

**MINUTES of the BWF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING  
Saturday 30 January 2021 - 1900 Kuala Lumpur Time**



**ATTENDANCE**

**Represented by** - 121 Members / 5 Associate Members

**AFRICA** (27 Members / 2 Associate Member)

Algeria, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central Africa Republic, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Namibia, Niger, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sudan, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

**Associate Member** Reunion Island, Senegal

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**ASIA** (33 Members)

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, Macau China, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Syria, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor Leste, Uzbekistan

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**EUROPE** (34 Members)

Albania, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia & Hercegovina, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kosovo, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Russia, Scotland, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, Wales

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**OCEANIA** (9 Members / 2 Associate Members)

Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Guam, Kiribati, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands

**Associate Members** New Caledonia, Northern Marianas

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**PAN AMERICA** (18 Members / 1 Associate Members)

Argentina, Aruba, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Saint Lucia, Uruguay, USA

**Associate Member** Martinique

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**PRESIDENT**

Poul-Erik Høyer

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**SCRUTINEERS**

Spring Tan  
Derek Batchelor  
Sharon Chan

**INDEPENDENT LAWYER (NOTARY)**

Kirpal Singh

**BWF STAFF**

Thomas Lund – Secretary General	Rodrigo Pacheco-Carrillo
Stuart Borrie	Rachel Jayaratnam
Ian Wright	John Shearer
Owen Leed	Sharon Springer
Thomas Delaye-Fortin	Rachel Wee
Jaffer Ebrahim	Patricia Wong
Lloyd Green	

**CC REPRESENTATIVES**

- **Badminton Confederation Africa** - Sahir Edo
- **Badminton Asia** - Chee Boon Saw, Mee Yee Fong, Mela Sabina, Saira Banu, Weng Seng Chooi, Yuriati Mohd Yatim
- **Badminton Europe** - Brian Agerbak, Jimmy Andersen
- **Badminton Oceania** - Julie Carrel, Lynne Nixey, Loke Poh Wong
- **Badminton Pan Am Confederation** - German Valdez, Juan Pablo Alvarado, Mario Carrera, Ricardo Salamanca, Jorge Sabastizagal

**Apologies**

**Council Members** - Sergey Shakhrai, Tang Jiu Hong,

**Hon. Life Vice Presidents** – Sir Craig Reedie, Mme Lu Shengrong, Jeffrey Robson, Charoen Wattanasin, Dr. Kang Young Joong, Justian Suhandinata.

**Observers**

8 observers attended the meeting.

**Register of Participants** – Refer to Attendance List in the Annexure

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**1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

**1.1 President's Remarks**

President Poul-Erik Høyer welcomed delegates to the Virtual EGM, the first meeting of its membership for 2021.



He thanked the membership from across the globe who are attending in different time zones from midnight to five in the morning.

The President said it had been almost a year that the world has been affected by the Covid-19 and he expressed hope that the global badminton community continued to stay safe and keep well during these extraordinary times.

Poul-Erik Høyer said that the BWF was making history again with the first Virtual EGM which allows the BWF to continue with its focus on good governance and to prepare for the AGM in May.

The Virtual EGM was a decision-making EGM which was the last step of a comprehensive process since we circulated on 4 December 2020. The agenda contained five proposals that would be voted on and he asked for the support of the membership on these.

With that, the President gave the floor to the Secretary General to explain the procedures for the meeting.

Thomas Lund took the floor and gave a run-down to the decision-making EGM which involved an integrated process and key procedures for the meeting which included:

- A webinar which was held on 18 January 2021 to inform the membership on two topics:
  - An update on the COVID-19 situation and
  - Steps towards this virtual EGM
- This was then followed by a series of 6 regional video conference sessions participated by 91 Member Associations with 180 attendees across the six sessions.
- Clause 16 of the BWF Constitution provided that only business for which the EGM was called for would be transacted at the meeting.

The Chair of the meeting shall have the final decision upon all points of order and matters of procedure" (Clause 15.9).

The President as Chair of the meeting had approved the procedures for the meeting and that voting for the proposals would be carried out as open ballots and not secret ballots.
- The meeting would be using two online technology services – Zoom platform for listening and viewing of the presentations and Lumi platform for voting and for delegates to post questions on the online chat.
- Lumi Global was the technology company which provided the voting system for the meeting. This was the same company used by the IOC and by the BWF at the 2020 Virtual AGM besides other International Federations and global corporations for their annual meetings.
  - Interpretation services were provided in four languages French, Spanish, Russian and Arabic on the Zoom platform.



- The Voting Delegates would have a 1-minute voting time-frame and during this time, they could change their vote by clicking the CANCEL button and make the change.
  - When it is time to VOTE – the Independent Lawyer will call “POLLS OPEN”
  - When the 1-minute time frame is over, the Independent Lawyer will say “POLLS CLOSED”
- After the poll had closed, the results of the poll would be displayed on the Zoom platform.
  - Number of votes cast FOR and the equivalent % of votes cast
  - Number of votes cast AGAINST and the equivalent % of votes cast.
- The results would be calculated on basis of ‘Votes Cast’ as required by Clause 7.3 of the BWF Constitution.
  - Simple majority (more than 50% of votes cast)
  - Two-thirds majority (more than 67% of votes cast)
  - Abstentions are not counted.

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## **1.2 Roll Call – Quorum for the meeting**

According to Clause 15.3 of the BWF Constitution (clause 15.3) “*At General Meetings the representation at the meeting of at least **one-third of the Members in Good Standing** on the day of the General Meeting shall form a quorum*”

Thomas Lund reported that for the purposed of the quorum, the BWF currently had 175 Members in Good Standing and one third of that was 59 Members.

The Secretary General reported that the number of Members that had logged into the meeting at this time was 99 Members. Therefore, a quorum had been achieved.

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## **1.3 Appointment of a Notary and Scrutineers**

The President thanked the Secretary-General for the updates.

Moving on to next item on the Agenda which was the first item to be voted on, the Appointment of an Independent Lawyer or Notary and Scrutineers, Poul-Erik Høyer once again gave the floor to Thomas Lund to explain their role and to put forward the proposal to ratify the scrutineers.

Thomas Lund explained that besides the scrutineers, the meeting would also have the presence of an Independent Lawyer who will be the witness during the EGM.



This was a learning from the 2020 BWF Virtual AGM and a trend in best practice for virtual meeting whereby an independent is a witness and provides oversight of the voting processes and technology for this purpose.

He introduced **Mr Kirpal Singh** from a Singapore Law firm, Kirpal & Associates who was located in the Lumi office in Singapore where he would call the ballots open / closed and witness the operations of the online voting process.

As usual for General Meetings, a team of three scrutineers would be appointed by the meeting for this EGM.

The proposed panel of Scrutineers were;

1. Derek Batchelor - (ENG) – former Chair of Badminton England
2. Tan Spring – (SGP) – a partner in a Singapore Law Firm Withers Khattar Wong
3. Sharon Chan – (MAS) – BWF Senior Finance Manager

The three scrutineers were tasked to check and confirm the following data in the Lumi Voting Management System.

- Names of Members with Delegates
- Voting Strength for each Member
- Names of each Voting Delegate

This task had already been completed before the meeting started This was the same procedure that was carried out at the Virtual AGM in 2020.

The main role of the Independent Lawyer (Notary) during the EGM was to:

- call the ballots open and closed
- witness the online voting operation
- validate the online voting operation

Thomas Lund asked the Voting Delegates to go to the LUMI application page to get ready to vote on the first proposal on the agenda.

***Proposal – To ratify the notary and scrutineers as proposed.***

The proposal was to be approved by a *Simple Majority* – more than 50% of votes cast.

- The Independent Lawyer declared “Polls Open” and the Voting Delegates had 1 minute to cast their votes.
- After the Independent Lawyer declared the “Polls Closed”, the results of the polling were displayed on the Zoom platform.



- With **168 Votes For** – this represented 99.41% of the total Votes Cast.
- With **1 Vote Against** – this represented 0.59 % of the total Votes Cast

***The President announced that the notary and scrutineers as proposed were approved.***

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## **2. DECISION TO HOLD A DECISION-MAKING VIRTUAL EGM**

Moving on, Poul-Erik Høyer gave the floor to the Secretary-General to present:

- 2.1 The report on the continuing impact of COVID-19
- 2.2 Background to the Council Decision to hold a virtual EGM 2021 on 30 January 2021.
- 2.3 To ratify the decision by Council to hold the Virtual EGM.

Thomas Lund summarized that as presented during the video conferences leading up to the EGM, it was evident that the challenges of the Covid-19 situation with the emergence of new strains continued to have a major impact around the world.

Although there were positive developments in the production of vaccines, travel restrictions and quarantine were still major issues for international tournaments to resume resulting in many tournaments being cancelled.

Under such circumstances, the BWF Council did not think that it was likely for more than 140 plus Member Associations to gather in one location for a face-to-face AGM in May 2021.

Due to the unrepresented Covid-19 situation, Virtual Meetings had become a new norm and the BWF Virtual AGM 2020 and four CC AGMs were successfully conducted.

Therefore, a decision was made to call for a Virtual EGM to prepare for the virtual AGM in May, an important AGM as there were elections.

Thomas Lund explained the two main reasons to host the EGM:

1. A need to approve procedures used by Council to calculate Voting Strength which had been impacted by the Covid-19 impact in 2020.
2. A need to update the Constitution to cover a virtual meeting format – before the 22 May AGM / elections 2021.

Poul-Erik Høyer thanked Thomas Lund for explaining the background to the Virtual EGM adding that undoubtedly, COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on players and Member Associations.

The President also noted that the hosting of the DANISA Danish Open in October 2020 following by the staging of three back-to-back tournaments in the Asian Leg



currently underway in Bangkok were positive signals that world badminton was restarting in a safe way. He expressed hope that these events will pave the way for more tournaments to take place across the continents.

With that, he handed the floor back to the Secretary General.

Thomas Lund asked the Voting Delegates to go to the LUMI application page to get ready to vote on the following proposal on the agenda.

***Proposal – To ratify the decision by Council to hold the virtual EGM.***

The proposal to ratify the decision of the Council to hold the EGM as a virtual EGM was to be approved by a **Two-Third majority of votes cast – more than 67% of votes cast.**

- The Independent Lawyer declared “Polls Open” and the Voting Delegates had 1 minute to cast their votes.
- After the Independent Lawyer declared “Polls Closed”, the results of the polling were displayed on the Zoom platform.
  - With **169 Votes For** – this represented 99.41% of the total Votes Cast.
  - With **1 Vote Against** – this represented 0.59 % of the total Votes Cast.

***The President announced that the decision of the Council to hold the EGM as a Virtual EGM was approved.***

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### **3. Council Proposals**

Poul-Erik Høyer said that there were three Council proposals to be put forward to the membership. The first proposal involved the calculation of the Voting Strength 2020 – 2024 taking into consideration the impact of COVID-19.

He said that the Council had given due consideration to the various factors that had affected the voting strength in the past year in order to calculate the Voting Strength in a fair and reasonable way.

Poul-Erik Høyer handed the floor to the Secretary General to take the membership through the interim procedures used by the Council as well as to put forward the proposal to ratify the interim procedures.

#### **3.1 To consider the impact of Covid-19 on the criteria to calculate Voting Strength (2020 – 2024), to review the interim procedures the Council used to calculate the Voting Strength and to ratify the interim procedures (Annexure A).**

Thomas Lund invited Stuart Borrie, BWF Chief Operating Officer to explain the different levels of Voting Strength and the criteria for the determination of Voting Strength.

Stuart Borrie provided a summary of the Voting Strength analysis;

- Assessment Period used for the calculation of Voting Strength was from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2020.
- This Voting Strength is fixed for the next four years from 1 October 2020 – 30 September 2024.
- Membership Subscriptions were linked to the Voting Strength. Members with 5 votes pay more than those with 1 vote or 2 votes.
- Covid-19 had impacted three of the criteria for determination of Voting Strength from March to September 2020;
  - Tournaments cancelled (from March till the end of assessment period – 30 September)
  - World Rankings frozen since 17 March 2020 (and still frozen)
  - Tokyo 2020 postponed.

Stuart Borrie added that the Council had to look at a fair way to calculate the Voting Strength for the membership in light of these impacts.

He referred to the Voting Strength published on the website, Annexure A and the memo sent to the membership on 2 December 2020.

In the analysis, it was determined that;

*Tournament Participation (7 out of 12 tournaments listed in the criteria)*

- Apart from the postponement of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, no members were disadvantaged by the cancellation of Continental Championships in terms of tournament participation.
- The Council then decided to apply a transition criterion of 6 out of 11 events to calculate the Voting Strength to take into account the postponed Olympic Games (the 12<sup>th</sup> tournament). After the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, the calculation of the Voting Strength would be reverted to using 7 out of 12 events. If the Tokyo 2020 OG was not held, then the transition criteria would be used.

*World Ranking Criteria – Top 40 as at 28 April 2020*

- Due to the World Ranking being frozen on 17 March 2020, Covid-19 had impacted on the additional vote which Members were entitled to if they have one or more players in the top 40 World Ranking in any of the 5 disciplines as per the World Ranking list for the qualification for the most recent Olympic Games held. This would have been 28 April 2020.
- Council had decided to use the World Ranking list of 17 March 2020 as the interim World Ranking list and then adjust accordingly using the World Ranking list of 4 May 2021 when this is available (date used for qualification for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games).
- In the event that the World Ranking was frozen in 2021 or if the Tokyo 2020 was cancelled, the World Ranking closest to the 4 May 2021 World Ranking list would be used.





### *Hosting of Tournaments*

- Another area that was affected by Covid-19 was the Hosting of Tournaments and this had impacted two Member Associations, Chinese Taipei Badminton Association (who had in fact hosted four tournaments in the Assessment Period but not in each of the four years) and the Polish Badminton Federation (who had hosted two tournaments, but their third tournament in March 2020 was cancelled due to Covid-19 and they would have secured an additional vote if the event was not cancelled).
- The BWF Council had considered the situation as force majeure and decided to treat the cancelled Polish Open as hosted and award Polish Badminton Federation with an additional vote.
- In the case of Chinese Taipei, they had hosted four tournaments but not in each year due to a change in the calendar and World Tour implementation – this would have denied them an additional vote. They would have hosted a fifth tournament in September 2020 but this was cancelled due to Covid-19).
- BWF Council considered that it was a unique situation and decided that it was fair to award the additional vote to Chinese Taipei.

Thomas Lund thanked Stuart Borrie for his explanation on the interim procedures considered by Council in the calculation of the Voting Strength.

Before proceeding to the polling, Thomas Lund mentioned that a question was posed by Iraq in the Lumi chat asking about “how the number of players reported by a Member was being verified”.

Thomas Lund explained that having more than 10,000 registered players for each of the four years of the Assessment Period is another criteria for Voting Strength calculation.

Thomas Lund responded that every year, it was a constitutional requirement for Members to provide an annual return to the BWF and the onus was on the membership to report their membership strength as accurately as possible in their Schedule A declarations. In the event, the figures reported was a huge increase or decrease from past years, the BWF office would ask for validation of the numbers.

Thomas Lund added that determination of the additional vote was based on the figure reported not in one year but on four consecutive years.

He then asked the Voting Delegates to go to the LUMI application page to get ready to vote on the proposal to ratify the interim procedures the Council had used to calculate Voting Strength due to the COVID-19 impact on the agenda.

***Proposal - To ratify the interim procedures the Council had used to calculate Voting Strength due to the Covid-19 impact.***

The proposal to ratify the interim procedures the Council had used to calculate Voting Strength due to the COVID-19 impact was to be approved by a **simple majority of votes cast – more than 50% of votes cast.**



- The Independent Lawyer declared "Polls Open" and the Voting Delegates had 1 minute to cast their votes.
- After the Independent Lawyer declared "Polls Closed", the results of the polling were displayed on the Zoom platform.
  - With **189 Votes For** – this represented 100% of the total Votes Cast.
  - With **0 Vote Against** – this represented 0% of the total Votes Cast.

***The President announced that the interim procedures that Council had used to calculate Voting Strength due to the Covid-19 impact was approved unanimously.***

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### **3.2 To approve the amendments to the BWF Constitution**

Moving on, Poul-Erik Høyer said that the next agenda item, the 4<sup>th</sup> ballot involved changes in the Constitution.

Once again, he handed the floor to the Secretary General to present the proposal and put forward the ballot.

Thomas Lund invited Thomas Delaye-Fortin, BWF Head of Legal and Governance to explain proposed amendments.

Referring to Annexure B which detailed the recommendations for changes to the Constitution, Thomas Delaye-Fortin said that the objective was to give flexibility to the format and timing of the AGM and also to make a small change, a correction in relation to the term of the Chairs of the Athletes' Commission and Para Badminton Athletes' Commission.

#### **Part 1 - Format of General Meetings:**

To introduce new clause Article 15.29 on the format of AGM - *AGMs may be held physically, virtually, or in a combination of both ("hybrid")*.

- *Virtual and hybrid meetings shall follow the same procedure as physical meetings, with necessary adaptations for their virtual environment.*
- *Virtual and hybrid meetings may take place on any virtual platform that is reasonably accessible, and that allows for each participant to hear and be heard, and to vote, if necessary*

The rationale for this amendment was to make the meeting as accessible as possible and not to be totally different from physical meetings. It was also to ensure participants have the same rights as in a physical meeting and the virtual platform to be reasonably accessible to all participants.



Thomas Delaye-Fortin added that since the EGM was a General Meeting also, Clause 16.2 was added to enable the meeting to be held physically or virtually or in a hybrid format under the same conditions as an AGM.

### **Part 2 - Definition of votes**

Thomas Delaye-Fortin explained that traditionally voting was carried out by a show of hands or submitted in a secret ballot.

Article 7.27 and 15.7 were amended to make it constitutional for voting being carried out by other technological means.

### **Part 3 – Timing of Meeting**

Thomas Delaye-Fortin continued that Clause 15.0 was amended to provide Council the flexibility and discretion to postpone the AGM after 31 July at a date and format as decided in the event of an unprecedented and exceptional circumstances where the accessibility of an AGM was impacted.

A new Clause 15.01 was added;

*In exceptional circumstances where the accessibility of a significant proportion of Members to the AGM is or may be materially affected, the Council may decide to hold the AGM later than the date mentioned in Clause 15.0, provided it is within the same year. If such a decision is made after notice of the AGM has already been sent in accordance with Clause 15.10, such notice shall be considered as cancelled and a new notice shall be sent in accordance with Clause 15.10.*

*Article 18.11 – terms of the Chairs of Athletes' Commission and Para Badminton Athletes' Commission.*

Thomas Delaye-Fortin explained that all officers and Council of the BWF shall have a term of four years and this should include the Chair of the Athletes Commission and Chair of Para Badminton Athletes' Commission according to Article 10.7.4 of the Guidelines for Council, Executive Board and Committees.

*18.11 The Chair of the Athletes' Commission is appointed for a four-year term and be elected by the members of the Athletes' Commission. The Chair shall assume office immediately upon the conclusion of the election to the Chair by the members of the Athletes' Commission.*

With this, Thomas Delaye-Fortin handed the floor back to the Secretary-General.

Thomas Lund asked the Voting Delegates to go to the LUMI application page to get ready to vote on the proposed amendments to the Constitution on the agenda.



***Proposal – To approve the amendments to the BWF Constitution***

The proposal to approve the amendments to the BWF Constitution is by **two-thirds majority of votes cast – more than 67% of votes cast.**

- The Independent Lawyer declared “Polls Open” and the Voting Delegates had 1 minute to cast their votes.
- After the Independent Lawyer declared “Polls Closed”, the results of the polling were displayed on the Zoom platform.
  - With **198 Votes For** – this represented 100% of the total Votes Cast.
  - With **0 Vote Against** – this represented 0% of the total Votes Cast.

***The President announced that the proposed amendments to the BWF Constitution was approved unanimously;***

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**3.3 To approve the holding of a Virtual AGM on 22 May 2021**

Continuing on to the last item on the agenda - **to hold a virtual AGM 22 May 2021**, Thomas Lund said that the reasons were similar to the need for a Virtual EGM today;

- Spread of Covid-19 with the emergence of new strain
- Continued travel restrictions
- Time frame for distribution of vaccines in different countries.

With this scenario, it was very unlikely that a physical meeting involving the participation of more than 200 delegates from at least 140 countries could be hosted anywhere in the world.

*Rationale*

Travel restrictions will be such that many Members will be excluded from participating in a physical meeting even if the membership decided that they wished to hold the AGM later in the year.

The Council therefore recommended that the BWF holds a virtual AGM on 22 May 2021 which will provide certainty around completing this important meeting, and it will ensure maximum participation from all BWF Members.

Thomas Lund reiterated that although all AGMs were important, the 22 May AGM was particularly an important meeting with 2021 being an election year.

He added that a virtual meeting would be held in accordance with the constitution and the Council proposal was put forward with the following in mind:



- The membership was familiar with virtual meetings – the BWF AGM in July 2020, and four Continental Confederation AGMs were held in a virtual format in 2020;
- The Constitution was updated to allow a virtual format;
- A secure electronic voting system for proposals / elections was in place;
- Additional oversight with the appointment of an Independent Lawyer for the meeting.

With that, Thomas Lund asked the Voting Delegates to go to the LUMI application page to get ready to vote on the last proposal on the agenda - the holding of a Virtual AGM on 22 May 2021.

***Proposal – To approve the holding of a Virtual AGM on 22 May 2021***

The proposal to approve the amendments to the BWF Constitution is by a **two-thirds majority of votes cast – more than 67% of votes cast.**

Thomas Lund asked the Voting Delegates to go to the LUMI application page to get ready to vote on the holding of a Virtual AGM on 22 May 2021.

- The Independent Lawyer declared “Polls Open” and the Voting Delegates had 1 minute to cast their votes.
- After the Independent Lawyer declared “Polls Closed”, the results of the polling were displayed on the Zoom platform.
- Before the results of the votes were announced, Thomas Lund provided an updated roll-call of 109 Voting Delegates that have logged into the voting platform.
  - With **201 Votes For** – this represented 99.01% of the total Votes Cast.
  - With **2 Votes Against** – this represented 0.99 % of the total Votes Cast.

***The President announced that the holding of a Virtual AGM on 22 May 2021 was approved;***

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With the conclusion of the business of the EGM, Thomas Lund remarked that a few questions had been posted on the Lumi platform;

1. The delegate from India asked if the date of the AGM would be changed since the proposed amendments to Clause 15 of Constitution was approved by the meeting.

Thomas Lund responded that with the continuing uncertainty surrounding the Covid-19 situation and in view of the tight calendar for the rest of the year including the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, the intention was that the date of the AGM would not be changed and be held on the date as announced on 20 October 2020 – that date being 22 May 2021.



2. Another delegate asked about the deadline for submission of proposals for changes to the BWF Constitution for the 22 May AGM.

Thomas Lund responded that the deadline was 19 February 2021 as previously communicated. He added that all AGM related matters have been published on the BWF corporate website and members were advised to refer to this ([link](#)) for all practical information or to write to the BWF if further information was required.

In closing, Poul-Erik Høyer thanked the membership for their attendance and participation in the decision-making Virtual EGM.

He urged the members not to miss out on the HSBC BWF World Tour Finals happening currently in Bangkok.

These three back-to-back tournaments in Bangkok for the Asian leg have started off the badminton calendar in a big way and he looked forward to many more such events.

The President added that he looked forward to the day when the badminton community can gather *in-person* again as a Badminton Family to discuss matters of our sport.

He wished the Members well and hoped that they stay safe. He declared the meeting closed at 20:13.

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**Poul-Erik Høyer**  
**President**  
**Date:**

**Annex A**  
**Virtual EGM Minutes**  
**30/01/2021**



**VIRTUAL EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**  
**Saturday 30 January 2021**

**In Attendance**

**President** Poul-Erik Høyer  
**Deputy President** Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul

**Vice-Presidents**  
Michel Bau  
Geraldine Brown  
Jassem Kanso  
Paul Kurzo  
Joao Matos  
Vishu Tolan

**Council Members**  
Battushig Batbold  
David Cabello  
Robert de Kock  
Lim Teong Kiat  
Emma Mason  
Moosa Nashid  
Ng Yoke Weng  
Nora Perry  
Richard Perot  
Nigel Skelt  
Wayne Somers  
Peter Tarcala  
Etienne Thobois  
Kinji Zeniya  
Chipo Zumburani  
Marc Zwiebler

**Secretariat**  
Thomas Lund - Secretary General

**Scrutineers**  
Spring Tan  
Derek Batchelor  
Sharon Chan

**Apologies**  
Sergey Shakhray  
Tang Jiu Hong

**Independent Lawyer (Notary)**  
Kirpal Singh

AFRICA				
No.	MEMBERS	VOTES	VOTING DELEGATE	DELEGATE 2
1	Algeria	1	Zobiri Messaoud	Zemmouchi Mohamed Moncef
2	Benin	1	Assogba Houndagnon Aubin	
3	Botswana	1	Kunyalala H Mphinyane	Thuso Mudongo
4	Burkina Faso	1	Ouedraogo Boukare	Badini Soumaila
5	Burundi	1	Ndondo Francois	
6	Cameroon	1	Mrs Odette Assembe Engoulou	
7	Central Africa	1	Guy Armand Beninga Balcilia	
	Congo Republic (Brazzaville)			Alain Ngoya Kessy
	Djibouti			
	DR Congo (Kinshasa)			
	Egypt			
8	Equatorial Guinea	1	Zibhino Rodriguez	
	Eritrea			
	Eswatini (formerly Saaziland)			
	Ethiopia			
	Gambia			
	Ghana			
	Guinea			
9	Ivory Coast	1	Dro Honore Zolobe	Ms Able Becani Aude-Pascal Anoh
10	Kenya	1	Geoffrey Shigoli	
11	Lesotho	1	Dr Moneoang Leshota	
12	Libya			Ahmed Ali Etawel
13	Madagascar	1	Jean Aime Ravalison	

	Malawi			
14	Mauritania			Babou Ahmed Salem
15	Mauritius	1	Sharma Neerunjun Nundah	
16	Morocco	1	Omar Bellali	
	Mozambique			
17	Namibia	1	Mrs Lynn du Preez	
18	Niger	1	Abdoulaye Hassane Issoufou	
	Nigeria			
19	Seychelles	1	Tukebana Bau	
20	Sierra Leone	1	Michael Shamsu Mustapha	
	Somalia			
21	South Africa	1	Klaas Visser	Michael Noone
	St. Helena			
22	Sudan	1	Mrs Hanadi Yagoub	
	Tanzania			
23	Togo	1	Takassi-Kikpa Tikoyabe	
24	Tunisia	1	Bahri Abdel Majid	
25	Uganda	1	Buwembo Jamil	
26	Zambia			Mulenga Kingstin
27	Zimbabwe	1	Raffick Alfonso	Paul Kopolo
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	<b>Associate Members</b>			
1	<i>Reunion Island</i>		Christopher Chenut	
2	<i>Senegal</i>		Antoine Jean Joseph Diandy	
	<b>Continental Representatives</b>			
1	Sahir Edoo			

## ASIA

No.	MEMBERS	VOTES	VOTING DELEGATE	DELEGATE 2
1	Afghanistan	1	Mastora Arezo	
	Bahrain			
2	Bangladesh	2	Abdul Malek	Nikhil Chandra Dhar
3	Bhutan	1	Kinley Tshering	
4	Brunei	1	Mohammad Zuno Kartono Ali	
5	Cambodia	1	Gen Ly Kosal	Gen Keo Ruos
6	China	5	Zhang Jun	Wang Wei
7	Chinese Taipei	5	Chen I-Hsuan	Liu Yen Ting
	DPR Korea			
8	Hong Kong China	5	Chau Yat Kwong	Chow Lok Hing
9	India	5	VK Verma	Ajay Kumar Singhania
10	Indonesia	5	Bambang Roedyanto	
11	Iran	3	Mohammadreza Pouria	Dr. Fariba Madadi
12	Iraq	1	Peshtivan Majeed Nadir	
13	Japan	5	Kinji Zeniya	Mamoru Miyake
14	Jordan	1	Omar Bin Hani	
	Kazakhstan			
15	Korea	5	Han Woo Goo	
16	Kuwait	1	Ali Almarri	Mohammad Mohammad
17	Kyrgyzstan	1	Daniyar Berdigulov	Iskender Mokenov
18	Laos	1	Xaybandith Rasphone	Viengsavanh Sengchanh



19	Lebanon	2	Jassem Kanso	
20	Macau China	4	Ka Leng Carolina Vong	Wai In Sabina Kuan
21	Malaysia	5	Dato' Kenny Goh Chee Keong	Datuk Ng Chin Chai
22	Maldives	2	Ishfan Mohamed	
23	Mongolia	2	Batbold Battushig	Zulbaatar Galkhuu
	Myanmar			
24	Nepal	1	Ramji Bahadur Shrestha	
25	Pakistan	1	Wajid Ali Chaudhry	
	Palestine			
	Philippines			
	Qatar			
26	Saudi Arabia	1	Mogren Almogren	
27	Singapore			Ng Yoke Weng
28	Sri Lanka	2	Rohan de Silva	
29	Syria	2	Kholoud Bitar	
30	Tajikistan	1	Kabir K Jurazoda	Mrs Rukhshona Narzulloeva
31	Thailand	5	Dr Vichya Kreangam	General Raksak Rajphimphun
32	Timor Leste	1	Francisco Yong	
	Turkmenistan			
	UAE			
33	Uzbekistan	1	Azizbek Madjitov	
	Vietnam			
		<b>78</b>		
	<b>Continental Representatives</b>			
1	Saw Chee Boon			
2	Chooi Weng Sheng			
3	Yuriarti Mohd Yastim			
4	Mela Sabina			
5	Saira Banu			
6	Fong Mee Yee			
<b>EUROPE</b>				
<b>No.</b>	<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>VOTES</b>	<b>VOTING DELEGATE</b>	<b>DELEGATE 2</b>
1	Albania	1	Bavdhi Lavdari	Mishel Pili
	Armenia			
2	Austria	3	Tina Riedl	Harald Starl
3	Azerbaijan	1	Nasimi Musayev	Aleksey Ulanov
4	Belarus	1	Vladimir Lukashchik	
5	Belgium	4	Sven Serre	
6	Bosnia & Hercegovina	1	Brane Srdic	
	Bulgaria			
	Croatia			
7	Cyprus	1	Efthymios Polydorou	
8	Czech Republic	2	Petr Koukal	
9	Denmark	5	Tore Frydensbjerg Vilhemsen	Mrs Charlotte Dew-Hattens
10	England	5	Adrian Christy	
11	Estonia	2	Mario Saunpere	Mrs Siiri Rajamagi
	Faroe Islands			
12	Finland	3	Ville Valorinta	
13	France	5	Yohan Penel	Olivier Bime
14	Georgia	1	Mrs Tinatin Baghashvili	Svetlana Vartanyan
15	Germany	5	Thomas Born	Heino Knuf

	Gibraltar			
16	Greece	1	Victoria Chatzina	
	Greenland			
17	Hungary	3	Jozsef Csorba	Melinda Joo
	Iceland			
18	Ireland	4	David McGill	Michael Watt
19	Israel	2	Nir Sade	
20	Italy	3	Carlo Beninati	Giovanni Esposito
21	Kosovo	1	Lulzim Haziri	Blerim Sylejmani
	Latvia			
	Liechtenstein			
22	Lithuania			Vaidotas Sruogis
23	Luxembourg	1	Robert Smit	
	Malta			
	Moldova			
	Monaco			
	Montenegro			
24	Netherlands	5	Bram Reudink	Mrs Barbara Mura
	North Macedonia			
	Norway			
	Poland			
	Portugal			
	Romania			
25	Russia	5	Andrey Antropov	
26	Scotland	5	Keith Russell	
27	Serbia	1	Radomir Jovovic	
28	Slovak Republic	2	Zuzana Rajdugova	Mia Tarcalova
	Slovenia			
29	Spain	4	Alberto Prada	
30	Sweden	4	Tommy Theorin	Mrs Asa Strindlund
31	Switzerland	4	Robbert deKock	
32	Turkey	3	Murat Ozmekik	Hakan Boran
33	Ukraine	3	Oleksii Dnirov	
34	Wales	1	Kelly Aston	Mrs Catherine McCluskey
		<b>92</b>		
	<b>Continental Representatives</b>			
1	Brian Agerbak			
2	Jimmy Andersen			
<b>PAN AMERICA</b>				
<b>No.</b>	<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>VOTES</b>	<b>VOTING DELEGATE</b>	<b>DELEGATE 2</b>
1	Argentina	1	Lic Hector Omar Maleh	Mg Daniel Pallarola
2	Aruba	1	Terence Sybesma	Su Ying Lau
	Barbados			
	Bermuda			
	Bolivia			
3	Brazil	3	Jose Roberto Santini Campos	
4	Canada	5	Anil Kaul	Joe Morissette
	Cayman Islands			
5	Chile	1	Helio Alvarez Munoz	
6	Colombia	1	Dario Tigreros	Constanza Moreno
	Costa Rica			

7	Cuba	1	Alberto Alexis Ramirez Martinez	
	Curacao			
	Dominican Republic			
	Ecuador			
8	El Salvador			Gilberto Lopez
	Falkland Islands			
	Grenada			
9	Guatemala	1	Donald Paiz	
10	Guyana	1	Gokarn Ramdhani	
11	Haiti			Junel Pierre
	Honduras			
12	Jamaica	1	Mrs Nichole Case	Sheldon Townsend
13	Mexico	2	Francisco Javier Orozco Flores	
14	Panama	1	Olga Munoz	
	Paraguay			
15	Peru	2	Gonzalo Castillo	
	Puerto Rico			
16	Saint Lucia	1	Ms Marcelline Myrtle Alexander	
	Surinam			
	Trinidad & Tobago			
17	Uruguay	1	Jorge Rosales	
18	USA			Linda French
	Venezuela			
		<b>23</b>		
	<b>Associate Members</b>			
1	<i>Martinique</i>		Pascal Marras	
	<b>Continental Representatives</b>			
1	German Valdez			
2	Juan Pablo Alvarado			
3	Mario Carrera			
4	Ricardo Salamanca			
5	Jorge Sabastizagal			

<b>OCEANIA</b>				
<b>No.</b>	<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>VOTES</b>	<b>VOTING DELEGATE</b>	<b>DELEGATE 2</b>
1	Australia	5	Andrew Greenway	
2	Cook Islands	1	Thomas Mereanu-Ngauru	
3	Fiji	1	Karyn Gibson	
	French Polynesia			
4	Guam	1	Sandra Low	
5	Kiribati	1	Henry Bwebweata	Rota Onorio
	Nauru			
6	New Zealand	3	Joseph Hitchcock	
	Norfolk Island			
7	Papua New Guinea	1	Kinivanagi Karo	
8	Samoa	1	Mrs Nynette Sass	
9	Solomon Islands			Thinking Ngiusanga Maitaki
	Tonga			
	Tuvalu			
		<b>14</b>		
	<b>Associate Members</b>			
1	<i>New Caledonia</i>		Johanna Kou	
2	<i>Northern Marianas</i>			Christy Villafior

	<b>Continental Representatives</b>			
1	Julie Carrel			
2	Lynne Nixey			
3	Loke Poh Wong			

<b>OBSERVERS</b>		
	<b>Names</b>	<b>Organization</b>
1	John Attard	COMEBA
2	Martijn Dooremalen	Badminton Pan Am
3	Sylvain Benain	FFBad
4	Pascal Bildstein	FFBad
5	Steve Kearney	USA Badminton
6	Pauline Yap	B-lingo
7	Andrej Pohar	Badminton Europe
8	Tim Nadin	FESBA

<b>BWF STAFF</b>		
1	Owen Leed	7. Rodrigo Pacheco
2	Ian Wright	8. Stuart Borrie
3	John Shearer	9. Thomas Delaye-Fortin
4	Sharon Springer	10. Rachel Jayaratnam
5	Jafer Ibrahim	11. Patricia Wong
6	Lloyd Green	12. Rachel Wee

<b>BWF Members With Voting Rights (Excludes Associate Members)</b>		<b>Number of Votes</b>	
Africa	43	Africa	46
Asia	43	Asia	97
Europe	53	Europe	117
Oceania	14	Oceania	20
Pan America	34	Pan America	46
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>326</b>

<b>Members with Voting Delegates Logged into the Virtual EGM</b>		<b>Total Votes for EGM 2021</b>	
Africa	24	Africa	24
Asia	32	Asia	78
Europe	33	Europe	92
Oceania	8	Oceania	14
Pan America	15	Pan America	23
<b>Total Members for EGM 2021*</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>Total Votes for EGM 2021</b>	<b>231</b>

\*Note - the attendance list in the Minutes states **121** Members with voting rights attended.  
The Voting Delegate for these 9 Members did not log into the meeting - the Second Delegate did - and so they are 'present'.

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| - Congo       | - Lithuania  | - Solomon Islands |
| - El Salvador | - Mauritania | - USA             |
| - Haiti       | - Singapore  | - Zambia          |