

Cook Islands Aquatics Federation
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, 19th July 2022, 5.15pm
CISNOC Conference Room

Present: Romani Katoa, Marion Teotahi, Lesley Katoa, Lisa Iro, Leslie Chan, Kieran Chan, Nick Carter, Seychelle Carter, Andre Tutaka (CISNOC observer)

Apologies: Petero Okotai

Welcome : Romani Katoa

Opening Prayer: Marion Teotahi

AGENDA:

1. **Presidents Report**
2. **Treasurers Report**
3. **Election of Office Bearers 2022 – 2026**
 - (i) **President**
 - (ii) **Vice President**
 - (iii) **General Secretary**
 - (iv) **Treasurer**
 - (v) **Executive Members x 3**
 - (vi) **Athletes Commission**
 - (vii) **Coaches Commission**
4. **Other Matters**

1. **Presidents Report**

President, Romani Katoa tabled a written report detailing the activities held in the 2021 year. The report detailed the presentation to the Principals in February 2021, Rarotonga Swimming School Championships in March 2021, the Aitutaki Learn to Swim program held in April 2021, the FINA General Congress Elections held in June 2021, the Olympic Scholarships to recipients Kirsten Marsters and Wesley Roberts, the Tokyo Olympic Games, the Swim in School programs and the FINA World SC Champs & Extraordinary General Congress in December 2021 – Abu Dhabi. A motion was made by Lesley to accept the Presidents Report, seconded by Kieran. The report was unanimously accepted into the meeting. There were no issues arising from it.

2. **Treasurers Report**

The Treasurer, Marion tabled an Audited Financial Report detailing the expenses, income and the financial position of the Federation. This is the first time CIAF was able to have audited accounts presented at an AGM. The audit was undertaken by Ana Narovu, a member of the Fiji Institute of Accountants (FIFA) and a CPA Australia (ASA). Unfortunately Tim Teulilo (appointed as auditor in last AGM) was not available neither was Cecile Marten who was also appointed at last AGM. Ana Narovu has been appointed as Auditor. A motion was made by Romani to accept the Treasurers Report, seconded by Leslie Chan. The report was unanimously accepted into the meeting and there were no issues regarding it.

3. **Election of Office Bearers 2022 – 2026**

The President read Clause 9 of the CIAF Constitution; Office Bearers which lists the election process. There was discussion relating to Section (e) which lists the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer as having served as an Executive Member a year prior to nomination and

must be of Cook Islands descent. Membership fees must be paid. President vacated the seat as Chairperson and General Secretary commenced chairing the meeting through the election process 2022 – 2026.

President - Romani Katoa - nominated by Leslie Chan, seconded by Marion, there were no other nominations. All in favour, no objections. Romani re-elected as President.

General Secretary vacated the seat as Chairperson and the re-elected President continued with the meeting.

Vice President – Lesley Katoa – nominated by Lisa, seconded by Kieran Chan. There were no other nominations close. All in favour, no objections. Lesley re-elected as Vice President.

General Secretary – Lisa Iro – nominated by Marion Teotahi and seconded by Kieran. No other nominations. All in favour, no objections. Lisa re-elected as General Secretary.

Treasurer – Marion Teotahi – nominated by Lesley Katoa and seconded by Leslie Chan. No other nominations. All in favour, no objections. Marion re-elected as Treasurer.

Executive members x 3

1. Kieran Chan – nominated by Lisa, seconded by Lesley Katoa, all in favour, no objections.
2. Nick Carter – nominated by Romani, seconded by Marion. All in favour, no objections.
3. Leslie Chan – nominated by Lesley Katoa, seconded by Marion. All in favour, no objections.

Athletes Commission – Chairperson Petero Okotai, 2 members Kirsten Marsters and Wesley Roberts – nominated by Romani Katoa seconded by Lesley. Letters received from them for these positions.

Coaches Commission – Horst/ Kieran and Leslie Chan, nominated by Romani and second by Lesley.

Appointment of Auditor – Ana Narovu – nominated by Romani Katoa and seconded by Kieran.

Membership fee - \$5.00 per person – Board approved for fees to remain at the same price. A brief summary that any persons wanting to join must pay their membership. We want to increase our memberships apart from our schools. The goal is to have a Takitumu, Puaikura, Te Au O Tonga Swim club all affiliated to CIAF. FINA enforcing people involved in the sports for 10 years before becoming a member on the FINA Board.

4. Other Matters

FINA provide scholarships for education and swimming to various countries to assist developing countries. We have been sending our swimmers to Thailand and United States however our swimmers become homesick because its too far away. For us, we would like to align ourselves with Australia. We want to develop relationships with sister clubs like the recent trip that our kids had in Waikato, transitioning from open water to pools. Our team has been doing well, and we are really proud of them.

In terms of the scholarship, we need dedicated and committed swimmers. Scholarship is offered in a pool of the Pacific countries however Cook Islands do not go as these are offered in Thailand where it is too far away and our athletes get homesick. Our goal is to align ourselves with Swimming Australia to provide our kids with the experience and environment. Wesley is currently undergoing training in Australia. The scholarships are full scholarships. We are wanting to establish

relationships with our sister clubs in Australia, to benefit both the sister club and CIAF, like the team that went to the Waikato swim competition and did very well under the management of Leslie, some beating previous PB's. They surprised a lot of the people at the competition.

We need to establish relationship with sponsors like Onu who has agreed to come on board as sponsors for our uniforms. Arena Swimwear has also agreed to come on board as sponsors for the athletes suits for competition.

In mid August this year Swimming Australia is holding a coaches clinic (Australia & USA) dates to be confirmed, Swimming Australia has invited a person from CIAF and will pay the airfare. We will wait for confirmation of dates first to see whether it will still go ahead.

Kieran – Swimming School Championships to be held, prefers to have them held individually for each school. Board agreed championships should be held but to reach out to the schools first and see what they think then we can plan around that. Kieran and Lesley will reach out to the schools.

Kieran – Cook Islands Games October 2022

Islands not showing up to their training days and show up a week before the games, disrupting the program of the islands training days. We need to get a training program starting next week for all the islands who should have all their athletes by now. Not sure if games will go ahead, waiting for new government. Format will be the same except there will be no 100m, as this is time consuming and safety issues surrounding this. So events will be 50m Freestyle & Backstroke and Relays, each island can have 3 male and female.

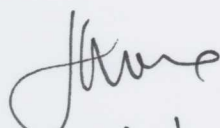
Categories - 14U, 18U, Open, Masters (45 yrs upwards) , Distance 750m 1.5k. Depending on the tides we will be able to do the 750m and 1.5k to be done on the same day, maybe 1 in the morning and 1.5k in the afternoon, but we also need to take into account that athletes need to recover.

We will need to replace our lane ropes and some orange floats used for the fishing nets for the lanes. CISNOC are able to assist with financing the equipment so we need to get out lists together and send our list to CISNOC. One of the complaints in last years games was they weren't able to kick off at the start as some were a bit short. We have secured 2 FINA buoys and need these pumped up.

We will call another meeting before the games to finalise everything. President thanked everybody for attending the meeting and to the new board congratulations and look forward to working together with everybody.

Meeting ended at 6.36pm.

Closing Prayer - Lisa


Lisa Iro
General Secretary