

2019 ORPF report to the IPF GA

Regional meets; none held as this was a Pacific Games year.

Regional Referee clinics; none held as this was a Pacific Games year, normally held in conjunction with the regional meets.

Financial report; this has been supplied separately to the IPF Secretary General.

The ORPF General Assembly (GA) was held at the Samoa indoor sports auditorium-gym 1 10.00AM on Tuesday 16th July 2019 in conjunction with the Pacific Games (it lasted for five and half hours).

The executive committee and member nations present were as follows (this was the largest ever attendance of a GA in the Oceania region);

- 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

Additional Members in Attendance were;

- 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

1. Absent –

Sean Muir – Australia (APU)

2. GA was chaired by Mr. Fruean of the Samoa Powerlifting Federation with the approval of the board.
3. President's Address and approval of the last minutes of the last meeting. The Chair also acknowledged those who are not yet members of ORPF/IPF and are present in the meeting. 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.

4. Treasurer's Report

- Prof: Thorogood presented the ORPF financial report stating that the ORPF is currently insolvent. 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 are also issues in respect to equipment bought during the 2018 Oceania competition held in the GC 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 as advised by ASIC, ORPF external auditor and on advice of ORPF lawyers.
- Interim Treasurer read correspondence 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 stated that as a requirement by the ORPF constitution that a financial report be tabled.
- 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 approved except Mr. Ramosaea (Solomon Islands Powerlifting Federation) who stated that he would like to review the accounting treatment of the Euro grant of \$15,000. Prof Thorogood stated that amount would not be accessible until ORPF provides audited accounts 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 – discussion on revision of entry and-anti doping fees.

5. Interim General Secretary's Report

- The interim GS stated that apart from the documents that were circulated by email there were no matters tabled.
- 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.

6. Member Nations Report

- Chair requested each member nation to give a brief report or update on developments in their respective nations.
 - Mr. Horasio Cook presented for Nauru – and requested if the ORPF championship could be hosted in Nauru to help celebrate its independence as 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 not prepared to divulge any information when the opposing party to his organization were present
 - There was no presentation from Australia (APU)
 - Mr. Vaotoa presented for New Caledonia and requested if the Oceania championship could be held in New Caledonia in 2020. The Chair stated 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 stated that PNG was supposed to have hosted the Oceania's in early 2020 but will 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.

7. 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.

8. Election –

- Mr. Fong asked how many countries are eligible for voting. 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. 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) are a member of the IPF then they are a member of the regional federation. Tahiti voted 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 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 stating 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 remove the Chair of the Technical Committee as an executive member of ORPF and this will be done in 2020.

9. Action on Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

- A motion was proposed by Mr. Fong to have the discussion/amendments done to the constitution to 2020.

- Chair concord with the motion and all members agreed

10. 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 it's foundation in 1972 and IPF have since then reactivated its membership.
- Interim GS informed the members that Tahiti is now a member of ORPF.
- The Chair informed the members that Niue will undertake their internal process and will later register itself as a member of ORPF.

11. 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.

12. Hall of Fame

- Rolled over to the next AGM.

13. Future Championship

- Rolled over to the next AGM.

14. 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

15. 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.