 2010 because IPF has not followed its constitution in world changes in an Olympic year. Mr. Fong further stated that the Luxemburg court found in favor of Mr. Wilks on the above mentioned but the court also said that they will not interfere and deregister the IPF.

- The Chair thanked both members for the up-date and requested that the new EC to handle the case with the legal team.

10. Election –

- A motion of enquiry was raised by Mr. Fong as to how many countries are eligible for voting. Mr. Chair responded as to eleven (11) who are competing & are present of which nine (9) are ORPF members, two (2) of which are present but are not ORPF members and these are American Samoa & Niue.
- Mr. Keller enquired if Executive members are allowed to vote. Mr. Fong responded to draw the attention of the members to the constitution under 'Election-voting' point 101.1-each country has a vote and EC does not get to vote.
- Mr. Riddings raised an issue that Tahiti is a provisional member and can only vote if they are accepted as full member. Dr. Keller objected stating that as long as they (Tahiti) is a member of IPF then they are a member of the regional federation. Tahiti will get to vote in the ORPF-AGM.
- The Chair, confirmed counting that there are eleven (11) voting nations that are present and enquired if there is anyone who is not in favor of the voting nation identified. There was a unanimous decision made as everyone was in favor.
- The Chair, advised the members that there are five (5) positions that are being voted on with respective nominations and they are –

No	ORPF Positions	Nominations	Remarks
1	President	Mr. Fong-NZPF Ms. Maneana-SIPF Eric Jioje-FPF	Mr. Fong enquired as to who nominated the candidate from the Solomon Islands. Interim GS stated that it was the Solomon Islands but this was disputed by Mr. Ramosaea stating that he did not submit any nomination for Ms. Maneana.
2	Vice President	Mr. Pat Whymark-APU Mr. Anthony Wendt-NCPF Mr. Horasio Cook-NPF	Mr. Whymark of APU withdrew his nomination for the VC position.
3	General Secretary	Mr. David Vaughan-APU Mr. Ryan Bale-FPF Mr. Sailo Tulifau-SPF	Interim GS advised members that Mr. Bale of FPF has withdrawn his nomination citing personal issue & other commitments
4	Treasurer	Prof Gordon Thorogood-SPF Mr. Joe Au Ramosaea-SIPF Ms. Amanda Foulkes-NZPF	Mr. Fong advised the members that Ms. Foulkes has withdrawn her nomination
5	Chair Technical Committee	Ms. Pam Cutjar-SPF Mr. Sean Muir-APU	

- The Chair requested if Mr. Ropati Mualia to be the scrutineer during the vote counting together with Dr. Keller of the IPF.
- Mr. Fong requested that before voting is cast each nominated member must do a small presentation to the members and recuse themselves before voting. This was seconded by Chair.

- The outcome of the election are as follows –
 - ORPF President – Eric Jioje of Fiji
 - ORPF Vice President – Mr. Horasio Cook of Nauru
 - ORPF General Secretary – Mr. Sailo Tulifau of Samoa
 - ORPF Treasurer – Prof: Thorogood of Samoa
 - ORPF Chair Technical Committee – Ms. Pam Cutjar of Samoa
- Mr. Riddings raised an issue with respect to the constitution is that we cannot have more than two (2) members from the same country holding executive positions
- The newly EC members together with Dr. Keller advised members that the ORPF Chair of the Technical Committee be withdrawn as an executive member of ORPF until there is a constitutional amendment done to include the Chair of the Technical Committee as an executive member of ORPF and this will be done in 2020.

11. Action on Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

- A motion was proposed by Mr. Fong have the discussion/amendments done to the constitution to 2020 as it is a lengthy process and all members must have a copy of the ORPF constitution so that a wider range of consultation can be done.
- Chair concord with the motion and all members agreed

12. New Member Applications

- Interim GS stated that the only membership that was received was from Tonga
- Dr. Keller clarified that Tonga has been a member federation of IPF since its foundation in 1972 and IPF have since then reactivated its membership.
- Interim GS informed the members that Tahiti is now a member of ORPF. Mr. Riddings clarified to state that in 2018 Tahiti was not yet a member of ORPF is now a member.
- Motion was moved by Mr. Fong that we accept Tahiti as a full member of ORPF. This was seconded by Mr. Fruean of Samoa.
 - This was a unanimous agreement from its members that Tahiti be a full member.
- The Chair informed the members that Niue will undertake their internal process and will later register itself as a member of ORPF.

13. Delinquent Nations

- Prof Thorogood advised that if this matter can be discussed later as this matter has a link to the ORPF membership fees.
- Chair asked if the members are happy with the motion and there was a unanimous agreement from the rest of the members.

14. Hall of Fame

- Chair stated that there is a fair amount of work to be done by the new EC and requested if this matter could be rolled over to the next AGM.
- Members of the board unanimously agreed with the Chair on the matter

15. Future Championship

- The Chair requested if the new EC could look in to this matter and advise all members accordingly.
- This motion was accepted by all members of the board

16. Any Other Business

- Chair has advised its members under this matter that remaining issues under the financial statement agenda will be discussed once other members recuse themselves from the meeting as earlier agreed upon.
- This motion was accepted by the ORPF board members

17. Conclusion –

In conclusion, the Chair wished to acknowledge and thank Mr. Vaotoa for giving the opportunity to Chair the ORPF meeting on his behalf and also thanked all members in attendance and to help move ORPF forward in terms of the putting a proper structure and processes in place.

The Meeting end at 3.30pm

Yours in Sport



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