



TONGA SWIMMING ASSOCIATION



About Us

- Affiliated with FINA in 2010
- 202nd member
- Swimming
 - Open Water
 - Pool



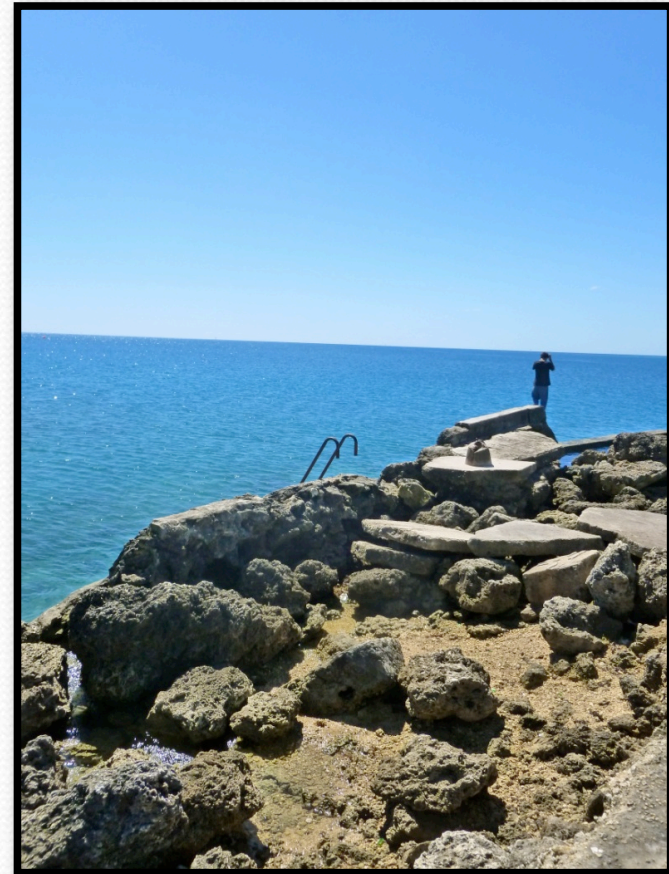
Background



- Oceania Championships 2010 (Samoa)
- World Championships 2011 (Shanghai)
- Pacific Games 2010 (New Caledonia) – 5 medals
- Goal: Qualify swimming for London 2012
- Goal: Develop Tonga's domestic talent

Challenges

- No program for development
- Lack of instructors/volunteers
- No venue
- No Equipment
- No Funds



Operations - Programs

- Free Saturday Lessons & Aquathon
- Created a Learn-to-Swim program October 2011
 - Beginner & Intermediate
 - 20 participants, 15 completed
 - 1 instructor



Operations - Programs

- February 2012
 - Beginner, Intermediate & Adult – 2 classes each
 - 40 participants, wait list
 - 3 instructors
 - Junior Swim Squad
 - Invitation to Compete at the Auckland Junior Championships, 2012
 - Mums & bubs
 - Building a database of Tongan Swimmers overseas

Operations - Partnerships

- Formed a Partnership with Ministry of Education
 - Curriculum Development
 - Teacher training & certification
 - Implementation in Term 2, May 2012
- Friendly Islander Hotel Pool
- Tonga Health



Operations – Education

- FINA Coaching Clinic Level 1
 - April 11-14th, 2012
 - 40 participants
 - 30 Teachers, 10 volunteers
 - Pre-training

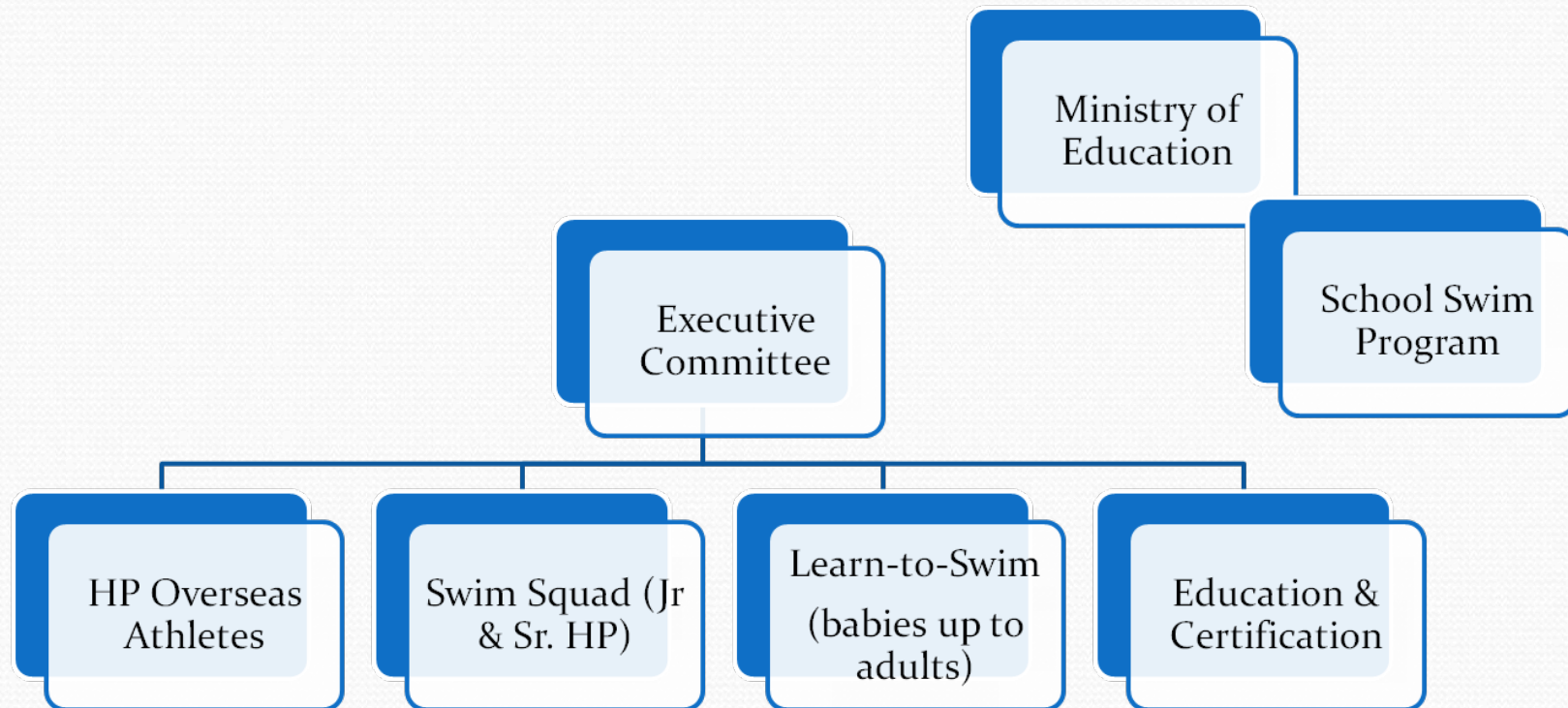


Operations – Equipment & Funds

- Equipment
 - Donations from Town of Fort Smith, Canada
- Fundraising
 - Donation jars at local businesses
 - Lesson fees
 - Gift-in-Kind



Current Structure





Membership

October 2011

- 5 athletes
- 2 coaches
- 2 officials (Open Water/Triathlon)

May 2012

- Over 100 athletes
- 50 instructors/coaches
- 2 officials (OW/Tri)
- 20 volunteers/supporters



Calendar of Events – Programs

- Learn-to-Swim Classes (6 Sessions/Class)
 - Set 1: February-April
 - Set 2: May-June
 - Set 3: September-October
 - Set 4: November-December
- Swim Squad (by selection)
- Morning drop-in Adult Classes

Calendar of Events – Domestic

Pool Races

- April 6th, 2012
- June 15, 2012
- End of every swim lesson set
- Coaching Clinic April 11-14, 2012
- Ha'apai Regional Games June 2011
- National Championships October 2012



Calendar of Events - Domestic

- Open Water Swims
 - April 2012 at Pangaimotu Resort
 - Run with Friendly Islands Triathlon Association
 - FIT Kids Aquathon (weekly)



Calendar of Events - International

- Auckland Junior Championships November 2012
- Oceania Championships June 2012
- XXX Games of the Olympiad July 2012



Next Step

- Increase diversity of classes
 - Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced
 - Jr. & Sr. Squad
 - Adult
 - Water Zumba
- Increase number of active, certified Instructors
- Lease pool
- Increase sources of revenue
- Increase partnerships with water sport associations domestic, & overseas clubs

Goal

For Every Tongan to have the opportunity to swim

Fast or Slow

Competition or Leisure

High Performance or Social





Thanks

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