



The ISAF Council met at 0930 – 1700 hours on Saturday 9 May 2009 at the Novotel Hotel, Warsaw, Poland

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Present

Göran Petersson	President and Meeting Chairman
HM King Constantine	President of Honour (<i>ex officio non voting</i>)
Tomasz Holc	Vice-President
Nazli Imre	Vice-President
David Irish	Vice-President
Teresa Lara	Vice-President
Teo Ping Low	Vice-President
Alberto Predieri	Vice-President
Eric Tulla	Vice-President
David Kellett	Treasurer (<i>ex officio non voting</i>)
Chris Atkins (GBR)	Representatives of Group A - United Kingdom & Ireland
John Crebbin (IRL)	Representatives of Group B - Central Europe
Tatjana Antoncic (SLO)	Representatives of Group C - East Europe
Rolf Baehr (GER)	Representatives of Group D - South Europe
Tomasz Chamera (POL)	Representative of Group E - Iberian Peninsula
Kamen Fillyov (BUL)	Representatives of Group F – Low Countries
George Andreadis (GRE)	Representatives of Group G - Scandinavia
Bernard Bonneau (FRA) <i>alternate for Jean-Pierre Champion</i>	Representative of Group H - Euro-Asian
Carlo Rolandi (ITA) - <i>alternate for Sergio Gaibisso</i>	Representative of Group I – North Africa and Middle East
Rafael Gonzalez (ESP) - <i>alternate for Gerardo Pombo</i>	Representatives of Group J - East Asia
Patrick Bergmans (BEL)	Representative of Group K - South and Central Asia
Kurt Lonnqvist (FIN)	Representatives of Group L - South West Pacific
Stig Hvide Smith (NOR)	
Oleg Ilyin (RUS) – <i>alternate for Alexander Kotenkov</i>	
Khalifa M Al-Sewaidi (QAT)	
Quanhai Li (CHN)	
Takao Otani (JPN)	
Ajay Balram (IND)	
Ralph Roberts (NZL)	
Phil Jones (AUS) – <i>alternate for David Tillett</i>	

Council Agenda (cont.)

Pablo Masseroni (ARG) – *alternate for Maximo Rivero Kelly*

Andrew Moon (CAY) – *alternate for Jane Moon*

Andrés Santana (DOM)

Charley Cook (USA)

Cory Sertl (USA)

David Sprague (CAN)

Ross Robson (RSA)

Jeff Martin

Jacques Lehn

Fiona Kidd

Apologies:

HM King Harald V of Norway

Abraham Rosemberg (BRA) – *alternate for Harry Adler*

Representative of Group M - South & West South America

Representatives of Group O - North South America, Central America and Caribbean

Representatives of Group P - North America

Representative of Group Q - Africa – South of the Sahara

ISAF Classes Representative

Oceanic and Offshore Representative

Women's Representative

President of Honour

Representative of Group N - Central & East South America

Also in attendance:

Jerome Pels – Secretary General

Jan Dawson – Chairman of the Audit Committee

Piotr Nurowski – President of the Polish Olympic Committee

Philip Tolhurst – Chairman of the Constitution Committee

Alastair Fox – Events Manager

Helen Fry – Office Manager

Esther Hanson – Receptionist/Secretary

Trish Merrick – Administration Secretary

Jason Smithwick – Head of Technical and Offshore Department

Rob Taylor – Technical Co-ordinator

Pauline Ward – Events Secretary

Before commencing the business of the meeting, those present stood in memory of colleagues, friends and sailors who have passed away - Pertti Lipas (FIN), Donald St. Clair Brown, Nic Scandone and Gerhard Schröder (GER).

1. Opening of the Meeting

(a) Welcome

Piotr Nurowski, President of the Polish Olympic Committee welcomed everyone to Warsaw.

The President welcomed members to the first full meeting of the new Council for this quadrennial and in particular to those members who have not served before. The President invited Council Members to review the draft copy of the 2008 Annual Report circulated around the table and forward any comments or amendments to the Secretary General.

(b) Attendees, Alternates and Apologies

Council noted the following apologies:

His Majesty King Harald of Norway, President of Honour
Abraham Rosemberg, alternate for Harry Adler Group N

Council noted the following alternates:

Bernard Bonneau for Jean-Pierre Champion – Group B

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Carlo Rolandi for Sergio Gaibisso – Group D
Rafael Gonzalez for Gerardo Pombo – Group E
Oleg Ilyin for Alexander Kotenkov – Group H
Phil Jones for David Tillett – Group L
Pablo Masseroni for Maximo Rivero Kelly – Group M
Andrew Moon for Jane Moon – Group O

2. President's Report

The President thanked members for their cooperation with the electronic voting to finalise committee appointments to allow committees to begin their work and for names to be published in the 2009 Yearbook. The use of all digital media including Skype and video conferencing was encouraged to promote speed and effective communication in the same way email has done in the last 10 years.

The President commented on the evident impact of the economic downturn in sailing and in particular boat builders and sponsorship which may inevitably lead to loss in receipt of building fees and event fees. Despite the economic turmoil ISAF is in a healthy financial position due to a conservative investment strategy of working capital and reserves and avoidance of risks in currencies but ISAF must be more efficient with money and time and monitor the world economy very closely.

The first meeting of 2009 for the Executive Committee took place in Los Angeles in February where time was spent reviewing the structure of ISAF, finance and the Strategic Plan. During the next four years priority should be given to Sports Presentation, Training and Development and the Environment. ISAF is one of the few International Sports Federations with an Environmental Policy but there is a great deal more that can be achieved.

The President commented that the professional arm of our sport is developing fast and needs professional services from ISAF, for example Rules, Judges, Umpires, Measurement, Safety, Anti-Doping but that it was crucial not to forget those who sail or race for pure pleasure. The approach for these two areas may have to be different.

The IOC is developing requirements for good governance and will adopt firm recommendations at its Congress in October. ISAF therefore must take on the task of examining its own governance to make sure we meet the requirements of good governance as well as being an effective and efficient organisation.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

- (a) Council Minutes
 - i) Council noted the minutes of the Council Meetings of 13 and 14 November 2008.
 - ii) Council noted the minutes of the New Council Meeting of 15 November 2008
- (b) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.
- (c) Executive Committee Minutes

Council noted the minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings of: 7, 8, 13 and 16 November 2008 and 6, 7 and 8 February 2009

4. Audit Committee

Council considered the recommendations of the Executive Committee for the appointment of the Audit Committee.

Decision

The Audit Committee members will be:

Jan Dawson (NZL) – Chair

David Kellett (AUS) – Treasurer

Teo-Ping Low (SIN) – Executive Member

Philip Tolhurst (GBR) – Chair of Constitution Committee

5. Finance

(a) 2008 Accounts

i) Consolidated Management Accounts

The Secretary General presented the Consolidated Management Accounts for the period 1 January to 31 December 2008. As mentioned in the Council meeting in November 2008, the item that stands out as an overspend of the budget is the expenditure for the 2008 Olympic Games which has been caused by additional costs which had originally been anticipated to be covered by the IOC or BOCOG.

ii) Audited Statutory Accounts

The Treasurer presented the Audited Statutory Accounts for the International Sailing Federation (IOM) Ltd (company number 79772) for the period 1 January to 31 December 2008. A motion was put forward to approve and authorize for issue the Report and Financial Statements of the International Sailing Federation (IOM) Limited for the year ended 31 December 2008 and to authorize the President to sign the financial statements on behalf of the Council (Board of Directors).

Decision

On a proposal by Kamen Fillyov, seconded by Ross Robson, Council unanimously approved the Audited Statutory Accounts for the period 1 January to 31 December 2008 and authorize the President to sign the financial statements on behalf of the Council (Board of Directors).

iii) Audit Committee

Council received and noted the verbal report of the Audit Committee.

(b) 2009 Budget

The revised 2009 Budget, 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009, was presented for approval by Council, which incorporated the additional expense of £25,000 for the World Cup.

Decision

On a proposal by George Andreadis, seconded by Patrick Bergmans, Council unanimously approved the revised budget for the period 1 January to 31 December 2009 (Appendix I).

(c) Trust Report

The Treasurer presented a report on the ISAF Trust and highlighted the short term and long term reserves. Council noted that value of the Trust investments were stable and managed with a low risk strategy.

(d) Subscription Fees

Council Agenda (cont.)

Council noted the outstanding subscription fees as at 6 May 2009 (Appendix II). Council members were asked to contact those debtors in their areas (groups) to assist in obtaining payment.

6. ISAF Objectives and Strategy

(a) The ISAF Strategic Plan 2009 – 2012

The Executive working draft of a new ISAF Strategic Plan was circulated around the table for members to review and a discussion took place after the completion of the Council agenda items.

The individual objectives were discussed. A revised draft will be circulated to Council and MNAs for review in November.

(b) ISAF Structure and Governance

The President informed Council that on request from the Executive Committee, a Working Party led by Philip Tolhurst, Chairman of the Constitution Committee had undertaken a review of the ISAF structure and governance.

Philip Tolhurst summarised the structures of other Summer Federations in comparison to that of ISAF. It was evident that some areas require review but this should be consistent with the goals and objectives of ISAF. In particular the Regulations should be consistent with the Constitution and internationally understood.

The larger issues to be addressed were representation, timing of General Assemblies, Election Voting Procedures, Committee nominations and the submission process.

On the legal side the number of ISAF Directorships must be reviewed and addressed. An updated paper on ISAF Structure and Governance will be presented to Council in November.

Vice President Teo-Ping Low gave a verbal report on the feedback from the 36 member evaluation forms which had been completed and returned during the day.

7. Submissions Deferred from the November 2008 Council Meetings

(a) Submission 019-08 – Athletes Commission Representation on Council

Submission withdrawn

Council noted the intention of the Athletes Commission submission and their request to find a better way the athlete's voice could be heard in all appropriate levels of the organisation.

(b) Submission 034-08 - ORC Limited

Submission withdrawn

(c) Submission 056-08 – Abolition of Individual Membership

Decision

On proposal by Ross Robson, seconded by John Crebbin, Council unanimously approved submission 056-08 with the following amendment:

Replace 'General Assembly' to ' November 2009 AGM'. Additional proposal: A note shall be made in the ISAF Yearbook stating: 'Until November 2009 the ISAF Constitution provided for an option of Individual membership of the Federation which was, in practice, phased out in 1999.' However, as part of the individual

membership scheme, a life member category existed. The following members were listed as life members:

Robin Aisher	Kurt Muller
George Andreadis	Martin O'Meara
Lawrence Brown Jr.	Dirk Peerear
Achille Crivelli	Ronald Pieper
Alan Elmassian	John Riggs
Mike Evans	Xavier Roca
Stephen Flesch	Henri Samuel
Karl Freudenstein	Peter Schmid
Nigel Hacking	James Schoonmaker
Hans Hansson	Moriharu Shizume
Evans Harrell	B Staartjes
Paul Henderson	John Sully
Richard Hokin	Robert Symonette
Dr H Ishikawa	A G Taggart
Jonathan Janson	Lt Col W R Thompson
Eric Le Jeune	Ture Widlund
Cmdr Francis Markey	George Wiederkehr
Hiroshi Mozawa	Robert Leslie Young

- (d) Submission 084-08 – 088 -08 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition – Events.

Decision

On a proposal by Chris Atkins, seconded by Cory Sertl, Council unanimously voted to defer submissions 084-08 – 088-08.

- (e) Council noted that Submissions 118-08, 131-08, 146-08 and 147-08 are deferred to the November 2009 Council Meeting.

8. Urgent Submissions

- (a) M01-09 - 2012 Olympic Games Possible 11th Event

The President informed the Council of the situation.

Decision

On a proposal by Phil Jones, seconded by Charley Cook, Council approved the friendly amendment as follows :

Proposal

1. That any submissions made to the 2009 Mid Year Meeting, or deferred from the 2008 Annual Meeting, relating to the choice of Event or Equipment for a possible 11th Event be deferred and

2. That, in the event of a favourable IOC decision in regards of a possible 11th Sailing Medal for an additional Event, Council delegate to the Executive Committee the decision to be taken in regards of the Event and the equipment for such 11th Medal based on the submissions M02-09 to M06-09 in the manner to be decided by the Executive Committee including the implementation of Regulation 4.2

Council note that the Executive Committee will make a decision, based on these deferred submissions, immediately the position on the IOC has been clarified.

On a proposal by Kurt Lonnqvist, seconded by Andres Santana Council were asked to vote if they wanted to split the decision between points 1 and 2 as outlined above or to have one vote on both points.

Decision

Council rejected splitting the decision – M01-09 would be decided in one vote. (6 in favour, 30 against, 1 abstain)

Decision

Council approved Submission M01-09 as amended (33 in favour, 3 against, 1 abstain)

- (b) M02-09 – M06-09

Decision

On a proposal by Chris Atkins and seconded by David Sprague, Council voted unanimously to reject submissions M02-00, M03-09, M04-09, M05-09 and M06-09.

- (c) M07-09 - ISAF Classification Codes, Competitor Classifications

Decision

Council unanimously approved submission M07-09.

9. Committee Recommendations to Council from the Executive Committee

There were no recommendations from the Executive Committee meetings of:

- (a) 6- 8 February 2009
- (b) 7-8 May 2009

10. Committee Recommendations to Council from the Events Committee

The recommendation from the Events Committee not based on Submissions was dealt with under agenda item 8 (a).

11. Committee Recommendations to Council from the Equipment Committee

- (a) Equipment Committee Agenda item 3(a) Application for International Status

Recommendation

The Equipment Committee recommend that the Mini Maxi Racing Division of the Maxi Class be granted Provisional ISAF Class status to hold their World Championship in September 2009. This is subject to the adoption of the revised class rules and the signing of an agreement between the Class Association and ISAF in relation to fees on boat built.

Decision

On a proposal by Dick Batt, seconded by Ross Robson Council unanimously approved the recommendation.

- (b) Equipment Committee Agenda Item 4(a) – Application for Recognised Status

Council Agenda (cont.)

Recommendation

The Equipment Committee recommend that the Class 40 be granted Provisional ISAF Class status to hold their World Championship in August 2009.

Decision

On a proposal by Dick Batt, seconded by Jacques Lehn Council unanimously approved the recommendation.

- (c) Equipment Committee Agenda Item 5(c) - Olympic Competition 2012

Recommendation

The Equipment Committee recommend that a process and sanctions be put in place to address the situation when a class association does not fulfil its Olympic Classes contract.

Decision

Recommendation withdrawn.

12. International Sports Update

- (a) IOC

The Secretary General reported that the Jacques Rogge, IOC has appointed the President to the Evaluation Commission who is responsible for making a final report on the four candidate cities for the 2016 Olympic Games. The IOC and the USOC have agreed to enter into discussion in 2013 to resolve the issue of revenue sharing for the period after 2020 in the best interest of the Olympic movement and Olympic Solidarity.

- (b) ASOIF / GAISF

The Secretary General informed Council of the appointment of the President to ASOIF Council and President updated Council regarding the re-election of Denis Oswald as President of ASOIF. Other new appointments to the ASOIF Council were Pat McQuaid, UCI President and Bob Elphinston, FIBA President. George Andreadis congratulated the President on his appointment which will raise the profile of sailing.

Council were also informed of the decision at the SportAccord /GAISF meeting in Denver to "re-brand" the General Association of International Sports Federations under the SportAccord brand-name.

The President outlined the procedure of the 2016 Olympic Programme Review.

13. 2012 Olympic Games

David Kellett, Technical Delegate for the 2012 Olympic Games confirmed David Tillett, Charley Cook and Dick Batt as the Olympic Management Team for 2012. The Secretariat Technical Delegate representative will be Alastair Fox.

David Kellett also reported that most of the infrastructure work had been completed at Weymouth.

Tomasz Chamera commented that he understood that teams experienced difficulties in finding training venues to access the Olympic Regatta field of play at reasonable prices. David Kellett said he would look into this matter.

14. ISAF Sailing World Cup

Council Agenda (cont.)

- (a) Council received an update on the ISAF World Sailing Cup. A search was still being made for a title sponsor but owing to the economic crisis this is proving very difficult. The Management Group are working towards improving uniformity throughout all events and race management with a particular focus on branding at the venues.

15. ISAF Members

- (a) Council received the recommendation from the Executive Committee on the application from Aruba for ISAF Full Member Status.

Decision

Council provisionally approved Aruba Sailing Association for ISAF Full Member status, subject to some minor changes being incorporated into their Constitution.

MNA Group O

Subscription Category 1 - £55

(in line with ISAF policy the membership fee will be waived for the first year)

- (b) Council received the recommendation from the Executive Committee on the application from Tanzania for ISAF Full Member Status.

Decision

Council provisionally approved Tanzania Sailing Association for ISAF Full Member status, subject to some minor changes being incorporated into their Constitution.

MNA Group Q

Subscription Category 1- £55

(in line with ISAF policy the membership fee will be waived for the first year)

16. Future ISAF Meetings

- (a) The Annual Conference in 2009 will take place in Busan, Korea 5-15 November
- (b) It will be decided at the Annual Conference 2009 whether there will be a Mid-Year Meeting in 2010.
- (c) The Annual Conference in 2010 will take place in Athens, Greece 4 -15 November.

17. Any Other Business

- (a) Council Evaluation

Following a request for feedback on a prescribed form for an evaluation of the ISAF Council by members, VP Teo Ping Low, provided a verbal report of the findings which will be made available to council members shortly.

- (b) Thanks

On behalf of the International Sailing Federation, the ISAF President presented gifts of appreciation to the Polish Yachting Association for hosting and organizing the 2009 ISAF Annual Conference.

There being no further business the meeting closed.