

CAYMAN ISLANDS AQUATIC SPORTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING

Silver Thatch Board Room, Nexus Way, Camana Bay

Tuesday 7 June 2022 at 5.30pm

PRESENT:

Officers:

Stephen Broadbelt ("Steve")- President

Jim Fraser – Vice President

Chilian Wong-Ellison - Secretary

Alex McCallum - Treasurer

PRESENT:

Directors:

Adam Butler – Director (arrived 5.46pm)

Andrea Higgo - Director - Resigned

Martin Trott - Director

Sarah Sellars - Director

Dean Wragg - SMS

Ex-Officio:

Jacky Pellerin – Technical Director

Tricia MacDonald - CBAC

Gill Owen - Artistic

Alissa Moberg- Artistic

Frank Flowers – apologies

Call to Order

Steve took a roll call and called the meeting to order at 5.42pm. Conflicts of interests were noted.

Steve informed the Board that Andrea Higgo has resigned from the RTC Sub committee and the CIASA Board effective immediately.

Apologies

Apologies had been received from Andrea Higgo.

Matters arising and approval of May 2022 CIASA BOD minutes

After discussion, the minutes from the May 2022 meeting will be reviewed and approved at a later date. Kathy has circulated the minutes to be reviewed.

President's Report

Steve tabled his report.

Steve informed the meeting that the timing system at the Lions Pool is not functioning well. There are talks under way to talk about timing at the LVK meet. Steve will speak to Jacky R and David to see what we can do with the LVK meet.

Steve confirmed that the meeting with himself, Jacky and CIOC was very positive. CIOC are keen to send an artistic swimming team and an open water swimmer to the Olympics. There is planning under way for an Open Water event in Columbia later this year. The CIOC has made a commitment and informed the association that If we need funding for certain qualifying meets, we can submit a proposal that they would consider on funding for attendance in qualifying meets. Steve informed the meeting that the CIOC will have their AGM soon.

Flowers

Chilian updated the meeting with regards to the Flowers Sea Swim preparation. Everything is under way for the Flowers Sea Swim. The weather looks like it will be great. The race will run from Coral Beach to the Ritz and the closing ceremony will take place at the Westin. Rick Walker will be down to assist with refereeing. CIASA looks forward to attending the Flowers-YMCA gala.

Open Water and National Swim Championships

Martin tabled his report. The turnout for the Butterfield swim was excellent at 148. The record turnout for an open water swim is 173. It was agreed by the meeting that a calendar of events should be published as soon as possible, especially when it comes to the Open Water swims as many tourists and visitors could plan around attending the swim if they knew about it beforehand. It would be great idea to get the information to the hotels and on the New Resident or Visit Cayman Islands website. Martin will look at the calendar and work on a draft calendar to circulate.

OW Timing system: Jacky informed the meeting that he has not response from the company. It was suggested that a phone call might be the next step. Martin informed the meeting that it would be great to have the timing system for the next 5K. Jacky. It was suggested that we also look into the purchase of a temperature probe for open water swimming.

Martin went on to suggest to the meeting that we increase the sponsorship from CI\$3K to CI\$5K. Everyone was in agreement; we just need to make sure that the companies are happy with what they are getting in terms of coverage with the current \$ sponsorship.

Steve confirmed that CIASA has purchased a Giant Inflatable FINISH Sign.

Martin spoke of the World Aquatics Day and when we should hold the Day. It was agreed that the celebration take place at Sunset House in August. Martin and Sarah will work on this event.

Jacky confirmed at currently the National Swim Championships will be kept at the same time around Ash Wednesday.

ACTION: Martin to work on Calendar with Jacky and coaches and Sarah and to work on World Aquatics Day in August.

Artistic:

Alissa confirmed that the artistic meet in Florida was well attended. There were 45 athlete; a few of them did get Covid, which complicated matters. Nonetheless it was a great success and trip.

Alissa confirmed that on June 18th, there are two artistic shows at Camana Bay Pool; one for juniors at 3.30pm and one at 6.30pm for the seniors of the group. There will a Pirates Finale at the show. Alissa is hoping that the Artistic athletes will once again be showcased at the Pirates Week parade.

Alissa confirmed that we are sending a mixed duet to the Youth World Championships in Canada.

Alissa informed the meeting that we are sending a Masters artistic athlete to Columbia in July 2022. Sarah Trott will be representing Cayman Islands.

Further discussion surrounded the need for a separate RTC arm for artistic swimming; of which the RTC chairman (Director of the Board) would have oversight over.

Alissa further informed the meeting that Caymanite Synchro will have tryouts in September and December.

It was agreed that Sarah will do a 50/50 raffle at the Caymanite Synchro show on the 18 June 2022. Sarah informed the meeting and the artistic representatives that if CIASA are doing a fundraiser that participation should be ensued by all: pool, open water and artistic parents and athletes.

ACTION: Sarah to work with Alissa and Romina on the raffle.

Technical/FINA

Adam met with Jacky R. Adam informed the meeting that he and Jacky R will be splitting the duties of the technical committee.

Jacky R will be looking to approve the few dozen volunteers who have completed training, which is great news as this will increase our number of officials.

Adam will be working on recruiting officials and moving officials up the ladder.

Chilian informed the meeting that the Officials long sleeved shrits are on island and will be distributed accordingly .

Further discussion surrounded the need for Open Water officials and the training around this. It was suggested that Jacky TD and Jacky R and Adam meet with regards to what clinics and training sessions are needed/desired so that Jacky TD can put in proposals at the beginning of each swim calendar year to FINA and PanAm Aquatics for clinic approvals.

Further discussion also included the need for more Artistic Swimming officials.

Adam to discuss with Alissa and Jacky TD with regards to officials for artistic and Open Water...

ACTION: Adam to discuss with Alissa and Jacky TD

Water Safety/Lifeguards

Re: Water Safety Website. There seems to have been a lag on this; with the deadline passed, it was agreed that Jacky, Craig and Kathy get in touch with Mandy to discuss and finalise the website. Steve reiterated that the website was to be finalized in the next two or three months assuming no obstacles.

ACTION: Craig, Kathy and Jacky

Medical

There were no updates.

CIOC

Steve and Jacky had a very positive meeting with CIOC.

Facilities

Steve had circulated some information to the Board. The government is supportive and has reiterated their commitment to the association for the 50m aquatic Centre to be built.

Technical Director's Report

Jacky spoke of the various teams to be finalized and announced.

The following teams have been agreed: Caribbean Games to Guadaloupe at the end of June. Five swimmers and one open water swimmer was going to attend.

The Commonwealth Team has nearly been finalised.

CIASA has received two applications for interest to be recommended to Commonwealth Games in Birmingham at the end of July. Currently one athlete may have an issue with passport.

Jacky informed the meeting that the CCCAN Team to Barbados has been finalised. The team will be named. Team lists to be sent to Kathy.

Jacky informed the meeting that coach Bryce had expressed interest to go as a coach to CCCAN 2022 Barbados

ACTION: Jacky TD to send lists of CCCAN to Kathy for press release.

CIOC will announce the Caribbean Games and Commonwealth.

Chilian informed the meeting of the application for Team Manager for CCCAN Pool and discussion also surrounded the Team Manager for the Open Water team.

On a motion duly moved and approved, the decision to approve Alicia Proud as Team Manager for the CCCAN Pool Team in July 2022 to Barbados, was ratified as per email from Thursday 9 June 2022.

It was discussed that Andrea Ho was waiting to hear on her passport but that she had expressed interest to go as Team Manager for the Open Water Team to CCCAN Barbados, If Andrea was not able to go, Pauline Lambert would go. Chilian informed the meeting that flights needed to be booked soon for the Team Manager for the Open Water.

ACTION: Jacky to liaise with Alicia Proud to pass the baton. Jacky TD to have TM approved for the OW team.

Club reports

CBAC

Tricia tabled the CBAC report. An enquiry had been asked with regards to the Development meet in Jamaica and that CBAC and SSC had thought that the meet had only been earmarked for Development athletes. If the other clubs had known that it was open to everyone, more athletes may have expressed interest.

Marz agreed that SSC had also thought the meet was only being offered to Development athletes.

Steve reiterated that the Development meet is a priority for CIASA

SISC

There were no updates. SISC had two swimmers who were interested in also attending the Jamaica meet

had it been known to be open to all clubs.

SSC

Marz informed the meeting that SSC have a training trip in Costa Rica from 4 to 18 July 2022.

Marz informed the meeting that Jackson has left island to be with his family. John Bodden and Bryce are assistant coaches. Swim school is also up and running with some of the senior swimmers as junior swim instructors.

SMS

Duke informed the meeting that SMS would contribute towards purchases of the timing system and other purchases to do with Lions Pool.

Any other Business

Chilian brought up the 'swimsuit discretion' topic that has been brought up by some parents. It was discussed at length and agreed that the FINA rule will be our source and that a narrative will be put out with regards to this issue.

The club representatives left at 7.27pm.

Treasurer's Report / Budget

Alex had sent the report.

Alex will work on an updated budget with Jacky on the CARIFTA and CCCAN meets. Alex will also be looking at the Artisict Swimming reimbursements from the recent Florida trip.

Representative Team Committee

Steve informed that meeting Andrea has resigned from the Board and RTC.

A meeting will be set with RTC committee next week to discuss the terms of reference and get feedback from the committee.

ACTION: Jacky is to put in a proposal to meet objectives of CIASA and shepherding siwmmers for as long as possible.

ACTION: Meeting to be set by Board, Jacky and RTC committee

On a motion duly moved and approved, it was approved to appoint Colleen Burke as the Lions representative for aquatics, to be voted in as an ex-officio at the CIASA Board meetings.

After much discussion, and on a motion duly moved and seconded, it was approved that the parental contribution for CCCAN 2022 Barbados be CI\$750. A swimsuit allowance would only be allowed for athletes who had not received one earlier in the season in April 2022.

ACTION: Contact Colleen Burke

Fund Development

There were no updates. It was discussed that this role will have to be divided and discussed for the next swim calendar year.

Booster Group

Sarah updated the meeting verbally. The committee is working on a bingo night. Sarah informed the meeting that a few of her committee members are stepping down. The Board suggests that the committee member who steps down needs to help nominate someone; if not it was suggested to request for someone from the Club Board.

ACTION: Sarah to organise bingo.

Public Relations / Media

Kathy informed the meeting that she will send an updated proposal for a PR plan.

ACTION: Kathy to send in PR proposal

Education and Training

Adam to meet with Jacky with regards to education and training for athletes and coaches.

Legal Affairs

There were no updates.

Strategic Plan and Strategy

There were no updates.

Any Other Business

End of season barbq would be a great way to end.

ACTION: Jacky to work with club boards and coaches on this.

Next Meeting

The Board does not meet in the summer in person.

Website:

The Board agrees that our website needs updating and maintenance. The executives are looking into this initiative.

Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 9.30pm.

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Stephen Broadbelt

Chairman of Meeting

Chilian Wong-Ellison

Chilian Wang

Secretary of Meeting