

# **OCEANIA MEETING REPORT**

**AUCKLAND 06/02/20147**

## **AGENDA**

- Oceania championship venue
  - Number of participants per team
  - Accommodation
- Oceania Calendar
- Oceania championships playing format
- Review of Confederation Constitution
- Umpiring examination
- Alcohol
- Uniform

Meeting open at 9.15 by Confederation President Jean Christian Lerandy

Present

- Jean Christina Lerandy and Michel Hamblin - New Caledonia
- Stefany Frost – New Zealand
- Andre Deramond – Australia
- J.C Tofili – Wallis and Futuna
- Vini – Tahiti
- Estall – Tahiti

Apology from Vanuatu delegate

Confirmation of minute of meeting held in Vanuatu in February 2016

- Confirmation of Committee
  - J.c. Lerandy (N.C. President)
  - Stefany Frost (NZ) and Andre Deramond (AUS) V. President
  - Michel Hamblin (N.C) Secretary
  - Treasurer from New Caledonia (Name?) not present
  - Confederation official Umpire – Andre Deramond (AUS)

Tahiti is represented by 2 delegates due to French court decision invalidating the election of committee, two delegates representing the 2 factions allowed to attend meeting but with no voting right.

As all but one of the delegate present are French speakers I am appointed as a translator for (Stefany Frost), it slows down the meeting and at time makes it difficult as everyone comments at the same time.

**President report** and general comments on the Oceania championships and meeting February 2016 held in Vanuatu.

- Poor facilities due to cyclone
- Death of a new Caledonian delegate during the event
- Major issues with playing format
- No English delegate at control table, NZ and Australian players complaint
- Alcohol issue with players from Wallis and New Caledonia
- Playing Uniforms
- Umpiring

### **Playing format and control table**

At the meeting in Vanuatu Australia had proposed that the Oceania Confederation should use same software as the FIPJP (World Championships), NZ delegate supported move.

I was asked to provide information and run a demo for the delegate in Christchurch during our meeting.

The committee accepted our proposal by a unanimous vote, with the proviso that if it didn't work properly we would reverse to the paper version of running event. Committee discussed using Swiss format for qualification it was opposed by Confederation President a vote was taken (2 – 2) as the President had the casting vote he voted against using Swiss format preferring straight draw with protection (avoiding that team from same country played one another in first round).

Full format is as follow

- 4 rounds qualifications
- Top 8 to play ¼ final
- Last 4 to play semi final
- Last to play final

This format to be applied to all form of the game (single, double and triple)

### **Oceania Calendar**

- 2019 – Australia
- 2021 – Tahiti
- 2023 – New Caledonia
- 2025 – Wallis and Futuna

If a new country did join they would get 1<sup>st</sup> choice on date

PNZ and Australia requested that invitation to any events shall be forwarded at least 6 months before the event to allow our selection process to take place and check players' availability.

### **Delegation number**

Due to the cost PNZ and Australia had requested a change in the number of participant at the Oceania championships

- The committee after a vote agreed that the Host Federation shall be only responsible to provide accommodation and food for 4 men and 4 women per delegation on line with all major international competitions for the duration of the event.
- Each country can enter extra participants at their own expenses.

### **Oceania Championships 2017**

Stefany Frost presented PNZ plan for the next Oceania Championships in Christchurch 22/11 til 25/11/17

- Accommodation in surrounding motels
- 20' from playing area
- PNZ will provide bi-lingual officials for all the vent
- PNZ will provide a computer operator
- PNZ will provide 2 umpires
- Australia to provide International Umpire (Pete Beaumont)
- PNZ can assist with travelling arrangements for all teams; they just require numbers of travelling party (No name need to be provided at the early stage of booking).

## **Confederation Umpire examination**

The Oceania confederation will conduct umpire examination during their Oceania championships.

Oceania official umpire requested to held 1<sup>st</sup> examination in Christchurch 2017.

The exam being open only to National umpire with minimum 2 years experience in their position, the candidate must be presented by their own national federation.

An umpire to sit the International umpire exam (FIPJP) must have the rank of Confederation umpire and be presented by its National Federation.

This exam is the pathway to becoming an FIPJP International umpire.

## **Oceania Confederation Membership and fees**

Yearly Membership of 20 000 Pacific French Franc (XPF) due before each Oceania championships

Player's entry fees for the Oceania championships 2000 Pacific French Franc (XPF)

## **Trophies and medals**

The host country will receive 20 000 (XPF) to assist in purchasing trophies and medals  
A schedule of medals (48) in total and trophy will be provided to the host country.

## **Alcohol**

At the request of the FIPJP Madagascar congress 4 th December 2016

No sale of alcohol shall be allowed within the perimeter of playing area, a drinking area shall be designated, and no sale of alcohol shall be allowed during the games.

Bar to be open only after round of qualifications to players non qualified in the event.

Players still engaged in competition should not be sold alcohol.

The above measures are part of the cleaning of the game to assist in Petanque becoming an Olympic sport.

It is also a protection for committee members as committee members could be held responsible if a player had an accident related to the sale of alcohol during an event.

Alcohol testing is widely used now in most competitions overseas as well as anti doping test.

A player tested (Drugs and Alcohol) and find guilty will be suspended by its Federation in accordance with the anti doping policy, but furthermore the national Federation could be suspended by the FIPJP.

New Caledonia test all their players selected to play in any International event. (Testing is cheaper than in Australia).

\$800 per player for an anti doping test in Australia!!!

## **Uniforms**

Again with the application for 2024 Olympic game admission the FIPJP request that for all official petanque events "Championships I.E. State, National and International open competition" the national federation should insure that all participating players wear a proper uniform (Minimum same top for players in a team).  
International event players must wear full uniform for all team members.

## **International invitation events**

Any club or organiser running an international invitation event must receive approval from the national federation, this to insure that those events conformed fully to FIPJP rules and regulations.

This is to protect overseas participants and to avoid "non complying" tournament being promoted.

**The FIPJP is threatening to ban players participating in those non sanctioned events.**

## **Detail of playing format for Oceania 2017 in Christchurch**

Single 45' playing time + 2 ends + 1 end if equal score

Double 50' playing time + 2 ends + 1 end if equal score

Triple 1 hr playing time + 2 ends + 1 end if equal score

This will apply to both Men and women competition

## **Mens' World championships qualification**

A separate triple competition will be held between countries allowed to attend the world championships

- New Caledonia, Tahiti, Vanuatu, New Zealand and Australia

Top 3 ranked countries qualified to enter men's world championships

Tahiti and New Caledonia under Olympic regulation can stand as a country using their own flag and national anthem.

Tahiti and New Caledonia participate in all qualifications for the Olympic Games.

Wallis and Futuna as a French league cannot play in the qualification.

## **Women's world championships qualification**

Qualifications are not yet held but with the increase in the number of registered National federation same principle is going to be applied for women's qualification to the world championships.

## **International events participation**

### **Confederation cup held every 2 years between world championships**

- Men's and Women's teams ranked number 1 in the overall ranking of the Oceania's championships (Number of medals won in all form of the game) have the right to represent the Oceania confederation in the Confederation cup.

### **Men's world championships held every 2 years**

Separate competition held at the end of the Oceania's championships

Top qualified 3 men's teams have the right to represent the Oceania confederation at the men's world championships.

## **Asian Confederation membership**

I did raise the issue that Australia was considering moving to the Asian confederation as discussed at our last board meeting due to economical and logistic difficulties (travelling distance and time).

The FIPJP at its last congress in Madagascar asked that all confederations should try to increase their membership again with the 2024 application in mind.

Our application will carry more weight if we can show that Petanque is played everywhere around the world.

NZ has the same view but we all agree to wait for the time been, I indicated to the committee that we were and will be encouraging our members to attend events in Asia to improve our players skills and exposure to better players.

## **World Championships date and venue**

2017 - Junior and women world championships to be held in China, venue and date to be confirmed by the FIPJP in April 2017, still waiting for Chinese government authority approval

2018 – Men's world championships no venue or date confirmed yet

- Italy or
- Canada

2020 – Men's world championship

- New Caledonia has lodged an expression of interest and asked for the support of all the Oceania confederation members.

## **Constitution**

It was agreed to conduct review by email and have issue listed for next congress in Christchurch 2017

Meeting closed at 2.45 pm