Badminton World Federation

AGM 2020

Saturday
18 July 2020
President’s Remarks

1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1.1 President’s Remarks

Poul-Erik Høyer BWF President
“Virtual AGM Integrated Process”

AGM Agenda Papers to Members

Notice of Virtual AGM 18 July

3 April

Reporting / Discussion / Preparation to Vote

BWF Webinar for Members

Chairs reports / Videos on Proposals / Q and A

6 BWF Regional Discussion Sessions

Webinar for Voting Delegates

Voting Delegates Login / Test Vote

18 July

BWF Virtual AGM / Voting Meeting 2020

5 June

12 June

19 June

6-10 July

15 July

17 July

AGM Period

STEPS IN THE TIMELINE ARE PART OF THE “VIRTUAL AGM INTEGRATED PROCESS”
1. ‘Decision making’ meeting.

2. Agenda - 13 proposals to vote on.

3. Intention is to have open ballots / not secret ballots.

4. Open ballot in virtual AGM means that the voting record will be shared - how each Member voted for each proposal will be sent out to the membership after the AGM. Transparency.

5. One (1) minute to vote – will call - “poll open” | “poll closed.”
5. Results calculated on basis of ‘Votes Cast’ (Clause 7.3 of BWF constitution)
   - **Simple majority** (51% of votes cast)
   - **Two-thirds majority** (67% of votes cast)
   - Abstentions are not counted.

6. Delegates can ask questions in writing:
   - relevant to the agenda item discussed
   - questions monitored / put to Chair at the relevant time in the agenda.
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”.

- 174 Members in Good Standing | One third = 58
- Todays Meeting / AGM [ ] Members
Agenda Item 1.2
Proposal – Ratify Scrutineers

1.2 Appointment of scrutineers

VOTE 1 - [Simple majority of votes cast]
To ratify the scrutineers as proposed.

FOR
AGAINST

1. Derek Batchelor – (ENG) – former Chair of Badminton England
2. Tan Spring – (SGP) – partner Singapore Law Firm Withers KhattarWong
3. Sharon Chan – (MAS) – BWF Senior Finance Manager
Role of the Scrutineers

- Check / confirm the data in the Voting System database

1. **Names of Members** with Delegates
2. **Voting Strength** for each Member
3. Names of each **Voting Delegate**
4. Names of each **Second Delegate**
1.2 Proposal - Voting

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Agenda Item 2
Decision to hold the virtual AGM

2. DECISION TO HOLD A DECISION-MAKING VIRTUAL AGM


2.2 Background to the Council decision to hold a virtual BWF AGM 2020 on 18 July 2020, rather than a physical meeting in Aarhus.

2.3 Proposal – To ratify the decision by Council to hold the virtual AGM.

VOTE 2 - [Two-thirds majority of votes cast]

To ratify the decision by Council to hold the virtual AGM 2020.
2.1 – Impact of Covid-19

1. Hope you are all staying safe / well.

2. Lockdowns / travel restrictions – major impact on our badminton world.

3. Players not able to train.

4. Total of 80 international tournaments cancelled - March – September 2020

5. World Ranking frozen – 31 March.

6. Tokyo 2020 – Olympics / Paralympics
2.1 – Impact of Covid-19

7. The health, safety and wellbeing of all athletes, entourage, officials and the greater badminton community continues to be our number 1 priority.

8. Monitoring the global situation – following expert advice / national situation

9. Getting back to international badminton – needs to be **well planned** / working with **local hosts** / **national health authorities**.

10. Guidelines prepared.
2.2 – Decision to Host Virtual AGM 2020


2. After 2 postponements – Council concluded – face-to-face meeting very unlikely / virtual AGM option

3. Clause 15 – requires BWF to have AGM by 31 July

4. Integrated process – steps / stages to virtual AGM.

5. Proposal to membership – 178 Members responded.

6. 172 voted in favour (96.6%) / 6 voted against (3.4%)

7. Council decided 25 May / communicated 27 May
2.3 Proposal - Voting

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

**VOTE 2 - [Two-thirds majority of votes cast]**

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To ratify the decision by Council to hold the virtual AGM 2020.
3. **Proposal - Voting**

3. MINUTES

3.1 To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 23 May 2019 (Annexure A).

**VOTE 3 - [Simple majority of votes cast]**

To approve the minutes of the last AGM.

[Blank for vote]
4. **COUNCIL REPORT**

4.1 To receive the Report of Council and its Committees, and other reports for the year ending 31 December 2019 (*Annual Report 2019*).
Available on website - 3 April 2020
- Annexure B - Audited Financial Statements 2019
- Annexure C - Budget / Forecast
4.2 Proposal - Voting

4.2 To adopt the Financial Statements, duly audited, for the year ending 31 December 2019 *(Annexure B)*.

VOTE 4 - [Simple majority of votes cast]

To adopt the Audited Financial Statements for year ending 31 Dec 2019.

FOR  

AGAINST

4.3 To receive the 2020 budget and the provisional budget for 2021 *(Annexure C)*
5. COUNCIL PROPOSALS

To consider proposals to amend the BWF Constitution (Annexure D). These Council proposals relate to five topic areas and shall be presented as five separate proposals:

5.1 Voting Strength
5.2 Para Badminton Athletes’ Commission Chair for Council / Term of the President / Election Protocols
5.3 Judicial Provisions
5.4 Council Geographical and Gender Representation – new Appendix I of the BWF constitution.
5.5 Vetting of Officials – new Appendix II of the BWF constitution.
Agenda Item 5.1
Proposal - Voting Strength

VOTE 5 - [Two-thirds majority of votes cast]

To amend clause 15.20 of the BWF Constitution as proposed.

| 1 additional vote | Participation in 6 out of these 12-10 events during the Assessment Period: Sudirman Cup (2 events), Individual Continental Championships (a maximum of 2 events), World Championships (3 events), Olympic Games (1 event), World Junior Team Championships (4 events) | FOR | AGAINST |
VOTE 6 - [Two-thirds majority of votes cast]

To approve amendments to the BWF constitution as proposed so the Chair of the Para Badminton Athletes’ Commission becomes a Council member.

**Agenda Item 5.2 (a)
Para badminton AC Chair on Council**

**BWF Constitution – new Clause 17.4 - (See Annexure D for full context)**

17.1 An AGM shall elect a Council which shall have administrative powers to carry on the work of the Federation between AGMs. The Council shall consist of:

17.1.1 The eight (8) officers (Clause 18);

17.1.2 Eighteen (18) other ordinary Council members;

17.1.3 The Chair of the Athletes Commission; and

17.1.4 The Chair of the Para Badminton Athletes’ Commission.

... and related clauses
Agenda Item 5.2 (b)
Proposal - President Term Limits

VOTE 7 - [Two-thirds majority of votes cast]
To approve amendments to the BWF constitution as proposed, which define term limits for the position of President.

BWF Constitution – Clause 18.11 (See Annexure D for full context)

Officers and Council Members are eligible for re-election, save for the President, who shall be limited to four (4) terms.

[Implementation – the calculation of the term limits to start from the 2021 elections].
Agenda Item 5.2 (c)  
Election Protocols (Secret ballots & acclamation)

**VOTE 8 - [Two-thirds majority of votes cast]**

To approve amendments to the constitution as proposed – secret ballots for elections and election by acclamation if there is only one candidate.

18.8 When voting for the representatives, it is the duty of each delegate to vote for as many candidates as there are vacant seats. Voting slips containing more or fewer names than the exact number of vacant seats will be invalid.

18.8.1 Voting for elections shall be carried out by secret ballot.

18.8.2 Where there is only one candidate for a position, such candidate shall be elected by acclamation, without the need for a vote to take place.
Agenda Item 5.3

VOTE 9 - [Two-thirds majority of votes cast]

To approve amendments to the constitution as proposed, related to Judicial Provisions.

To delegate the Council to appoint the inaugural members of the Independent Hearing Panel as proposed.

To delegate the Council to appoint the President and Deputy President of the inaugural Independent Hearing Panel as proposed.

2. Proposed amendments to the Constitution today – provides legal framework for the regulations.

3. Main changes to the judicial system:  
   - rename the external hearing panels  
   - remove doping cases – CAS ADD  
   - remove BWF appeals panel (now IHP)
VOTE 9 - [Two-thirds majority of votes cast]

To approve amendments to the constitution as proposed, related to Judicial Provisions.

To delegate the Council to appoint the inaugural members of the Independent Hearing Panel as proposed.

To delegate the Council to appoint the President and Deputy President of the inaugural Independent Hearing Panel as proposed.
Agenda Item 5.4
Representation on Council (Appendix I)

VOTE 10 - [Two-thirds majority of votes cast]

To approve amendments to the BWF constitution as proposed to ensure geographical and gender representation on Council.

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Key principles – geographical / gender representation
- New Appendix I: Election process to achieve.
- 2 new Council member positions (18 - 20).
- Requirements apply to 27 of 30 Council members:
  - President, Deputy President, 5 VPs (Continental) and the 20 ordinary Council Members.
- At least 30% of each gender.
Agenda Item 5.5: Vetting of Officials (Appendix II)

VOTE 11 - [Two-thirds majority of votes cast]

To approve amendments to the BWF constitution as proposed to include minimum eligibility criteria for candidates and elected officials of the BWF.

To delegate the Council to declare prospective members of the inaugural Vetting Panel to be Eligible as proposed.

To delegate the Council to appoint members of the inaugural Vetting Panel as proposed.
Agenda Item 5.5: Vetting of Officials (Appendix II)

GOVERNANCE IS IMPORTANT

- Higher expectations regarding governance – BWF is growing and engaging with high level external partners (both in the business and institutional world).

- Vetting reduces reputational risk for the BWF / badminton community / badminton as a sport:
  - Declaration requirement
  - Identical objective criteria for all officials
Key points:

• Vetting done by independent and experienced Vetting Panel.
• BWF Officials (Council, judicial bodies) must respect 9 objective criteria.

For example:

• No conviction of fraud/homicide/sexual misconduct, or any other infraction with 2+ years of prison.
• Must enjoy full civil rights (no undischarged bankrupt/disqualified director, must be 18+ years old).
• Must not have served suspension under BWF Integrity regulations.
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To delegate the Council to appoint members of the inaugural Vetting Panel as proposed.
Agenda Item 6
Proposal - Subscription

6. SUBSCRIPTION

To consider Council’s proposal that the unit of subscription for the year 2021 should be set at US$200 per unit (unchanged).

VOTE 12 - [Simple majority of votes cast]

To set the unit of subscription for 2021 at US$200.
7. **AUDITORS**

Council proposes that the services of BDO PLT be maintained.

**VOTE 13 - [Simple majority of votes cast]**

To maintain the services of BDO PLT as the BWF auditors for 2020.
8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

9. **NEXT MEETING**

The next Annual General Meeting is proposed to be held in May 2021 in conjunction with the TOTAL BWF Sudirman Cup 2021 in Suzhou, China.

The exact date will be announced to the membership, not later than 31 October 2020.
Thank You