

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**



MET AT 0930 – 1800 HOURS ON THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER, 1430 – 1800 HOURS ON FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER, 0930 – 1330 HOURS ON SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER AND 0930 – 1200 ON THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER AT THE MELIA CASTILLA HOTEL, MADRID, SPAIN.

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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  
Jerome Pels – Secretary General

### **In Attendance:**

Helen Hopkins – Office Manager  
Jason Smithwick – Head of Technical and Offshore  
Helmut Czasny – Competitions Manager  
Alastair Fox – Events Manager  
Athletes Commission - Marcelien De Koning  
Athletes Commission - Ben Barger  
Classification Commission - Anthony Matusch  
Coaches Commission - Georg Fundak  
Int'l Regulation Commission - Alan Green  
Medical Commission - Margriet Pannevis  
Multihull Commission - Paul Pascoe  
Training Commission - Rod Carr  
Philip Tolhurst – Advertising Code Working Party  
Qu Chun – Competitions Manager 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition  
Yang Zhiping – Venue Manager 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition

## **1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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Apologies were received from His Majesty King Harald of Norway.

### **2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

(a) Minutes

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of 16 and 17 August were noted.

(b) Minutes – matters arising

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

### **3. REPORTS**

(a) President's Report

The President outlined the content of his report to Council and advised that more emphasis should be placed on environmental issues by ISAF.

(b) Secretary General's Report

The Secretary General gave a brief overview of the last few months and advised that most items that needed to be discussed were covered on the Agenda.

### **4. FINANCE**

(a) Management Accounts

The Secretary General presented the Management Accounts for the 3rd Quarter 2008.

(b) Budget 2009

The Secretary General gave a brief overview of the expected share of the TV rights contribution from the 2008 Olympic Games and the possible draw down forecast from the short term reserves in the next 4 year cycle. Regarding the 2009 budget, the proposed general guidelines and priorities for the 2009 budget were discussed and proposed budget was adopted to be presented to Council for approval. The Executive Committee expected to add an expense of £20,000 for the ISAF World Cup, which will be reflected in the amended budget to be presented to Council in May 2009.

(c) ISAF Debtors

The company debtors were noted and specific concern was expressed that events should not be allowed to go ahead when they had not yet paid their fees.

(d) Isle of Man Trust

The Treasurer gave an update on the Isle of Man Trust. In addition, in view of the current world financial situation, he reported that he had completed a review of the security of the ISAF bank accounts and deposits.

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### **Decision**

**The Executive Committee decided that the Treasurer and Secretary General should continue to monitor the situation and take appropriate measures to minimise any risks.**

(e) **ISAF Plaque Fees**

The proposal on the ISAF Class building (plaque) fees to apply from 1 January 2009 was approved.

### **5. ISAF INSURANCE**

The Secretary General reported that he investigated the situation regarding Race Officials liability and the ISAF insurance. The Executive Committee stressed the importance of appropriate information to the ISAF Race Officials to be given by ISAF. Some legal advice in drafting such advice may need to be obtained.

### **6. SUBMISSIONS**

The Executive Committee considered the following Submissions and made the following recommendations to Council as shown in Appendix 1.

### **7. ISAF COMMISSIONS**

(a) **Medical Commission**

The Chairman of the Medical Commission, Margriet Pannevis gave a verbal report on their meeting of 7 November 2008, highlighting the following issues:

- (i) The full support of the concept of getting simple anti-doping information out to the sailors via the website, coaches and MNA's.
- (ii) The Medical Commission recommend that selective research is conducted. The research available on sailing has fallen behind most other sports and they would like to put a full research proposal in front of the Executive for consideration. This research would start with the collection of suitable data collected from the internet.
- (iii) As education on anti doping is now mandatory in the revised Code, the Medical Commission recommend that members of the Commission are used to promote any educational project on anti-doping concentrating specifically on local regattas near where the members live.
- (iv) The Medical Commission supports Submission 039-08 (revised Anti-Doping Code) with the friendly amendments.
- (v) It has come to the attention of the Commission that the Italian NADO is now charging €80 for each TUE.

(b) **Athletes Commission**

The minutes from the Athletes Commission meeting of 24-25 September 2008 were noted. The Chairman, Marcelien De Koning reported that the online forum was now active but they were disappointed it had taken so long. The

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Executive Committee noted the Athletes Commission's concerns regarding the governance system of ISAF and the time it takes to make decisions affecting the Athletes.

### **(c) International Regulations Commission**

The Chairman of the International Regulations Commission, Alan Green, reported on the meeting of 7 November 2008. Items addressed were environmental issues such as transfer of alien species in ballast water and on vessel hulls, antifouling coating restrictions, security of non-Solas vessels, the Italian Government's submission on amending the COLREGS, availability of ISO Standards, collisions with drifting shipping containers, life raft servicing, avoidance of cetaceans (whales) and exclusion zones around wind farms.

The Chairman also advised that the International Regulations Commission did not seem to have effective liaison with MNA's which was disappointing as the recent questionnaire sent out was intended to aide the provision of an affective service.

### **(d) Coaches Commission**

The chairman of the Coaches Commission, Georg Fundak, reported on the meeting of 7 November 2008. The main topics of the discussions were the ISAF World Championships, the ISAF Sailing World Cup and development of educational material for coaches.

The Commission felt that the introduction of the Sailing World Cup will be an important step for ISAF but the biannual ISAF World Championships could devalue both the ISAF World Championships and the World Cup.

The commission recommended starting an online registration for coaches on the ISAF website in 2009. The commission will provide the necessary expertise.

### **(e) Sailor Classification Commission**

The Chairman of the Sailor Classification Commission, Anthony Matusch, reported on the meeting of 17-18 October and made the following recommendations:

- (i) The Chairman of the Classification Commission highlighted the need for investment and improvements on the ISAF website and in particular with the classification database. It was stressed that the members of the Classification Commission must be involved directly with any future changes to the existing system.
- (ii) The Chairman of the Classification Commission requested a small budget so that members of the commission could attend regattas in order to liaise with classes and event organisers and help with the classification procedures.

## **Decision**

**A budget of approximately £3,000 is allocated for travel expenses.**

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### **(f) Multihull Commission**

The Chairman of the Multihull Commission, Paul Pascoe, reported on the first meeting of the Commission on 7 November 2008. The following recommendations were received.

- (i) The Multihull Commission's Terms of Reference to be: "The Multihull Commission shall inform and advise the ISAF Executive Committee and all appropriate ISAF Committees on matters relating to Multihulls."
- (ii) The Commission discussed possible equipment options in case 11 events were to be available for the 2012 Olympic Sailing regatta and the multihull was selected.
- (iii) The Multihull Commission would like to undertake a survey of MNAs of countries who regularly sail multihulls but did not have a campaign for the last Olympics to try and find out the reason.
- (iv) The Commission would like to work with Connect to Sailing and the Youth and Development Committee to encourage and assist MNAs to include multihull programmes in their schedule.
- (v) That a multihull event is included in the ISAF World Cup as soon as possible and that the scoring of the medal race is reviewed in relation to the potential vulnerability of a competitor in second place prior to the medal race.

### **(g) Training Commission**

The Chairman of the Training Commission, Rod Carr, reported on their meeting of 10 October 2008 and put forward the following recommendations.

- (i) After the implementation of review of the pilot ISAF Learn to Sail Training Programmes during 2009, the final ISAF Learn to Sailing Training Programme should be finalised in October 2009 for sign off by the ISAF Executive Committee in November 2009.
- (ii) The Training Commission has developed an ISAF Accreditation System whereby an MNA National Learn to Sail Programme (dinghy) could be tested against a specific set of criteria and be awarded an ISAF accreditation. ISAF will only accredit National Learn to Sail Programmes run by an ISAF MNA. It is recommended that the Executive Committee approves the ISAF Accreditation system.
- (iii) The Training Commission be authorized to appoint the Facilitators/Inspectors for rollout of the ISAF Learn to Sail Training Programme and the ISAF Accreditation System during 2009 and that ISAF organize a one day clinic early in 2009 to establish the standards for the roles. In the longer term, the Training Commission would recommend that ISAF develops a recognition process for Facilitators and Inspectors, on the basis of a self-regulating system whereby they are trained and approved by their peers to an ISAF standard.
- (iv) The Accreditation Fees be approved as set out in Appendix 2 of the

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supporting paper.

- (v) ISAF should not give approval to any third parties for the production of publications on the ISAF Learn to Sailing Training Programme – this right should be given to MNA's in a similar way that is applied at the moment for the production of the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- (vi) Staff resources should be made available for the ISAF Learn to Sailing Training Programme and the ISAF Accreditation System by the middle of 2009.
- (vii) The production of the Final ISAF Learn to Sail Training Programme should be in an online format and print format for MNA's and the core programme should be translated into French and Spanish.
- (viii) Organization of a Clinic for Facilitators/Inspectors in early 2009.
- (ix) ISAF Accreditation Tick Mark – Branding provided to MNAs
- (x) Allocation of possible legal fees to review elements of the ISAF Accreditation System and the use of ISAF Logo/Brand by ISAF Accredited MNAs.
- (xi) A friendly amendment is made to the Training Commission's Terms of Reference to points (a) and (f) as follows:
  - “(a) create guidelines for ISAF **to accredit** training programmes to teach sailing which can be delivered by Member National Authorities and other organizations through a variety of providers such as commercial sailing schools, clubs and educational establishments;
  - (f) ensure that ISAF **accredited** training programmes are fully inclusive and attractive to the maximum numbers of potential sailors; and”.

The President expressed his thanks to the RYA and the Fédération Française de Voile for their contributions to the Learn to Sail Programme.

The President thanked all the Commissions for the important work they are doing for ISAF.

## **8. APPOINTMENT TO ISAF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES**

### **(a) Council**

The nominations to Council were noted.

### **(b) Committee Nominations**

The committee nominations were reviewed and a list with the appointments to ISAF Committees for the period 2009 – 2012 was agreed to be presented to Council.

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### **9. ISAF EVENTS**

(a) ISAF World Cup of Sailing

An update on the ISAF World Cup of Sailing was given by Vice-President David Kellett and the Secretary General on the implementation of the ISAF World Cup of Sailing.

(b) 2011 ISAF Sailing World Championships

The Secretary General was pleased to report that the contract was going to be signed during the Madrid conference.

(c) 2013 ISAF Sailing World Championships

An update from Vice-President David Kellett and Vice-President David Irish was received.

### **10. INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR DISABLED SAILING (IFDS)**

Vice-President David Irish gave a verbal report on the meeting between IFDS and ISAF during the Mid-Year Meetings 2008. Submission 040-08, made on behalf of IFDS was highlighted, which is to give responsibility to IFDS to recognize equipment suitable for disabled sailing and the IFDS World Championships.

### **11. AWARDS**

(a) ISAF Medals

The recipients for ISAF Medals in November 2008 from retiring committee members and individuals making a significant contribution to the sport of sailing were considered.

(b) 2009 Women and Sport Award

There were no nominations for the annual Women and Sport Awards.

### **12. ANTI-DOPING**

(a) America's Cup

The Secretary General advised that the in recent CAS case brought by WADA and supported by ISAF the appellants had prevailed and that Simon Daubney's suspension for two years had been backdated to July 2007 owing to his own voluntary suspension. It was also noted that if the 33rd America's Cup goes ahead the Medical Commission would like to recommend an Anti-Doping agreement with ISAF be negotiated.

(b) Volvo Ocean Race

The Secretary General gave an update on an anti-doping programme for the Volvo Ocean Race.

(c) List of International Events

A list of International Events where ISAF will have responsibility for issuing TUEs as set out in the Revised International Standards for Therapeutic Use Exemptions was approved only for the events (disciplines) that sail in the

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Olympic Sailing Competition:

Sail Melbourne – December 2008  
Rolex Miami OCR – January 2009  
Trofeo SAR Princesa Sofia – April 2009  
Semaine Olympique Francaise – April 2009  
Delta Lloyd Regatta – May 2009  
Kieler Woche – June 2009  
Skandia Sail for Gold Regatta – September 2009

ISAF Team Racing Worlds – Perth 2009  
ISAF Nations Cup Final – Brazil 2009  
ISAF Youth Worlds – Brazil 2009  
ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championships – Sweden 2009

ISAF Sailing World Championships – Perth 2011

### **13. ISAF MEMBERS**

#### **(a) ISAF Full Membership**

- (i) D.P.R. Korea - Yacht Racing Association of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

#### **Executive Committee Recommendation**

**It is recommended that Yacht Racing Association of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea be approved as an ISAF Full Member allocated to:**

MNA Group J – East Asia  
Subscription Category 3 - £1,088 (in line with ISAF policy the membership fee will be waived for the first year)

- (ii) Nigeria – Nigeria Rowing and Yachting Federation

#### **Executive Committee Recommendation**

**It is recommended that the Nigeria Rowing and Yachting Federation be approved as an ISAF Full Member allocated to:**

MNA Group Q – Africa – South of the Sahara  
Subscription Category 1 - £55 (in line with ISAF policy the membership fee will be waived for the first year)

- (iii) Sudan - Sudanese Sailing Federation

#### **Executive Committee Recommendation**

**It is recommended that in accordance with ISAF Regulation 2.18.2 the Sudanese Sailing Federation be approved as an ISAF Full Member allocated to:**



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MNA Group I – Africa and Middle East

Subscription Category 1 - £55 (in line with ISAF policy the membership fee will be waived for the first year)

(iv) Armenia - Armenian Sailing Federation

### **Executive Committee Recommendation**

**It is recommended that the Armenian Sailing Federation be approved as an ISAF Full Member allocated to:**

MNA Group H – Euro-Asian

(b) Subscription Category 1 - £52.50 ISAF Affiliate Member

Consideration was given to an application from The International Multihull Council to become an affiliate member of ISAF. It was understood this application was withdrawn as the Multihull is now represented in ISAF through the Multihull Commission.

## **14. NATIONS CUP**

The Committee discussed the proposal from the Chairman of the Match Racing Committee. The Executive supports the recommendations of the Chairman of the Committee as outlined in the paper received, however this shall all be achieved within existing budgets and staff availability.

## **15. 2009 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The list of World Championship events as per the paper received was noted and approved.

## **16. OLYMPIC SAILING COMPETITION 2008**

A presentation from the BOCOG Competition Manager and Venue Manager was received. Specific mention was made of the good co-operation we had with BOCOG and the Qingdao Organizing Committee. Further comments from the Technical Delegate were received.

## **17. PARALYMPIC SAILING COMPETITION 2008**

An overview report from the Head of Training and Development on the Paralympic Sailing Competition was received and noted.

## **18. OLYMPIC SAILING COMPETITION 2012**

The Secretary General advised that Rob Andrews had now started work as the Competition Manager and everything was progressing well. Vice-President David Kellett reported on a successful site trip to Weymouth.

## **19. BID CITIES FOR THE OLYMPIC SAILING COMPETITION 2016**

Vice-Presidents Kellett, Low, Lara and the Secretary General gave a verbal update on their recent site visits to the Bid Cities for the Olympic Sailing Competition 2016.

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### **20. IOC YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES 2010**

A progress report was received from the Secretary General.

### **21. CONNECT TO SAILING**

A quarterly report was received from Tim Coventry on the progress of Connect to Sailing. Connect to Sailing has been working closely with the Training Commission on the ISAF Learn to Sail Training Programme and the ISAF accreditation process. Discussions with UAE and India for the proposed pilot projects continued as well.

### **22. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **(a) Sail Smart**

Vice-President Teo-Ping Low gave a PowerPoint presentation on Sailsmart; an education programme designed to introduce children into sailing.

#### **(b) Grading Fees**

The Verein Seglerhaus am Wannsee (VSaW) with the support of the DSV request an adjustment or removal of the Grading Fees for its Grade 1 event "Berlin Match Race" owing to the withdrawal of its sponsor.

#### **Decision**

**The loss of the sponsor is regrettable, however it was felt this can not be the reason to waive any event fees.**

#### **(c) International Maxi Class Association**

The International Maxi Association (IMA) Class have applied for ISAF International Status after agreement at their AGM.

#### **Decision**

**The International Maxi Class Association would possibly be eligible for ISAF International Status. However it was noted that further work needs to be done to meet the ISAF technical criteria. ISAF is very much in favour of progressing this and the technical work should be finalised as soon as possible.**

#### **(d) World Sailing Speed Record Council**

The ISAF Executive Committee is asked to confirm the WSSR Council's recommendation to your Executive that Kite-boards should be eligible to hold the Outright World Record. The Committee noted that it is the unanimous wish of Council that this should be the case.

To clarify any possible items of doubt the WSSR made the following points:

Kite-boarders comply in all respects with the WSSR rules and in particular with WSSR rule 9 "A yacht shall sail by using only the wind and water to increase, maintain or decrease her speed".

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In common with many other sports, a linear method of speed recording ie. the time taken to travel between 2 points 500 metres apart, has always been adopted. The WSSRC does not try to measure, define, or give credit for instantaneous speed or speeds calculated on a curved course. The recording of time is taken from the same point of the board at both start and finish.

The so-called slingshot effect can produce an increased instantaneous speed, but only over a short distance and in a curved trajectory. Following this slingshot effect, speed decreases considerably and whilst a high speed for a short distance may have been achieved, the average over the full course is unaffected.

There can be no stored energy as all the competing craft consists of is a small board, some strings and sailcloth.

Concerning the belief that kite boards may not maintain contact with the water during an attempt, the fact is that the kite-board had to remain waterborne in order to maintain speed. There is loss of power and speed immediately the board loses water contact.

### **Decision**

**The ISAF Executive supports the WSSR Council's position that that Kite-boards should be eligible to hold the Outright World Record.**

- (e) IOC Environment Award

### **Decision**

**The Executive will nominate The RYA Green Blue Initiative for their promotion of the sustainable use of coastal and inland waters for the IOC Environment Award.**

There being no further business the meeting closed.