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2023 WBSC Oceania Executive Meeting

Thursday 27th July 2023

Time: 1.00 pm EDST.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89801715378?pwd=UFRhSjl3anltR1BMbHNYNTU1aW03Zz09>

Draft Minutes

1. Attendances / Roll Call Attendees- Apologies: Glenn and Tony, Attendees: Bob, Rex, Vaughan, Inoke, Chet, Carolyn
2. Declare any conflict of interest – None declared
3. Review draft minutes and actions from previous meeting – Action for Annual Budget to be present was not completed as per the minutes, Move to approve VW, seconded RC - approved
4. Joint letter from SA and SNZ ref. Regional softball qualification events.- The chairs from Softball Australia and Softball NZ will join the meeting at 1.45 pm to present their case to host the U18W and Open Men's qualifiers. Rex provided his opinion of the situation. Bob to contact A. Samoa for an update on hosting the SB events.
5. WBSC Oceania monthly financial update and 2023 WBSCO budget – Month end financial reports were tabled and acknowledged; no questions received. There is a balance of \$18K USD in the account.
6. 2023 WBSC Oceania – Strategic and Ops Plans -
7. 2023 WBSC Oceania – Call for participants – The call for participants for the U18W and Open Men's SB qualification events and the U23 and U15 BB events has been completed with a closing date of the 31st July.
8. 2025 WBSC Oceania Congress hosting – update – No update available
9. WBSC Continental funding support from WBSC - update – BNZ proposal, - Due to the amount of funds received from the WBSC the Executive determined it would not be suitable to provide funding support for this program in NZ. Moved to not provide funding assistance Rex, Seconded Inoke - Approved
10. General Business – We need to start to review our committee structure and call for participants.

Notes from SA and SNZ presentation – Richard Liddell and Hoani – Concerns with Cost of sending their teams to A. Samoa, compressed time frame for making a decision and sending team to qualifier. Process was not open and transparent. Not fully informed of the LOC

requirements. Limitations of flights to Pago. Pago. Australia is hosting a ISC sanctioned event in Australia at the same time. Australia Men's Team and NZ Women's U18 do not receive government funding support. They are self-funded programs. Players availability is a concern for Australia. U18W school commitments for year 12 testing in Australia and NZ is another concern going to AS.

With Australia's bid to host greater detail was required. Richard provided the following information.

The MacArthur Cup would be used as the event conducting an Oceania qualifier for those countries wanting to attend. Four softball diamonds which would be used in conjunction to the ACT Men's Skin event whereby NZ and the Australian Men's team would participate in at the sometime as is scheduled for the American Samoa qualifier earlier December. Event would be streamed and local government support which would strengthen the relationship for the 2032 Brisbane Games.

The WBSC Executive thanked Richard and Hoani for their presentation and would get back to them after the Executive reviews all aspects of the hosting information.