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Report to SPBBF Member Countries (an edited report from that sent to the WBPF Executive)

Kia Ora

I am pleased to report a successful 2016 South Pacific Bodybuilding Championships hosted by our brother Christian Pothier and first lady Fifi Pothier of our member federation in Tahiti. This year also saw us celebrate the 25th anniversary of the South Pacific Bodybuilding Federation (SPBBF).

A report on the 2016 championships is posted to the SPBBF website: <http://spbbf.jimdo.com/> and also on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SPBBF-427828940757783/?ref=hl>

I want to acknowledge the great work being done by the SPBBF, which is the only continental federation for our sport in the South Pacific. The SPBBF is affiliated to the WBPF and it chose to affiliate with the WBPF in favour of the IFBB in 2009, for reasons which have been well documented.

Despite a harsh economic climate and the South Pacific region also being the most isolated, our sport keeps moving and is active in the South Pacific region.

Special thanks, beginning with; President, Pierre Frogier, Ursula Teo Martin (Assistant Secretary General) and Roland Chodey (Secretary General), Christian and Fifi Pothier of Tahiti and all active members of congress which include; George George, Tania Enoka, Maryann Moss, Jordon Whetham, Dickson Kae, Pius Maemae and Cosmas Hannette.

It is pleasing to note we have a secure host of the 2017 SPBBF Championships and Congress next October in Honiara, Solomon Islands (from October 26th – 29th) and this event will also see a judges clinic being held and a series of development forums delivered by the SPBBF to assist our brothers and sisters with the challenge to develop and grow our sport in their respective country.

Thanks to our brother Pius Jezie Maemae, President of the Solomon Islands Bodybuilding Federation and his committee together with their Minister of Sport and NOC Officials for choosing to host the 2017 South Pacific Bodybuilding Championships.

The SPBBF Championships are drug tested each year as part of the ORADO program for sport and this is an important instrument to ensure our sport remains drug free in the South Pacific. This value will also see our sport remain in the Pacific Games program.

My recommendation to the SPBBF executive, member countries, NOC's and to the PGC is to ensure drug testing continues annually and that all athletes vying for selection to the Pacific Games from all member countries MUST compete and be tested at the preceding SPBBF Championships in order to win selection...

I say this because all of the doping infractions we have had at the games are the result of athletes who have not been tested by their country and they have also not participated in the preceding SPBBF Championships (in my view, such unregulated conditions are unacceptable).

Since attending the 2016 SPBBF Congress held in Tahiti, I travelled to meet our colleagues in Fiji to officiate as Head Judge at the Fiji National Bodybuilding Championships which preceded their AGM.

I have also encouraged the new committee for our federation in Fiji to work on securing host rights to the 2018 SPBBF Championships and Congress. I am confident they have the capacity to do our sport proud as they are great leaders and there is untapped Potential in Fiji.

Whilst it is very good to note our sport of bodybuilding has been confirmed as an optional sport in the 2019 Pacific Games in Tonga and the 2023 Pacific Games in Solomon Islands, because these events are officiated by the South Pacific Bodybuilding Federation (SPBBF) in accordance with WBPF rules, the IFBB have sought to take over management and responsibility for the Pacific Games on the basis they have sought affiliation of the national bodybuilding federation in Tonga.

What the IFBB fails to understand is that the Pacific Games events are sanctioned by the PGC and the PGC constitution recognises the WBPF as the international / world federation that is represented by the SPBBF.

The IFBB also fails to understand the host country of the Pacific Games national sports codes CANNOT dictate what federation they wish to work with by sport. It is all very clear in the PGC Charter.

This recent development none the less, with the IFBB trying to get involved has caused a lot of misinformation so far as who is organising the Pacific Games...

In addition, a former official of the SPBBF in Joe Daniel of the Cook Islands (now a detractor of the SPBBF and the WBPF) has joined the IFBB and he has been actively recruiting athletes to join the IFBB on the basis the IFBB is organising the forthcoming Pacific Games, that which we know not to be true.

Previously officiating as a judge for the SPBBF, it is obvious to everyone Joe Daniels ego far exceeds his ability. The IFBB is welcome to him.

Whilst Joe Daniel served with the SPBBF as Acting President from 2013 until his resignation last year, during which time since, we uncovered financial mismanagement, minutes that did not accurately reflecting meetings, and sadly, incorrect judging results which required the writer to overturn.

Suffice to say, up until Joe Daniel was replaced as SPBBF President in July 2015, by Pierre Frogier of New Caledonia, it was necessary for myself and Secretary General, Paul Chua to supervise his involvement so far as the games last year. So far as the 2015 Pacific Games in PNG, Joe Daniel sought to influence the judging which we put an end to. Post event, Joe also failed in his duty to submit a post event debrief to PGC (also for the WBPF and SPBBF) as is required on the basis of our commitment to continuous improvement.

The above said, let me assure you the Pacific Games remain with the SPBBF in conjunction with the WBPF. Following is an excerpt of an email dated 18th August 2016, from Andrew Minogue, Executive Director of the Pacific Games Council ...

....." It appears that the IFBB letter does not accurately reflect its relationship with the SPBBF, and for that I am grateful for you all explaining the facts once again.

As you know, the PGC is loyal to the SPBBF and the association delivering the sport of bodybuilding in the Pacific over many years, including many successful events at Pacific Games - most recently in PNG 2015. Your continued affiliation with the WBPF is all that we need to know in order to continue our productive relationship together."

Further to recent reports etc. the writer is preparing a full report for the Pacific Games Council (PGC) and for the SPBBF Executive and Congress so that definitive action can be taken against; Joe Daniel, the Tongan Bodybuilding Federation and in response to officers of the IFBB in Australia and New Zealand, including the short man in Spain.

Fact - the SPBBF is the only regional federation in the Pacific rim for the sport of bodybuilding from which all member country federations are recognised by their National Olympic Committee.

So far as the IFBB, this corporation is represented in Oceania by Paul Graham (based in Sydney Australia), who does not represent a federation of standing with the government or NOC, nor does his New Zealand counterpart.

Fact - In Oceania, both New Zealand and Australia are the only two countries whereby bodybuilding is not recognised by the National Olympic Committee, nor is any bonafide drug testing carried out in conjunction with the ORADO (WADA).

Fact - the writer first introduced drug testing and developed such national policy in 1995 in New Zealand which saw the sport of bodybuilding recognised by the NZ Government in 2000.

Sadly, the record also shows when I resigned to focus on the South Pacific, the officers of the New Zealand Federation disassembled drug testing. Today so far as NZ, bodybuilding remains unregulated, unrecognised with wide spread drug use.

Following is one of many national news features about the widespread use of steroids in New Zealand which is a direct result of the current regime;

<http://www.newshub.co.nz/nznews/steroids-grow-in-popularity-2016112111>

The future

I trust my report clarifies my interest is to assist our brothers and sisters of the SPBBF and to work with the Pacific Games Council so far as our sport.

Hence regional support and development are areas of real need and focus if we are to retain the Pacific Games. Essentially my focus will be on retaining our sport in the games and will not be directed toward Australasia. These two countries however should be an area of focus for the WBPF.

The record will show, prior to the WBPF, I was a member of the IFBB executive council in good standing, and I resigned in August 2009 in favour of supporting the establishment of the WBPF, which I did as a founding member and director of the WBPF.

I was also fortunate to have the confidence of the SPBBF Congress and the many good leaders who also chose to award affiliation to the WBPF in favour of the IFBB in 2009.

Following a period of probation, so far as an international federation, which saw the 2011 Pacific Games managed by the SPBBF (without reference to WBPF or the IFBB), the Pacific Games Council endorsed the SPBBF recommendation by removing the IFBB from its constitution at the PGC General Assembly in 2012 and duly adopted the WBPF as the International Federation they recognised.

These events are on public record and PGC documents verify this.

I restate, the primary reason I/we removed our affiliation from the IFBB was in protest at the lack of transparency, lack of democracy and the general style and direction the IFBB was being taken. Little surprise IFBB bodybuilding has since been removed from the World Games Program.

Whilst I am a founding member and founding director of the WBPF, I did not in this election year submit a nomination to the WBPF congress to continue my involvement with the WBPF as Vice President Oceania. Going forward my main focus must be on helping our brothers and sisters within the South Pacific.

I also have other pressing commitments, such as my family and the new foundation I launched last year www.lungfoundation.org.nz This has seen me resign as a director of the WBPF.

Hence my future involvement so far as our sport, will be in the capacity as Honorary Life President of the SPBBF, not as Vice President - Oceania for the WBPF, nor as a Director of the WBPF.

I am pleased to acknowledge and congratulate our respected brother Patrick Mounier of New Caledonia (a great bodybuilding champion and respected official) who has been appointed to the position of Vice President - Oceania for the WBPF. I first met Patrick in Malaysia in 1990 at the Men's World Championships and we have been good friends ever since.

Do join with me to support our new Vice President of the WBPF, Patrick Mounier with this important international role for our region AND continue your good work in support of the SPBBF.

Yours in sport



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