PRESIDENT: Mr Matt Dunn (AUS)

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SECRETARY: Ms Pitila Thompson (FIJ)

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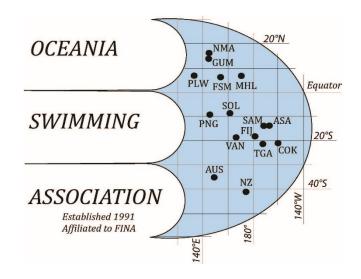
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### MINUTES OF THE OCEANIA SWIMMING ASSOCIATION (OSA) – Annual General Meeting

Time: 12 noon, 19 December 2021

Venue: Etihad Arena, FINA World Short Course Championships and via Zoom

#### 1. OPENING OF THE AGM

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

#### 2. CONFIRMATION OF DELEGATE ATTENDANCE:

Mr Matthew Dunn (President) – Chair, OSA President, FINA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Mrs Pitila Thompson – OSA Honorary Secretary Mrs Liz Wells – OSA Honorary Treasurer

Michelle Gallen – Australia Romani Katoa – Cook Islands Ben Rova – Fiji Mae Bruton Adams – FSM Y Inazu/Don San Augustin – Guam Mary Harris – Marshall Islands Richard Sikkel – Northern Mariana Islands Carly Pini – PNG Kerrie Punivalu – Samoa James Panuve – Tonga

#### 3. APOLOGIES

Nil received

## 4. Confirmation of Minutes of previous AGM:

Move: Liz Wells Second: Don San

All in favour and Carried

### AFFILIATED FEDERATIONS

American Samoa (ASA) - Australia (AUS) - Cook Islands (COK) - Fiji (FIJ) - Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) - Guam (GUM) - Marshall Islands (MIL) - Northern Mariana Islands (NMA) - New Zealand (NZL) - Palau (PAL) - Papua New Guinea (PNG) - Samoa (SAM) - Solomon Islands (SOL) - Kingdom of Tonga (TGA) - Vanuatu (VAN)

#### 5. Presidents Report

The President welcomed all delegates and observers to the FINA World Short Course Championships in Abu Dhabi. He noted that it has been another challenging year for Member Federations due to the pandemic from both a sporting perspective with these challenges varying between individual country circumstances. He advised that the inaugural Dennis Miller Award for extraordinary service to Open Water swimming in honour of the late Dennis Miller, would be presented at the upcoming FINA Gala Dinner. OSA intended to review its Strategic Plan once new FINA Strategies have been finalised and to form a Subcommittee to coordinate the review. He advised that individual Zoom meetings had been successfully held with member federations to identify key challenges they currently face over the months prior to the meeting. Key items identified were to appoint Development Coordinator/Officer/s and establish, in conjunction with FINA, regional university scholarships and the option of a consolidated staging camp before Commonwealth Games. He requested Member Federations to consider hosting the Oceania Swimming Championships in coming years. The PSP Program intellectual property is to be transferred from joint ownership by Swimming Australia to OSA to 100% OSA ownership with the intent of licencing this to Member Federations at no cost. He provided an overview of the 2022 FINA competition calendar.

The President welcomed the FINA President and invited him to address the meeting. The FINA President welcomed all attendees to the championships and outlined his vision of the future of FINA with a focus on modernisation and reform of FINA which has already commenced.

Brett Nowicki, FINA Executive Director, addressed the meeting and provided an update on the upcoming FINA World Championships in Fukuoka.

Pere Miro, FINA Head of Development, addressed the meeting and discussed good governance to manage/handle funding, Coaching Certification Program –confirming 8 positions and Development Program Clinics – confirming 7 positions.

### 6. Financial Report

The Honorary Treasurer, Liz Wells, presented the OSA Financial Report.

The Treasurer outlined the expenses incurred throughout the financial year and also explained that the audit covered both the PNG and Australian bank accounts. Audit finalisation date was yet to be confirmed.

James Panuve (Tonga) requested Page 3 of Financials to be amended and the Treasurer confirmed that the Auditors will be advised.

The Treasurer moved that the 2020/2021 Financial Report be accepted, seconded Matt Dunn: Carried

All in favour.

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

## 7. Other Updates:

Fiji confirmed it cannot host 2022 OSA Champs due to government funding being withdrawn. NF's to advise if able to host and Championships ideally to be held between Sep – Dec 2022.

The President congratulated Kieren Perkins who recently resigned as President of Swimming Australia to accept the position of CEO of Sports Australia.

Ben Rova requested, to secure OSA funds for a High-Performance Consultant to assist Fiji Swimming and other federations in the lead up to the Commonwealth Games. It was advised that conditions on existing funds meant that OSA could not support at this time.

Michelle Gallen (Australia) offered the support of Swimming Australia to assist with reviewing the Strategic Plan when appropriate.

# **Closing**

The President thanked everyone for their ongoing support and commitment to developing aquatics within each Federation. Noted that all circumstances and challenges our Member Federations face are different and there are still a number of Federations without pools, which OSA and FINA are looking to progress and resolve through the Pools for all Program. He confirmed that OSA is committed to supporting the Federations, development activities and events in the region.

The President confirmed there was no further business, thanked all attendees and declared the meeting closed.