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of the

FFTL Extraordinary Congress 2023

at the Hotel Timor, Avenue, Colmera, Rua dos Mártires da Pátria, Dili

Friday, 10 November 2023

10:00-13:00



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MINUTES OF THE FFTL CONGRESS HELD ON FRIDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2023, 10:00 TLT AT THE HOTEL TIMOR, COLMERA, RUA MÁRTIRES DA PATRIA, DILI, TIMOR-LESTE

PRESENT:

FFTL MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS (listed alphabetically):

Aileu, Ainaro, Baucau, Bobonaro, Covalima, Dili Leste, Dili Oeste, Ermera, Lautem, Liquiça, Manatuto, Manufahi, Oe-Cusse, Viqueque, Coaches Association, Referees Association, Women's Football Association.

FFTL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

FFTL Executive Committee	Designation
Francisco M. C. P. Jeronimo	President
Engracia Pimentel Fernandes	Member
Marito da C. Belo	Member
Pol. Com. Henrique da Costa	Member

In attendance:

- Mr. Macario Sanches
- Mr. Ahmed Harraz
- Mr. Mazhar Ahmed
- Ms. Nhodkeo Phawadee
- Mr. Lazarus J. Xavier
- Ms. Siti Zuraina Abdullah

- President of Sports Confederation Timor-Leste
- FIFA Representative
- FIFA Representative
- AFC Representative
- AFC Representative
- AFC Representative

ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES:

Let. Gen. Domingos Raul "Falur Rate Laek", Vice President Mr. Faustino Godinho da Costa, Executive Member



1. OPENING REMARKS - ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF ALL SPORTS CONFEDERATION TIMOR-LESTE;

The meeting commenced with H. E. Mr. Macario, the President of the All Sports Confederation, expressed his warm congratulations and pride for the Federation of Football Timor-Leste and its Member Associations. He commended their willingness to convene the Extraordinary Congress, emphasizing its significance in fostering a democracy-oriented decision-making process within the organization.

H. E. Mr. Macario conveyed his sincere hope that this democratic approach would persist and evolve, serving as a positive catalyst for the continued growth and development of football in Timor-Leste. He underscored the importance of collaborative efforts and democratic principles in shaping the future of sports in our beloved country.

The President's encouraging words were met with appreciation from the attendees, who acknowledged the importance of transparency and inclusivity in decision-making processes.

2. OPENING REMARKS - ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF FFTL;

The meeting commenced with Mr. Francisco Martins da C. P. Jerónimo, President of the Football Federation of Timor-Leste (FFTL), expressing his heartfelt appreciation to all entities involved in the development of Timor-Leste. He acknowledged the collective efforts that have contributed to the progress and growth of the nation.

President Jerónimo highlighted the significant achievements of Timor-Leste's talented players on the international stage. Specifically, he mentioned Paulo Gali representing Timor-Leste in Indonesia and Mouzinho Barreto in Cambodia. He commended these players for showcasing not only their individual skills but also for exemplifying the capability of Timor-Leste to develop, promote, and assert its identity in football at the international level.

The President emphasized that through these players, Timor-Leste is making a mark in the global football community. The accomplishments of Paulo Gali and Mouzinho Barreto serve as a testament to the nation's potential to nurture and present its talented players to the world.

In conclusion, Mr. Francisco Martins da C. P. Jerónimo expressed his optimism for the continued progress of Timor-Leste in the realm of international football and thanked all those who have contributed to this success.

3. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION THAT THE CONGRESS HAS BEEN CONVENED AND COMPOSED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATUTES OF FFTL;

The Deputy General Secretary proceeded to call the roll in alphabetical order of the 21 members of FFTL, 21 members were present, 21 of whom were entitled to vote.

The President declared that the FFTL Extraordinary Congress has been convened and composed in compliance with the Statutes of FFTL.



4. APPOINTMENT AND APPROVAL OF THREE SCRUTINEERS TO VERIFY THE VOTES;

The Chairperson (President) proposed the following individuals be appointed:

- 1. Jose de Oliveira Leong, Dili Leste Football Association
- 2. Domingo S. Caeiro, 1st Division League
- 3. Van Basten Koi, Coaches Association

The Deputy General Secretary requested the delegates to vote by raising their cards and the results were as follows:

Member Associations present	:	21
Member Associations present and entitled to vote	:	21
Valid votes cast	:	21
Votes required for a simple majority	:	11
Votes in favor	:	21
Against	:	0
Abstain	:	0

DECISION: The FFTL members approved the proposed individuals to be appointed as Scrutineers.

5. APPOINTMENT AND APPROVAL OF THREE DELEGATES TO CHECK THE MINUTES;

The Chairperson (President) proposed the following individuals be appointed:

- 1. Maria Canossa Soares, Youth Football Association
- 2. Antonio Soares, Bobonaro Football Association
- 3. David Toni Soares, Dili West Football Association

The Deputy General Secretary asked the delegates to cast their votes by raising their cards, and the outcomes were as follows:

Member Associations present	:	21
Member Associations present and entitled to vote	:	21
Valid votes cast	:	21
Votes required for a simple majority	:	11
Votes in favor	:	21
Against	:	0
Abstain	:	0

DECISION: The FFTL members unanimously approved the proposed individuals to be appointed as Minute Checkers.



6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA;

The Deputy General Secretary called for the voting.

Prior to the agenda approval, member associations from Dili Leste, Referee, and Dili Oeste sought additional clarification on the agenda's order. Members raised concerns with the chairperson about the placement of the item regarding the dismissal of the president at the end.

Fortunately, FIFA Governance, represented by Mr. Ahmed Hazar, addressed and resolved the issue, providing clarification to the satisfaction of the members.

Member Associations present	:	21
Member Associations present and entitled to vote	:	21
Valid votes cast	:	21
Votes required for a simple majority	:	11
Votes in favor	:	21
Against	:	0
Abstain	:	0

The agenda was put to the vote and the FFTL members unanimously approved the Congress Agenda.

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING CONGRESS;

The motion to ratify the minutes of the 7th FFTL Ordinary Congress, convened in Novo Turismo, Díli, Timor-Leste on 26 February 2022 and verified by the aforementioned minute checkers, has been formally endorsed. The details of votes cast from Member Associations are as follows:

Member Associations present	:	21
Member Associations present and entitled to vote	:	21
Valid votes cast	:	21
Votes required for a simple majority	:	11
Votes in favor	:	18
Against	:	0
Abstain	:	3

DECISION: The FFTL members unanimously approved the Minutes of the FFTL Ordinary Congress 2022.

8. PRESENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE CONGRESS;

The audit report was delivered by the designated representative of the independent auditor, Primos Boot, Mr. Bernadino Ribeiro de C. Soares. The audit procedures adhered to International Auditing Standards (ISAs), and the findings revealed no unforeseen issues or discrepancies in the financial performance, aligning seamlessly with the information provided by the pertinent department, namely Finance.



9. PRESENT AND APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL REPORT 2022 TO THE CONGRESS;

Mrs. Solange Borges, FFTL's Head of Finance, presented the fiscal year 2022 financial report, focusing on COVID fund allocation to member associations.

Three associations, Referee, Dili Leste, and Lautem, did not receive funds due to unmet financial requirements.

The presentation lacked clarity on affected members, causing confusion among associations. The President later acknowledged and addressed this concern.

Member Associations present	:	21
Member Associations present and entitled to vote	:	21
Valid votes cast	:	21
Votes required for a simple majority	:	11
Votes in favor	:	13
Against	:	5
Abstain	:	3

DECISION: The simple majority of FFTL members approved the Consolidated Financial Report 2022.

10. ITEM PROPOSED BY THE MEMBERS FOR DISMISSAL;

1. Mr. Francisco Jeronimo, the president, declared his resignation to the congress. He also conveyed a message during his resignation, stating:

"President Jeronimo expressed gratitude to the President, Vice President, and General Secretary of all Member Associations for their valuable contributions to football development. He acknowledged the collaborative efforts that led to the successful development of talented players, emphasizing this achievement as a collective outcome.

During his six-year tenure, despite challenges, the football community remained united. President Jeronimo acknowledged the need to fulfill a personal desire while extending

apologies for any shortcomings during his mandate.

With sincere intent, President Jeronimo officially declared his resignation from the position of President of FFTL. He entrusted the association members with the responsibility of democratically electing a new leader to guide the community effectively.

The meeting concluded with President Jeronimo's expressed wish for Timor-Leste Football to continue progressing and moving forward."



2. Meanwhile, one of the Executive Members, Mr. Augusto Henrique as well as the President of Suai Football Association resigned from his position as the Executive Committee Member.

11. PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY THE MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

Following the resignation announcements of President Mr. Francisco Jeronimo and Executive Committee Member Mr. Augusto Henrique, 13 Member Associations promptly submitted a proposal. The members proposed the following:

- 1. To form an Ad-Hoc Committee for the new election congress;
- 2. To decide the date of candidate registration for the new President and Executive Committee Member;
- 3. Proposed to convene the election congress by 9th January 2023.

The proposal is enclosed within the minutes of the corresponding congress.

12. CLOSING REMARKS BY THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER

In conclusion, Police Commissioner Mr. Henrique da Costa as the Executive Committee Member expressed gratitude to all members for their contributions to the FFTL Extraordinary Congress 2023 and extended well wishes for a safe journey home.

13. NEXT CONGRESS

The Deputy General Secretary informed the member associations that the next 9th FFTL Congress will take place on January 10, 2024.

In confirmation and approval by the following minute's checkers:

- Maria Canossa Soares, Youth Football Association
- Antonio Soares, Bobonaro Football Association
- David Toni Soares, Dili West Football Association

Dili, 10 November 2023 Frederico Pereira Martins Deputy General Secretary

CONGRESS PHOTOS



Fig.1. Chairperson of the Congress



Fig.2. Representatives from FIFA and AFC



Fig.3. FFTL Member Associations



Fig.4. Opening Remarks from the President of All Sports Confederation in Timor-Leste



Fig.5. Opening Remarks by the President of FFTL



Fig.5. Appointed and Approved Scrutineers



Fig.6. Appointed and Approved Minute Checkers



Fig.7. Clarification by the FIFA Governance on existed agenda



Fig.8. Votes cast by the Member Associations



Fig.9. Presentation of Audit Report to the Congress



Fig.10. Presentation of Consolidated Finance Report 2023



Fig.11. Declaration of Resignation by the President and One Executive Committee Member