BADMINTON CONFEDERATION AFRICA

<u>MINUTES</u>

Minutes of the Badminton Confederation Africa's <u>Virtual Annual General Meeting</u> held on the **19th of December 2020 at 1400 hours (Mauritius time GMT + 4)**.

Attendance

Delegates		
Sn	**Country**	**Voting Delegate**	**Second Delegate**
1	ALGERIA	Mohamed Moncef ZEMOUCHI	Messaoud ZOBIRI
2	BENIN	Aubin ASSOGBA	
3	BOTSWANA	Kunyalala MPHINYANE	Thuso MUDONGO
4	BURKINA FASO	Boukaré OUEDRAOGO	
5	CAMEROON	Odette ENGOULOU ASSEMBE	
6	CENTRAL AFRICA	Guy-Armand BENINGA	
7	CONGO	Alain NGOYA KESSY	
9	DJIBOUTI	Moussa DAHER KAIREH	
10	EGYPT	Hesham ELTOHAMY	
11	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	Zibhino Rodriguez ANGO	
12	ETHIOPIA	Jibril Abdurahiman BAHAR	Etalemahu TESEMA GEMECHU
13	GAMBIA	Fatoumatta Zahra NJIE	
14	GHANA	Evans YEBOAH	Cynthia ADAMTEY
15	GUINEA	Boubacar BALDE	Mamadou Saliou BALDE
16	IVORY COAST	Honore Zolobe	Aude-PASCAL EPOUSE KOUA ANOH
17	KENYA	Geoffrey Shigoli MUKOTO	
18	LESOTHO	Moneoang LESHOTA	Mohlala MOPELI
19	LIBYA	Nuri MOHAMED ZARAA	
20	MADAGASCAR	Jean Aime RAVALISON	
21	MAURITANIA	Ahmed MOHAMED EL HACEN	
22	MAURITIUS	Nundah SHARMA	
23	MOROCCO	Omar BELLALI	Mohamed DEROUICH
24	MOZAMBIQUE	Ibrahimo MUSSAGY	Idrisse MUSSAGY
25	NAMIBIA	Lynn DU PREEZ	
26	NIGER	Abdoulaye HASSANE ISSOUFOU	
27	NIGERIA	Francis ORBIH	Mohamed MAINA
28	REUNION ISLAND	Christophe CHENUT	
29	SENEGAL	Antoine Jean JOSEPH DIANDY	
30	SEYCHELLES	Vanessa CREA	Michel BAU
31	SIERRA LEONE	Michael Shamsu MUSTAPHA	
32	SOMALIA	Ali MOHAMED HUSSEIN	

33	SOUTH AFRICA	Klaas VISSER	Mike NOONE
34	SUDAN	Hanadi YAGOUB	
35	TOGO	Tikoyabe TAKASSI-KIKPA	
36	TUNISIA	Bahri ABDELMAJID	
37	UGANDA	Jamil BUWEMBO	
38	ZAMBIA	Kingstin MULENGA	
39	ZIMBABWE	Paul KOPOLO	Chipo ZUMBURANI

BCA Council		
Sn	Name	Position
1	Michel BAU	President (Chair)
2	Aly HASSABALLA	BCA Council Member
3	Donald MABO	Chair of Athletes Commission
4	Godfrey MATHUMO	BCA Council Member
5	Simon MUGABI	Chair of Events Committee

BCA Staff		
Sn	Name	Position
1	Sahir EDOO	Secretary General (SG)
2	Annirao DAJEE	Development Manager
3	Ahmed REDA	Regional Development Officer
4	Bernadin BOKPE	Regional Development Officer
5	Lyvonia SAURAMBA	Finance & Administration Officer (Secretary - Notes Taker)

Other		
Sn	Name	Position
1	Stuart BORRIE	Observer (BWF)
2	Thomas DELAYE	Observer (BWF)
3	John Shearer	Observer (BWF)
3	Faadil SAYED	BCA Technical Support
4	Andrej Vladar	Technology Provider (Lumi Global)
5	Ian Wright	Scrutineer
6	Gretha Prinsloo	Scrutineer

Welcoming and Opening Remarks

1. The President started by welcoming all delegates and other invitees to the first ever virtual BCA Annual General Meeting.
2. Before proceeding further, he requested all to observe a moment of silence in remembrance of Mr. Shabana Muziranza, former President of the Uganda Badminton Association, who tragically passed away in 2020.
3. The President stated that no one would have thoughts that BCA would be having one its most important activity in a virtually manner – that is, the Annual General Meeting.
4. He further explained that the COVID-19 has impacted the whole world including the sports community. Many lives have been affected by the pandemic and this has changed our way of life.
5. He clarified that the face-to-face AGM was planned to happen in May 2020 in Denmark, but it was then postponed. Eventually it was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
6. Earlier in the year – after the first postponement – the President explained that Council had viewed this as an opportunity to have the AGM in Africa, but by September, it was still not possible.
7. Eventually, Council decided to have the AGM virtually, just like the BWF Virtual AGM. This was then approved by the membership through an email voting.
8. The President advised the meeting that due to the coronavirus, all our major activities were cancelled in 2020. He, however, commended the Secretary General and his staff for taking the initiative to create online courses for Member Associations to take part in.
9. The President then went on to present the 2019 report and gave an overview of the year under review. He noted that 2019 was a challenging year but it was also a significant year and a milestone for BCA.
10. He informed that the BCA Council and staff worked tirelessly to achieve the objectives of the Confederation. He was glad to announce that, for the third consecutive year, BCA was able to increase its yearly activities to 80 events in 2019.
11. The President stressed that this report was an opportunity to reflect on the wonderful moments that happened in 2019 as well as the tireless efforts to promote Badminton in Africa.
12. The President noted that it was important for BCA to achieve political stability for the organisation in 2019 and that is why all the Member Associations, Council and all other stakeholders worked together with a renewed objective to develop badminton in the continent.
13. The President explained that the Council designed new policies and internal regulations that consolidated the stability of the organisation so that BCA was able to better assist and service its members. Additionally, with the help of the BWF, BCA embarked on a process to review its Constitution so that it eventually aligned to that of the BWF. The President advised that this was to be tabled later in the agenda; he went on to thank the BWF for their assistance.
14. He explained that the goal for BCA was to make badminton more accessible to everyone in Africa, not only to play but also to experience the sport as spectators and fans. With hard work, dedication, and great innovation we have strengthened considerably the sport presentation at our major events.

15. He mentioned that the All-Africa Senior Championships held in Nigeria and the All-Africa Games in Morocco were by far the most presentable and most successful events since the introduction of these tournaments in Africa.

16. Similarly, the All Africa Under 15 Championships held in Ivory Coast was the most successful Under 15 Championships ever in terms of participation, 12 countries participated in total.

17. BCA also consolidated its digital presence with a brand-new website and increased presence on social media.

18. This new strategy helped our sport to be well-known in Africa and to create avenues of commercial partnership in the near future.

19. On the development aspect, the President explained that BCA continued to develop Shuttle Time in Africa with more than 30 countries implementing the programme.

20. He said with the introduction of AirBadminton in 2020, BCA was planning to host the new sport in many countries and regions where indoor badminton facilities are not available.

21. The President advised that the other ground-breaking achievement in 2019 was the setting up of the first ever elective BCA Athletes Commission in April 2019 and the Chair of the Athletes Commission - Mr Donald Mabo was also co-opted to the BCA Council.

22. Lastly, the President said, on behalf of the Council, he expressed his utmost gratitude to all Member Associations for their continued support for the development of badminton in Africa. He hoped that the support will continue and make badminton one of the most popular sports across the continent.

23. The President wished everyone a fruitful meeting.

Roll Call

24. The Secretary General welcomed all to the first ever virtual AGM of the BCA.

25. SG mentioned that 35 voting delegates were logged in - which was beyond the quorum of 15 members.

26. This constituted a total of 120 votes and in total there were 45 delegates.

27. SG also explained that he had received two manual voting forms. In the previous meetings he had advised that for those who were struggling to connect to the internet, they would be allowed to send in a manual voting form.

28. Therefore, the Secretariat had received two manual voting forms from two countries which were Cameroon and Equatorial Guinea. He added that their votes had already been allotted into the system.

29. The SG advised that the AGM was a decision-making meeting and that the delegates would only see and hear the President and the SG.

30. He went on to say in case there were any questions from the floor, the members could send in their questions via the chat option.

The Virtual AGM Process

31. SG explained that on 18th September 2020, the Virtual AGM notice was sent to all members. Then on 1st November 2020, the Secretariat published a series of video reports which included the different BCA committee reports as well as the President's report, the Administration report and other reports.
32. On the 5th of November, the Secretariat published the Agenda of the AGM together with all the annexures.
33. A week before the AGM, four different webinars were organised on the AGM agenda items – two in English and two in French. There was also a special webinar on Council's proposal to amend the BCA Constitution.
34. Finally, before the AGM, there was a test voting on the 18th of December 2020.

The Voting Processes

35. SG explained that there was a total of six votes – all voting delegates were required to vote for the 6 different proposals. For each proposal, they had 1 minute to cast their vote.
36. He went on to say that votes number 1 to 5 were an open ballot which meant that after the AGM everyone was to receive a report on how each country voted. The first 5 votes also required a simple majority (51%) to be approved.
37. Regarding vote number 6, it was a secret ballot. This meant that no one would know the details of the votes. Vote number 6 was the Council's proposal which required a two-thirds majority for the decision to carry (67%).

Appointment of Scrutineers

38. The President thanked the SG for his intervention.
39. He introduced item 1.2 of the agenda which was appointment of scrutineers. The President gave the floor back to the SG.
40. SG listed the proposed scrutineers for this meeting: Mr Ian Wright - the BWF Development Director and Mrs Gretha Prinsloo, a BWF Referee Assessor.
41. The SG explained that the role of the scrutineers, in this virtual meeting, was different from the normal AGM. They were to confirm that the data in the Lumi system was the same as the data sent by BCA to Lumi

42. He advised that the scrutineers had done their work and they had issued a joint statement. The SG read out the statement that said, "*We confirm that the data in the Lumi Global system is the same as the data provided by the BCA to Lumi Global for the BCA Virtual AGM.*"

Vote 1: Appointment of the Scrutineers as Proposed

43. The SG announced that the poll was now open for voting.
44. After the voting, the President announced the result of the vote which was 54 votes for the appointment of the scrutineers and 0 against.

   Decision: Scrutineers appointment approved (100% For : 0% Against)

Vote 2: Decision to hold virtual Annual General Meeting in 2020

45. The President announced that the next item on the agenda was item 2 which was to ratify the decision to host the BCA Annual General Meeting virtually and gave the floor to the SG.
46. Before introducing item no.2 of the agenda – the SG instructed delegates to chose YES or NO on the screen while voting. The SG invited the meeting to share on the chat platform if they were having any issues.
47. SG reminded the meeting that the membership had already voted by email and decided to have this virtual AGM. However, since the Constitution is silent on this matter, the meeting had to endorse the decision.
48. SG advised that this vote required a 51% vote majority to be approved
49. SG reminded the meeting not to vote on the chat and shared a message from Lumi Global which said that if anyone could not see the option to vote on the screen, they should tap on the bar graph option on the top of the screen on their device and the options will appear.
50. The SG announced that the poll was now open.
51. The President thanked the SG and announced the result which was 97 for and 2 against. In percentage it was 97.98% for and 2.02% against.

   Decision: Virtual AGM approved (97.98% FOR : 2.02% AGAINST).

Vote 3: Approval of Minutes (AGM held on 22 May 2019 in China)

52. The President introduced the next item on the agenda which was the approval of the Minutes of of the last AGM held on 22 May 2019 in China.
53. The SG explained that for the minutes, had been shared several times and were also on the BCA website.

54. The SG shared that during the different preparatory meetings, a few corrections had been made. On page 1 - changes were made on the Niger delegate's name: Abdoulaye Hassane Issoufou.

55. Also, on the same, the second delegate for Sierra Leone was added - Miss Augustine Sila, whose name was missing. SG also advised that there were some other minor corrections for spellings, grammar and formatting.

56. At this point, SG mentioned that there was a question in the chat from the Morocco second delegate, Mr. Mohammed. The question was about the presentation of the different activities. SG replied that all discussions on the 2019 activities were held in the preparatory meetings and all can be accessed on the BCA website.

57. The SG asked the meeting to get ready for the voting on the approval of the minutes of the last AGM and he then announced the poll as opened.

58. The President announced the result which was 97 for and 0 against. In percentage, it was 100% for the approval.

Decision: Minutes of the last AGM held on 22 May 2019 approved (100% FOR : 0% AGAINST).

Council Report

59. The President introduced the next item on the agenda which was to receive the Council report and then gave the floor to the Secretary General.

60. The Secretary General explained that item 4.1 on the agenda was to receive the report of Council and its committees and other reports for the year ended 31st December 2019.

61. SG added that for the Council report, the secretariat had published a series of video reports on 1st November 2020 and was available on the BCA website as well as the Youtube platform.

62. The reports which were available online on the BCA website and other platforms were:
    ❖ The President's Review
    ❖ The Secretary General Review
    ❖ The Administration and Remuneration Committee Report
    ❖ The Events Committee Report
    ❖ The Para Badminton Commission Report
    ❖ The Marketing Committee Report
    ❖ The Development Committee Report
    ❖ The Women in Badminton Commission Report
    ❖ The Finance and Treasurer's Report.

63. SG invited the meeting to share if they had any questions and advised that this item did not require any voting.

64. Mr. Omar Bellali, from Morocco posed a question on the list of countries on page 13 of the Annual Report. He was concerned about Western Sahara which was added as a country there.

65. SG clarified that, the list of countries on page 13 of the Annual Report, was countries and territories that are not yet members of the BCA – there is Angola, Cape Verde, Gabon, Guinea Bissau, Sao Tome

and Western Sahara. Western Sahara which is a disputed territory and is recognised as such by the UN and the African Union. In the report, the 6 countries and territories mentioned are recognised by the Africa Union.

66. Western Sahara is however not recognized by the IOC.
67. The SG further explained BCA that Council will make the appropriate decision to respect everyone's interests. SG thanked Mr Bellali for the question and then explained his response in French.

Vote 4: Adoption of the Financial Statements duly Audited for the Year Ending 31 December 2019

68. The SG introduced the next item on the agenda – item 4.2 which was to adopt the duly audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019. SG explained that these had already been presented to all.
69. The SG asked the meeting to get ready for the voting on the adoption of the duly audited BCA financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.
70. The SG announced that the poll was now open.
71. The President thanked the SG and announced the result of the vote which was 92 for and 0 against meaning in percentage 100% for.

Decision: **Financial Statements duly Audited for the Year Ending 31 December 2019 adopted (100% FOR : 0% AGAINST).**

Vote 5: Adoption of the 2020 budget

72. SG introduced the next item on the agenda which was item 4.3 concerning the adoption of the 2020 budget.
73. The SG explained that because of the postponement of the AGM, the 2020 budget had not been adopted yet. He referred to the discussions during the preparatory meetings.
74. He explained that this was normally done during the year, but BCA was hoping to change this as per the proposed amendment by the Council.
75. He further clarified that voting for the adoption of the budget was a constitutional requirement.
76. SG reminded the meeting that the 2021 budget was available on the website.
77. SG asked the meeting to get ready for the voting on the adoption of the budget.
78. The SG announced that the poll was now open.
79. The President announced the results which were 96 for and 0 against and the result in percentage was 100% for the proposal.

Decision: 2020 Budget adopted (100% FOR : 0% AGAINST).

Vote 6: Council's Proposal

80. SG introduced the next item on the agenda which was item 5 concerning the Council proposal to amend the BCA Constitution.
81. The President explained that BWF was working with the 5 Continental Confederation's to harmonise their Constitution to that of the BWF.
82. This exercise started in 2018 and was initiated by the BWF.
83. He added that the BCA Council organised a workshop in Cameroon led by the BWF Chief Operation Officer, Mr. Stuart Borrie. After 2 days of intense discussion, Council agreed on the Constitutional proposal.
84. He said that the actual BCA Constitution was unaligned to that of the BWF and it was important to rectify this issue.
85. The Secretary General thanked the President and added that the proposal and all corresponding documents were sent to all members since December 2019 after a thorough consultation and collaboration between the BCA Council and the BWF.
86. SG asked the meeting to get ready for the voting on the adoption of the proposed amendments to the BCA Constitution and reminded the meeting that this was a secret ballot.
87. The SG clarified that this vote required a two-thirds majority to be approved and if approved the amendments will be effective as from 20 December 2020.
88. The SG announced that the poll was now open.
89. The President announced the results which were 96 for the motion and 7 against. In percentages, it was 93.2% for and 6.80% against. Therefore, he announced the proposed amendments of the Constitution as approved.

Decision: Council's proposal to amend the BCA Constitution approved (93.2% FOR : 6.80% AGAINST).

Any Other Business

90. The SG confirmed that as from 2021 there won't be any BCA Subscriptions as the Constitutional amendments were approved by the AGM.
91. He added that the Council had approved to keep the same auditors to audit the 2020 accounts which were Kearns and Associates.
92. He advised that the approval of the auditors from next year will be done by the AGM and this has been included in the approved amendments of the Constitution
93. SG added that the winner of the Africa Women in Badminton Award for 2019 was Mrs. Obiageli Solaja from Nigeria. The award will be handed over to her during the 2021 AGM.
94. SG then thanked everyone for attending the meeting including the Member Associations, the BWF Council and staff, the BCA Council and the BCA staff.

95. The President also thanked the Member Associations for their attendance and their support. He went on to thank his colleagues on Council.
96. Lastly, he thanked the Secretary General and his staff, for the great work they had achieved in organising the first ever BCA virtual AGM.
97. And on behalf of the Council, he wished everyone a successful festive season and a Happy New Year 2021.
98. The President urged all to follow the COVID-19 regulations and to stay safe. He looked forward to seeing everyone face-to-face in 2021.
99. The meeting was adjourned at 1550 hours (Mauritius Time GMT +4)