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BUREAU REPORT
APRIL 2004 – NOVEMBER 2008

INTRODUCTION:

African swimming continues to improve at an encouraging pace. There has been tremendous improvement in swimming; and developments in the other disciplines are most encouraging, especially in Open Water and Synchro Swimming.

OLYMPIC GAMES – ATHENS AND BEIJING:

The Olympic Games of Athens and Beijing provided a great impetus for our African swimmers. In Athens the South African Men's 100m x 4 Freestyle Relay Team set an unprecedented record by not only winning the event but by also setting a World Record. In Olympic History this event has been the permanent domain of the USA and Australia. Tunisia joined South Africa and Zimbabwe in ensuring that Africa featured on the medal table in Athens and Beijing. There is no doubt that Zimbabwe's Kirsty Coventry is presently Africa's outstanding swimmer, winning several medals in both Athens and Beijing.

AFRICAN SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS:

In August 2005 the Mauritius Swimming Federation hosted the African Junior Championships. Several of the swimmers continued to make progress; and as a result some competed in the Beijing Olympic Games and some even attained the very high A Qualification Standard. In September 2006 the Senegalese Swimming Federation held a very successful Senior African Swimming Championships in Dakar. The Federation organised an exciting 5km Open Water from Dakar to Goree Island. Swimmers as young as 8 years old successfully completed the race.

The African Junior Championships scheduled for Cairo in December 2007 was cancelled at the last moment. We received notification of its cancellation from the Egyptian Swimming Federation only two weeks prior to the event. This put several countries with huge financial losses as flight arrangements could not be cancelled at such a late stage and the full amounts paid could not be recovered.

We are now in Johannesburg for the 9th Senior African Swimming Championships. We are certain that it will be success.

FUTURE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS:

African Swimming Championships have now become a permanent feature in our continent. We now need to give serious consideration of synchronising the Championships into the international calendar to ensure that our top swimmers are catered for fully. We should also consider including the 25m Championships into our calendar. This will encourage countries which do not have long course facilities to host our Championships.

WORLD SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS:

During the term under review FINA held two World Swimming Championships – in Montreal in 2005 and in Melbourne in 2007. The 25m World Swimming Championships were held in Indianapolis in 2004 and in Shanghai in 2006. Because of FINA subsidises many more African countries take part in these Championships than they do at African Championships. However, all countries should make some effort to participate in African Championships because the African events are a base for the proper development of swimming talent.

ALL AFRICA GAMES – ALGIERS, ALGERIA:

In July 2007 the 8th All Africa Games were held in Algiers. The swimming events were a huge success. Several new African records were set in Algiers.

OTHER DISCIPLINES:

The disciplines of Water Polo, Synchronised Swimming, Open Water and Diving are making slow but steady progress. It is now important for our affiliates to consider starting one other discipline in their respective countries.

COMMUNICATION and DEVELOPMENT CLINICS:

The CANA office keeps in touch with all our affiliates. Sadly, very few countries respond to our correspondence timeously. For instance many countries forward their applications for development clinics well past the closing date. It is imperative that all countries take advantage of the Development Clinics offered by FINA. FINA has set aside a substantial amount of funds for the development of swimming in Africa. Not all countries take advantage of this opportunity to improve swimming standards in their respective countries.

We have now set up a website. Despite numerous requests for information only two countries have responded. CANA would like to keep all countries informed of developments in swimming on our continent. The CANA website is www.canaswim.com.

APPRECIATION:

Our special thanks go, first and foremost, to our President, who is also the FINA President, for his dynamic leadership and constant interventions which allow all our African countries to benefit from the various projects and subsidies offered by FINA.

Secondly, we record our appreciation to South Africa for providing all the administrative support and personnel for CANA. Without this support CANA would be facing serious financial difficulties.

Our appreciation also goes to Mauritius, Senegal and South Africa for hosting our Championships.

Sam Ramsamy

SECRETARY GENERAL:

Mustapha Larfaoui

PRESIDENT:

Johannesburg, 4 December 2008:

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
30 NOVEMBER 2008

Income – South African Rand:

FINA Subsidies:

February 2006	R 25 680.66
March 2007	41 002.80
March 2008	40 289.86

R106 973.32

Expenditure – South African Rand:

CANA Rubber Stamp	457.14
Printing – Letterheads	1 137.72
Printing – Receipt Books	2 539.92
Apollo Sport – Golf Shirts (Dakar)	7 296.00
Honorarium (Martine Nyseya) 2005/2006	13500.00

Total Expenditure **R24 930.78**

Net Surplus **R82 040.54**

Income – US Dollars:

Affiliation Fees – 2005/2006/2007	\$10 774
Affiliation Fees – 2008	2 000
Sundry Income	330

\$13 104.00

Expenditure – US Dollars:

Subsidies Bureau – 2004/2005/2007	5 950.00
Subsidies – Swimming Tech Ctte 2004/2005/2007	4 350.00
Subsidies – Open Water Committee 2007	800.00
Incidental Expenditure	140.00

Total Expenditure **\$11 240.00**

Net Surplus **\$1 864.00**

Balance Sheet of CANA as at 30 November 2008

Assets:

Bank

R289 064.83

Accumulated Funds:

Rand Income
Dollar Income (\$1 864 x 9.87)
Income b/f– 2005

R82 040.54
18 397.68
188 626.61
R289 064.83