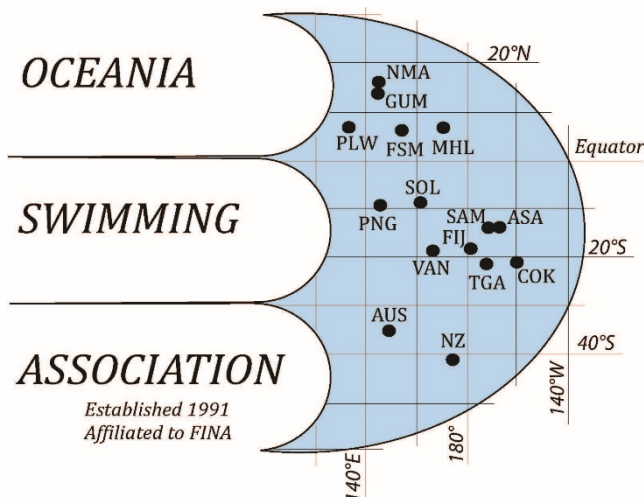


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MINUTES OF THE OCEANIA SWIMMING ASSOCIATION AGM VIA ZOOM, 30TH OCTOBER 2020

1. OPENING OF THE AGM

The President, Matthew Dunn declared meeting open via video conference call and thanked and welcomed all delegates and guests.

Quick overview via zoom.

2. CONFIRMATION OF DELEGATE ATTENDANCE:

President Mr Matthew Dunn – FINA Vice President – occupied the Chair
Mr Ron Clarke – Honorary Secretary
Mrs Liz Wells – Honorary Treasurer
Mrs Judy Otto – OSA Executive Member

Erika Radewagen/Judy – American Samoa
Tracey/Alex Baumann – Australia
Romani Katoa/Horst Mieke – Cook Islands
Pitila Thompson – Fiji
Derik Daniel – FSM
Edwin K.W. Ching/Don – Guam
Mary Harris/Amy – Marshall Islands
Colin Thompson/John Hirst – Northern Mariana Islands
Roger – New Zealand
Judy Otto/Dermot/Billy – Palau
Carly Pini/Ryan Pini – PNG
Kerrie Punivalu/Suzie Schuster – Samoa
James Panuve – Tonga

Observers: FSM

Confirmation of delegates moved: Ron Clarke
Second: Liz Wells

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3. APOLOGIES

Fiji – Ben Rova

Solomons

Vanuatu – Ivan Oswald

Moved Ron, Seconded Liz; Carried

4. Confirmation of Minutes of previous AGM:

Move: Liz Wells

Second: James Panuve

All in favour and Carried

5. Presidents Report

- Matt welcomed all, report distributed and read.
- Challenging year for all from a sporting perspective as well as from individual countries. Largely we have been hampered to progressing forward depending on severity of various lockdowns. Some countries within Oceania have been lucky enough to have no covid cases and some have been severely impacted.
- Special mention of Ron for his commitment over the last 4 years. Landscape has changed in terms of our funding which has been a fantastic result but this comes with an increased level of compliance and accountability. Ron has covered this and stepped up the level of workload in his role and the OSA Board is very appreciative of this.
- Thanked Liz as Treasurer in support of that compliance and getting accounts audited. We try to maintain and be a lean organisation so we can pass much funding and support to member Federations and ensure they stay very closely aligned and connect directly with the FINA office.
- Continental Workshop held at last AGM - Funding provided by FINA Continental Support Program. Allowed us to refine 4 strategic pillars – Governance, Facilities, Communications and Development. Had a reasonable run towards the end of last year however due Covid situation much of this is on hold.
- Pacific Games – Eligibility criteria (discussions on it needing to be amended to become more of a fairer assessment criteria), opportunity to raise amendments 12 months prior to any Games so will relook this during the Oceania Championships May 2021 and if not held will come up with another solution as to how we can progress this discussion.
- Reporters Academy – successful program run during the Oceania Championships particularly for the Island Federations looking to gain exposure for the sport. During Guangzho Game,s this had positive impact in a no of Federations through social media and provided support in the member Federations home country.
- An initiative we are trying to progress is a Training workshop to be held during Oceania Championships. Delayed due covid but looking at an online solution and request for all member federations complete questionnaire sent out by Ron with the aim of growing capability within local federations to increase exposure domestically.
- FINA Olympic Support Program – Successful program and legacy of Denis Miller. Dennis and Matt worked diligently to get increased funding to member Federations and great to see it is working. Unfortunately, due Covid most programs got cancelled. With the repurposing of this funding, important to keep OSA informed so we can provide any support back to Fina if you face any difficulties.
- Continental Support Programs - delayed as well due to covid. 95% of programs adversely affected by Covid [majority of funding were earmarked for events and travel]. FINA mandated that funding be repurposed for direct athlete support in preparation for Tokyo 2021and will work with NFs to ensure this is distributed accordingly.
- FINA Clinics are now transferring to online programs. All NFs encouraged to maintain communications with FINA Office and take advantage of this online program.

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- FINA Managers Program– FINA initiative to drive support in the administration area. To be hosted in FIJI during Oceania Championships but pushed back due Covid.
- Pacific Sports Partnerships – currently running in FIJI and VANUATU and has been a successful program and generated some great benefits. Challenges: High level of compliance as Australian Federal Govt funded especially with volunteer Federations where administration can be quite onerous. Thanks to Nancy Miyake who has driven this over the last 6 years and created great resources “Let’s Swim” and “Spider Ball” and great opportunities for NFs to take advantage of.
- Finally on behalf of the OSA Board, thank all the member Federations for your support over the last period and in particular going forward and in challenging times, we encourage good communication both ways. Any feedback and correspondence is always welcome.

6. Financial Report

The Honorary Treasurer, Liz presented the OSA Financial Report for 30th April 2019 – 30th April 2020, copies had been circulated.

The Treasurer outlined the expenses incurred throughout the financial year and also explained that the audit covered both the PNG and Australian bank accounts.

Matt advised the last financial year captured the majority of two FINA Continental Support funding elements so surplus is excessive but will be carried forward to support the majority of activities within this period.

A question was asked on possibility to change main accounts to ANZ AUD instead of Westpac KINA as financials in AUD. The Treasurer explained PNG Westpac is still open so that we can audit the accounts with the PNG auditors. If we close PNG account, they will be unable to audit our Australian accounts and we will need to get Australian auditors. Matt advised – aiming to transition into the AUS ANZ account as all funding goes into this account and the ANZ account is currently the operating account and all funds go into it.

The Treasurer moved that the 2019/2020 Financial Report be accepted, seconded Matt Dunn: Carried

All in favour.

The Treasurer then moved that Sinto Spence Chartered Accounts be appointed as the OSA Financial Auditors for 2021/April 30, 2022 seconded Matt Dunn: Carried

7. Federation Reports

Matt acknowledged the submission of reports by all Federations over the last year.

- Acknowledged the developing Federations taking up new initiatives in other disciplines such as water polo and synchronized swimming.

8. OSA Championships 2022 Registrations.

- Ron advised - A lot of uncertainty currently due to covid. OSA Board working with Fiji Swimming around holding the 2020 OSA Championships in Fiji in 2021.
- Matt advised unsure if 2021 Championships will go ahead due covid. With the lead in to Tokyo, various measures put in place but unknown if countries will open borders to travel which may mean Championships may not go ahead. If there is a need to transition to 2022, we will work with Fiji Swimming. Consultation process to be held, we will monitor situation and keep all Federations informed of updates.
- Question asked when a decision may be made in regards to Championship dates. Matt advised that in last consultations with Fiji Swimming, championships may be held around May 2021. Pitila added: currently awaiting feedback from Government on boarder restrictions. Talks are underway with airlines and hotels

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for rates during the Oceania Championships May 2021 but all is dependent on borders opening for travel. Fiji Swimming is hoping to meet with Government and stakeholders in January 2021.

9. Confirmation of Election of the OSA Bearers

Darren Kane provided Ron with results of election as follows:

President – Mathew Dunn
Secretary – Pitila Thompson
Treasurer – Liz Wells
First Ordinary Director – Kerrie Punivalu
Second Ordinary Director – James Panuve

10. Confirmation of Election of Fina Oceania position and Fina World at Large positions:

FINA Oceania Position - Mathew Dunn
FINA World at Large Position – Romani Katoa

Above are results of Election process that Darren ran for OSA.

- Apologies from Darren who ran the elections and is unable to attend meeting.
- Moved by Matt that Darren destroy ballot papers.
- All in favour and confirmed as passed.

Other Business:

General Comments

- Ron reiterated the need to update your email contacts especially with FINA and Oceania Secretary. One of the challenges faced is that FINA time frames are quite tight so immediate response is required by FINA quickly.
- Ron has enjoyed the role and thanked all for support over the last four years.
- Matt thanked everyone for ongoing support, commitment to developing aquatics within each Federation. Every circumstance everyone is facing are different and there are still a number of Federations without pools, which we are looking to progress and resolve through the Pools for all Program.
- OSA committed to supporting the Federations, its developments and events once borders open
- Acknowledgement of outgoing executive members Ron – fantastic Secretary over last period, sorry to see you go but will always be a part of the FINA/Oceania family, Judy – enjoyed working with you over this period and a great contributor depth of knowledge of the admin, coaching side and northern region is invaluable and we will call on you regularly for your input and guidance, guidance and counsel.
- Welcomed Ed back online and well.
- In closing, please call on us for support and assistance particularly in getting additional support from your Government by way of letter of support, lobbying or phone calls via NOC, local Government or FINA and all the best for the coming period.
- Matt thanked all and as there was no other business, meeting was officially declared closed.

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