



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Badminton World Federation will be held in a hybrid format on **Saturday 7 May 2022** at **1800 Bangkok time (1900) Kuala Lumpur time / 1300 (1:00PM) Central European Time (CET)**.

1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

- 1.1 President's Remarks
Meeting Procedures
Roll Call
- 1.2 Appointment of scrutineers

VOTE 1 - [Simple majority of votes cast]

FOR AGAINST

To ratify the independent lawyer and scrutineers as proposed.

- 1.3 Roll call
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2. MINUTES

- 2.1 To confirm the Minutes of the virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on Saturday 22 May 2021 (**Annexure A**).

VOTE 2 - [Simple majority of votes cast]

FOR AGAINST

To approve the minutes of the last AGM.

3. COUNCIL REPORT

- 3.1 To receive the Report of Council and its Committees, and other reports for the year ending 31 December 2021 (See the Committee Reports in Section 1 of the *Annual Report 2021*).
- 3.2 To adopt the Financial Statements, duly audited, for the year ending 31 December 2021 (**Annexure B**).

VOTE 3 - [Simple majority of votes cast]

FOR AGAINST

To adopt the Audited Financial Statements for year ending 31 Dec 2021.

- 3.3 To receive the 2022 budget and the provisional budget for 2023 (**Annexure C**)
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4. COUNCIL PROPOSALS

- 4.1 To confirm the members of the Vetting Panel.

Background / Rationale

At the 2020 AGM, the BWF membership approved changes to the BWF Constitution related to the Vetting of Officials. As a result, the Vetting Panel was formed, with the requirement that its members be Eligible in accordance with Appendix II of the BWF Constitution.

In addition, the BWF membership at the 2021 AGM confirmed the membership of the inaugural Vetting Panel and this Panel would be in place until May 2022. To date, the inaugural Vetting Panel has vetted 55 prospective Officials of the BWF.

The BWF Council recommends the current three members of the BWF Vetting Panel be confirmed for a four-year term to the AGM of 2026.

The Panel members are:

- Dr Catherine Ordway (AUS) - Chair
- Mr Niels Lindholm (FRA)
- Mr Masahiro Takamatsu (JPN)

Under Clause 4.4 of Appendix II of the Constitution, the BWF Secretary General recommends that the current members of the Vetting Panel be declared as Eligible.

The AGM is required to 1) declare the members of the Vetting Panel to be Eligible on recommendation of the BWF Secretary General and 2) confirm the members of the Vetting Panel whose four-year term shall be until the BWF AGM 2026.

VOTE 4 - [Simple majority of votes cast]

FOR AGAINST

To declare each member of the Vetting Panel "Eligible" and to confirm the four-year term of the Vetting Panel to the AGM 2026.

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- 4.2 To confirm the members of the Independent Hearing Panel (IHP) and the President and Deputy President of the IHP.

Background / Rationale

At the 2020 AGM, the membership approved changes to the BWF Constitution related to the BWF judicial framework and to Vetting of Officials. As a result, the Independent Hearing Panel (IHP) was formed, with the requirement that its members be Eligible in accordance with Appendix II of the BWF Constitution.

In addition, the BWF membership at the 2021 AGM confirmed the membership of the inaugural IHP and the inaugural IHP would be in place until the AGM 2022.

The BWF Council recommends that these seven members of the current IHP be re-appointed, together with the President and Deputy President for a four-year term to the AG M 2026:

- Mr James Kitching (AUS) – IHP President
- Ms Sylvia Schenk (GER) – IHP Deputy President
- Prof. Steve Cornelius (RSA)
- Mr Vincent Denonville (BEL)
- Mr Enric Ripoll Gonzalez (ESP)
- Dr Ghada Darwish Karbon (QAT)
- Ms Yuri Yagi (JPN)

Prior to the AGM, the Vetting Panel has confirmed the Eligibility of all the potential IHP members. The AGM is required to confirm the members of the IHP, the President and Deputy President of the IHP.

VOTE 5 - [Simple majority of votes cast]

FOR AGAINST

To confirm the members of the IHP and the President and Deputy President of the IHP as proposed for a term of four years to the AGM 2026.

4.3 To consider proposed amendments to the Laws of Badminton as presented.

Proposed amendments to wording are in **RED**.

9. SERVICE

9.1 In a correct service, the flight of the shuttle shall be upwards from the server's racket to pass over the net so that, if not intercepted, it shall land in the receiver's service court (i.e. on or within the boundary lines); and

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9.1.6. the whole shuttle shall be below 1.15 metres from the surface of the court at the instant of being hit by the server's racket;

9.1.6.1. *In Wheelchair Badminton, the whole shuttle shall be below the server's armpit at the instant of being hit by the server's racket; Alternative Service Law (9.1.6 (b) also applies.*

9.1.6.2. *In Para badminton Standing Classes, the Alternative Service Laws apply (9.1.6 (a) and (b)).*

Note – see Alternative Service Laws:

ALTERNATIVE SERVICE LAWS

9.1.6 a) the whole shuttle shall be below the server's waist at the instant of being hit by the server's racket. The waist shall be considered to be an imaginary line round the body, level with the lowest part of the server's bottom rib;

b) the shaft and the racket head of the server's racket at the instant of hitting the shuttle shall be pointing in a downward direction.

Rationale: *The proposal is a necessary clarification putting detail to the description of the service in Para badminton in order to help players and service judges. There will be no change to the game as it is played.*

VOTE 6 - [Two-thirds majority of votes cast]

FOR AGAINST

To approve amendments to the Laws of Badminton as proposed.

4.4 To consider the continuation of the suspension of Badminton Kenya.

Background / Rationale

Kenya – two competing groups claiming leadership

The BWF recognises a group as the legitimate leadership of Badminton Kenya, while domestic authorities have recognised a different group since 2017. This is the result of a change in regulations in Kenya, and an alternative leadership group registering Badminton Kenya with the relevant national authorities. The two groups have been involved in disputes before local tribunals ever since.

To settle the dispute, the BWF asked the parties to organise fair and inclusive elections to determine once and for all who had the legitimate leadership. To assist them, in 2019, the BWF sent the BWF Head of Legal and Governance to Kenya and, together with the NOC, brokered an agreement between the parties. Unfortunately, this agreement fell through. Despite multiple reminders of the requirement to organise elections, the groups have been unable to agree on a roadmap. As a result, the Member Association was suspended in March 2021.

The BWF AGM 2021 confirmed the continuation of the suspension. There has been no progress since then. Therefore, the recommendation to the AGM 2022 is to continue with the suspension of the Member.

VOTE 7 - [Simple majority of votes cast]

FOR AGAINST

To confirm the continued suspension of the Badminton Kenya.

4.5 To consider the continuation of the suspension of the Fédération Royale Marocaine de Badminton.

Background / Rationale

The BWF has traditionally recognised a group as the legitimate leadership of the Fédération Royale Marocaine de Badminton. This was disputed when a challenger stated he had a court decision validating his claim to be the legitimate president of the Association.

In verifying these claims, the BWF was unable to find a common understanding of the facts. For example, the Sports Ministry informed the BWF that it did not recognise the decision of the appeals court validating the claim of the challenger.

To settle the dispute, the BWF asked the parties to organise fair and inclusive elections to determine once and for all who had the legitimate leadership. Despite multiple reminders, this was not done, and the Member Association was suspended in March 2021.

The BWF AGM 2021 confirmed the continuation of the suspension. There has been no progress since then. Therefore, the recommendation to the AGM 2022 is to continue with the suspension of the Member.



VOTE 8 - [Simple majority of votes cast]

FOR AGAINST

To confirm the continued suspension of the Fédération Royale Marocaine de Badminton.

5. SUBSCRIPTION

To consider Council's proposal that the unit of subscription for the year 2023 should be set at US\$200 per unit (unchanged).

VOTE 9 - [Simple majority of votes cast]

FOR AGAINST

To set the unit of subscription for 2023 at US\$200.

6. AUDITORS

Council proposes that the services of BDO PLT be maintained.

VOTE 10 - [Simple majority of votes cast]

FOR AGAINST

To maintain the services of BDO PLT as the BWF auditors for 2022.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Honorary Life Vice Presidents

7.1.1 To consider two Council proposals for BWF Honorary Life Vice Presidents.

Citation - Torsten Berg

Elected to the BWF (IBF) Council in 1985 as the Continental Representative for Badminton Europe, Torsten Berg served a total of 28 years on the BWF Council (1985 – 2013) in a wide range of roles. Torsten served as BWF Vice President (European representative, 2002 – 2013) and has served on many BWF Committees, Commissions and Working Groups. A member of the Development Committee (1988 – 2000) and Chair (1988 – 1995), the Rules and Laws Committee (1991 – 2000), the Administration Committee (2001 - 2013), Court Officials Committee / Commission (1995 - 2018) and Chair of the IOC International Relations Committee (2009 – 2013) where he guided the integration of Para badminton into the governance and management structures of the BWF with the strong support of the BWF President Dr Kang Young Joong, and advocated for the greater participation of women in the BWF structures. Torsten was Chair of the Awards Commission (2009 - 2013), and the variously named Constitution / Ethics Working Group / Governance and Ethics Commission (2009 - 2021).

Torsten started as a deputy referee (trainee) with former IBF President Arthur Jones and in 1986 he received the BWF Certification. As a Referee, he has served the game on the very highest level, and has refereed at three Olympic Games (Sydney 2000, Athens 2004, London 2012) besides several BWF Thomas & Uber Cups Finals, BWF World Championships and BWF Sudirman Cups.

Torsten was BWF's Technical Delegate at two Olympic Games (Barcelona 1992 / Atlanta 1996). Torsten concluded his tenure as a BWF Certificated Referee at the BWF World Superseries Finals 2013, to continue as a Referee Assessor until today.

VOTE 11 - [Simple majority of votes cast]

FOR AGAINST

To confirm Torsten Berg as BWF Honorary Life Vice President.

Citation - Dato' Wira Lim Teong Kiat

Dato' Lim's professional background as a chartered accountant since 1974, a Fellow of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales since 1979, together with his extensive experience in badminton, was well suited to his role as Chair of the Finance Committee, a position he was appointed to in 2009 and retained for 12 years until 2021.

As Chair of the Finance Committee for 12 years, Dato' Lim oversaw the most extensive period of development and financial growth in the history of the BWF. This period saw the restructuring of BWF's events framework, the significant enhancement of the quality of the badminton brand, the increase commercial value of event properties and partnerships with global brands.

Dato' Lim's involvement in badminton for more than 40 years, speaks volumes of his contribution to the game not only for Malaysia, but also for BWF and world badminton. For his contribution to the sport, Dato' Lim received the BWF Meritorious Service Award in 2008.

Dato' Lim was Vice President of the Badminton Association of Malaysia (BAM) (1982 to 2008), Team Manager for the Malaysian Badminton Team for two Olympic Games (Athens 2004 / Beijing 2008), Honorary Treasurer (2006- 2017) and BAM Deputy President (2017-2021).

Dato' Lim was conferred the honour title of Dato' in 2002 and a second honour title "Wira" in 2013 presented by His Royal Highness the Sultan of Kedah. In 2011, Dato' Lim was appointed a Justice of the Peace (JP) by HRH the Sultan.

VOTE 12 - [Simple majority of votes cast]

FOR AGAINST

To confirm Dato' Wira Lim Teong Kiat as BWF Honorary Life Vice President.

8.2 Any Other Business**9. NEXT MEETING**

The next Annual General Meeting is planned to be held in May 2023 in conjunction with the **TotalEnergies BWF Sudirman Cup Finals 2023** in Suzhou, China.

The exact date will be announced to the membership, not later than 31 October 2022.

By order of the Council of the Federation.

Thomas Lund
Secretary General

18 March 2022