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Presidents Report 2022 and 2023

In 2022 the BTA was back in action after a two-year hiatus due to Covid 19. We hosted our National Championships in May and went to Carifta in Bermuda in November. In 2023 we also hosted our National Championships as well as hosted Carifta for the first time.

Events:

2022

National Championships which also served as a qualifier for the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, England.

Commonwealth Games saw Armando Moss compete and finished 38th. This is the third time we have had someone compete in the Commonwealth Games.

Carifta was held in Bermuda, we took a 22-member team and finished 5th, tied our highest place, only 3 points separated 3rd from 5th.

2023

The National Championships incorporated Aquathlon for the first time as a two day event, which was used a test event for Carifta. The winners in male and female overall were both junior athletes.

CAC Games – Armando Moss was our lone participant.

Jr Commonwealth – we had two participants – Erin Pritchard and Launy Duncombe.

Carifta Bahamas – our highest finish ever 3rd, with our first gold medal ever.

Sanctioned Events

Along with Beautiful Bahamas (Seawaves), The Conchman was officially sanctioned this year by the BTA.

Development and Training:

In 2022, the Coaches Community course was developed to bridge the gap between noncertified coaches and Level 1 coaches. This was developed for new coaches, parents and athletes. We have had over twenty certified so far.



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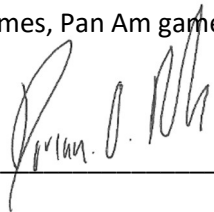
The Board/Incorporation status

To meet the requirements of the Ministry of Sports, the BTA was established as a Trading as Business by myself as we had initial applied for a Non-profit Corporation back in 2015 to no avail. In February of 2023 we had been incorporated as a regular Corporation, however, after applying for our business license we had another obstacle as Grant Menzies was not Bahamian and needed Investment Board approval, after going back and forth with no luck, a resolution was made to separate the Board of Directors of the Corporation from the Elected board of Directors, with the elected Board having all the power to make the decisions. We have had to change or incorporation now to reflect that and we are hoping to have this resolved shortly. As for now, the BTA still operates as a Trading As Company. Andrew Cates submitted his resignation to the board of directors as Treasurer and we are grateful for his contribution to the BTA, and he still continues to contribute to the success of the sport. The Board appointed Jacqueline Derbyshire as interim Treasurer until elections in 2024. I will also serve my last year as president and won't submit my name for re-election.

I have enjoyed my time as president since 2015 as there have been many ups and downs, mistakes made, and lessons learned. Each time we have done our best to change, address, establish policies, procedures, laws, and rules to best serve the sport and community. I think we have done a lot to grow and improve the sport, but there are many other things that can still be done, but it takes the whole community, not just the five that sit on the board. I look forward to being able to participate in the sport again and will always be around to give advice or share a beer!

The Future:

After a successful Carifta event along with profits made from timing events, we now have a healthy bank account. We must continue however to fundraise and find sponsorships as the balance could be wiped out in a single event. We need to continue to encourage kids to enter the sport and hopefully soon, have a third club to compete against. I love to see a national circuit with points being earned in all sanctioned events to have a highpoint winner, have Nationals scored to announce a team winner. I would love to see more gold medals after Carifta and more participants in Junior Commonwealth Games, Jr Pan Am Games, Commonwealth Games, CAC Games, Pan Am games, Continental Cups, World Triathlon events and of course the Olympics.



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