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OCEANIA REPORT 2011/12

MEMBERS

As of August 2012 the OPF membership included –

Australia
Fiji
Marshall Islands
Nauru
New Zealand
Niue
New Caledonia
Papua New Guinea
Samoa
Tahiti
Tonga
Kiribati (Provisional)
Tuvalu (Provisional)

A surprising number of issues have arisen in 2011 to 2012 with the membership status of Oceania nations –

- i. New Caledonia and Tahiti are also affiliated with the French PL Federation and correspondence thus far has not completely clarified the status and fee responsibilities of the various parties. We are now advised that New Caledonia is “a committee under a



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contract basis to represent the French federation in New Caledonia”, whereas Tahiti’s status is still not completely clear

- ii. some smaller federations are actually divisions of their National Olympic Committee and enter the Pacific Games as such, creating some disconnect with the structure of the IPF – thus Kiribati and Tuvalu linger in IPF Provisional status
- iii. the Papua New Guinea federation, although competitively strong, collapsed administratively with the death of its President Mr Asi. The federation has been taken over by the PNG Olympic Committee, although they have advised that their intent is to re-establish a stand-alone federation.

ADMINISTRATION

The elected office-bearers of the OPF remain as –

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| President & IPF Board Member | Robert Wilks |
| Vice President | Julian Perry |
| Secretary | Pam Cutjar |
| Treasurer | Steve Lousich |
| Committee | Jim Clifford, Aitken Fruen |
| Recordkeeper | John Myers |
| Referees Director | Pam Cutjar |
| WebMaster | Tim Germanchis |

In 2012 some challenges were thrown up by our WPC friends, who took advantage of the fact that “Oceania Powerlifting Federation Incorporated” is a company registered only in New Zealand, by starting to advertise themselves in Australia as “the Oceania Powerlifting Federation”. That was resolved only after protracted legal correspondence and the registering in Australia of “Oceania Powerlifting Federation” as a registered business name owned by Powerlifting Australia. Undeterred, the local WPC incorporated a company “CAPO Powerlifting Australia Ltd.”, the status of which is now being contested.

COMPETITION



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As the Pacific Games were held in August 2011, no Oceania Championships were scheduled for 2011. However there were two international competitions involving Oceania in 2011/12 –

- i. **Commonwealth Championships, Bournemouth, England, December 2011** – Australia and New Zealand fielded teams in this large event, actually run by the Commonwealth Powerlifting Federation and involving such nations as India, the GB countries and South Africa. 264 Entrants took part in Raw and Equipped Powerlifting and Bench Press in this all-inclusive event
- ii. **Pacific Raw Invitational, Melbourne, April 2012** – Following the success of a one-session, spectator-friendly elite event in 2011 another superstar contest was conducted in Melbourne. This was in the Raw discipline, given that over 2011-12 Powerlifting in Australia had shifted to very predominantly Raw. Thirteen lifters over 2 hours only, to a full house and near 2000 streaming viewers produced World Records for Blaine Sumner (USA) and Sonia Manaena (NZ), with Nick Tylutki (USA) narrowly missing a WR. Many Oceania and national records also went to Australian and New Zealand lifters.

FUTURE EVENTS

- i. **Pacific Games 2015** - in the Oceania region, the Pacific Games is the focus of all sport. Powerlifting has been in the last three Games now, but as an optional sport has to re-apply and prove its case each time, with challenges arising as to our number of classes, entry rules, lifting apparel and so on. However each time we have been successful. After the 2011 Games in Samoa the OPF was invited to submit recommendations for improvement of Powerlifting in the Games, a promising sign. One outcome of this may be the inclusion of Australia and New Zealand in the Games, as opposed to only the Pacific nations.

The 2015 Games are scheduled for Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea. This was originally a strength for the aim of Powerlifting's inclusion in the Games once more, although now some challenges have arisen with the PNG Federation

- ii. **Oceania and Commonwealth Championships 2013** – these events will be combined in December 2013, in Auckland, New Zealand. This will be a big event, Raw & Equipped, Powerlifting & Bench Press, all age groups and will run for up to a week
- iii. **Oceania Raw Championships 2012** – these will be held in Sydney December 2012, in a focussed 3 day schedule.

Mention should be made of the Eleiko company, which has generously committed to free equipment for each of those coming events and also has previously provided for 2010 and 2011 Oceania events.



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DOPING CONTROL

The pattern continues of there being strong government based testing programmes in Australia and New Zealand, but limited testing in the Islands.

In calendar 2011 Australia had 98 tests and New Zealand 27, with 2 methylhexanamine cases in Australia and 1 marijuana case in New Zealand. In both countries Powerlifting representatives liaise with and advise the respective agencies and have respected roles as contributors to the anti-doping cause.

In the Islands, Samoa did have some testing at its national championships, a step forward. In 2012 a positive case from the 2011 Pacific Games was finalized. Although involving a diuretic in the instance of an unsophisticated athlete, Powerlifting providing the Games' first ever positive may have some ramifications.

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WHEN March 30 Women 6pm March 31 Bench 9am
Men Light 10.30am Middle 2.30pm Heavyweight 6pm
Sun April 1 Pacific Invitational 1.30pm

WHERE Arrow Hotel, 488 Swanston St, Melbourne

TICKETS @ door or from PowerliftingAustralia.com

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do battle for Powerlifting supremacy in the Pacific.

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