



### 2008 AGM Minutes

Lautoka Table Tennis Association 2008 Annual General Meeting was held in the Northern Club, Lautoka from 5-6pm Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2008.

#### Items for the Agenda

- a. Election and responsibilities of LTTA Officers and Executive Committee representative to FTTA.
- b. Report on equipment procurement status storage and security.
- c. Short and long term goals plus current achievements.
- d. Sponsorship report.
- e. Member subscription fees.
- f. Audit / Financial report.
- g. Proposals and Amendments to LTTA constitution.
- h. Any other business.

#### Members Present

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| 1. Pyush Jamnadas | 7. Tui Pita        |
| 2. Ronak Jamnadas | 8. Ana Chambers    |
| 3. Miri Elliot    | 9. Nofo Aumanu     |
| 4. Penina Elliot  | 10. Azalea Aumanu  |
| 5. Steve Reilly   | 11. Losana Nagan   |
| 6. Magareta Pita  | 12. Kristina Nagan |

#### Apologies Received

1. Shoma Devi – unable to travel
2. Michael Chambers- work commitments

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The meeting commenced at 1700hrs Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2008 with Interim President Steve Reilly acting as Chairman. The Chairman explained that LTTA was originally formed in 2004 and confirmation of our affiliation to the FTTA was received at that time, hence confirming acceptance of our constitution. The Chair further explained his reasons for “standing down” as Lautoka Association President confirming his continued support in development and coaching.

*LTTA is still not in possession of a proposed “equipment grant agreement” from FTTA nor have we received an official copy of the FTTA constitution. We have not read or seen the minutes of any FTTA SGM’s or AGM’s since 2005 even though this Chairman was a Vice President of the National Association until his recent resignation. To that end I hope to see this committee take this Association forward in an effort to “lead by example” therefore assisting other districts in a manner that the National Association should be leading us.*

The following Items (a to h) of the Agenda were expediently dealt with;

a. Election and responsibilities of LTTA Officers and Executive Committee representative to FTTA.

The following Committee Positions were appointed by election and accepted by the relevant appointees;

<u>Position</u>	<u>Elected Member</u>	<u>Proposed by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>	<u>Vote Carried</u>
<b>Hon. President</b>	Pyush Jamnadas	Mrs. Elliot	Mrs. Pita	Unanimous
<b>Hon. V. P.</b>	Mrs. Pita	Mrs. Chambers	Mrs. Aumanu	Unanimous
<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	Steve Reilly	Mrs. Pita	Mrs. Chambers	Unanimous
<b>Hon. Treasurer</b>	Michael Chambers	Ana Chambers	Mrs. Pita	Unanimous
<b>FTTA Exec. Committee</b>	S. Reilly	Pyush Jamnadas	Miriama Elliot	Unanimous
<b>Press Officer</b>	Shoma Devi	Steve Reilly	Nofo Aumanu	Unanimous
<b>Development/Coaching</b>	Steve Reilly	Miri Elliot	Magareta Pita	Unanimous
<b>Sponsorship</b>	Miri Elliot	Steve Reilly	Pyush Jamnadas	Unanimous

The various roles for each of the above committee positions were briefly explained (by the chairman) to relevant incumbents prior to acceptance of the positions.

## b. Report on equipment procurement status storage and security.

*The Chairman reported on the various problems and time taken to obtain the promised equipments from FTTA, highlighting the need to form a realistic constitution by amendment to LTTA's requirements. It was further explained that training participant numbers have had to be reduced to "elite squad" participants due to the lack of equipments. It was generally hoped and expected that the equipment grant promised last year for the DNSS course would finally be distributed to the West upon FTTA's receipt of our amended constitution. It was further confirmed that our current training venue and secure storage area of Kshatriya Hall would continue to be made available to LTTA if training continues to be held on a regular basis. This, of course, will very much depend upon the procurement of the rest of the necessary equipments. It was generally agreed that the amount of "self-help" displayed by LTTA in recent years, over and above what any other district has achieved shows its commitment to the development of this sport in the West and should warrant immediate recognition and support from the sports Governing Body in this Country.*

## c. Short and long term goals plus current achievements;

*Our short term goal is to participate in the Fiji Games with a young "development squad" gaining recognition for our achievements through performance, results, attitude and style. We currently have 8 confirmed team members, 5 of which are under 13yrs. Lautoka could easily have entered many more teams for this National event had we been able to continue where the DNSS program left off last year when we had over 40 active cadet trainees!! Unfortunately our rackets and balls were distributed to other districts last year leaving us in hope of receiving the promised DNSS equipment grant in order to continue with training. A further short term goal is to dominate the junior and cadet events at the Fiji Open and perhaps hold a National Junior Tournament in Lautoka, providing we receive the necessary equipments.*

*We currently have 2 Cadet girls working on their ITTF Silver Skills awards with three more cadets working toward the Bronze. One Cadet boy has already achieved his Gold Skills award and is expected to be this years top performer in all Fiji Junior events. We have already created our own small cadet HPU where selected under 13's train with the Lautoka senior squad.*

*Long term goals are to increase the number of participants in our ITTF skills award scheme, however, we note with concern that the Fiji Development Officer is, once again, based in Suva, even though there is JICA accommodation available in Lautoka with over 100 volunteers currently living in this area!!*

*LTTA's ultimate goal is to create competitive Table Tennis within the Western Region in order to save on the travel and accommodation expenses of having to constantly participate in Suva where the equipment is stored. This would mean a Central TT venue in Ba, Lautoka or Nadi where we could hold National schools championships etc. Proper, constructive, timely advice and support from the FTTA is sought in order to assist us in achieving these goals.*

## d. Sponsorship report;

*It was reported that we have several options of sponsorship support and enquiries will be made on our behalf by Miri Elliot.*

*It was agreed that proper sponsorship procedures should be followed by attempting to offer prospective sponsors something in return by advertising, press reports, photos etc. To that end the new secretary will provide the Sponsorship Officer, Mrs. Elliot, with the necessary example documentation in order to prepare sponsorship request letters.*

**e. Member subscription fees;**

It was suggested by various committee members that we increase the proposed membership subs from \$2.00 per Annum to \$20.00 in order to help with equipment costs and travel expenses for the upcoming Fiji Games. This was reconsidered and proposed that the fee should be reduced in order to encourage junior members. After proposal by Steve Reilly it was unanimously agreed to set the membership fee at **\$10** per Annum for New Senior members and **\$5.00** per Annum for renewing senior members. Juniors (under 18yrs) would be charged 50% of the senior rate.

**f. Audit / Financial report.**

*The Chairman reported that the Association still holds \$20.00 petty cash from fund raising at the DNSS tournament.  
The Association also owns Two old Stag tables purchased by members and donated to LTTA. There are also two donated repairable/damaged tables available for tournaments.  
We have 9 old Butterfly Addoy development rackets and less than 30 balls remaining. Suitable development rackets are not available in Fiji and import costs are still being negotiated. Local manufacture of rackets is being considered.  
Approximate Total Assets Value = **\$900.00**  
Uniforms have been organized by sponsorship for the Fiji Games tournament and fund-raising activities will take place over the next 2 weeks to assist in travel costs etc.  
Venue rental and electricity costs are currently sponsored by the Kshatriya Community Hall Owners; however, as our hall use is expected to increase we expect to have to cover lighting costs at a minimum.  
A bank account will be opened IAW our Constitution as soon as registration requirements are confirmed.*

**g. Proposals and Amendments to LTTA Constitution;**

The amended constitution was read and accepted by all present with the only proposed amendment being made to the subscription fees.

**h. Any other business;**

There being no further topics for discussion the Chairman thanked all attendees for their support and reminded everyone that training would continue on Tuesday from 4-6pm for Cadets and 5-8pm for Seniors. The meeting was closed at 6pm

Prepared by Hon. Secretary; Steve Reilly .....

Minutes read and approved by Hon. President, Pyush Jamnadas .....