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THROUGH  
SPORT"**

## 2015 Special Annual General Assembly Meeting February 27, 2015 Office of the Governor Conference Room Peleliu State, 7:00pm

### MINUTES

7:00pm

**Call to Order** – PNOC President Frank Kyota

President Kyota called the meeting to order at 7:07pm. Board Director Alonz Moses offered the prayer.

7:05pm

**Roll Call** - PNOC Secretary Laura S. Mangham

**Presentation/Examination of Proxies, if any** – Secretary L. Mangham

Present were Baseball: Atley Kazuma and Governor Shmull; Basketball: Krank Kyota and Kazuki Topps Sungino; Canoe: Baklai Temengil Chilton and Alonz Moses; Judo: Mikio Inoue; Swimming: Judy Otto and Billy Brown; Track & Field: Peoria Koshiba and Marcy Andrew; Table Tennis: Orachel Watanabe; Softball: Johnny Sokau and Carol Ngiraidis; Wrestling: Franson Gibbons and Samantha Rechelluul; Archery: Laura Mangham and Joe Chilton.

Apologies: Lawn Tennis – Ernestine Rengil

Absent Sports: Football, Weightlifting, and Volleyball

Guests: Jubilee Kuartei, OSEP/PNOC Sports Ed. Commission; Corrine Hideos, PISEP Coordinator

**Announcement of a Quorum (simple majority)** Secretary L. Mangham

Counting eighteen out of thirty members represented, Secretary Mangham announced a quorum.

7:10pm

**PNOC Charter Amendments Presentation & Approval (Kyota)**

- Inclusive of Athlete in By Laws per IOC Charter
- Athletes Commission Terms of Reference and By Laws

The sole agenda for the Special AGM is the review and approval of the language regarding the Athletes' Representatives to the General Assembly and the PNOC Board in the Palau National Olympic Committee's Articles of Incorporation and the Constitution and Bylaws.

Member Sports:

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As suggested by Jerome Poivey, Head of Institutional Relations and governance, NOC Relations Department, and reviewed and endorsed by Board member Attorney-at-Law Ernestine Rengiil, the revised language will be as follows:

Articles of Incorporation:

**6.02.05 Olympic athletes.** *At least two athletes' representatives (1 male and 1 female) must be elected by the Athletes Commission (established in accordance with the IOC guidelines and as per the terms of reference attached to this Constitution) from among its members having participated in at least one of the last three editions of the Olympic Games as voting members of the General Assembly.*

The Terms of Reference on Representation of the Athletes Commission Within the NOC:

Pursuant to the recommendation of the IOC 2000 Reform Commission that “athletes should be well represented at all levels of the sports movement: IOC, Ifs, NOCs, and NFs”, the Committee accepts the recommendation for an athlete representation in the Palau NOC Board and General Assembly as follows:

- a. The Commission is represented at the NOC General Assembly by at least two of its members (1 male and 1 female), who must be athletes elected by the Commission, who will have the right to vote within this Assembly;
- b. The Commission is represented within the Palau NOC executive board by one member who is an athlete who has represented Palau at the Olympic Games, International and at Regional Games elected by the Commission and ratified by the NOC General Assembly membership who will have the right to vote within this executive body.
- c. The Athlete nominated and elected to the NOC General Assembly and the NOC Executive Board, must meet the following criteria:
  1. An active athlete who has represented Palau in their sport within the past 8 years At the Olympic Games, International and at Regional Games.
  2. An active athlete who was selected, nominated and confirmed by his/her respective National Federation to the Athletes Commission Board and who has represented Palau in their sport within the past 8 years at the Olympic Games, International and at Regional Games.

Charter and Bylaws:

*4.01 Number. The Board shall have seven Officers and Directors, known as the Board of Directors. The board of Directors consists of the Officers and Directors elected by the members at the Annual Meeting, as provided in 4.06; infra. In addition, in accordance to Rule 28.1.1 of the Olympic Charter, any IOC member(s) in Palau shall be ex officio member(s) of the Board of Directors with the right to vote. Moreover, one athletes' representative must be elected by the Athletes Commission from among its members, and ratified by the General Assembly, as voting member of the Board of Directors. The voting majority of the Board of Directors shall always consist of the votes cast by the representatives of the national federations affiliated to the International Federations governing sports included in the programme of the Olympic Games.*

The discussion regarding the above language:

Carol asked if the two elected members to represent athletes to the AGM will vote. The response was “Yes,”; both will vote in the General Assembly but only one will be a member of the PNOC Executive Board.

Jubilee asked about the terms of reference – C.2. Can any athlete be a member of the Athletes’ Commission? Athletes’ Commission members must meet the criteria in 6.02.05.

Joe raised a concern with the language to include athletes who have participated in international competitions: that’s also covered in the ‘terms of reference’;

Judy asked if C.2. can be changed to reflect the terms of reference to be compatible with the language of 6.02.05. (C.2. refers to international and Olympic Games). Carol supported Judy’s suggestion just in case we do not have anyone in the Olympic Games for the next 8 years.

*Judy made a motion to approve the proposal with the change in the language in the Terms of Reference to agree with the 6.02.05 – athletes who have attended regional and international games – 8 years; and Olympians who have attended at least one of the last 3 Olympic Games.*

Kazuki Topps Sungino asked if Peoria’s and John’s elections to the General Assembly and John’s election to the PNOC Board may be retroacted to legitimize their current positions. Response was that they will serve out their terms as they met the criteria at the time of their elections – both to the General Assembly, and John, Jr. to the PNOC Executive Board.

Preident Kyota asked for a motion to approve the language of 6.02.05 Olympic Athletes.

**Motion: Radley Kazuma moved to approve the language of the Athletes’ Commission – both the Constitution and Bylaws and the terms of reference; Joe seconded; all voting members present approved.**

Preident Kyota asked for a motion to approve the amendment to the PNOC Bylaws 4.01. Number as suggested by Jerome Poivey and endorsed by PNOC Board member Ernestine Rengiil.

**Motion: Carol Ngiraidis moved to amend the current PNOC bylaws, Article 4.01, to reflect the approved inclusion of one Athletes’ Commission member in the PNOC Executive Board; Topps Sungino seconded; all voting members present approved.**

7:40pm

**Palau NOC: Review of NOC Mission, Vision & Values: PISEP**

### **The Vision**

After some minutes’ discussion, everyone agreed that we will keep it as is: During the Melekok retreat in 2009, our vision became “Excellence through Sport.” During the Ngaraard retreat in 2012, we agreed that it was still relevant and what we aspire to use as our identity and focus of what we do as an organization. During this retreat, 2015, we agree that it is still very relevant; what we need to look at are the values.

Further discussion on the Vision and discussion on the Mission and the PNOC Values were deferred until the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the retreat.

7:50pm

**Announcements (if any)**

- IOC Scholarships Holders  
1) Athletics-Rodman Teltull; Weightlifting-Stevick Patris; Swimming: Dirngulbai Misech; Wrestling: Florian Temengil and Blesam Tarkong.
- 2015 Belau Games Updates  
Secretary General reported that we're working with the governors to organize the Games; that Governor Shmull helped us explain the benefits of holding the Games to the Governors at their recent meeting; some governors were not supportive or didn't see the importance of the Games.
- 7:49pm – Jubilee & Laura on the RAT  
Jubilee surveyed those who have not heard about the RAT – 4 hands went up (Sam, Billy, Mikio, and Orachel). Jubilee explained RAT stands for Readiness Assessment Tool; this is an assessment that should be taken each year to determine the health of the organization and its development progress, and to help the NOC to see where there is need for training to help the federations improve and strengthen the sport federations. Copies of the RAT were disseminated to the sports federations and were asked to work together to complete them by breakfast time tomorrow.

Everyone are to review the current NOC Mission and the PNOC Values for discussion tomorrow.

Housekeeping:

- Everyone was happy with their accommodations and food.
- Breakfast is at 7:00am at the State Office.

**Adjournment**

Radley Kazuma moved to adjourn the Special General Assembly; Joe seconded; all approved; President Kyota adjourned the Special Annual General Meeting at 8:03pm.

Prepared and submitted by

  
Laura S. Mangham  
PNOC Executive Board Secretary

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PNOC Board Secretary Signature, Date/Time