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## ANNUAL General Meeting

Saturday, December 10, 2022

11:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time (Scheduled duration 1.5 hours)

### MINUTES

	Notes	Motion / Actions
1. Welcome & Pule	Pule by Mata with translation to English for all	
2. Introductions /Roll call	Spent a few minutes with introductions	
3. Meeting protocol	Reviewed by Lara	
4. Approval of Minutes of the last IVF meeting, December 2021	Prepared by L. Dresbach, Secretary	Motion & Vote to accept Minutes Moved by Siobhan/GB; Kathy/Australia
5. IVF Board member position	Janet Maki/Cook Island had to resign due to personal commitments. Thank her for her time and effort. The Board has appointed Torey Browne to complete the term through 2024 and she has accepted. The Board looks forward to supporting the IVF.  Recently, Andy Wheatley handed in his resignation as well due to family and work commitments back in AUS. Board will be coming to the membership for application to fill this position through to 2024.	Mata: would like to share thanks for Janet's service and welcome Torey for joining. Thanks also to Andy for his service.
6. President's Report	See report from Lara – reviewed for all during the meeting	Motion to accept: 1 <sup>st</sup> John G /2 <sup>nd</sup> Xavier –Approved
7. Treasurer's Report	2021 Final Reports provided and approved. 2022 – Draft through Nov. activity, looking for ways to better track where funds are coming from into our accounts (wires/stripe/etc.) to more quickly finalize reports. Final reports will be provided after year end. 2023 Budget presented – draft still being worked, pending committee expense needs.	Motion to accept: Kathy/AOCRA 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Siobhan to accept 2021 statements. Approved/HI abstains Thanks from Mata for Cam's work.

8. Medical Report	<p>Provided by Andy W., Chair Thanks from Siobhan for the support of the London event – before, during, anti-doping and medical issues that occur at such an event.</p> <p>Torey noted that the Samoa 2023 event is ‘all elite’ so all anti-doping protocols affect all athletes. TUEs: May 24, 2023 deadline</p>	<p>Motion to accept: 1<sup>st</sup> Paula/Panama/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Leanne/CORA Passes</p>
9. Para Va’a Report	<p>John Court (Committee Chair) not able to be here and has tabled report.</p>	<p>Motion to accept: 1<sup>st</sup> Torey/USA/2<sup>nd</sup> Xavier/Singapore Approved</p>
10. Events and Technical Committee	<p>Janine (Committee Chair) ) not able to be here and has tabled report.</p>	<p>Motion to accept 1<sup>st</sup> Paula/Panama, 2<sup>nd</sup> Siobhan/GB Approved</p>
11. Sport Development Committee Report	<p>Xavier presented the report. New feature going on the IVF web site will be an international event calendar where members can contribute/announce events.</p>	<p>Motion to accept: 1<sup>st</sup> Kathy B / AOCRA / 2<sup>nd</sup> Zalene /NZ Approved</p>
12. Race Rules Committee Report	<p>Ka’ili, chair: Distance Rules are being finalized by committee as changes necessary for Samoa 2023. Next up will be review of Sprint rules based on proposals and insight into the London activity.</p>	<p>Motion to accept: 1<sup>st</sup> Xavier/ 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mariano, Approved</p>
13. Bylaws Committee Report	<p>Torey (Committee Chair) presented verbal report from Bylaw Committee and explained the bylaw submissions received. Requires 2/3 vote to pass bylaw amendments.</p>	

<p>13.1. Bylaws change Submissions</p>	<p>Bylaw Submissions were received by the Bylaws Committee and Bylaw Committee recommendations have been approved by the IVF Board and circulated to Member Federations 30 days prior to this meeting</p> <p>Each recommendation will be a separate motion for vote.</p> <p>There are 2 Bylaw amendments that are required to be voted on at the AGM</p> <p>1. A directive from the 2021 AGM was that the membership wished to put in place staggered Board elections to aid with succession and to ensure knowledge was not lost. That attached proposal provides a plan to introduce staggered elections and, if approved, all relevant Bylaws would be updated to reflect the new election process.</p> <p>2. A submission from USA-ORCA is attached that would allow for the President not to have to be part of every IVF Committee.</p> <p>A brief discussion once a submission has been moved and seconded will be allowed; then a vote will be taken.</p> <p>Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Membership present and represented at the AGM.</p>	<p>1. Election structure – Motion to accept: 1st by Kathy B/AOCRA/ 2nd Fole/Tonga 20 for/ 0 against/0 abstained. Passed 20 of 20 votes.</p> <p>2. 15. Committees proposal to allow for President to NOT be required to be attendant at all 9 committees currently which can increase/decrease over time. Motion: 1st Paula/Panama 2nd Gisela/Chile Passed –20 of 20/ no negative or abstentions</p>
<p>14. World Distance 2023</p>	<p>Confirmed the J16, M75, M80 have been included by Samoa (SOCA) committee and the event location is in Apia Harbor regarding ability to make accommodations. The added date of <u>Saturday, August 19</u> may be required to complete all events. Entries Open on January 10 Entries Close on April 10</p>	<p>Memo to all members went out prior to the meeting. Details are being updated on IVF web &amp; social media.</p> <p>Question from Canada: Regarding separating V1 from V6 for each division? Answer: all is based on entries and canoe count, cannot be guaranteed; Matahina V6 @ 36 canoes</p>

		Local made V1-Fausaga Va'a  Travel ideas to get to Samoa: via Auckland, Sydney, Brisbane (daily flights); Nadi, Fiji; group bookings may bring cost down.  Show of hands: all in attendance are planning to attend in 2023 Samoa.
15. General Business	No General Business has been submitted.	
<b>Close of Meeting &amp; Closing Pule</b>	12:50 pm Pacific time, Close of AGM Happy Holidays to everyone!	