

# IPF AGM Session, I AM Meeting Minutes 3/08/2024

08 March 2024 the Annual General meeting was called to order at 0734 AM IST and held pursuant to properly given notice. IPF board members and registered members are marked [P] if present.

<b>Arvind Prabhoo</b> President	P	<b>Carl Burnett</b> 1st Vice President	P	<b>Tanyat Tran</b> 2nd Vice President	P	<b>Karen Long,</b> Secretary	P
<b>Marlon Schulman</b> Legal Advisor	P	<b>Dwight Crawford</b> Treasurer	P	<b>Andy Jagusiak</b> ICIC Liaison			
Luke Burden, EVP, Competitions		Julie Caines, EVP Country Membership	P	Dr. Sunil Peshane, EVP, Equip Cert	P	Alicia Wolfgruber, EVP, Global Diplomats	P
Adnan El Guennouni, EVP Tournament Certification	P	Samarth Mishra, Commonwealth Games Liaison		Lieve Olivera, EVP Adaptive Pickleball			
Dicky Haiek Argentina Pickleball Arena Argentina		Martilia Michaëlle Aruba KPA		Heide Forman Austria Pickleball Federation Austria		Peter Robic Austria Pickleball Federation Austria	
Markus Strobl Austria Österreichischer Pickleball Verband		Danny Fox Bermuda Pickleball Association Bermuda	P	Man Chi Leong China Pickleball Association of Macau, China	P	Kathleen E Roberts Costa Rica	P
Danny Damian Ecuador Ecuadorian Pickleball Federation	P	Pita Pinargote Ecuador Ecuadorian Pickleball Federation	P	Andreas Kopkau Germany German Pickleball Federation		Shadrach Abbey Ghana Ghana Pickleball Association	
Prince Adu-Kwao Ghana	P	Madeline Connelly Guam Pickleball Guam Assoc		Fernando Spross Guatemala Asociación de Pickleball de Guatemala	P	Eduardo Spross Guatemala	
Steve Lam Hong Kong HCTA PA	P	Crockett King Choi Ho Hong Kong Pickleball Association of Hong Kong China	P	Chetan Sanil India All India Pickleball Association		Santhosh Kumar India Institute of Applied Sciences for Sports	

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Shefali Bhatt India All India Pickleball Association		Sreekumar Vadakkepat India		Cak Susilo Indonesia Indonesia Pickleball Federation		Captain Harris Indonesia Pickleball Federation	
Hasan Mohajer Manghoush- Iran Interpreter: Behzad Kowsai Iran National Pickleball Association	P	Eran Gadot Israel Israel Pickleball Organization		Zelindo Di Giulio Italy Federazione Italiana Tennis e Padel		Hani Haidar Kuwait Pickleball Kuwait	
Aleksandar Shirkoski Macedonia Pickleball MKD/Cosmos		Michael Jayesuria Malaysia Negeri Sembilan Pickleball Association		Meng Tatt Thor Malaysia	P	Rodzli Hashim Malaysia	P
Farrell Choo Kah Thiam Malaysia Malaysia Pickleball Association		Barbara Lounsbury Mexico Rocky Point Connects		Sandra Joy Paul Mexico Puerto Penasco League	P	Angel Tromp Netherlands Antilles Pickleball Association Bonaire	
Arshad Masih Gill Pakistan Pakistan Pickleball Federation	P	Carlos Sotomayor Peru Jockey Club del Peru		Joel Sandor Sanchez Silva Chuquicondor Peru Club Peruano de Pickleball		Maria Antonova Russia Pickleball Russia	P
Boris Nedić Serbia Serbian Pickleball Association		Lincoln Tan Singapore Singapore Pickleball Association	P	Yongsang Yoo South Korea		Francine Look-Hong Trinidad & Tobago PlayAble Caribbean	
Roger Salandy Trinidad & Tobago Pickleball Assoc. of Trinidad & Tobago		Bülent Kavakli Turkey Dga		Can Brk Gungor Turkey		Bora Akkaya Turkey Turkish Pickleball Federation	
Seraap Yücesir Turkey		Davut Güngör Turkey www.pickleball.org.tr		Katherine Knowles United Kingdom Pickleball Wales		Eric Zahrai United States Bellevue International, LLC	
Darlene Rios Drapkin United States East Bay Pickleball Association		Jeanne Stasny US Virgin Islands		Leon Stango Venezuela AVP		Cat To Vietnam Vietnam Pickleball Association	

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Meeting link was emailed with agenda prior to the meeting	<a href="https://zoom.us/j/go94749096940?pwd=T3JjYktJRFlOL0lEYWt5R0E4QmZUZz09">https://zoom.us/j/go94749096940?pwd=T3JjYktJRFlOL0lEYWt5R0E4QmZUZz09</a>  Meeting ID: 947 4909 6940 Passcode: 821015
Meeting called to order	7:34 a.m. IST 7:34 26 attendees were in present
<b>Presidents Welcome</b>	Mr. Arvind Prabhoo addressed and recognized the registration of attendees from 38 countries and over 60 organizations to discuss the development of pickleball internationally. He discussed merger talks with the WPF which ultimately fell through due to a lack of transparency by WPF. He outlined IPF's progress in becoming a 501c3 nonprofit organization and standardizing equipment and rules manuals. He cited IPF's goals to include gaining IOC recognition, in the near future, by fulfilling their membership requirements.
<b>Attendance &amp; Procedures</b>	Mr. Burnett, 1st Vice President welcomed all attendees and introduced the board members and executive vice presidents. He provided a Credentials Report citing 60 registrants and 38 approved voting representatives. Country Delegations were identified as technology allowed.
<b>Nominations</b>	2nd Vice President Presentations were made by nominees. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tanyat Tran</li> <li>● Hasan Mohajer Manghoush aided by Dr. Behzad Kowsai</li> </ul> Mr. Burnett, on behalf of the BOD, requested from attendees' nominations for a 3rd Vice President whose responsibility includes overseeing programs for grants, youth mentorship and the adaptive pickleball.
<b>Election of Officers</b>	The election process was discussed and demonstrated on-line to all attendees. The <i>Association Voting</i> platform will be used. Election voting will open at 11 pm March 8th and close 12 pm IST March 09th with results reported during the 9 am IST session March 10th.
<b>Reports of the Board of Directors</b>	<b>President's Report</b> - Mr. Prabhoo commended the board for its progress developing the equipment certification program and a standardized rules manual, with added technology, to make this tool available as an App, internationally. He discussed failed hopes to merge with WPF however, cited unsurpassable obstacles presented by WPF. Mr. Danny Fox inquired of IPF plans following the failed merger. Mr. Prabhoo optimistically answered that IPF remains on track to attain IOC recognition as the governing body of pickleball. He too expressed his disappointment that WPF failed to provide transparency regarding its finances and organizational practices during due diligence.

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	<p><b>1st Vice Presidents Report</b></p> <p>Mr. Carl Burnett presented slides showing IPF’s organizational structure and the responsibilities of the 1VP. He cited 3 primary areas: operations, training and ancillary support. He briefly explained the roles and responsibilities in those areas and issued a call to fill vacant positions in <b>MARKETING &amp; SOCIAL MEDIA</b> and <b>GRANT WRITING</b>.</p>
	<p><b>2nd Vice Presidents Report</b></p> <p>Ms. Tanyat Tran presented slides showing her areas of responsibility to include training, rules, officials training and equipment certification. She described her vision to develop the training institute, funding for the institute program, and sustainability of the program with the right volunteers to assist her.</p>
	<p><b>Secretary’s Video Report</b></p> <p>Ms. Karen Long provided a brief summary of secretarial duties over the past 2 years and of the plan to have Minutes available before the second meeting day for approval.</p>
	<p><b>Treasurer’s Report - Mr. Dwight Crawford</b></p> <p>Mr. Crawford gave a slide presentation listing the 2023 financial summary showing \$30,412 in revenue, \$28,678 in expenses and net assets currently at \$14,564 with no liabilities. Efforts to initiate fundraising via grants and donations is a priority this year.</p>
	<p><b>Business/Legal Advisor Report</b></p> <p>Mr. Marlon Schulman clarified that IPF’s 501c3 non-profit status pre-dates October 2023. Fernando Spross posed a question in chat concerning the (3) governing bodies. Mr. Schulman, Mr. Burnett, and Mr. Prabhoo addressed the question, answering that there are several necessary steps prior to applying to the IOC. Membership in various organizations such as TAIFFSA, Sports Accord, AIMS ARIF is required. IPF has applied for various memberships. The IOC requires that the federation be non-profit, IPF is. The IOC requires federations to have open elections, IPF does. The IOC requires federations to have a minimum of 5 years of international tournaments. The IPF has a history documenting The Bainbridge Cup International Tournament starting in 2017. In summary the IPF is on track to be the international governing body of pickleball.</p> <p>Mr. Schulman confirmed that IPF applied to TAIFFSA in January 2024 for membership. With hopes of a merger, IPF acquired third party names in preparation to merge with WPF. IPF legally defended the rights to those names in international court and did so successfully, only to have WPF fail due diligence requests and ultimately end negotiations.</p> <p>Mr. Schulman reported IPF creating a system to allow existing NGBs (National Governing Bodies) to become members of the IPF. NGB tennis associations have</p>

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	<p>applied and been accepted as members of the IPF. The IPF has made stipulations that these organizations must demonstrate that they have active pickleball membership operations, and that they provide statements from their National Sports Department or Ministry that pickleball would not be suppressed, subservient, or defined as an entry sport, in any way with regard to tennis. This will allow broad-based support from existing IOC-recognized NGBs when IPF applies to the IOC, later this year.</p>
<p><b>Reports of the Executive Vice Presidents</b></p>	<p><b>EVP, Membership</b>  Ms. Julie Caines gave a slide presentation showing members by 89 organizations representing 77 countries. There are multiple organizations in some countries. There are 4 categories of membership. Full (11), Qualified (16) Provisional (14) or Unqualified Members (48) with partial applications. Currently there are 5 NGBs and 4 new applications in process. Ms. Paul of Mexico suggested that more diplomat representatives are needed for each “state.” Mr. Burnett confirmed this concept and stated that IPF will address this with a new program to be announced going forward.</p>
	<p><b>EVP, Global Diplomats</b>  Ms. Alicia Wolfgruber reported the Diplomat Program being limited due to the restructuring of the program. Ms. Wolfgruber has continued outreach to prior “diplomats &amp; ambassadors” from the prior administration. Currently, she reports representatives in Africa (4), Americas (16), Asia (11) Europe (11) and Oceania (0).</p>
	<p><b>EVP, International Competitions and Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Luke Burden - unavailable</li> </ul>
	<p><b>EVP, International Equipment Certification</b>  Dr. Sunil Peshane gave a slide presentation about his research and development efforts made in order to assemble IPF manuals for Equipment Standards, Wheelchair Specifications and Equipment Testing. He reported that he is actively researching court flooring specifications and will provide a manual in the future. Dr. Peshane will pursue copywriting for the technical manuals and recommends they be professionally translated for international use. He has identified the need for contracts and network approvals within international ULs (Underwriter Laboratories) to maintain the integrity of certification. He estimates certifications will generate \$100K in revenue for the IPF.</p> <p>Dr. Peshane issued a call for attendees to notify the IPF of known ULs in their respective countries so standards can be set up using these ULs.</p>
	<p><b>EVP, Tournament Certification (Rules Web App)</b>  Mr. Adnan El Guennouni gave a slide presentation of the multi-platform Rules app that translates to the IPF website and mobile apps. He demonstrated the use of this app on-line. Mr. El Guennouni issued a call for attendees to volunteer to</p>

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	become Beta-Testers in order to bolster use of the apps in respective countries and ultimately provide language support and detection within the app.
	<p><b>EVP, Adaptive Pickleball</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Lieve Olivera - unavailable</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Commonwealth Games Liaison</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Samarth Mishra - unavailable</li> </ul>
<p><b>AGM Resolutions</b> <b>Membership Rules Changes</b></p>	<p>Mr. Burnett provided a slide presentation of AGM resolutions to modify Membership Rules adding to the current FULL member requirements;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Countries with under 5 M population must have a minimum of 500 [VERIFIED] members and must pay a fee of \$1 USD per member per year.</li> <li>● Countries with over 5 M population must have a minimum of 1000 [VERIFIED] members and must pay a fee of \$1 USD per member per year.</li> </ul> <p>The rationale for the change is that “organizations” do not need to be members of the IPF, only NGBs do, as per IOC requirements.</p> <p>Existing NGBs (Tennis, Badminton, Padel etc.) can be an IPF member ONLY after their pickleball recognition and documentation of certification from respective Sports Ministry is received and an annual fee of \$3000 is paid.</p>
<p><b>National Governing Body (NGB) Development Program Report</b></p>	<p><b>National Governing Body (NGB) Development Program Report</b></p> <p>Ms. Wolfgruber reported that this program replaces the Global Diplomat Program and will require that selected officers will need to develop an effective NGB development program while working closely with their Ministry of Sports and National Olympic Committee to establish one NGB in the country in which they reside. Job requirements, responsibilities and officer qualifications were outlined in the presentation.</p>
	Basic website development was offered to member pickleball organizations following inquiry by Mr. Tan of Singapore. Mr. Burnett demonstrated on the IPF website a <i>Services</i> tab linking to the “Free Country Website” request form.
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	10:44 AM IST Mr. Prabhoo motioned to recess the meeting, seconded by Mr. Schulman. The motion unanimously carried.
<p><b>Secretary Signature</b></p>	To be approved on 3.09.2024