CAYMAN ISLANDS AQUATIC SPORTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING

GAB Building, Elgin Avenue, George Town

PRESENT:

Officers:

Stephen Broadbelt (“Steve”)- President

Kathryn Jackson – Vice President

Chilian Wong-Ellison – Secretary

Martin Trott – Treasurer

PRESENT:

Directors:

Tanushree Perry – Director

Colleen Williams – Director - Apologies

Sarah Sellars – Director

Laura Ribbins – Director - Apologies

Marz West – Director

Ex-Officio:

Jacky Pellerin – Technical Director

Karen Watson – Stingray

Andrea Higgo - CBAC

Frank Flowers – Apologies

Anup Itwar – Flowers Group

Alicia Proud – Federation Coordinator

Chevala Burke – SISC- Apologies

Duke Sullivan – SMS

Alissa Moberg – CBAC Artistic

Grant Ferguson – Guest Water Polo

Call to Order

Steve took a roll call and called the meeting to order at 6,35pm. Conflicts of interests were noted.

Apologies

It was noted that a quorum of the board of directors (the “**Board**”) of the Cayman Islands Aquatic Sports Association (“**CIASA**”) were present. Apologies were received from Colleen Williams and Laura Ribbins.

Flowers Update

Anup dialed in to give the meeting an update on the swim. Unfortunately, Lexie Kelly will not be attending. Registration has been slower than normal. It has been decided to extend the registration deadline. The organizing committee is working on getting two sets of stairs to access the beach at Coral Beach. The weather looks like it will be clear on Saturday. It has been decided to move the 10k swim to October.

Acceptance of Minutes

The minutes of the meetings dated 8 May were presented for approval.

Following discussion, on a motion duly moved, and seconded, it was unanimously resolved, to approve the 8 May 2024 minutes.

Water Polo

Grant Ferguson had been invited to the meeting to give the Board an update on his water polo initiative. Grant informed the meeting that he started off in January working with the Boyz to Men group. He had 48 kids and took them to Governor's Beach to play games on land and introduce them to water polo after also playing land water polo. The interest was overwhelming and amazing.

Grant informed the board that he has been coaching 18 boys on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon at the beach. The boys are mainly from JGHS. Clifton Hunter has reached out to see if he can do something there and Grant is

currently discussing logistics with them. Grant informed the meeting that after discussion with JGHS, water polo will be in offered at JGHS as part of the curriculum and take up 6 pt classes from September 2024.

There will be an end of year water polo tournament. Grant informed the Board that has done 8 classes at the pool and beach to introduce the game. Interest was very high and they may want to continue next year. Every Sunday Grant offers water polo at Governor's Beach from 4.30pm to 6.30pm and on Tuesdays from 5 to 6.30pm. Grant informed the meeting that he has some masters swimmers joining in.

Fitness Connection has been very supportive and soon will have a water polo club. Grant informed the meeting that he has a sponsor who is interested.

Grant's goal is to have a CARIFTA team and for a team to attend the next beach water polo tournament. A beach water polo team would consist of 7 – 1 goalie and 3 players and constant substitution.

There is huge potential to have U14, U16 and U18 water polo teams.

The Board congratulated Grant on the progress he has made with the water polo initiative on island. It has come a long way.

Jacky informed the meeting that he would like CIASA to consider a budget to make a set of caps, balls, new goals for the water polo initiative and Grant's program. Board members agreed this was a good use of funds in order to develop water polo.

Grant asked if he was able to use the old lane ropes from Lions Pool. Stingray Club was going to approach Chester and ask if Grant could take the old lane ropes to use for his water polo program.

The Board thanked Grant for coming to the meeting and giving an update and congratulated him again for the strides he has made.

Restatement of memorandum and articles

Chilian informed the meeting that World Aquatics Legal has requested, in order for us to be updated on the GMS system that we restate our memorandum and articles to remove the name FINA and replace with World Aquatics. Chilian informed the meeting that we will also make minor changes such as reference to our financial year end to be in line with the change to August 31 year end from December 31 year end. The change of 'laws' to 'Act' will also take place. Chilian informed the meeting that the restatement will be presented at the AGM in November 2024; but that we ask that the restatement, as circulated to the Board with the update of ‘laws’ to ‘Act’ be approved by the Board tonight.

Following discussion, on a motion duly moved, and seconded, it was unanimously resolved,to approve the restated Memorandum and Articles of Cayman Islands Aquatic Sports Association with the changes discussed with the understanding that this restated Memorandum and Articles be presented to the members at the AGM in November 2024.

President’s report

Steve updated the meeting with the 50m Aquatic Centre news.

The Deputy Chief Officer, Joan West-Dacres has informed us that the drafting of the contract will be tendered to 10 companies. This is because it is a lifetime of agreement of more than $10Mm and therefore the contract has to be written by a law firm. After the tendering, three bids will be looked and one will be chosen. The contract will cover such topics as:

1. Formation of public/private partnership
2. Who is on the seats of the table
3. Foundation rules that cannot be changed

Steve informed the meeting that the surveyor has done topographical drawings.

There is a contract with YMCA with regards to shared spaces for parking for 250 and part of the agreement involves the YMCA receiving the fill from the hole in the ground for the pool.

Steve also informed the meeting he was having discussions with Health City to partner up with the Aquatic Centre with regards specifically to rehabilitation needs.

Technical Director

Jacky updated the meeting verbally. CCCAN preparation is going well and the final entries for transportation have been sent. So far we have not been billed for accommodation.

Mare Nostrum Championship went well and Kyra had some great swims. She broke a CIASA and National record in the 1500m.

It was discussed that Kyra should do a writeup for the next CIASA newsletter about her experience at the Mare Nostrum.

The CIASA National dates have changed to Thursday to Sunday after Ash Wednesday from Saturday to Tuesday preceeding Ash Wednesday. Much discussion surrounding the change in dates and the reasoning behind this. History of this is that a few years, CIS did not get a whole week of holiday surrounding Ash Wednesday which meant that the swim meet could only take place when CIS were on holiday as the pool could be used; however when this changed and CIS was given one week off, like many other schools, the dates of the Nationals was changed from Saturday to Tuesday preceeding Ash Wednesday so as to give the athletes and parents/officials a break after Tuesday till Monday to either take a break or go away if needed.

The Board requested Jacky to speak and discuss with the coaches on why they want the dates changed to after Ash Wednesday to Sunday before school starts for the Nationals.

Jacky informed the Board that CIOC has asked him to be the CIOC liaison in France during the Olympics. Jacky will be the driver and translator to help navigate the Cayman Team around. Jacky will be travelling for the Olympics are 17 July to 12 August 2024.

The Board approved this appointment.

Jacky informed the Board that he has given the long list to the CIOC

First List: Jordan (qualified)

Long list: Jillian Crooks, Lila Higgo, Kyra Rabess, Harper Barrowman

The last date for the decision of the First call, third call or fourth call, will be 12 July 2024.

Open Water

Alicia updated the meeting verbally. The Butterfield swim took place on 25 May 2024 and it was the biggest one yet with 163 swimmers…143 for the half mile and 18 for the 400m. We ran out of t-shirts to give away.

Duke informed the meeting that he had been skeptical of adding a 400m swim to the half mile swims we hold but he says that it was an important and positive initiative and is glad that the 400m is now being offered at all half mile swims.

It was suggested that we buy generic caps for 400m swims, which can be used for all 400m swims.

Alicia informed the meeting that Dr Mascaro was our medic at the swim. We are grateful to Dr Mascaro for helping out.

Artistic Swimming

Alissa updated the meeting verbally. The sycnchro show has been postponed to Sunday 16 June at 4pm.

We now have 3 new officials trained by PanAm Aquatic. Congratulations to the three new officials.

Alissa informed the meeting that she will be stepping down as Head Coach of Synchro Swimming. Coach Romina will be head coach. Alissa informed the meeting that she will be helping with ARTC.

CBAC: Alissa is stepping down as head coach. Coach Romina will be head coach.

The Board congratulated Romina on her appointment.

Booster Group

Sarah updated the meeting verbally. The pub quiz did not have enough response so it was decided to postpone this event to a later date.

Discussion surrounded the Booster committee. All clubs were informed that they need to have a person from their club on the committee to actively assist. This committee is an integral part of our association and helps organize events and activities to make money to benefit the members of all the clubs.

Clubs were asked to nominate a member from their clubs to be on the Booster sub committee for next swim season.

Club Reports

CBAC: Andrea informed the meeting that CBAC had a successful meet in North Carolina. The Board requested for Andrea to ask the CBAC Board the reason on why they did not attend all three days of the LVK meet.

There were no other updates from the other clubs.

It was discussed that the coaches meetings must always be minuted and send to the Board and each Club's Board of Directors.

Sarah informed the Board that she has stepped down from being the SMS Child Protection Officer.

Discussion surrounded this subject and the Child Protection Officer subject will need to be revisited.

Clubs left at 8.30 pm

Treasurer's Report

Martin tabled his report. He informed the meeting that approx. CI$4K was raised from the Butterfield swim.

Martin confirmed the audit for the FY23 year was ongoing but almost concluded by HLB Berman Fisher.

Steve agreed to follow up with Davenport re outstanding sponsorship for Carifta.

It was discussed that the hardship fund was established in the early 2000's to help individuals who could not pay or afford to attend a CIASA event. This fund was established with the idea of full discretion and anonymity by the Treasurer and President regarding the request and use of the funds.

The restricted fund was established for the 'plan' of getting a 50m aquatic pool.

After discussion, a motion was put forward and unanimously approved by those present to ratify the existence and purpose of the hardship fund and restricted fund.

Discussion surrounded the needs for increased government funding as the growth of artistic swimming, open water and water polo has increased exponentially.

Representative Team Committee

There were no updates.

Any other Business

Kathy wanted to bring up the possible hire of Alex Dakers, a former swimmer, who is doing freelance writing (and has already done some writeups for CIASA). The Board supports this idea and has asked for a proposal.

Chilian informed the Board that we will need to form an Athlete's committee. Chilian asked that everyone think of some candidates to approach to be an ex officio on the Board . We could look to approaching a few.

Other Matters

Meeting adjourned at 9.15pm.

The Board will not meet formally in July or August but will discuss matters when they come up.

Stephen Broadbelt	**Chilian Wong-Ellison**
Chairman of Meeting	**Secretary of Meeting**