

# PALAU NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

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## Annual General Meeting 12 November 2015, PICRC Conference Room 8am – 4:30pm

### MINUTES

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2012-2016**

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Baklai Temengiil**

**9:00am CALL TO ORDER - *PNOC President Frank Kyota***

PNOC President Frank Kyota called the 2015 Annual General Meeting to order at 9:00am.

**9:15am ROLL CALL – *Secretary L. Mangham***

Present for Baseball were Atley Kazuma; Basketball were Frank Kyota and Kazuki Topps Sungino; Canoe were Baklai Temengiil Chilton and Alonz Moses; Lawn Tennis were Ernestine Rengiil and Nelson Sisor; Athletics were Peoria Koshiba and Regis Akitaya; Football were Destin Penland and Baba Toribiong; Triathlon was represented by proxies; Softball were Johnny Sokau and Carol Ngiraidis; Volleyball were Hila Asanuma and Kenny Reklai; Wrestling were Joe Chilton and John Tarkong, Jr.; Palau Judo Federation was Ismael Aguon; Archery was Laura Mangham. The sport that did not have any representatives was Table Tennis.

**9:15am PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF PROXIES – *Secretary L. Mangham***

Duly presented and noted proxies were Atley Kazuma for Baseball voting member Gov. Temmy Shmull; Jimmy Jonas for Swimming voting Member Valerie Whipps; Thelma Gayman for Judo voting member Jennifer Anson; Joe Chilton for Archery voting member Debbie Toribiong; and Grace Kishigawa and Pia Remengesau representing Palau Triathlon voting members Frida Delmau and Joe Chilton.

**Old, or Unfinished Business**

1. Annual Dues – PNOC & Ifs
2. Annual Reports

All but two sports were not up to date with their NOC dues.

**9:15am ANNOUNCEMENT OF A QUORUM (simple majority) – *Secretary L. Mangham***

With 25 members and proxies present, Secretary Mangham announced a quorum.

**WELCOME – *President Frank Kyota***

President Kyota welcomed special guests – members of Commissions Judge Salii standing for Women and Sport for Carol Ngiraidis; Athletes' Commission, Medical Commission, SDO members.

President Kyota had special news about athletes who have won full scholarships to Taiwan: Francis Tkel and Miss Techitong.

**9:20am – REVIEW and APPROVAL of LAST MEETING MINUTES – *President Kyota***

After reviewing the minutes, Board member Ernestine Rengiil moved to approve the minutes of the last AGM; Joe Chilton seconded and all approved.

Board member Sen. Akitaya asked about the federations that are not here – Weightlifting, Wrestling and Table Tennis.

“Excellence  
Through  
Sport”

### MEMBER SPORTS:

Belau Baseball Federation, Canoe Association of Palau, palau Tennis Federation, Palau Judo Federation, Palau Softball Federation, Palau Swimming Association, Palau Basketball Federation, Palau Track and Field Association, Belau Weightlifting Associatiob, Belau Wrestling Associationn, Belau Table Tennis Association, Palau Triathlon Federation, Palau Football Association, Palau Archery Federation and Palau Volleyball Federation

## 9:30am PRESENTATIONS OF PROGRAMS

### 1. **Presentation on Belau Independent Interscholastic Athletics Association, BIIAA – Uchel Tmetuchl**

The idea was suggested by Dale and Uchel Tmetuchl to strengthen this program as a “farm” for elite athletes. The idea is not new; Guam and Saipan utilizes the same strategy. The Palau team is made up of high school principals and 3 community members. President is Bedebii Chiokai; Vice President is a Smythe Rdang; Secretary is Dale, and Uchel Tmetuchl Treasurer. Idea keep the administration of the program in the schools as it is a school enterprise. BIIAA is pretty new, became an association in Aug. 2015. This is an education program and targets the schools for physical and health elements of the program:

- Schools have the responsibility to educate the whole child
- Physical activity helps develop healthy lifestyles
- Participation in interscholastic athletics benefits the students in a variety of ways
- Studies show that students involved in interscholastic athletics are more positive students and perform better in their studies

The structure includes Varsity – the best of the 9<sup>th</sup> o 12<sup>th</sup> grade athletes, and Junior Varsity those at the developmental program/stage. Among their future goals include making the program inclusive so all who want to play can play, and they plan to eventually provide needed items to the schools so all students who want to play can play. Uchel thanked everyone who made the program possible – Hila and Kenny for the volleyball tournament; Peoria for the athletics tournament, and Topps for basketball. They plan to alternate sports each year so they can play all sports. They plan to provide uniforms to be returned at the end of the program to save on costs. Issues that pose challenges are rides for students who live on Babeldaob who can’t miss the bus rides home; facilities (lights and maintenance). Their recommendation: Hire a full-time PE/health teacher/staff for each school.

### 2. **Presentation ANOC Youth Delegates, Jimmy Jonas & Isabelle Goodall**

Jimmy Jonas presented the Youth Leadership Training Program – planning for a youth camp in the summer (19-25 counselors 1 male & 1 female) counselors to attend training program before the summer camp. This activity comes from the Legacy Program from the London games.

10:00am

President Kyota recessed the AGM proceedings for President Remengesau’s remarks.

President Remengesau reiterated the issues listed by the BIIAA and encouraged them to put on paper their needs to be addressed. He stressed the importance of sports in promoting the goodwill among Micronesians; how it can combat the youth violence of today, and mandated PNOc to coordinate programs in the schools with BIIAA. President Remengesau announced that 2016 will be declared “The Year of the Youth”; when it comes to the youth, sports is a unifying factor, the President stressed. There’s assistance for facilities and competition; what we need is the commitment from children, parents, and sports people to make it all work. That is the most important thing we now need to do – work on the commitment part.

(10:25am Break for picture-taking with President Remengesau)

10:29 – President Kyota reconvened the meeting after the picture-taking.

**3. Presentation of Olympic Marketing & Use of Ring & NOC Emblem – *Kenny Reklai***

Kenny presented the required form and way the Olympic Rings are used on emblems, shirts, or sports equipment. We must ensure that when we use the rings in our promotional items that they follow the accepted form. The marketing program he is working on is yet to be completed and approved by the Board before it becomes usable. Kenny can assist all the federations with their marketing programs.

**4. Presentation on Belau Games Recommendations, *Secretary General Baklai Temengil Chilton***

The Secretary General proposes to develop a Belau National Games Commission to oversee all that is involved in running the Belau Games. The Belau Youth Games is this 2016. The SG recommends that Frida Delmau be a member of the Commission because of her membership and experience in the Pacific Games Council. She will have the expertise to help the commission.

**MOTION: Sen. Akitaya moved to 1) Create the Belau National Games Commission; 2) nominate Frida Delmau to represent the PNOC Board in the commission with Topps Sungino as Chair of the Commission. Laura seconded; all approved the two motions.**

Joe Chilton suggested that the Youth Representative and Athletes' Representative be included in the membership of the commission. The members to include Jimmy Jonas, Kenny Reklai, Jubilee Kuartei, Frida Delmau, and Topps Sungino as Chair. Kenny requested that he sit in at the meeting for now and will meet with PNYC to select the representative and submit the name to PNOC.

**MOTION: Board member Ernestine Rengiil moved to approve the names for the Belau National Games Commission (Jimmy Jonas, Kenny Reklai, Jubilee Kuartei, Frida Delmau, and Topps Sungino as Chair); Joe Chilton seconded; all approved.**

**5. Presentation on R.A.P.S – Beach Event – *SG Baklai Temengil Chilton***

SG Chilton Baklai reported on the Reach Active Pathway Sports (RAPS) program – sports that can be run at a beach venue, and checked with Jimmy and Isabel to see if this can be run during the Christmas break. Many of the states have venues that can be used to run this program, and most of the federations already have the resources to support this program. SG Chilton asked the state reps present if they think the program can be run at their state. We could go to a village over a weekend and run the program of various sports, such as a weekend camp from Friday to Saturday, or run it as a day program. Sports that can easily run beach events include athletics, beach volleyball, beach wrestling, beach soccer, archery, biathlon, bike introduction, beach tennis, swimming, traditional games such as coconut husking, spearthrowing, climbing, etc.

**10:45am Coffee Break**

**SPORTS Programs (Working Session)**

*SDOs' and National Federat*

*National Sports Federations Reports & Updates*

***Japan Sport for Tomorrow Program 2020, Japan Embassy***

11:15am – Two representatives from the Japan Embassy made the presentation. They presented the 2019 Rugby World Cup; 2020 Summer Olympics; 2021 World Masters Games; and 2020 Tokyo Olympics as the highlight of the presentation.

The DCDP grant is for technical assistance, facilities, equipment, (grant assistance for grassroots projects). Individuals cannot apply – only organizations. Grant maximum is around \$100,000 US. In order to apply, organizations must consult the Japanese Embassy. Organizations can also apply to JICA. There are 3 Focus areas: 1) International Cooperation and Exchange through Sport; 2) Academy for Tomorrow's Leaders in Sport; and 3) PLAY TRUE 2020: Develop Sport Integrity through Strengthening the Global Anti-Doping Activity.

### **12:15pm LUNCH (PICRC Area)**

### **1:15pm NF Highlights & NOC COMMISSIONS REPORT**

#### **A. Athletes Commission – John Tarkong, Jr.**

#### **B. Women in Sports Commission - Carol Ngiraidis**

Judge Kathleen Salii reported (ref. prepared report) The challenge is how to get the youth and states to participate more. PWaSC has submitted Judy Otto for the IOC 2015 Sports Award nominee. Some of the programs are outreach to the villages and other sports federations. Judge Salii reminded the federations to submit one or two names of their members to be members of the PWaSC.

Destin posed a dilemma with the girls who turn 16 in regards to participating in football (soccer). President Kyota suggested continuing the conversation to help with the recruitment of more athletes and parents to help with soccer.

#### **C. Medical Commission – Jason Nolan (Seba reporting)**

The purpose of the commission work is to prevent and inform on doping. This is difficult work; we need to recruit younger members of the commission. President Kyota encouraged all federations to request the Medical Commission to come inform their athletes about the Doping.

Johnny Sokau asked if PNOC can do a national policy on doping to check athletes out of competition. Judge Salii suggested we don't need PNOC to make the policy – we can make our own policies as sports organizations and enforce them.

#### **D. Education Commission PISEP – Joe Chilton**

(Ref. prepared report from Joe/Jubilee) Jubilee explained the RAT instrument and what it can do for the federations – by way of assessment and development plans. This assessment must be done annually every October. The results show the gaps between where the sport federation is currently and next level of development; this helps the federations plan for training in those areas where they need to improve.

#### **E. NFs' Highlights**

**Archery** – Joe reported on the development of the sport; Archery held its AGM on Dec. 13 at the Airai Elementary School after the tournament. (check Jubilee for the ppt report)

**Volleyball** (ref. ppt report) - Kenny reported on the progress of volleyball.

**Soccer** – (ref. ppt report) Baba reported on the activities of soccer; their major sponsors are from outside.

**Canoe** – Baklai reported on the activities and competitions; but this year the focus is on Marina. She's training hard and is the top her event in Oceania; program is becoming easier to conduct since everyone knows the routine and can help out. Canoe has a sprint this month and the Sechou Cup is in February in Ngermid.

**Triathlon**- (ref. prepared ppt. report) Frida reported on their competitions – it is somewhat difficult to have kids competing with only about 10 association bikes for kids to use with the TriKids program. Sport tourism

is a big market for outside participants; this year will be the 8<sup>th</sup> year of the program. Triathlon is a mobile sport – can move around to Babeldaob. The Japanese are high end tourist-athletes. Frida has to stay at PPR for the duration of the competition (1 day).

**Swimming** - (ref. prepared ppt. report) Jimmy reported: they drained the pool for the first time since 1998, and the Sea Bees are working on the repair. Noel Keane and Ubi Misech are training in Hawaii in preparation for Rio. Programs include open water swim and 2<sup>nd</sup> inter-rock island swim; the “Just Add Water Adult Group” 2<sup>nd</sup> year running the elementary school program with Meyuns, Koror, and GB Harris; Community Learn-to-Swim Programs. Their outreach program focused on Ngerchelung State. The big challenge is the \$50,000+ pool maintenance each year.

### 1:45pm REPORTS OF PNOG

#### A. President’s Report - *President Frank Kyota*

During the last AGM the issue regarding the language of the *Athletes’ Commission* was resolved so that the Athletes’ Representative could vote also. For *Sports Education Commission*, Joe and Jubilee are Master Educators; *Sports & Media*: Reporter’s Academy from March 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> – Katy Atkinson was impressed with Palau’s performance; the 14<sup>th</sup> *Sports Award Banquet* April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015 – wants a feedback on this activity; *Belau National Games* – June 19<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> 2015 – wants to single out Sonsorol – doesn’t run around recruiting athletes from other states; we need to focus on long-term preparation. Koror States for two years in a row had a Filipina/o carry its flag. We need to encourage our children to take advantage of the sports programs. *Pacific Games* – July 1st-28<sup>th</sup> 2015 – the highlight is Rodman Teltull who took the silver. Athletics took 1 silver and 1 bronze medal. Stevick Patris --long time in training for 2016. *XX ANOC General Assembly* – the PNOG President and General Secretary will be attending the meeting.

#### B. Secretary General’s Report - *Baklai Temengil Chilton*

Highlights of the NOG Activities: SG

*Skipped this report.*

#### C. Treasurer/Financial Overview: *SG & Bonnie Ngirailild* *Solidarity Programs 2016 (ref. printed report)*

#### D. Facilities Property Management & Operations

*Deferred this item for a later time.*

### 2:30pm GAMES STATUS REPORTS - National, Regional and International Events – *SG Chilton*

#### A. 2015 Pacific Games, Port Moresby, PNG (July 4-18, 2015 Report)

The Pacific Games had their AGM there and Frida is going to assess the facilities in Vanuatu.

**Volleyball** is really active this year so they got funds to improve the lighting at the MHS gym.

ROP Pres asked about the lighting at the Meyuns field and reminded that sports is not just for athletes but for the whole community as well.

#### B. 2016 Youth Games, Palau

This will be for 18 and Under. All federations should prepare for this event.

#### C. 2016 Olympic Games, Rio de Janeiro

Rio athletes: UB Misech-swimming; Rodman Teltull-athletics; Stevick Patris-weightlifting; Florian Skilang Temengil-wrestling; Jarvis Blesam Tarkong-wrestling; Marina Toribiong-canoeing; Rio Chef de Mission: Frida Delmau; Assistant: Marcy.

**D. 2017 Belau National Games**

**E. 2017 Pacific Mini Games, Vanuatu**

IOC President gave Vanuatu \$500,000 to help with venue repairs.

**F. 2017 Asian Indoor Games, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan**

ANOC president invited Oceania to Ashgabat.

**G. 2017 ANOC World Beach Games, San Diego, CA**

This event is also driven by Sheik of ANOC who is the chief promoter of it. This event will be easier for us to attend since there's a Palauan community in SD.

**H. 2018 Micronesian Games, Yap State, FSM**

The exact dates have not been decided yet; SG asked Carol to meet with Sports Council in Yap re 2018 while she's there.

**I. 2019 Pacific Games, Tonga**

**J. 2020 Olympic Games, Tokyo, Japan**

2024 – LA is bidding again for the Summer Olympics.

**3:00pm Coffee Break and Exercise**

**3:15pm NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Palau NOC Strategy Plan 2013-2016**

(ref. information on the flash drive)

**B. Palau Handball Federation**

President Kyota is promoting this sport with Frida and Ernestine as its officers.

**ANNUAL PROGRAMS REMINDERS**

**A. Outreach Programs: Kazuki Topps Sungino (stepped out)**

**B. Sports Award Banquet/Sports Legacy - Marcy Tellei**

Marcy informed the federations the nominations are turned in late leaving little time to order good awards. Jimmy suggested that the Youth be responsible for the set-up of the next Sports Award Banquet. Samaranch's daughter, an engineer in Beijing, visited Palau; the Sports Legacy items are at the Museum, OEK; President's Office, and PNOC office. Jubilee suggested putting up information about the athletes going to Rio.

**C. Information Technology (IT) - Jayvan Emesiochel**

Jayvan presented statistics on the federations (ref. prepared report)

**4:30pm OTHER BUSINESS – RECEPTION AT 6:30PM @ Landmark Marina**

Adjournment – President Kyota

Alonz moved to adjourn; Laura seconded; all approved. President Kyota adjourned the 2015 AGM at 5:06pm.

Prepared and submitted by

  
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