

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES



A meeting of the Executive Committee of the International Sailing Federation took place from 1430-1800 hours on Friday 7 September, 0930-1800 hours on Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 September, and 0930-1500 hours on Monday 10 September 2007 at the ISAF Secretariat, Ariadne House, Town Quay, Southampton.

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Present:

Göran Petersson – President
HM King Constantine – President of Honour
George Andreadis – Vice-President
Fiona Barron – Vice-President
David Irish – Vice-President
David Kellett – Vice-President
Teresa Lara – Vice-President
Teo Ping Low – Vice-President
Arve Sundheim – Secretary General

Also Present:

Simon Forbes - Head of Technical and Offshore
Claire Frost - Head of Marketing and Media
Helen Hopkins - Office Manager
Jerome Pels - Deputy Secretary General
Luissa Smith - Head of Training and Development

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from His Majesty King Harald of Norway and Vice-President Nucci Novi Ceppellini.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of 3, 4 and 7 May 2007, circulated and approved after the meeting, were noted.

There were no matters arising not otherwise covered on the Agenda.

3. FINANCE

(a) Management Accounts

The Executive Committee noted the Management Accounts from 1 January - 30 June 2007.

(b) Budgets 2008

The Secretary General presented a draft budget for the period 1 January - 31 December 2008. It was noted that this budget would be subject to review consequent on any decisions taken later in the meeting.

(c) ISAF Debtors

The report on the company debtors was received and the Executive Committee noted the amounts outstanding from ISAF members:

(d) Quarterly Report on the Isle of Man Trust

The Treasurer presented a quarterly report on the Isle of Man Trust and fund values.

(e) IOM Trust

The Treasurer gave a recommendation on the contracting of a new management company to manage the ISAF IOM Trust.

Decision

The Executive Committee authorize the Secretary General, Vice-President Teo Ping Low and Chairman of the Audit Committee, Joe Butterfield to select and finalize the agreement with the new management company.

(f) ISAF Budget 2006-2010

The Secretary General presented the ISAF Budget for 2006-2010, which reflected the income due to be received from the 2008 Olympic Games. Concern was expressed on the effective reduction in income due to the exchange rate with the US\$. The Secretary General will further address the situation.

4. ISAF STRATEGIC PLAN

The Executive Committee noted a report from the Head of the Training and Development Department on the status of the ISAF Strategic Plan. The Executive Committee supported the proposal to undertake a review with an external consultant prior to the 2007 ISAF Annual Conference.

The Executive Committee noted that a number of agenda items referring to the Strategic Plan would be considered under separate Agenda items.

The Executive Committee noted the feedback they had provided in May 2007 to the Committee Proposals. The Executive Committee further considered their feedback on the following Committee proposals:

Objective 2 – Participation

Project: Development of Competition Rules (Reference 10)

The Executive Committee considered the “Experimental Rules for Novice Racing” and commended the work undertaken.

Decision

The Executive Committee recommend the experimental rules go forward for review by the Racing Rules Committee and be implemented as soon as possible. That consideration to be given to the document title and inclusion of graphics.

Objective 5 – Governance

Project: Professional Development of ISAF Secretariat (Reference 37)

The Executive Committee noted that six monthly appraisals were in place and a staff development plan is being undertaken.

Decision

The Secretary General was asked to give a report on the staff development plan at the Executive Committee meeting in February 2008.

Objective 6 – Accessibility and Equipment

Project: Olympic Equipment Supply (Reference 40)

The Executive Committee considered the proposal that ISAF supply all the boats and equipment at the Olympics and as many other ISAF Events as possible. Whilst the desirability of such a project was supported, the Executive Committee could not endorse the project as presented as it was unviable.

Decision

The Executive Committee agreed that it is not viable to supply of all equipment to the Olympic Games and ISAF Events. The Executive Committee support the supply of equipment when viable.

Project: “Out of Box” Boats (Reference 41)

The Executive Committee considered the proposal that true one-design “out of the box boats” are what ISAF should select for the Olympic equipment in order to encourage more people to participate in the sport.

Decision

The Executive Committee supported the proposal and refer it to the Events Strategy working party for further consideration.

Project: 10 Year Rule (Reference 43)

The Executive Committee considered the proposal to make one of the criteria for all future classes in Olympics that the hulls, spars and foils should be engineered to have at least a 10 year competitive life.

Decision

The Executive Committee approved that research be undertaken by the Equipment Committee on the specifics of the competitive life of Olympic Equipment, together with information on the turnover of equipment due to design progress in order to quantify the current position.

Project: Reduce Equipment Barriers (Reference 47)

The Executive Committee noted the position of the Equipment Committee in respect of initiatives to reduce equipment barriers to the sport, specifically modernizing equipment control processes.

Project: Streamline Olympic Equipment Measurement Processes (Reference 48)

The Executive Committee noted that there was much work currently in progress to streamline Olympic equipment measurement processes, specifically the In House Equipment project and more consistent equipment control at events leading to the Olympics.

Project: Creation of Safeguards (Reference 49)

The Executive Committee noted that there was much work currently in progress to review safety concerns in the sport including safety standards and education through the Offshore Special Regulations and the ISAF Small Boat Safety initiative

Objective 7 – Events

Project: ISAF Events Strategy (Reference 50, 51, 53 and 55)

The Executive Committee noted the Events Strategy prepared by the Events Committee working party which covered specific proposals including the Elite Pyramid, Participation Events and ISAF Calendar of Events.

The need to establish the status of the paper was emphasized.

It was noted that the paper would require updating pending decisions taken at the 2007 ISAF Annual Conference on the ISAF Sailing World Championships and the ISAF Sailing World Cup.

Decision

The Executive Committee support the principles of the paper and request the Events Committee to review the status of the Events Strategy working paper and put forward a final paper to the ISAF Council for consideration at the 2008 ISAF Mid-Year Meeting.

Project: Youth and Junior Events (Reference 52)

The Executive Committee noted the report from the World Youth Championship Sub-Committee on the Junior / Youth / Olympic pathway and the importance of having complementing disciplines that feed through from junior to Olympic level.

The Executive Committee noted that the Youth and Development Committee would be asked to review the pathway leading up to junior and youth events.

Decision

The Executive Committee supported the Junior / Youth / Olympic pathway proposal which should be included as part of the Events Strategy working paper.

5. COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT

- (a) The Executive Committee noted the report on the nationality case in respect of Frederique ZIEGELMAYER.
- (b) The Executive Committee noted a preliminary report from Constitution Committee member Dieter Neupert on the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport, which would be fully reviewed by the ISAF Constitution Committee.
- (c) The Executive Committee noted Submission 179-07 which proposed changes to the ISAF RRS and Regulations in respect of the authority of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

6. ISAF MEMBERS

(a) **MNA Groupings**

The Executive Committee noted the preliminary report from the Constitution Committee working party on MNA Groupings in accordance with ISAF Regulation 8. It was noted that the Constitution Committee will be presenting a report to Council in November 2007.

(b) **ISAF Members**

The Head of the Training and Development Department presented a status report on ISAF Full Membership across the five IOC Continents. The report highlighted that of the 205 countries recognized by the IOC, ISAF has 122 ISAF Member National Authorities. ISAF is in dialogue with a further 35 countries regarding ISAF Membership. It was noted that Asia and Africa offer the greatest potential for welcoming new members.

(c) ISAF Continental Member

The Executive Committee noted the applications from the Oceania Sailing Federation and African Sailing Confederation to become ISAF Continental Members.

Decision

It was noted that further consultation will take place with both applications before the applications considered for approval.

7. EVENTS

(a) ISAF World Cup of Sailing

Vice-President David Kellett presented a report on the implementation of the ISAF World Cup of Sailing. The Executive Committee noted the challenges in achieving a consensus agreement between ISAF and the ISAF Grade 1 Event Organizers.

Accepting that Council had approved the concept for the ISAF World Cup as presented by the Executive Committee in May 2007, it was noted that to implement the concept as approved and establish the profile of the event as set out in the concept was not possible at this time due to lack of agreement.

Decision

- 1. On the basis that agreement between ISAF and the event organizers could not be achieved, the Executive Committee agreed that the ISAF World Cup of Sailing concept as presented to and accepted by Council in November 2005, November 2006 and May 2007 be withdrawn with immediate effect.**
- 2. That ISAF will not allow any event organizers to independently use the title “ISAF World Cup” or derivatives of the name/title or any event title pertaining to be a “world cup” of Olympic classes (equipment).**

(b) 2007 ISAF Sailing World Championships, 28 June-13 July 2007

The Deputy Secretary General gave a brief verbal report on the 2007 ISAF Sailing World Championships, highlighting the excellent venue and sailing conditions. The quality and consistency of the race management was applauded. Special thanks were paid to the organization partners and the Clube Naval de Cascais.

At future events increased focus will be placed on the “look and feel” of the Championship, presence of the ISAF brand and the commercial exploitation of the Championship.

It was noted that a full written report will be available at the next Executive Committee meeting.

The Head of the Marketing and Media Department gave a verbal report on the television production and distribution and the broadcast footprint which saw 61 countries take the feed with the potential to reach 564 millions viewers. A further report incorporating more information from CSI Sports will be available at the next Executive Committee meeting.

The Head of the Marketing and Media Department advised that Estoril Tourism is preparing an economic impact study on the Championships. Initial reports indicated a definite increase in spend in the region. Pending collation of the data by Estoril Tourism, figures will be available at the next Executive Committee meeting.

(c) Future ISAF Sailing World Championships

The Executive Committee considered the proposal from Vice-President David Kellett to hold the ISAF Sailing World Championships every two years (compared to the current every four years). It was felt that holding the event every two years would offer sponsors, the sport and

the media a more comprehensive, easily understood and attractive event and deliver across the objectives of ISAF's event strategy.

The Executive Committee also recognized the support of the sailors and classes to holding the combined ISAF Sailing World Championships every two years.

Decision

The Executive Committee agreed to prepare a submission proposing that the ISAF Sailing World Championships be held biennially (every two years)

(d) Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship, 12-21 July 2007

The Executive Committee noted a report from the Competitions Manager who was the appointed ISAF Technical Delegate for the Championship. The Organizing Committee was thanked for hosting and organizing a great event.

Decision

The Executive Committee agreed that ISAF will prioritise the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship and provide the necessary management support.

(d) ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championship, 6-11 August 2007

The Executive Committee noted a report from the Competitions Manager who was the appointed ISAF Technical Delegate for the Championship. The event was a great success and well supported by women sailors.

It was noted that as part of the agreement between ISAF and the World Match Racing Tour (WMRT), WMRT may also run a Women's World Match Racing Tour. This will be discussed further with the WMRT.

(e) 2011 ISAF Sailing World Championships

The Executive Committee noted that there were now 6 formal bids for the 2011 ISAF Sailing World Championships, with bid presentations scheduled for 8-10 October 2007. The Evaluation Group will make recommendations to the Executive Committee who will take the decision on the final venue during the 2007 ISAF Annual Conference.

In considering the sanction fee/rights fee for the Championship, it was agreed that the current fee does not reflect the actual value of the Championship. However, it was felt that any increases should be introduced gradually over the next few Championships.

ISAF will present a brand and marketing manual to the Organizing Committee clearly setting out the property and rights which would be assigned to a presenting sponsor.

The television fee is solely to cover the costs for production and distribution and ISAF will charge a fee which will enable ISAF to deliver a quality production.

Decision

The Executive Committee agreed the following principles, with the Secretary General charged to finalize the specific details:

- 1. The television production and distribution fee for the 2011 ISAF Sailing World Championships will be EUR700,000.**
- 2. The rights fee for the 2011 ISAF Sailing World Championships will be EUR300,000, with ISAF retaining the right for one presenting sponsor.**
- 3. ISAF will phase in further increases in the rights fee across future Championships.**
- 4. The Organizing Committee may seek event sponsors and official suppliers.**
- 5. There will be no title sponsor for the Championship.**

(e) 2007 Pan-American Games - Brazil

The Executive Committee noted a report from Vice-President Teresa Lara on the 2007 Pan-American Games.

The Executive Committee noted the incident which had occurred during the Medal Ceremony and that communication had subsequently taken place between Vice-President Teresa Lara and the Federacao Brasileira de Vela e Motor.

Decision

The Executive Committee agreed that ISAF will write a letter to the Federacao Brasileira de Vela e Motor (FBVM) requesting that a full report on the incident be submitted to ISAF and that FBVM take appropriate action towards those involved.

(f) **2007 All Africa Games - Algeria**

The Executive Committee received a report from Vice-President Teresa Lara on the 2007 All Africa Games.

Congratulations were extended to the work of Mohammed Azzoug and the Algerian Sailing Federation in the critical role they played, particularly in securing supplied equipment for the event which will remain in Algeria after the Games.

The work of the ISAF Technical Delegate in providing valuable training opportunities prior to and during the Games which will leave a legacy within the region was noted.

(g) **Games of the Small States of Europe**

The Executive Committee received a report from Vice-President George Andreadis on the 2007 Games of the Small States of Europe, which were contested in the Optimist and Laser.

8. ISSUES ARISING FROM PREVIOUS / DEFERRED SUBMISSIONS

(a) **Submission 012-06 – Payment to Umpires**

The Executive Committee considered a proposal from Vice-President Teo Ping Low as chair of the working party (Treasurer, John Doerr, Secretary General) on the review of payments to Umpires to be effective 1 January 2008.

The Executive Committee noted and supported Submission 005-07 which proposed to remove reference to Umpire payments from the ISAF Regulations with the Executive Committee charged to set the fees annually.

Recommendation to Council

The Executive Committee approved the following increase in payments to Umpires with effect from 1 January 2008:

“18.16.1 For Graded Match Racing Events, the following fees apply:

ISAF Open Match Racing World Championships and Grade 1 Events

€ 85 per race day + €170 for each International Umpire

€125 per race day + €250 for the Chief Umpire”

(b) **Submission 024-05 – Racing Rules of Sailing**

The Executive Committee noted the legal opinion from the Constitution Committee on deferred Submission 024-05 regarding the use of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

It was agreed that the Secretary General would further address the issue with the IOC Legal Department and ASOIF.

(c) **Submission 059-06 – ISAF Plaque**

The Executive Committee considered a recommendation from the Secretary General on plaque fees which was based on a further review of boat lengths and the economics of plaque fee collection.

Recommendation to Council

The Executive Committee recommends that the following fees are introduced with effect from 1 January 2008:

All boats over 25ft LOA competing in an ISAF Class World Championship shall have paid a Class Fee to ISAF. *(Boats built prior to 1 January 1997 - and on a 10 year rolling basis from approval of this recommendation - are exempt from this requirement.)*

LOA 25ft (7.65m) to 30ft (9.14m) £100

LOA over 30ft (9.15m) £200

(d) Gender Representation

The Executive Committee noted the submissions implementing the Council decision of May 2007 regarding gender representation across ISAF Council and Committees.

Considering the goal of achieving 20% representation on women in Council and across ISAF Committees, the Executive Committee wish to encourage MNAs to support the attendance of women as observers to the 2007 ISAF Annual Conference who are those same women who MNAs are likely to nominate to ISAF Committees in 2008.

Decision

It was resolved by the Executive Committee in its capacity as a committee of the Board of Directors of ISAF IOM that a special resolution in the following terms shall be included in the agenda of the Annual General Meeting to be held on 8 November 2007: "Article 39.1 (i) shall be deleted from the ISAF Constitution."

9. SUBMISSIONS

(a) Submission Booklet

The Executive Committee considered the submissions for the 2007 ISAF Annual Conference.

(b) Late Submissions

Decision

In accordance with ISAF Regulation 1.7, the Executive Committee approved a late submission from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee on a new Match Racing Call – Call Ump 20 which was allocated as Submission 267-07.

10. 2008 OLYMPIC SAILING COMPETITION

(a) Update

The Executive Committee received a verbal progress report from Vice-President David Kellett and the Deputy Secretary General on the 2007 Olympic Test Event. The report noted that the Race Management is progressing well and the medal races were all held in a reasonable breeze.

Issues to address with BOCOG and the Sailing Committee prior to the 2008 Olympic Games included a safety plan, quality of boat drivers, training of volunteers and the accreditation system.

The Deputy Secretary General reported on the possibility of youth crews being used in the multihull open event and proposed the introduction of a minimum weight limit for the multihull open event.

Decision

The Executive Committee approved the introduction of a minimum combined weight limit for the multihull open event for the 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition only.

It was noted that ISAF had raised concerns addressed by the ISAF Medical Commission directly to the IOC and ISAF is currently awaiting feedback. However, initial reports regarding water and air quality indicate that there are no reasons for concern.

(b) Race Officials

Considering approval of the ISAF Race Officials (International Technical Officials – ITOs) for the 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition, approval was given to the International Race Officers.

Decision

The Executive Committee agreed that the appointment of all ITO's for the 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition would be announced at the 2007 ISAF Annual Conference.

11. SELECTION OF OLYMPIC EVENTS – 2012 OLYMPIC SAILING COMPETITION

(a) Women's Evaluation Event

The Head of the Technical Department gave a verbal report on the arrangements for the Women's High Performance Two Person Dinghy Evaluation Event to be held between March – April 2008.

The Executive Committee noted the timeframes for the selection of the equipment for the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition.

(b) Voting Procedure

The Executive Committee noted the voting procedure which the Events Committee has proposed to be used to recommend the events for the 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition, as outlined in the ISAF Events Strategy paper prepared by the Events Committee working party. (See Appendix A).

The Executive Committee noted the Council decision from May 2007 approving six men's events and four women's events.

Recommendation to Council

Reflecting the process in the previous quadrennial, the Executive Committee propose that the ISAF Council voting procedure should reflect that used by the Events Committee. The Constitution Committee will be asked to review the proposed voting procedure in advance of the 2007 ISAF Annual Conference.

12. IOC YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

The President gave a verbal progress report on the introduction of the IOC Youth Olympic Games in 2010 and outlined that ISAF had requested four events – two boys and two girls, within the IOC athlete quota of 100 sailors. To encourage a spread of nations, it was proposed that a nation may enter a maximum of two events.

The following four events have been approved by the IOC:

- Windsurfer Girls
- Windsurfer Boys
- Single person Girls
- Single person boys

Fitting within the age options set by the IOC, the sailing event is intended to be for the 15-16 year old age group.

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The Executive Committee noted that the venue will be determined by the IOC in February 2008.

Decision

The Executive Committee will appoint a working party to work with the Deputy Secretary General to make recommendations to the Executive Committee on the following issues

- **Equipment**
- **Competition Format**
- **Qualification System**

13. RS:X CLASS

Vice-President Fiona Barron gave a verbal report on the RS:X Class.

14. 2008 LIST OF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Executive Committee considered the proposed World Championships for 2008, noting that the ISAF Secretariat has undertaken the research to ensure the proposed events comply with the minimum participation criteria as set out in the ISAF Regulations.

Decision

In accordance with Regulation 18.1 and 18.2 the Executive Committee approved the World Championships for 2008 as presented.

15. CONNECT TO SAILING

(a) Progress Report

The Executive Committee noted a progress report on the Connect to Sailing project including the arrangements for the Connect to Sailing seminar scheduled for Sunday 4 November.

The Executive Committee noted the work to develop the MNA Structure blueprint.

The Executive Committee considered the proposal to develop the ISAF Learn to Sail Training Programme utilizing the Connect to Sailing resource.

Decision

The Executive Committee approved the development of the ISAF Learn to Sail Training Programme through Connect to Sailing to be prepared by March 2008.

(b) Industry Forum

Reflecting the focus area in the ISAF Strategic Plan the Executive Committee considered the introduction of an ISAF Industry Forum to improve the partnership between ISAF and all elements of the sailing industry.

The Executive Committee expressed their wish to, if appropriate, partner with the already established Sailing Summit in the future development of an ISAF Industry Forum.

Decision

The Executive Committee approved the introduction of an ISAF Industry Forum.

(c) Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Training Presentation

The Executive Committee received a presentation from the Royal Yachting Association on the infrastructure and management of the RYA Training Programme on Monday 10 September.

16. DEVELOPMENT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – SEPTEMBER 2007 (CONT)

(a) **ISAF MNA Guidelines**

The Head of Training and Development reported that work was progressing on the introduction of ISAF MNA Guidelines, as presented in May 2007, with the first phase to be ready for November 2007.

(b) **ISAF Athlete Participation Programme**

The Head of Training and Development presented a report on the ISAF Athlete Participation Programme at the 2007 Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championships. The report highlighted that the programme had enabled a total of 16 sailors from 9 countries from ages 14 to 17 to attend the Championship. Through the APP, Paraguay and St Lucia made their debut appearances at the 2007 World Championship.

The Executive Committee expressed their appreciation to the World Youth Sailing Trust for funding the attendance of Jim Saltonstall, who once again provided outstanding coaching expertise.

(c) **ISAF Development Award**

The Executive Committee considered the awarding of the inaugural ISAF President Development Award in recognition of outstanding contribution to the development of sailing.

Decision

The Executive Committee unanimously agreed to award the ISAF President Development Award to Mohammed Azzoug (ALG).

(d) **ISAF Youth Foundation**

Vice-Presidents Fiona Barron and Teo Ping Low gave a verbal report on the creation of a Youth Foundation and noted that discussions were in progress with the World Youth Sailing Trust.

(e) **IOC Women and Sports Award**

Decision

The Executive Committee agreed to nominate the following for the IOC Women and Sport Award 2008:

Fiona Kidd (CAN) - Americas

Helen Mary Wilkes (IRL) - Europe

Adrienne Greenwood (NZL) - Oceania

17. INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR DISABLED SAILING (IFDS)

The President gave a verbal report on the meeting held between ISAF and IFDS on Friday 7 September 2007.

It was noted that an IFDS International Event would be held in Qingdao at a similar time to the 2008 ISAF Mid-Year Meeting, and if possible a venue visit for Council members would be arranged to coincide with the sailing event.

Concern was expressed regarding the insurance cover for IFDS International Classifiers which will be reviewed by the ISAF Secretariat.

18. TECHNICAL

(a) **ISAF Offshore Special Regulations**

Vice-President David Irish reported that the review of the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations was progressing.

(b) Applications for ISAF Class Status

The Head of the Technical Department reported on the applications for ISAF Class Status which do not meet the ISAF minimum criteria.

In the interests of embracing new ISAF Classes, the Executive Committee agreed that where appropriate there should be flexibility to utilise the option to allow exceptions to certain criteria, such as the Standard Class Rules format.

The Secretary General and Head of the Technical Department will further discuss the matter with the Chairman of the Equipment Committee.

19. MARKETING

(a) ISAF Sponsorship Strategy

The Executive Committee noted the proposals from the Head of Marketing and Media on an ISAF Sponsorship Strategy.

Decision

The Executive Committee supported the ongoing development of the sponsorship strategy with a further report outlining progress to be presented at the next Executive Committee meeting.

(b) ISAF Rolex World Sailor of the Year Award

The Executive Committee noted the sailors short listed for the ISAF Rolex World Sailor of the Year Awards.

(c) ISAF Website

The Head of the Marketing and Media Department gave a verbal report on the launch of the new ISAF website scheduled for mid-September.

(d) ISAF Centenary

The Executive Committee noted the activities forming the ISAF Centenary celebrations:

2007 ISAF Sailing World Championships – noted that the Sailors' Party had been a great success attracting over 4,000 sailors, organizing committee staff and general public.

Commemorative Magazine – its publication had proven highly successful with copies distributed around the world by the publishing house and ISAF.

Sail the World – taking place over 1-2 September 2007, the "Sail the World" celebration attracted more than 55 nations to participate, and was especially supported by many of the less developed sailing nations. All participants will receive a certificate and the nations' activities will be promoted on the ISAF website and at the ISAF Annual Conference.

Hall of Fame – the arrangements for the Hall of Fame on 4 November 2007 were noted.

Sailing Exhibition – the opening of the "Sailing the World" exhibition on 26 September 2007 at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne was noted.

"100 Years of Sailing" Book – work continues on the production of the book which reflects the development of sailing and ISAF over the past 100 years.

(e) ISAF Awards

The Executive Committee expressed their wishes to His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand on the occasion of His Majesty's 80th birthday.

Decision

The Executive Committee agreed to present His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand with an ISAF Gold Medal in recognition of His Majesty's long term active support to sailing.

20. SPECIAL EVENTS / MAJOR EVENTS

(a) America's Cup

Vice-President David Kellett gave a verbal report on recent discussions with America's Cup Management (ACM) on the relationship and agreement with ISAF for the next America's Cup.

The Secretary General reported on the anti-doping programme for the 2007 America's Cup.

(b) World Cup of Ocean Racing

The Executive Committee received a presentation from event organizers Manley Hopkins and Tim Howland on a proposed "World Cup of Ocean Racing". The event organizers sought ISAF approval for the new event involving ocean, offshore and inshore racing which is currently in concept form.

Whilst recognizing the intent and commercial benefits of the proposal, the Executive Committee expressed their concern regarding the placement of this new event amongst the established offshore and oceanic events and the desire of the event organizers to identify the new event as the pinnacle of ocean racing.

Decision

- 1. The ISAF Executive Committee does not support the "World Cup of Ocean Sailing" as presented.**
- 2. ISAF will not allow use of the word "World Cup" for any sailing events without ISAF approval.**

21. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WORKING PARTIES

(a) Rules Compliance

Vice-President David Kellett reported that the Rules Compliance review was being dealt with by a working party within the Racing Rules Committee.

(b) Advertising Code

The Executive Committee noted the report from the Advertising Code working party chaired by Philip Tolhurst on proposed changes to the ISAF Advertising Code.

In future, similar to the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, the Executive Committee supported the introduction of clear timeframes as to when the Advertising Code could be amended.

The Secretary General reported that further work would be undertaken on the paper and a report presented to the Executive Committee.

(c) Emergent Sailing

The Executive Committee noted that Submission 055-07 would enable ISAF to embrace emergent forms of sailing, such as kite sailing.

(d) Professional Sailing

Vice-President David Kellett reported on the working party work which considered the introduction of professional race officials. The working party was thanked for their work.

(e) Legal Advisory Group

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The Executive Committee approved the proposed members of the legal advisory group who will now be invited to the group by the Secretary General.

22. GOVERNANCE

(a) Voting Procedure

The Executive Committee considered the existing voting procedure for the election of officers and agreed not to make any recommendations.

(b) General Assembly

The Executive Committee noted the process of appointing delegates to the General Assembly and agreed that a guidance document would be prepared for MNAs by the ISAF Secretariat.

(c) Council Alternates

The Executive Committee noted the report from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee regarding Council alternates which reflected the recommendation of the Executive Committee that if one Council member was appointed as an alternate for another, he or she would not be entitled to exercise two votes.

Decision

The Executive Committee agreed to put forward the proposal to change the ISAF Regulations to reflect this position as a submission to the 2007 ISAF Annual Conference.

23. OFFSHORE SAILING

The Head of the Technical Department gave a verbal report on risk management in speed sailing/ single handed ocean events.

The Executive Committee noted the written report from the Chairman of the Offshore Committee on Shorthanded Long Distance Racing.

Decision

The Executive Committee support the principals of the paper and recommend it be fully considered by the Offshore Committee and its Sub-committees during the 2007 ISAF Annual Conference.

24. SECRETARIAT

The Executive Committee noted the reports from the Directors and Managers on the activities of the departments of the ISAF Secretariat during the last quarter.

25. ISAF MEETINGS

(a) 2007 ISAF Annual Conference

The Executive Committee noted the arrangements for the 2007 ISAF Annual Conference in Estoril, Portugal.

(b) Future ISAF Meetings

The Executive Committee noted the schedule of future ISAF meetings:

(i) 2007 ISAF Annual Conference

Estoril, Portugal – 1-11 November 2007

(ii) Executive Committee Meeting

Geneva, Switzerland – 16, 17 and 18 February 2008

(iii) 2008 ISAF Mid-Year Meeting

Qingdao, China - 8-12 May 2008

(iv) Executive Committee Meeting

ISAF Secretariat – 5-8 September 2008

The scheduled dates of 5-8 September were noted, and consideration will be given to the request to move the meeting to conclude on 6 September 2008.

(v) 2008 ISAF Annual Conference

Madrid, Spain – 6-17 November 2008

(vi) 2009 ISAF Mid-Year Meeting

Warsaw, Poland – 7-11 May 2009

(vii) 2009 ISAF Annual Conference

Busan, Korea – 5-16 November 2009

26. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Annual General Meeting – Voting Rights

The Executive Committee noted the housekeeping amendment required to correct existing Clause 13 of Schedule B of the ISAF Articles regarding the appointment of delegates and voting at the Annual General Meeting.

Decision

It was resolved by the Executive Committee in its capacity as a committee of the Board of Directors of ISAF IOM that a special resolution in the following terms shall be included in the agenda of the Annual General Meeting to be held on 8 November 2007:

That the Articles of Association of the Company be amended by the deletion of existing paragraphs 10 and 13 of Schedule B (as referred to in Article 28) and their substitution by the following new paragraphs 10 and 13:

- “10. Every Full Member shall have one vote.”**
- “13.1 Votes may be given on a poll either personally or by proxy. A proxy need not be a member of the Federation.**
- 13.2 A corporation may vote by its duly authorised representative appointed in accordance with the provisions of section 115 of the Companies Act 1931.”**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Appendix A – Selection of Events for the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition - Events Committee Voting Process

The WP recommends the voting process below (subject to amendment once the final list of Events to be voted on is established) noting:

1. The Men's Events are voted first because there are fewer options, and the option taken may influence the optimal choice of Women's Events.
2. The voting process is designed such that:
 - votes are initially cast for a "slate" of six (Men / Open) or four (Women) events;
 - no Event is eliminated until it has failed to receive 50% of votes in either the first "slate" ballot or a subsequent run-off ballot.

Voting Process

Men / Open	Women
Select 6 from following 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Windsurfer- 1-person dinghy- 1-person dinghy (heavy)- 2-person dinghy- 2-person skiff- Keelboat- Multihull (Open)	Select 4 from following 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Windsurfer- 1-person dinghy- 2-person dinghy- 2-person skiff- Keelboat (fleet racing)- Keelboat (match racing)
Voting Process <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Votes are cast for the six events preferred in a single ballot (a voting paper marked for less or more than six events will be treated as invalid).2. If one Event receives fewer than 50% of votes, it is eliminated (note: it is not possible for two events to receive less than 50%).3. If all Events receive more than 50%, then the two Events with the lowest votes are subject to a second vote, and the one with fewer than 50% of votes is eliminated.	Voting Process <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Votes are cast for the four events preferred in a single ballot (a voting paper marked for less or more than four events will be treated as invalid).2. If one or more Events receive fewer than 50% of votes, the Event with the fewest votes is eliminated.3. If all Events receive more than 50%, then the two Events with the lowest votes are subject to a second vote, and the one with fewer than 50% of votes is eliminated.4. This will leave five Events with one still to be eliminated. The Men's process is now followed, except that votes are cast for four not six events.