



Executive Committee - MINUTES

The Executive of the St Vincent and the Grenadines Swimming Federation (SVGSF) held a meeting on **Sunday, August 18th, 2024 commencing at 2pm via ZOOM conference facility.**

1. Welcome:

- a. The President welcomed the Executive members to the meeting. He thanked them for their continued hard work to assist the development of swimming in SVG.

2. Attendance

The following Executive members were in attendance:

- Stephen Joachim
- Garcia Cato
- Liz Cordice
- Andre Cadogan
- Kentish James
- Louise Mitchell
- Kim Halbich

3. Minutes of the last meeting of the Executive:

- a. The Minutes of the meeting held in January 2024 had been previously circulated to the members. A motion to take the minutes as having been read was taken and passed.
- b. There were no Corrections or amendments
- c. The minutes were approved unanimously

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

- a. There were no matters arising that were not for further consideration.

5. 2024 Schedule and Update:

a. The schedule of events for 2024 was previously circulated and is below:

Year	Month/Dates	Location	Event
2024	Feb 2-18	Doha, Qatar	World Championships
2024	February 22-25	SVG - SAC	Gallagher Invitational
2024	Feb 27-Mar 3	Barbados	BASA National LC Championships
2024	April 11-14	St Lucia	RHAC Invitational
2024	March 29 - Apr 3	Bahamas	Carifta
2024	May 23-26	Barbados	BASA Aquatic Invitational
2024	June 20-23	Nassau, Bahamas	Bahamas Nationals
2024	July 26 - Aug 11	Paris	Olympics
2024	Aug 22-25	SVGSF Nationals - SAC	National Champs and OECS Team selection
2024	October 3-6 - TBC	SVG - SAC	OECS Time Trials?
2024	November 8-10	SVG	OECS Championships
2024	December 10-15	Budapest, Hungary	World Championships (25M)
2024	Dec 3-8	Barbados	National SC Championships
2024	Dec 14-17?	Trinidad	ASATT

- The Gallagher Invitational Swimming Championships held in February had been a success. Blue Marlins Swim Club were the Champions
- Blue Marlins Swim Club had competed at the RHAC Championships in St Lucia and the SVGSF had provided financial assistance for flights.
- Black Sands Swim Squad (BSSS) and Blue Marlins (BM) had competed at the Aquatic Centre Invitational in Barbados. Both clubs performed credibly.
- The SVG National Swimming Championships originally scheduled for August were postponed to September due to a shortage of officials and swimmers on holidays.

6. Events:

- a. Olympic Games.
 - i. The Olympic team comprised two swimmers – Kennice Greene and Alexander Joachim.
 - ii. Both athletes did personal best times.
 - iii. Alex Joachim broke the SVG national record in the 50 meter freestyle.
- b. The Carifta swimming championships were held in the Bahamas in late March and early April 2024.
 - i. Results were disappointing but Kione Deshong won a bronze medal to continue SVGs medal winning streak to 11 Cariftas.

- ii. There were some management issues and the SVGSF had hosted a meeting with Carifta swimmers parents and coaches to review the results and the management.
 - iii. The Executive agreed that in future we should stick to only taking swimmers that met our standards.
- c. The OECS Swimming Championships planning committee report:
- i. The Committee had met on several occasions and planning was going well.
 - ii. The summons and the Hytek entry file had been circulated to all OECS countries.
 - iii. Sponsors will be FLOW, Bank of SVG, National Lottery and SVG Olympic Committee.
 - iv. Sponsorship funds were adequate to cover the budgeted costs.
 - v. Accommodations and transport systems documents had been prepared and circulated to OECS countries
 - vi. Liaison officers had been appointed to assist foreign teams.
 - vii. The physical facilities planning remediation work had been completed.
 - viii. New timing equipment had been ordered.
 - ix. Overall the planning was going well and we are on track.
- d. SVG National Swimming Championships:
- i. This event was posted from August and will be held in September
 - ii. Summons and HyTek entry file were circulated
 - iii. This event would form the basis for selection of the OECS team.
 - iv. The team selection would be recommended by the Technical Committee and the Executive would be informed.
 - v. The usual people will perform their normal roles:
 - 1. Brian responsible for computer room
 - 2. Janelle responsible for Food and beverage
 - 3. Stephen responsible for HyTek system setup, DJ and announcing.
 - 4. Simone responsible for technical matters

7. Treasurers report.

- a. The Executive agreed to appoint DeFrietas and Associates as auditors for the year ending November 30, 2024. The next AGM will in future appoint auditors on the recommendation of the Executive
- b. The SVGSF is sound financially with bank balance of about \$170,000EC
- c. Funds are adequate to cover projected expenses for the rest of the year.
- d. Proper reporting had been done to the SVG Olympic Committee for funds received from them
- e. Sponsorship funding for the OECS Swimming Champs are adequate to cover the expenses of hosting the event.

8. Any other Business.

The Committee agreed to continue its normal communications via Whatsapp and emails.

The next meeting of the Executive will likely be held in November or December to review the Budget and financial results.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.