**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF THE NIGERIA AQUATICS FEDERATION HELD ON 2ND FEBRUARY, 2024 AT PRESTIGE HOTEL, PORT HARCOURT, RIVERS STATE.**

**ATTENDANCE**

1) Chief (Mrs) Chinoye Daphey Aliyu - President

2) Alh. Dauda Usman - V/ President

3. Pst. Nseobong Samuel Jesimiel - Chairman, Tech. Committee

4) Mr. Babatunde Fatai-williams - Member

5) Major Gloria Nmor -Member

6) Prof. JEF Okpako - Member

7) Lt Col Labake Oriretan - Member

8) Mr. Jonathan Chuka Ifeama -Member

9) Mrs. Mariam Damisa  - Member

10) Mr. Henry Babatunde – Omoyele - Member

12) Mr. Akinluwa Joel Olakanwa - Secretary General

**AGENDA**

1) Roll Call

2) Opening remarks by the President

3) Update about the CNS 2024

4) Brief on the World Aquatics Championship in Doha 2024

5)Constitution of Integrity and Ethic Committee

6) AOB

7) Closing

**1) ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Joel O. Akinluwa, the Secretary General at 9:35pm.

A Roll Call was made and 12 members confirmed on attendance that formed quorum for the meeting to proceed.

**OPEN PRAYER**

The opening prayers was said by Prof. JEF Okpako

**2) OPENING REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT**

Chief Chinoye Daphey Aliyu welcomed everyone to the meeting. She thanked the members for traveling wide to attend the 12th Edition of the Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) National Open Swimming Championships in the Port Harcourt City, Rivers State. She noted the importance of the CNS 2024 Championships cannot be over emphasized which will be used to select our team for the national camping for the Africa Games in Accra, Ghana next month. She thanked Air Admiral Nwatu for his deliberate efforts that made the Federation got approval and funds for the championships despite the economic challenge facing the country.

She appealed to the technical committee and members for their cooperation to ensure that the championships achieve it purpose.

**Lt Col Labake**.

She informed the members that CNS would not be around for the closing ceremony because of the urgent call for national assignment. However, he has sent his representative who was already in the town that would chair the occasion. She said CNS has already directed Pathfinder as the area commander to give the Federation necessary assistance to organize successful championships.

Lt Col Labake said the Naval would bring students of the naval school, Onne for the closing ceremony and because of this, the Naval do not want the programme to exceeded 6:00pm for their safety.

President Chinoye gave the assurance that the Federation would work with the time so people could return back to their various destination. She assigned Alha. Dauda, Prof. Okpako, and Dadel to handled water and snacks for the students while Madam Damisa oversees the food and drinks to the invited dignitaries, members, officiating officials and secretariat staff.

**Pst. Jesimiel/Chairman Technical**

Thanked the President for her unrelenting efforts to engage the Rivers State Government for the progamme. He appealed to the members to stay around during the medal presentation which commenced at 9:00am

He said criteria for selection of athletes for the national camping would be based on individual’s time. He promised to submit his selected team to the Secretary General immediately is ready.

The president thanked the chairman technical committee for his commitment and dedication for the development of swimming in Nigeria. She called on the Secretary General to feed back the house when the national camping would commence by the Ministry.

**3. BRIEF ON THE WORLD AQUATICS CHAMPIONSHIPS IN DOHA**

The President briefed the meeting about the Doha championships. She lamented that the Federation resorted to went with Adaku’s coach to the championships due to unprepared of our coaches for international engagement. She appealed to the Chairman technical to device a means that would help the Federation to develop our coaches and get as many to be certified.

The meeting agreed that in no condition should the federation use foreign coach in the place of Nigerian coaches except if the board agreed to do so in an exceptional case.

**4. INTEGRITY AND ETHNIC UNIT COMMITTEE**

Joel Akinluwa briefed the house that there was a need for the Federation to have its Integrity and Ethic Unit Committee as demanded by the World Aquatics but unfortunately, the Board could not meet last year to decide on it.

He advised this call for urgent attention of the Board to move the Federation forward in line with the international best practices.

The meeting noted this as important point and nominated the following as interim committee until they will be inaugurated at AGM Congress that would come up later in the year during the 23rd National Sports Festival in November, 2024.

1. Dr. Goodluck Ibikunle Odewunmi - Chairman
2. Mr. Femi Ajao - Member
3. Barr. Emoni Williams - Member
4. Mrs. Regina Enofe -Member
5. Hon Anyangwu Cordilia - Secretary

**5. ANY OTHER MATTER**

Prof. J. E. F. Okpakor suggested that there should be pre-meeting and pro-meeting at every competition to evaluate our performances. He advised that members should be more engaged with the organization of the programmes of activities during competitions.

Mr. Jonathan Chuka, briefed the meeting on his Marketing Committee’s plans and proposal to organize Nigerian Universities Aquatics championships that are to be held annual among the universities in Nigeria with the aims and objectives of promoting aquatics sports in the Nigerian universities system. The plan was to organize the championships in the 6- geopolitical zones of the country.

He said the committee was already having discussion with the senator George Akume, the Secretary to the Government of Nigeria to sponsor one of the programmes.

Pst. Jesimiel commended the initiative by the Market Committee and advised that they need to work hard to achieve the aim. He promised that his committee is ready to provide them technical support to achieve their purpose

The meeting directed the Secretary General to give Alha. Usman Dauda letter of sponsorships based on his request to DG of NIMASA and Nigeria Port Authority.

6. **CLOSING REMARK**

In the absence of any other matters for discussion, President Chinoye thanked all members for attending the meeting. A motion for the adjournment of the meeting was then moved and supported.

7. **CLOSING**

The meeting ended at 11:30 pm.





**Chief (Mrs.) Chinoye Daphey Aliyu Akinluwa Joel Olakanwa**

PRESIDENT  SECRETARY GENERAL