



ATTENDANCE

Represented by - 158 voting Members / 5 Associate Members

AFRICA (33 Members / 1 Associate Member)

Algeria, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central Africa Republic, Congo DR (Kinshasa), Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Lesotho, Libya, Madagascar, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Associate Member: Reunion Island, Senegal

ASIA (39 Members / 1 Associate Member)

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

Associate Member: Oman

EUROPE (50 Members)

Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia & Hercegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, Wales

OCEANIA (11 Members / 2 Associate Members)

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

Associate Members: New Caledonia, Northern Marianas

PAN AMERICA (25 Members / 1 Associate Members)

Argentina, Aruba, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Falkland Islands, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Uruguay, USA, Venezuela.

Associate Member: Martinique

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**MINUTES of the 82nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday 22 May 2021 - 1900 Kuala Lumpur Time**



COUNCIL MEMBERS

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- **Badminton Oceania** - Julie Carrel, Lynne Nixey, Loke Poh Wong
- **Badminton Pan Am Confederation** - German Valdez, Ricardo Salamanca, Mario Carrera, Jorge Sabastizagal, Jose Del Busto Gabriel Fernandez

Apologies

Council Members – Richard Perot, Sergey Shakhryay, Tang Jiu Hong

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

Observers

21 observers attended the meeting.

Register of Participants – Refer to Attendance List in Annexure 1 below.



1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

1.1 President's Remarks

President Poul-Erik Høyer welcomed delegates to the third virtual meeting of the membership – two AGMs and one EGM on 31 January 2021.

He hoped that the Members, their families and the entire badminton community were keeping well and safe during these unprecedented times of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It had been almost a year since the world had been affected by the COVID-19 and much as the President had hoped to meet the Members in a face-to-face meeting, virtual meetings seemed to be the new norm.

He expressed his appreciation to the membership for taking part in the meeting from all over the world – from Tonga in the Pacific where it was midnight Saturday - to Guatemala where it was 5am Saturday morning and all members in every time zone in between.

He said that it was not easy to attend and participate in these virtual meetings but it showed the commitment of the Members to the development and progress of our sport.

Similar to the 2020 AGM and the EGM this year, the Virtual AGM allowed the BWF to complete its governance requirements to host the AGM every year before 31 July adding that the focus on good governance was essential.

He added that this AGM was particularly important as the election of Council members for the term of 2021 – 2025 would be conducted.

He added that several interactive meetings and online discussions were held in the lead up to the virtual AGM and he thanked all who had attended these sessions and gave their comments, suggestions and interventions.

He said that this decision-making AGM marked the last step of the process since the notice of the meeting was sent on 2 April 2021.

Poul-Erik Høyer hoped that the membership had had time to view the various videos on the BWF website so that they could make informed decisions on the 15 proposals on the agenda.

1.1a Procedures of the Virtual AGM

- Thomas Lund took the floor and gave a run-down to the decision-making AGM which involved an integrated process and key procedures for the meeting.
- Thomas Lund said that pursuant to the notice of meeting on 2 April 2021, the BWF had published twelve videos of the Chairs reports on the BWF website.

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This was followed by a series of four regional AGM sessions and a webinar on 20 May 2021 for voting delegates to familiarize themselves with the process to login to the Virtual AGM and to try out the voting process.

As mentioned by the President, the "decision-making Virtual AGM" was the final step of the entire process leading up to the AGM.

- Thomas Lund said that besides the elections of Council Members, there were 15 proposals on the agenda to be voted on.

He added that the Chair's role as outline in Article 15.9 of the BWF Constitution was to "...have the final decision upon all points of order and matters of procedure". He added that the President as Chair of the meeting had approved the procedure for the meeting and that voting for the proposals would be carried out as open ballots while Council elections would be held as secret ballots.

He explained that the technology and procedures for the virtual AGM;

- The ZOOM platform - for listening and viewing of the presentations and the results of each proposal.
- LUMI platform - for the Voting Delegates to cast their votes and to post written questions and interventions on the chat function.
- Interpretation services were provided in four languages French, Spanish, Russian and Arabic on the Zoom platform.
- Voting Delegates would have a 1-minute voting time-frame to cast their votes for proposals and a 5-minute time frame to cast their votes for elections.
- When it was time to vote – the Independent Lawyer would call "POLL OPEN" and after the set time period, the Independent Lawyer would call "POLL 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.

- Thomas Lund referred the membership to the Memo that was circulated the day before regarding the voting strength of each Member.



He added that one of the criteria for determining the voting strength related to the ranking list for qualification for the Olympic Games.

Due to the postponement of the Olympic Games, the EGM in January 2021 had approved an interim solution based on the 18 March 2020 ranking list which was used for calculating the voting strength for the next four years. From that list, 26 Members met the criteria and received an additional vote.

The interim list would then be reviewed when the new qualification list was available on 4 May. However, the Tokyo 2020 qualification period was then extended and the qualification list of 15 June 2021 was to be considered the final list.

However, since there were no more qualifying tournaments up to that period, the Race to Tokyo ranking list of 18 May 2021 which included all Olympic qualifying tournaments had been used to calculate the voting strength and this was identical to the one used for the world ranking list of 18 March 2020.

In summary, there was no change to the Voting Strength for any member for this criterion, and the calculation approved at the January 2021 EGM remained for this AGM.

- Moving on, Thomas Lund said that as usual, a team of three scrutineers would be appointed for the AGM and for governance purposes, an Independent Lawyer was appointed to witness the meeting, the voting process and to apply the election criteria, being the gender and geographical representation.

1.2 Roll Call - BWF Constitution (Clause 15.3)

- 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 purpose of the quorum, the BWF currently had 170 Members in Good Standing and one third of that was 57 Members.

The Secretary General reported that a total of 151 Members had logged into the meeting and therefore a quorum had been achieved.

With this, Thomas Lund handed the floor back to the President for the next item on the agenda.



1.3 Appointment of Scrutineers

- Poul-Erik Høyer said that for the purpose of the virtual AGM, a team of three scrutineers had been identified and in addition, an Independent Lawyer which were required to be appointed.

He requested Thomas Lund to explain the role of the scrutineers and the Independent Lawyer and to put forward the proposal to ratify their appointment.

- Thomas Lund explained that the work of the scrutineers was done before the meeting and this was the same procedure that was carried out at the virtual AGM in 2020 and the virtual EGM in January 2021.

The three scrutineers were tasked to check / confirm in the Lumi Management System Database the following;

1. Names of Members with Delegates
2. Voting Strength for each Member
3. Names of each Voting Delegate

The proposed panel of Scrutineers were;

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

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

Thomas Lund said that the proposal to ratify the Independent Lawyer and the scrutineers was to be approved by a by a *Simple Majority* – more than 50% of votes cast.

Proposal – *To ratify the scrutineers as proposed.*

The Voting Delegates were asked to vote to ratify the Independent Lawyer and the proposed panel of scrutineers.

- The Independent Lawyer declared the “Poll Open” and the Voting Delegates had 1 minute to cast their votes.

Following the voting period, the results of the polling were announced and the number of votes received were as follows:

- **240 votes “For”** the proposal and this represented 99.17% of total Votes Cast.
- **2 votes “Against”** the proposal and this represented 0.83% of the total Votes Cast.

The Independent Lawyer and Scrutineers were ratified by the AGM.



2. MINUTES

2.1 To confirm the Minutes of the Virtual Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 18 July 2020 (Annexure A) and the Virtual Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) on Saturday 30 January 2021 (Annexure B)

- Thomas Lund said the minutes of the Virtual AGM 2020 and Virtual EGM 2021 were circulated to the membership on 18 September and 19 February respectively. He said that no feedback on the accuracy of the minutes were received to-date.

Proposal - *To approve the minutes of the last 2020 AGM and the 2021 EGM.*

- The proposal was to be approved by a Simple Majority – more than 50% of votes cast.
- The Independent Lawyer declared the “Poll Open” and the Voting Delegates had 1 minute to cast their votes.

The results of the polling were announced and the number of votes received were as follows:

- **255 votes “For”** the proposal and this represented 100% of total Votes Cast as there were **0 votes “Against”** the proposal.

The minutes were approved.

4. COUNCIL REPORT

4.1 To receive the Report of Council and its Committees, and other reports for the year ending 31 December 2020 (Annual Report 2020).

- Poul-Erik Høyer said that the annual report for year 2020 was published on 2 April 2021 together with the audited Financial Statements for year ending 31 December 2020 together with a video highlights of 2020.

In view of the virtual AGM, a total of 12 Chairs reports were prepared and posted on the BWF website which summarised the activities of the BWF in 2020. He said that despite a very difficult year, the various committees had worked very hard to achieve many good and strong outcomes for the sport.

The Chairs reports were taken as presented and Poul-Erik Høyer continued with the adoption of the Audited Financial Statements for 2020.

He requested Thomas Lund to present Agenda Item 3.2 - the proposal to adopt the Audited Financial Statements and 3.3 – to receive the Budget 2021 and the provisional budget for 2022.

3.1 To adopt the Financial Statements, duly audited, for the year ending 31 December 2020 (Annexure C).



- Thomas Lund said that the Audited Financial Accounts for year ending 31 December 2020 were circulated on 2 April 2021.

Referring to the report from the Finance Chair, Thomas Lund reiterated that 2020 had been a very challenging year but the BWF managed to mitigate most of the potential negative financial impacts and remained to be in a stable financial situation.

He added that the BWF Council had been closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation to ensure that any financial implications were managed in the best possible way.

Proposal – *To adopt the Audited Financial Statements for year ending 31 December 2020.*

- The Independent Lawyer declared “Poll Open” and the Voting Delegates had one minute to cast their votes.

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

The results of the polling were announced and the number of votes received were as follows:

- **239 votes “For”** the proposal and this represented 100% of total votes cast as there were **0 votes “Against”** the proposal.

The Audited Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2020 were adopted.

4. COUNCIL PROPOSALS

Moving on, Poul-Erik Høyer said that following the decision of the 2020 AGM, three candidates were shortlisted and were tasked to go through the Vetting Process.

He gave the floor to the Secretary General to take the AGM through the proposal.

4.1 To confirm the members of the inaugural Vetting Panel.

- In connection with the proposal, Thomas Lund referred the Members to a memo that was sent out the previous day.

At the 2020 AGM, the BWF members had mandated the BWF Council to appoint three members of the inaugural Vetting Panel on the recommendation of the Secretary General.

Three candidates were shortlisted and following a vetting process, were declared eligible by the Council and were appointed.

The Panel members were;

- Dr. Catherine Ordway (AUS) – Chair



- Mr. Niels Lindholm (FRA)
- Mr. Masashiro Takamatsu (JPN)

Thomas Lund elaborated that the members of the Vetting Panel were experienced lawyers and experts with significant expertise in integrity and their profiles were available on the BWF website.

The Vetting Panel had worked intensely on the vetting process for nominees for elections to Council leading up to this meeting and he referred the Members to the report provided to the AGM from the Vetting Panel about the process that was undertaken, and the observations made.

Thomas Lund said that an appeals process related to the eligibility of one of the candidates for election had taken place and that the right of appeal was a normal and important part of any judicial process to ensure that, as far as is possible, the right decision was delivered.

The decision of the Vetting Panel was overturned by an Independent Hearing Panel and the candidate was declared eligible for election to BWF Council in accordance with the BWF constitution.

The members had the mandate to confirm the members of the Vetting Panel to continue their role until their inaugural term ends at the 2022 BWF AGM.

The BWF Council recommended that the membership adopt the proposal to re-confirm their appointment until the 2022 BWF AGM.

Proposal – *To confirm the members of the Vetting Panel whose term shall be valid until the 2022 BWF AGM.*

- The proposal required a Simple Majority – more than 50% of votes cast to be approved.
- The Independent Lawyer declared “Poll Open” and the Members had one minute to cast their votes by secret ballot.

The results of the polling were announced and the number of votes received were as follows:

- **245 votes “For”** the proposal and this represented 90.07% of total votes cast.
- **27 votes “Against”** the proposal and this represented 9.93% of the total votes cast.

The members of the Vetting Panel with the inaugural term until the 2022 BWF AGM was approved.



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

Poul-Erik Høyer said that this proposal was in relation to the decision by the membership at the 2020 AGM which resulted in the forming of the Independent Hearing Panel.

The membership had mandated the BWF Council to appoint the inaugural members of the Independent Hearing Panel as well as the President and Deputy President with the term until the 2022 AGM.

He gave the floor to the Secretary General to take the AGM through the proposal.

- Thomas Lund explained that together with the existing members of the former Ethics Hearing Panel, five candidates were shortlisted and were asked to go through the Vetting Process.

The following individuals were declared eligible by the Vetting Panel and were appointed by the BWF Council as members of the Independent Hearing Panel including the President and the Deputy President;

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

Proposal – To confirm the members of the inaugural Independent Hearing Panel (IHP) and the President and Deputy President.

- The proposal required a Simple Majority – more than 50% of votes cast to be approved.
- The Independent Lawyer declared “Poll Open” and the Members had 1 minute to cast their votes by secret ballot.

The results of the polling were announced and the number of votes received were as follows:

- **268 Votes “For”** the proposal and this represented 95.37% of total votes cast.
- **13 Votes “Against”** the proposal and this represented 4.63% of the total votes cast.

The members of the inaugural Independent Hearing Panel (IHP) and the President and Deputy President of the IHP were approved.

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

Poul-Erik Høyer said that the next agenda item relates to a proposal to amend the following provisions in the Laws of Badminton;

- Law 8 – Change of Ends
- Law 9 – Service
- Law 12 – Service Court Errors
- Law 14 – Lets
- Law 16 – Continuous Play, Misconduct and Penalties
- Law 17 – Officials and Appeals

Proposed amendments are in red.

8. CHANGE OF ENDS

8.1 *Players shall change ends:*

8.1.1 *at the end of the first game;*

8.1.2 *at the end of the second game, if there is to be a third game; and*

8.1.3 *in the third game when a side first scores 11 points, except in **Handicap Matches (BWF Statute Section 4.1.3).***

Rationale: *In Handicap matches, ends are changed when one side has reached half the total number of points needed to win the game (or the next higher number being taken in the case of fractions).*

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***

9.1.1 *neither side shall cause undue delay to the delivery of the service once the server and the receiver are ready for the service;*

~~9.1.8 *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*~~

9.1.98 *in attempting to serve, the server shall not miss the shuttle.*

Rationale: *This is a simplification: Upward flight is necessary for the shuttle to pass the net and thus not a requirement of a correct service, that may be faulted, if this is not fulfilled.*

Sequence of Serving

11.5 No player shall serve or receive out of turn, or receive two consecutive services in the same game, except as provided in Law 12 *or when a fault for misconduct is called.*

Rationale: When a fault for misconduct is called and the opposing side is awarded a point, the same player will serve or receive twice consecutively.

12. SERVICE COURT ERRORS

12.2 If a service court error is discovered, the error shall be corrected *when the shuttle is not in play and the existing score shall stand.*

Rationale: To legislate what is already standard process. This is to avoid an inexperienced umpire interrupting an ongoing rally to make the correction.

14. LETS

14.2 It shall be a 'let', if:

14.2.6 a line judge is unsighted and the umpire or *Instant Review System* is unable to make a decision; or

Rationale: The Instant Review System should be referenced now as it is used regularly.

16.2 Intervals:

16.2.1 not exceeding 60 seconds during each game when the leading score reaches 11 points, *except Handicap matches (BWF Statues, Section 4.1.3);*

Rationale: In Handicap matches, ends are changed when one side has reached half the total number of points needed to win the game (or the next higher number being taken in the case of fractions).

16.5 Advice and leaving the court:

16.5.1 Only when the shuttle is not in play (Law 15) *and until the players have taken up positions to serve and receive shall a player be permitted to receive during a match.*

16.5.2 No player shall leave the court during a match without the umpire's permission *causing delay to play*, except during the intervals as described in Law 16.2

Rationale for 16.5.1: To restrict coaches from coaching during service.

Rationale for 16.5.2: To bring the Law in line with current practice to allow a quick towel down without delaying play.



16.7 Administration of breach

16.7.1 The umpire shall administer any breach of Law 16.2, 16.4.1, 16.5.2 or 16.6

by:

16.7.1.1 issuing a warning to the offending side; or

16.7.1.2 faulting the offending side, if previously warned; or

16.7.1.3 faulting the offending side in cases of flagrant offence or breach of Law 16.2.

Rationale: To handle late returning to court after an interval more efficiently, similar to other delays under 16.6.1. If considered a flagrant offence, it can still be a red card, otherwise it will be handled as in other cases of delay.

- Poul-Erik Høyer gave the floor to the Secretary General to elaborate on the proposed amendments and voting process.
- Thomas Lund said that the proposals from the BWF Council were mainly clarifications and to simplify the wording with the Laws of Badminton.

He added that the proposal had been presented quite thoroughly in the regional sessions and with no further interventions, the proposed amendments will be voted on en bloc.

Proposal – To approve the amendments to the Laws of Badminton as presented.

- The proposal was to be approved by a Two-Third Majority – more than 67% of votes cast.
- The Independent Lawyer declared the “Poll Open” and the Voting Delegates had 1 minute to cast their votes.

The results of the polling were announced and the number of votes received were as follows:

- **272 Votes “For”** the proposal and this represented 97.14% of total votes cast.
- **8 Votes “Against”** the proposal and this represented 2.86% of the total votes cast.

The proposed amendments to the Laws of Badminton as presented were approved.

5. Proposal from Members

Poul-Erik Høyer said that several proposals were received from different member associations to be considered by the AGM.

5.1 Proposal from Badminton Denmark – seconded by Badminton Association of Faroe Islands and Norwegian Badminton Association.

Proposal – To amend Law 16 as proposed.

16. CONTINUOUS PLAY, MISCONDUCT & PENALTIES

16. Play shall be continuous from the first service until the match is concluded, except as allowed in Laws 16.2 and 16.3, and, for Wheelchair Badminton, 16.5.3.

16.6 A player shall not:

16.6.1. deliberately cause delay in, or suspension of, play;

16.6.2. deliberately modify or damage the shuttle in order to change its speed or its flight;

16.6.3. fail to use best efforts to win a match;

16.6.34. behave in an offensive or inappropriate manner; or

16.6.45. be guilty of misconduct not otherwise covered by the Laws of Badminton

Rationale - The General Competition Regulations (in the undertaking for the first ranked 100 players) and the Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, Clause 3.2 already require that players 'use their best efforts to win a match.'

This fundamental and important principle should be more clearly stated and be part of the Laws of Badminton.

- Thomas Lund said that Badminton Denmark had presented their argument for the proposal during the regional sessions, the rationale for the proposal was explained.
- Thomas Lund said that the concept of best efforts was not new and related regulations enshrined in different codes had existed in the rule's framework for many years.

The BWF Council had discussed and agreed that although the "best efforts" concept was relevant, it was also very complex as the Laws of Badminton was not just for top level players but for all levels including recreational players.

The BWF Council's recommendation was that it was not the right time to introduce this into the Laws of Badminton until there was clarity on what it meant for the wider badminton community.

Proposal – To approve amendments to Law 16 as proposed by Badminton Denmark.

- The proposal required Two-Thirds Majority – more than 67% of votes cast to be approved.



- The Independent Lawyer declared the "Poll Open" and the Members had 1 minute to cast their votes by secret ballot.

The results of the polling were announced and the number of votes received were as follows:

- **135 Votes "For"** the proposal and this represented 48.21% of total votes cast.
- **145 Votes "Against"** the proposal and this represented 51.79% of the total votes cast.

Therefore, the proposed amendment by Badminton Denmark was not approved.

5.2 Proposal from Badminton Indonesia (PBSI) / Badminton Association of Maldives and seconded by Badminton Asia, Badminton Korea Association and Chinese Taipei Association to amend the Laws of Badminton / Alternative Laws of Badminton 7, 8 and 9.

Poul-Erik Høyer said that the second member's proposal was received from Badminton Indonesia (PBSI) and Badminton Association of Maldives.

Proposal - To amend the Laws of Badminton / Alternative Laws of Badminton 7,8 and 9;

- Clause 7 – Scoring System
- Clause 8 – Change of Ends
- Clause 9 – Continuous Play
- To approve amendments to the Law of Badminton Clause 7.1, 7.2, 7.4, 7.5, 8.1, 16.2 and 16.5 and Section 4.4.4 of the Alternative Laws of Badminton as presented below (amendments are in red).
- To delegate the BWF Council to decide on the implementation and starting date for this proposal, but not before the conclusion of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games in July / August 2021.

Laws of Badminton

Clause 7 – Scoring System

- 7.1 A match shall consist of the best of ~~three~~ **five (5)** games, unless otherwise arranged (BWF Statutes, Sections 4.1.3 and 4.1.4).
- 7.2 A game shall be won by the side which first scores ~~21~~ **11** points, except as provided in Law 7.4 and 7.5.
- 7.3 The side winning a rally shall add a point to its score. A side shall win a rally, if the opposing side commits a 'fault' or the shuttle ceases to be in

play because it touches the surface of the court inside the opponent's court.

- 7.4 If the score becomes ~~20~~ 10-all, the side which gains a two point lead first, shall win that game.
- 7.5 If the score becomes ~~29~~ 14-all, the side scoring the ~~30th~~ 15th point shall win that game.
- 7.6 The side winning a game shall serve first in the next game.
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Clause 8 - Change of Ends

- 8.1 Players shall change ends:
- 8.1.1 at the end of the first game;
- 8.1.2 at the end of the second game; ~~if there is to be a third game; and~~
- 8.1.3 ~~in the third game when a side first scores 11 points at the end of the third game, if there is to be a fourth game;~~
- 8.1.4 at the end of the fourth game, if there is to be a fifth game; and
- 8.1.5 in the fifth game when a side first scores six points.
- 8.2 If the ends are not changed as indicated in Law 8.1, it shall be done so as soon as the mistake is discovered and when the shuttle is not in play. The existing score shall stand.
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Clause 16 – Continuous Play, Misconduct & Penalties

- 16.1 Play shall be continuous from the first service until the match is concluded, except as allowed in Laws 16.2 and 16.3, and, for Wheelchair Badminton, 16.5.3.
- 16.2 Intervals
- 16.2.1 ~~Intervals not exceeding 60 90 seconds during each game when the leading score reaches 11 points and; between the first and second games, second and third games, third and fourth games, and fourth and fifth games shall be allowed in all matches.~~
- ~~16.2.2 not exceeding 120 seconds between the first and second game and between the second and third game shall be allowed in all matches.~~
- (For a televised match, the Referee may decide before the match that intervals as in Law 16.2 are mandatory and of fixed duration).
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Rationale – We are confident that the amendments to the Laws as proposed above would greatly benefit badminton as a world-leading sport.

This new scoring system is an innovative idea and a unique change to the Laws of Badminton. We believe with the current situation of the pandemic, the stakeholders and spectators are looking for a more exciting format in sports to motivate and accelerate in order to sustain competitiveness in badminton and for our players to participate in more tournaments to come.

Section 4.1.4 – Alternative Laws of Badminton

BWF Statutes - Section 4.1.4 – Alternative Laws of Badminton

Please note that for each of the Alternative Scoring Systems, all of the Laws of Badminton (BWF Statutes, Section 4.1 – Laws of Badminton) apply, except where specifically noted below.

Alternative Scoring Systems

It is permissible to play by prior arrangement, either:

1. one game of 21 points, or
2. the best of ~~3~~ three games of 15 points.
3. the best of ~~five~~ three games of ~~11~~ 21 points.

In the case of 3 above, the following variations shall apply to the Laws of Badminton:

Clause 7 – Scoring System

- 7.1 A match shall consist of the best of ~~five~~ three games.
- 7.2 A game shall be won by the side which first scores ~~11~~ 21 points.
- 7.4 ~~If the score becomes 20-all, the side which gains a two point lead first, shall win that game.~~
- 7.5 ~~If the score becomes 29-all, the side scoring the 30th point shall win that game.~~

Clause 8 – Change of Ends

- 8.1.2 at the end of the second game, ~~if there is to be a third game; and~~
- 8.1.3 ~~at the end of the third game, if there is to be a fourth game; in third game when a side first scores 11 points.~~
- ~~8.1.4 at the end of the fourth game, if there is to be a fifth game; and~~

~~8.1.5 in the fifth game when a side first scores 6 points.~~

Clause 16 – Continuous Play, Misconduct & Penalties

16.2 Intervals

16.2.1 not exceeding 60 seconds ~~only in the fifth game during each game~~, when the leading score reaches ~~6~~ 11 points; and

16.2.2 not exceeding 120 second between the first and second games, ~~and between the second and third games, third and fourth games, and fourth and fifth games~~ shall be allowed in the matches.

Rationale – the proposal for the amendments to the Laws of Badminton proposed, also requires the Alternative Laws of Badminton to be changed at the same time.

- Poul-Erik Høyer gave the floor to the Secretary General to elaborate on the proposed amendments and voting process.
- Thomas Lund said that the proposal from Badminton Indonesia and Badminton Association of Maldives were identical and therefore they would be treated as one proposal.

He added that the proposal consisted of different sections related to the scoring system with the key change being a proposal to change the scoring to best of 5 games of 11 as opposed to the current scoring system of 3 games to 21.

The proposal had been discussed actively in the regional sessions and many interventions were heard.

Thomas Lund remarked that the BWF had sent various materials to the members reminding them of the process in the 2018 AGM where the BWF Council had presented an almost similar proposal to the Members.

The proposal was not approved then as the members felt that the new scoring system was not properly tested in a wider variety to tournament types and also the timing was not right.

He said that the BWF Council had discussed the proposals thoroughly and it was felt that it is now better timing ahead of the next Olympic Games in Paris 2024.

The BWF Council recommended for the approval of the proposal as it would help develop badminton in the future.

Proposal – To approve amendments to the Laws of Badminton and Alternative Laws of Badminton as proposed and to delegate the Council to decide on the implementation and starting date for this proposal, but not

before the conclusion of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games in July / August 2021.

- The proposal required Two-Thirds Majority – more than 67% of votes cast to be approved.
- The Independent Lawyer declared “Poll Open” and the Members had 1 minute to cast their votes by secret ballot.

The results of the polling were announced and the number of votes received were as follows:

- **187 Votes “For”** the proposal and this represented 66.31% of total votes cast.
- **95 Votes “Against”** the proposal and this represented 33.69% of the total votes cast.

Therefore, the proposed amendments by Badminton Indonesia and Badminton Association of Maldives were not approved.

5.3 To consider three proposals from Badminton Peru and seconded by Badminton Association El Salvador and Badminton Association of Guatemala.

Poul-Erik Høyer said that the next proposal was received from Badminton Peru.

He gave the floor to the Secretary General to elaborate on the proposed amendments and voting process.

- Thomas Lund presented that Badminton Peru proposals were to amend the BWF Constitution related to;
 1. Official Language
 2. Associate Members
 3. Term of office for the President and Council

5.3.1 Proposal on Official Language

BWF Constitution – Clause 2 - Official Language

*2. The official languages of the Federation shall be English, **French and Spanish**. **

** Operational footnote (for information): The use of other languages by a speaker is authorised at meetings subject to the provision of interpretation into English, French and Spanish being provided by the speaker at their own cost and that notice is given to the Chair of the meeting in advance. **The implementation of new official languages shall start by the translation of the Statutes, Rules, Technical Regulations and Memorandums of the Federation and shall take no longer than one (1) year since their addition approval.***



Rationale - Spanish is the official language of 20 countries where BWF Member Associations are from, being present in three different Continental Confederations, and representing over 60% of the members at Badminton Pan Am. French is one of the official languages in the International Olympic Committee, at least in 14 countries which are BWF Member Associations, representing up to three different Continental Confederations, and in five out of the nine Associate Members' countries. Furthermore, both languages are widely spoken in other countries and territories which would expand the possibilities to develop our sport.

- Thomas Lund said that the proposal had been thorough discussed both within the BWF Council and at the regional sessions.

The BWF Council acknowledged that language was an important factor for an International Federation (IF) to ensure effective communications across all nations and cultures.

However, it also recognized that it would be very complex to deal with many different languages and which required significant resources.

The BWF Statute and Constitution consisted of 890 pages of very detailed and complex matters and Rules and Laws were always being updated from time to time.

The BWF had done an analysis of other IF and ten (10) had same set-up as the BWF and only nineteen (19) out of thirty (32) IFs have either English or English and French as official languages. Twelve (12) IFs had English and French plus other languages.

Currently the BWF had translated Shuttle Time (ST) resources into twenty-one (21) different languages and other development materials had been translated whenever necessary.

The BWF Council agreed that the proposal was valid but it would not recommend for its approval at this time but agreed that it was something to look further into for the future.

At this juncture, Thomas Lund provided an updated roll call of 157 voting Members logged into the meeting.

Proposal – *To approve amendments to the BWF Constitution related to Official Languages, as proposed.*

- The proposal required Two-Thirds Majority – more than 67% of votes cast to be approved.
- The Independent Lawyer declared 'Poll Open' and the Members had 1 minute to cast their votes by secret ballot.

The results of the polling were announced and the number of votes received were as follows:

- **59 votes "For"** the proposal and this represented 20.92% of total votes cast.



- **223 votes "Against"** the proposal and this represented 79.08% of the total votes cast.

Therefore, the proposed amendments to the BWF Constitution related Official Language, as proposed by Badminton Peru was not approved.

5.3.2 Proposal to amend Clause 11 of the BWF Constitution on Associate Members

Moving on, Poul-Erik Høyer said that the second proposal received from Badminton Peru was in relation to the status of Associate Members.

He gave the floor to the Secretary General to elaborate on the proposed amendments and voting process.

- Proceeding with the agenda, Thomas Lund explained that the proposal was in reference to Clauses 11 with regards to associate memberships.

He added that the Associate Members comes under a special category as some of them can never become a full member due to territorial issues.

Currently, the BWF had nine (9) Associate Members and in its proposal, Badminton Peru had suggested that the BWF Council could stop recognition of the Associate Members if they failed to keep at least one active athlete in BWF sanctioned tournaments every year.

BWF Constitution Clause 11 – Associate Members

11. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

11.1. Associate Membership of the Federation is open to:

11.1.1. clubs or organisations trying to form a national badminton organisation in a territory where there is no national Badminton organisation recognised by the Federation;

11.1.2. clubs or organisations trying to form a national Badminton organisation in a territory that is not yet recognised by the international community; and

11.1.3. clubs or organisations which are exclusively for Para-Badminton players and who are not affiliated to a Member. Clubs and Organisations

11.2. Clubs or organisations within countries or (semi) independent territories not yet nationally organised and countries that are not yet recognised as an independent and sovereign state by the international community which agree to adhere to the Constitution of the Federation may upon application using Schedule A be admitted as Associate Members of the Federation upon such terms and conditions as determined by Council.

11.2.1. An Associate Member shall give all practical support to the formation of a National Association (or corresponding organisation) for the country in which it is situated.

11.2.2. An Associate Membership other than those admitted as Para Badminton Organisations (Clause 11.1.3) shall lapse automatically when a properly constituted national association is admitted to Federation membership.

11.2.3. The term of an Associate Membership shall not extend more than five years beyond the original affiliation unless a longer term is approved by Council upon written request.

Council may at any time stop recognising a particular body as an Associate Member if such an Associated Member acts against the Federation, its Statutes or its Principles, Purposes or Objectives or fails to keep at least one (1) athlete active in BWF sanctioned tournaments every year. Such a decision shall have repercussions to all persons acting under the auspices of such an Associated Member.

Rationale - Specific requirements shall be put in place to guarantee that Associate Membership fulfil its objective of extending and promoting the practice of our sport, following assessment procedures and analysis of the Council regarding the goals set and accomplished on a regular basis.

- Thomas Lund said that four (4) out the nine (9) Associate Members would not be able to fulfil the criteria if the proposal was passed by the members. Likewise for 53 full (voting) members who had never entered any players in a BWF sanctioned tournaments. In addition, there were other members who were completely dormant.

He added that the BWF Council had discussed the proposal and agreed it was not an option to stop recognition of Associate Members. Rather, it was considered to be more appropriate to help these members develop their players to be able to participate in tournaments instead of de-recognising them.

The BWF Council did not recommend this proposal.

Proposal - *To approve amendments to the BWF Constitution Clause 11 on Associate Members.*

- The proposal required Two-Thirds Majority – more than 67% of votes cast to be approved.
- The Independent Lawyer declared 'Poll Open' and the Members had 1 minute to cast their votes.

The results of the polling were announced and the number of votes received were as follows:



- **120 votes "For"** the proposal and this represented 44.12% of total votes cast.
- **152 votes "Against"** the proposal and this represented 55.88% of the total votes cast.

Therefore, the proposed amendments to the BWF Constitution Clause 11 as presented by Badminton Peru were not approved.

5.3.3 Proposal to amend Clause 18.11 of the BWF Constitution on Conditions and Terms of Appointment

Poul-Erik Høyer gave the floor to the Secretary General to elaborate on the last proposal from Badminton Peru and the voting process.

BWF Constitution – Clause 18.11 - Conditions and Terms of Appointment

18.11. The President, the Deputy President, the five (5) Vice Presidents (Continental), the Vice President Para-Badminton and the twenty (20) ordinary Council Members shall assume office immediately upon the conclusion of the AGM at which they are elected.

The term of the Officers and Council shall be four years.

Officers and Council Members are eligible for re-election, ~~save for the President, who shall be limited to four (4) terms, but may only serve a maximum of two full terms.~~

Transitory Rules for Article 18.11

Terms served shall include terms that have been or are being served as of 23 May 2021.

Council members who are elected during the 2021 elections, but who have already served two terms or more, may complete their term.

Rationale - To ensure leadership succession, as a good governance principle. In order to guarantee the healthy development of our sport worldwide in the long term it is necessary to limit the terms in which one single individual is exercising decision-making power.

- Thomas Lund remarked that the proposal was to limit the term for the President and Council members to a maximum of two terms.

He said that the proposal had been discussed by the Council and as well in the regional sessions and it was agreed that setting a term limit was in line with good governance principles.

He elaborated that at the 2020 BWF AGM, the members approved the amendments to the BWF Constitution, which defined the term limits for the position of President to four (4) terms.



He added that two terms were not a general benchmark for IFs and international organizations. Most IFs including the IOC had a three (3) term limits.

There was consensus that two terms were too restrictive as Council members required certain experience to carry out their role effectively.

Badminton Peru had proposed to limit the term for Council including that of the President to two (2) terms and this included the terms that had been served.

However, those who were re-elected during the 2021 elections and who had served two terms or more, may complete their term.

This would be counterproductive as the rationale for the four terms was to allow the President to build their international experience within the Olympic and Paralympic movements over a few terms, and be in a better position to be considered as a candidate for election to be an IOC member and represent our sport in that forum.

Proposal - To approve amendments to the BWF Constitution and transitory rules related to the terms of President and Council members as proposed.

- o The proposal required Two-Thirds Majority – more than 67% of votes cast to be approved.
- o The Independent Lawyer declared 'Poll Open' and the Members had 1 minute to cast their votes.

The results of the polling were announced and the number of votes received were as follows:

- **119 votes "For"** the proposal and this represented 56.73% of total votes cast.
- **156 votes "Against"** the proposal and this represented 55.88% of the total votes cast.

Therefore, the proposed amendments to the BWF Constitution and transitory rules related to the terms of President and Council members as proposed by Badminton Peru was not approved.

6. Council Elections

To consider the candidates for elections and to complete the elections for President, Deputy President, Vice President Para Badminton and 20 other Council positions of the Federation for a term of office of four years (2021 – 2025) in accordance with Clause 18 of the BWF Constitution.

Poul-Erik Høyer said that this item on the agenda dealt with the election of Officers and Council which was a very important part of the decision-making AGM.

He said that the names, profiles, proposer and seconders of the candidates for President, Deputy President and Vice President Para Badminton and Council had been circulated in Annexure E and F and he hoped that the members had the opportunity to peruse the lists.

Poul-Erik Høyer said that as he was a candidate for the election for President, he will remove himself from the Chair position for the voting process and he would resume the position as Chair after the election.

He handed the floor to the Secretary General to elaborate on the process and proceed with the election.

- Thomas Lund said that elections would be carried for four positions as follows;

6.1 Election of President

- Candidate – Poul-Erik Høyer (DEN)

6.2 Election of Deputy President

- Candidate – Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul (THA)

6.3 Election of Vice President Para Badminton

- Candidate – Paul Kurzo (SUI)

- Thomas Lund continued that under Clause 18.8.2 of the BWF Constitution, where there was only one candidate, the candidate would be approved by acclamation.

Being the sole candidate for the position of President, Poul-Erik Høyer was approved for another term by acclamation.

He invited members to express their congratulations on the chat function.

With that, Thomas Lund invited Poul-Erik Høyer to resume the Chair of the meeting.

- Poul-Erik Høyer thanked the members for their support and continued trust in him to carry on with the Presidency of the BWF for another term.

Moving on to Item 6.2, Thomas Lund remarked that Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul was the only candidate and therefore she would be approved by acclamation.

Poul-Erik Høyer congratulated Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul on her re-election as the Deputy President and added that he looked forward to working in close cooperation with her during the next term.

Moving on to Item 6.3, again, since there was only candidate for the post, Paul Kurzo was approved as the Vice President Para Badminton by acclamation.

Poul-Erik Høyer congratulated Paul Kurzo on his re-election as the Vice President Para Badminton. He thanked Paul Kurzo for his tireless effort in the support of Para Badminton and his significant contributions to the inclusion of Para Badminton in the Paralympics.

6.4 Election of Council

- Candidates – in alphabetical order of first name

1. Anil Kaul (CAN)	17. Kinji Zeniya (JPN)
2. Bambang (Rudy) Roedyanto (INA)	18. Maria do Carmo Ribeiro Madeira de Carvalho (MAC)
3. Battushig Batbold (MGL)	19. Murat Ozmekik (TUR)
4. Charlotte Dew-Hattens (DEN)	20. Nigel Skelt (NZL)
5. Chipo Zumburani (ZIM)	21. Nora Perry (ENG)
6. David Cabello (ESP)	22. Odette Assembe Engoulou (CMR)
7. Ella Diehl (RUS)	23. Peshtiwani Majeed Nadir (IRQ)
8. Emma Penelope Mason (SCO)	24. Peter Tarcala (SVK)
9. Etienne Thobois (FRA)	25. Pilar Carrillo la Fuente (PER)
10. Francis Orbih (NGR)	26. Rena Wang (USA)
11. Himanta Biswa Sarma (IND)	27. Robbert de Kock (SUI)
12. Jong Soo, Kim (KOR)	28. Robert (Teck Heng), Lim (SGP)
13. Jose Gabriel del Busto Fernandez (GUA)	29. Rukhshona Narzulloeva (TJK)
14. Jun, Zhang (CHN)	30. Sawsan Haji Mohammed Taqawi (BRN)
15. Kay Kamatuwa Chirwa (ZAM)	31. Sven Serré (BEL)
16. Kenny (Chee Keong), Goh (MAS)	

Moving on, Poul-Erik Høyer handed the floor to the Secretary General to take the AGM through the next agenda item - Council Elections.

- Thomas Lund explained that there were thirty (31) candidates for the position of Council having been nominated by the membership. He added that the list was displayed on the screen.

He referred the Members to a communication on Thursday 20 May informing the Membership that David Cabello was included as a candidate in the list. The list has therefore been updated to include thirty (31) candidates as shown on the screen.

Thomas Lund explained that the voting for the election of Council was different from other votes and he reminded the members that they had to vote for exactly twenty (20) candidates to be able to submit their vote.

The members have 5 minutes to cast their votes for the twenty (20) candidates.

When the voting was complete, the raw voting results with the votes for each candidate would be displayed.

Thereafter, the gender and geographical requirements would be applied before the election of the candidates was complete.

A final list of elected candidates would be displayed following the application of the criteria.

At this juncture and before the voting procedures began, a short video showing each of the candidates for election was played.

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- Thomas Lund requested the Voting Delegates to get ready to vote for twenty (20) candidates to be on the BWF Council and reminded again that they had 5 minutes to vote.
- The Independent Lawyer declared 'Poll Open' and the Members had 1 minute to cast their votes by secret ballot.
- The results of the polling with the number of votes received by each candidate were displayed as follows:

Candidate	Votes	Candidate	Votes
Anil Kaul (CAN)	162	Kinji Zeniya (JPN)	191
Bambang (Rudy) Roedyanto (INA)	252	Maria do Carmo Ribeiro Madeira de Carvalho (MAC)	160
Battushig Batbold (MGL)	130	Murat Ozmekik (TUR)	184
Charlotte Dew-Hattens (DEN)	174	Nigel Skelt (NZL)	242
Chipo Zumburani (ZIM)	218	Nora Perry (ENG)	253
David Cabello (ESP)	212	Odette Assembe Engoulou (CMR)	221
Ella Diehl (RUS)	209	Peshtivan Majeed Nadir (IRQ)	94
Emma Penelope Mason (SCO)	215	Peter Tarcala (SVK)	180
Etienne Thobois (FRA)	199	Pilar Carrillo la Fuente (PER)	189
Francis Orbih (NGR)	65	Rena Wang (USA)	126
Himanta Biswa Sarma (IND)	236	Robbert de Kock (SUI)	193
Jong Soo, Kim (KOR)	228	Robert (Teck Heng) Lim (SGP)	129
Jose Gabriel del Busto Fernandez (GUA)	167	Rukhshona Narzulloeva (TJK)	172
Jun, Zhang (CHN)	276	Sawsan Haji Mohammed Taqawi (BAH)	168
Kay Kamatuwa Chirwa (ZAM)	29	Sven Serre (BEL)	188
Kenny (Chee Keong), Goh (MAS)	218		

- Thomas Lund said that the Gender and Geographical criteria would be applied to determine the final list of elected Council members. He reminded the Members that the selection was based on a fixed number of seats per Continent and where there needed to be a minimum number of candidates of each gender as per the slide.

He added that as per the Constitution and as explained in the different materials and meetings ahead of the Virtual AGM, the Vice President Para Badminton and Athletes Commission Chairs were not included in the calculation.

While waiting for the geographical and gender criteria to be applied, a video presentation of the President and Deputy President was played.

- Poul-Erik Høyer announced that the results of the Council elections were as follows;

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Elected to Council		Votes
Asia		
1	Zhang Jun (CHN)	276
2	Bambang (Rudy) Roedyanto (INA)	252
3	Himanta Biswa Sarma (IND)	236
4	Jong Soo, Kim (KOR)	228
5	Kenny (Chee Keong) Goh (MAS)	218
6	Kenji Zeniya (JPN)	191
7	Rukhshona Narzulloeva (TJK)	172
8	Sawsan Haji Mohammed Taqawi (BAH)	168
Pan Am		
1	Pilar Carrillo la Fuente (PER)	189
2	Jose Gabriel del Busto Fernandez (GUA)	167
Europe		
1	Nora Perry (ENG)	253
2	Emma Penelope Mason (SCO)	215
3	David Cabello (ESP)	212
4	Ella Diehl (RUS)	209
5	Etienne Thobois (FRA)	199
6	Robbert de Kock (SUI)	193
7	Sven Serre (BEL)	188
Africa		
1	Odette Assembe Engoulou (CMR)	221
2	Chipo Zumburani (ZIM)	218
Oceania		
1	Nigel Skelt (NZL)	242

Poul-Erik Høyer congratulated the successful candidates and welcomed them to the BWF Council adding that he looked forward to working with them for the development and progress of the sport of Badminton.

He thanked all candidates for having participated in the election and offering their time, experience and commitment to develop BWF and badminton. Their participation in the election of all candidates was extremely important and the BWF was grateful for their contribution.

He expressed that with this election the BWF welcomed a range of new Council members for the next term, but at the same time a number of Council members having served on the Council would no longer be part of the Council.

He recorded his acknowledgement for the huge contribution of the following Council members who had served on Council in the last term and who will no longer be part of the Council:

- Dato' Lim Teong Kiat
- Peter Tarcala
- Ng Yoke Weng
- Battushig Batbold
- Wayne Somers
- Moosa Nashid
- Sergey Shakh-ray
- Tang Jiu Hong



7. SUBSCRIPTION

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

- Poul-Erik Høyer handed the floor to the Secretary General to take the members through the next proposal to be voted on.
- Thomas Lund asked the Voting Delegates to get ready to vote to approve the proposal for the unit of subscription for the year 2022 to be set at USD200 (unchanged).
- The proposal required Simple Majority – more than 50% of votes cast to be approved.

Proposal – to set the unit of subscription for 2022 as USD200.

- The Independent Lawyer declared 'Poll Open' and the members had 1 minute to cast their votes by secret ballot.
- The results of the polling were announced and the number of votes received were as follows:
 - **258 votes "For"** the proposal and this represented 96.99% of total votes cast.
 - **8 votes "Against"** the proposal and this represented 3.01% of the total votes cast.

The proposal to set the unit of subscription for 2022 as USD200 was approved by the AGM.

8. AUDITORS

To consider Council's proposed that the services of BDO PLT be maintained.

- Poul-Erik Høyer handed the floor to the Secretary General to take the members through the next proposal to be voted on.
- Thomas Lund asked the Voting Delegates to get ready to vote to approve that the services of BDO PLT was maintained.
- The proposal required Simple Majority – more than 50% of votes cast to be approved.

Proposal – To maintain the services of BDO PLT as the BWF auditors for 2021.

- The proposal required Simple Majority – more than 50% of votes cast to be approved.



- The Independent Lawyer declared 'Poll Open' and the members had 1 minute to cast their votes by secret ballot.
- The results of the polling were announced and the number of votes received were as follows:
 - **255 votes "For"** the proposal and this represented 98.89% of total votes cast.
 - **3 votes "Against"** the proposal and this represented 1.16% of the total votes cast.

The proposal to maintain the services of BDO PLT as the BWF Auditors for 2021 was approved by the AGM.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Suspension of Members

9.1.1 To consider the suspension of the Royal Moroccan Badminton Federation as required by Clause 13.7 of the BWF Constitution.

- Poul-Erik Høyer handed the floor to the Secretary General to take the members through the next proposal to be voted on.
- Thomas Lund presented the background and rational leading to the suspension of the Royal Moroccan Badminton Federation asked the Voting Delegates to get ready to vote to confirm the continuation of the suspension.

Background / Overview

Two groups have been competing for leadership of the FRMBad. While the BWF has historically recognised a group that had the support of the local National Olympic Committee, another group was able to provide documentation showing that domestic courts had validated its claim to the leadership of FRMBad.

In view of the uncertainty over the legitimacy of both claims, the BWF has been encouraging the parties to organise fair and inclusive elections so that the matter may be solved once and for all. Despite the BWF's efforts over the last two years, this was unsuccessful.

The BWF Council suspended the FRMBad on 9 March 2021 pending the organisation of fair and inclusive elections in line with BWF requirements.

- The proposal required Simple Majority – more than 50% of votes cast to be approved.



- The Independent Lawyer declared 'Poll Open' and the members had 1 minute to cast their votes by secret ballot.
- The results of the polling were announced and the number of votes received were as follows:
 - **229 votes "For"** the proposal and this represented 92.71% of total votes cast.
 - **18 votes "Against"** the proposal and this represented 7.29% of the total votes cast.

The proposal to confirm the continuation of the suspension of the Royal Moroccan Badminton Federation was approved by the AGM.

9.1.2 To consider the suspension of the Kenyan Badminton Association as required by Clause 13.7 of the BWF Constitution.

- Poul-Erik Høyer handed the floor to the Secretary General to take the members through the last proposal to be voted on.
- Thomas Lund presented the background and rationale leading to the suspension of Kenyan Badminton Federation asked the Voting Delegates to get ready to vote to confirm the continuation of the suspension.

Background / Overview

Two groups have been competing for leadership of Badminton Kenya. While the BWF has historically recognised one group, the other group had the support of local authorities.

In view of the governance-related problems caused by the parallel structures, the BWF and the local National Olympic Committee (NOC) have been mediating the dispute in view of organising fair and inclusive elections to unify the two structures. However, despite the BWF and the NOC's continuous efforts over the past three years, the parties have been unable to agree on a roadmap towards elections.

The BWF Council suspended Badminton Kenya on 5 March 2021, pending the organisation of fair and inclusive elections in line with BWF requirements.

- The proposal required Simple Majority – more than 50% of votes cast to be approved.
- The Independent Lawyer declared 'Poll Open' and the members had 1 minute to cast their votes by secret ballot.

- The results of the polling were announced and the number of votes received were as follows:
 - **232 votes "For"** the proposal and this represented 95.08% of total votes cast.
 - **12 votes "Against"** the proposal and this represented 4.92% of the total votes cast.

The proposal to confirm the continuation of the suspension of the Kenyan Badminton Federation was approved by the AGM.

9.2 Discussions Points – Badminton Denmark

- Poul-Erik Høyer said that Badminton Denmark had given notice of two discussion points to be taken under other business.

He handed the floor to the Secretary General to take the members through the last agenda item.
- Thomas Lund said that the discussion points were raised from Badminton Denmark pertaining to the separate clauses in the BWF Statutes and Laws of Badminton as outlined below;

9.2.1 BWF Statutes – Section 5.3.3.1 World Ranking System - Clause 4.4

Proposal – To add wording to Clause 4.4 to ensure doctors assessed players to determine if they are unfit to play.

4.4 *In the World Championships, Grade 2 – Levels 2-4 tournaments, and Continental Confederation Individual Championships/Continental Multi Sports Games Individual Championships, if a Player / pair withdraws or retires from a match played against a Player / pair from the same Member they will not receive World Ranking points for that tournament, unless they present a declaration from the Tournament Doctor and the Tournament Referee certifying that the player is unfit to continue to play due to injury.*

Rationale – It is obvious that injured players are going on court to complete a match without any sporting value to preserve ranking points, due to this regulation. This is a poor presentation of competitive badminton to the spectators, sponsors and to the international television audience as well as potentially harmful to the player's health. The proposal shall remedy the situation.

Badminton Denmark is aware that the substance of this proposal is delegated to Council (Cst. 15.13 and 15.2.7 and 8) however would appreciate hearing the views of the membership before the proposal is referred to Council.



9.2.2 Laws of Badminton – Law 16, Continuous Play, Misconduct and Penalties

Proposal – To instruct the BWF Technical Officials to enforce Law 16 on Continuous Play and Misconduct (Section 4.1 – Laws of Badminton) in particular delay, best effort and behaviour on court.

Rationale - Badminton Denmark is concerned about the poor presentation of competitive badminton due to shortcomings in the enforcement of the Laws and regulations governing delay and behavior on court, in particular shouting and screaming.

Law 16.1 states that '*Play shall be continuous from the first service until the match is concluded*', Law 16.4.1 that '*Under no circumstances shall play be delayed to enable a player to recover strength or wind or to receive advice*', and 16.6.1 that '*A player shall not deliberately cause delay in, or suspension of, play*'.

Law 16.6.3 and 16.6.4 state that '*A player shall not behave in an offensive manner; or be guilty of misconduct not otherwise covered by the Laws of Badminton.*'

Law 16.7 provides the Umpire with the authority to administer breaches of the regulations above by issuing warnings, faults and even reporting the offender to the Referee in view of disqualification.

These Laws are further elaborated on in the Instructions to Technical Officials, 5.11.1 on delay (... *unnecessary walk around the court ...*) and 5.9.1.7 on misconduct (...*celebrating excessively or offensively ...excessive screaming ..*)

Whereas the Laws and regulations as above appear to be adequate, we observe that they are not consistently and duly implemented, harming the presentation of international Badminton.

Some players delay the game to recover or to disturb and distract their opponent, while other players scream and shout loudly and systematically in order to annoy their opponent. In both cases, the presentation of our game is seriously harmed, spectators, television audiences and sponsors are appalled.

- Thomas Lund said these discussions points had been raised during the regional sessions and Members had been invited to submit their comments and questions to these discussion points.

That being the case, these discussion points would not be further dealt with during the AGM but BWF Council had committed to look further into these points and review the areas having been raised by Badminton Denmark.

BWF Council would however like to invite interventions or comments from the membership regarding these points, and all aspects and input will be considered in the process.



Thomas Lund thanked the members of the AGM for their invaluable input/comments and interventions already received.

With regards to the proposal on Law 16, Thomas Lund said that although the subject was relevant it had been ongoing for many years. He added that this was not a Constitutional matter and can be decided by Council after the AGM.

With that, he handed the floor back to the President for the next item.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next Annual General Meeting was proposed to be held in May 2022 in conjunction with the TOTAL BWF Thomas and Uber Cups Finals in Bangkok, Thailand.

The exact date will be announced to the membership, not later than 31 October 2021.

In closing, Poul-Erik Høyer again expressed sincere appreciation to the membership for the confidence they have in him to be the President for another term.

He pledged to live up to that trust and to work hard to develop badminton at an even higher level.

He thanked the BWF Council, the members and other members of the badminton community for their attendance, attention and participation during the meeting as well as in the discussions leading up to the AGM.

Poul-Erik Høyer said that it had not been an easy process and certainly, it was not anticipated to have a 2nd Virtual AGM which also involved very important decisions to be made regarding the regulations and the governance of our sport.

Yet, today the badminton community were gathered again as one body – making decisions so that our sport could continue to grow and develop well. The decisions made showed that the Badminton community was very much engaged in the best interests of the sport in spite of the very difficult and challenging times we are in.

It showed that we have not given up or given in to the circumstances but still doing what we can to stand together and move forward.

With that, he wished everyone and their family and the badminton community good health and well-being and looked forward to the day when we can gather in-person again as a Badminton Family to discuss matters of our sport as well as to catch up with each other.

The 82nd Annual General Meeting was declared closed at 21:50 (KL time).

Poul-Erik Høyer
President