

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Badminton World Federation will be held at the Wanda Vista Hotel, Nanning China on Thursday 23 May 2019 at 1000 hours.

1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

- 1.1 President's Remarks
 - 1.2 Appointment of scrutineers
 - 1.3 Roll call
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2. MINUTES

- 2.1 To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 19 May 2018 (**Annexure A**).
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3. PRESENTATIONS – CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION OF DEPUTY PRESIDENT

Profiles of Candidates – (Annexure B)

1. **Jun, Zhang (CHN)**
Proposed by: Chinese Badminton Association
Seconders: Nepal, Maldives, Lebanon, Indonesia, Mongolia
 2. **Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul (THA)**
Proposed by: Badminton Indonesia (PBSI)
Seconders: Hong Kong, Macau, Australia, Seychelles, Central Africa, Indonesia, Iraq, Guyana, Japan, Botswana, Denmark, Zimbabwe, Myanmar, Laos
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4. INTRODUCING THE CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Profiles of Candidates – (Annexure C)

1. **Evans Kojo Yeboah (GHA)**
Proposed by: Zambia Badminton Association
Seconders: Nigeria, Botswana
2. **Himanta Biswa Sarma (IND)**
Proposed by: Badminton Association of India
Seconders: Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka
3. **Jose Gabriel del Busto Fernandez (GUA)**
Proposed by: Mexican Badminton Federation
Seconders: Costa Rica, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Venezuela,
4. **Kay Kamatuwa Chirwa (ZAM)**
Proposed by: Zambia Badminton Association
Seconders: Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea
5. **Kinji Zeniya (JPN)**
Proposed by: Nippon Badminton Association
Seconders: England, Lebanon, Korea, Macau, Maldives, Syrian, Thailand, Spain

6. **Moneoang Leshota (LES)**
Proposed by: Samoa Badminton Association
Seconders: Australia
 7. **Omar Bellali (MOR)**
Proposed by: Badminton Federation of Morocco
Seconders: Algeria, Central Africa
 8. **Richard Vaughan (IRL)**
Proposed by: Badminton Ireland
Seconders: Switzerland
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5. COUNCIL REPORT

- 5.1 To receive the Report of Council and its Committees, and other reports for the year ending 31 December 2018.
 - 5.2 To adopt the Financial Statements, duly audited, for the year ending 31 December 2018 (**Annexure D**).
 - 5.3 To receive the 2019 budget and the provisional budget for 2020 (**Annexure E**)
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6. COUNCIL ELECTIONS

To consider the nominations and conduct the elections for two casual vacancies:
1) Deputy President, 2) Council member of the Federation for a term of office of two years up to May 2021 in accordance with Clause 18.1 of the BWF Constitution.

6.1 Deputy President – 2 candidates

Profiles of Candidates – (*Annexure B*)

1. Jun, Zhang (CHN)
 2. Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul (THA)
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6.2 Council Member – 8 candidates

Profiles of Candidates – (*Annexure C*)

1. Evans Kojo Yeboah (GHA)
 2. Himanta Biswa Sarma (IND)
 3. Jose Gabriel del Busto Fernandez (GUA)
 4. Kay Kamatuwa Chirwa (ZAM)
 5. Kinji Zeniya (JPN)
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7. PROPOSALS – BWF COUNCIL

The Council of the BWF proposes the following to the membership for approval.

7.1 Constitution – deadlines for nominations

To approve amendments to the BWF constitution as per the below (in red):

New Defined Term – Closing Date – new Clause 7.7

7.7 Closing Date – shall be the date defined in accordance with Clause 15.1.

15. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

An AGM shall be held not later than 31 July of each year in a place as may be decided by Council following notice given in accordance with Clauses 15.10 and 15.11.

Closing Date for *submitting* proposals and nominations to the AGM.

15.1. The **Closing Date** for *submitting the submission of* proposals and nominations to the AGM shall be decided by Council and notified to all Members not later than ~~30 September~~ **31 October** of the **year** preceding ~~year~~ the AGM. This **Closing Date** shall be a minimum of 12 weeks before the date established for the AGM.

Subject to Clause 18.17, Council vacancies arising after notification of the Closing Date, but before 5 January, shall also be filled. Members shall be informed before 11 January of such vacancies and shall be given until the Closing Date to submit nominations.

Casual Vacancies

18.13. If a President is unable to complete the term of office or the term has been terminated (Clause 18.10), the Deputy President shall be acting President.

18.14. If there is an acting President (Clause 18.13) five months before an AGM at which an election for President would not normally have been held, a President for the remainder of the term of office shall be elected in the usual way at that AGM.

18.15. If the Deputy President or the Vice President Para-Badminton does not complete the term of office, a person acting in that role shall be appointed by Council from within Council and a successor shall be elected for the remainder of the original term at the next AGM, however subject to notice being given ~~about such election and call for nominations latest by 30~~

~~September in the preceding year of the AGM where the election is to take place as per Clause 15.1.~~

18.16. If any of the five Vice-Presidents elected by Continental Confederation General Meetings does not complete the term of office an Acting Vice President shall be appointed by the relevant Continental Confederation from within the Confederation Council and a successor shall be elected for the remainder of the original term at the next Continental Confederation General Meeting.

18.17. In case of ~~any retirement or a~~ vacancy amongst the remaining members on Council, except for the Athletes Commission Chair, a successor shall be elected for the remainder of the original term at the next AGM, however subject to notice being given ~~about such election and call for nominations latest by 30 September in the preceding year of the AGM where the election is to take place as per~~ Clause 15.1. Council may decide not to call for an election to fill a vacancy if such an elected Council member cannot serve on Council for at least 18 months of the original term.

Rationale

The proposed amendments pushes forward the notice deadline for notifying the membership of the deadline for proposals / nominations – from 30 September to 31 October. The amendments also gives additional time (from the announcement of the Closing Date till the 5 January) in which nominations can be called for any case casual vacancies on Council that occur from 1 November to 5 January.

7.2 Laws of Badminton – Section 4. Racket - Clause 4.2.1

To approve amendments the Laws of Badminton to Clause 4.2.1 as below (in red).

4.2 The stringed area:

4.2.1 shall be flat and consist of a pattern of crossed strings either alternately interlaced or bonded where they cross. ~~The stringing pattern shall be generally uniform and, in particular, not less dense in the centre than in any other area;~~ and

4.2.2 shall not exceed 280 mm in overall length and 220 mm in overall width. However, the strings may extend into an area which otherwise would be the throat, provided that:

4.2.2.1 the width of the extended stringed area does not exceed 35 mm; and

4.2.2.2 the overall length of the stringed area does not then exceed 330 mm

Rationale

The change simplifies the Law and in keeping with current established practice of racket manufacture.

7.3 Laws of Badminton – Section 13 - FAULTS

To approve amendments the Laws of Badminton to Clause 13 as below (in red).

13. FAULTS

It shall be a 'fault':

13.3 if in play, the shuttle:

13.3.1 lands outside the boundaries of the court (i.e. not on or within the boundary lines);

13.3.2 fails to pass over the net;

13.3.3 touches the ceiling or side walls;

13.3.4 touches the person or dress of a player;

13.3.4.1 In Para-badminton a Wheelchair or Crutch is considered part of the player's person.

13.3.5 touches any other object or person outside the court;

(Where necessary on account of the structure of the building, the local badminton authority may, subject to the right of veto of its Member Association, make bye-laws dealing with cases in which a shuttle touches an obstruction).

13.3.6 is caught and held on the racket and then slung during the execution of a stroke;

13.3.7 is hit twice in succession by the same player. However, a shuttle hitting the head and the stringed area of the racket in one stroke shall not be a 'fault';

13.3.8 is hit by a player and the player's partner successively; or

13.3.9 touches a player's racket and does not travel towards the opponent's court;

13.3.10 in wheelchair badminton if the shuttle is:

13.3.10.1 caught on the net and remains suspended on top; or

13.3.10.2 after passing over the net is caught in the net.

Rationale

In wheelchair badminton, the front of the court between the two service lines is out of bounds, so therefore the shuttle that is suspended and/or caught in the net is considered not in play and as part of a service, a fault.

5.4 Laws of Badminton – Section 14 - LETS

To approve amendments the Laws of Badminton to Clause 14 as below (in red).

14. LETS

14.1 *'Let' shall be called by the umpire, or by a player (if there is no umpire), to halt play.*

14.2 *It shall be a "let", if: 14.2.1 the server serves before the receiver is ready (Law 9.4);*

14.2.2 during service, the receiver and the server are both faulted;

14.2.3 after the service is returned, the shuttle is:

14.2.3.1 caught on the net and remains suspended on its top, or

14.2.3.2 after passing over the net is caught in the net;

14.2.3.3 except in wheelchair badminton when it is a fault.

14.2.4 during play, the shuttle disintegrates and the base completely separates from the rest of the shuttle;

14.2.5 in the opinion of the umpire, play is disrupted or a player of the opposing side is distracted by a coach;

14.2.6 a line judge is unsighted and the umpire is unable to make a decision; or

14.2.7 any unforeseen or accidental situation has occurred.

14.3 *When a 'let' occurs, play since the last service shall not count and the player who served last shall serve again.*

Rationale

In wheelchair badminton, the front of the court between the two service lines is out of bounds, so therefore the shuttle that is suspended and/or caught in the net is considered not in play and as part of a service, a fault.

8. SUBSCRIPTION

To consider Council's proposal that the unit of subscription for the year 2018 should be set at US\$200 per unit (unchanged).

9. AUDITORS

Council proposes that the services of BDO Malaysia be maintained.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11. NEXT MEETING

The next Annual General Meeting is proposed to be held in May 2020 in conjunction with the TOTAL BWF Thomas & Uber Cup Finals 2020.

The exact date will be announced to the membership, not later than 30 September 2019 *[or if the membership approves Agenda Item 7.1, the membership will be informed no later than 31 October 2019]*.

By order of the Council of the Federation.

Thomas Lund
Secretary General
29 March 2019