



The Executive Committee met at 09:30-18:00 hours on Thursday 5 November; 14:30-18:00 hours on Friday 6 November; 09:30-13:30 hours on Saturday 7 November; 09:30-12:00 hours on Thursday 12 November and 09:30-13:30 hours on Sunday 15 November 2009 in the Panorama Room of the Paradise Hotel, Busan, Korea.

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Present:

Göran Petersson – President
Tomasz Holc – Vice-President
(Not present Thursday 12 and Sunday 15 November)
Nazli Imre - Vice-President
David Irish – Vice-President
David Kellett – Treasurer
Teresa Lara – Vice-President
Teo Ping Low – Vice-President
(not present Thursday 12 November)
Alberto Predieri – Vice President
Eric Tulla – Vice-President
Jerome Pels – Secretary General

In attendance:

Helen Fry – Office Manager
Trish Merrick – Administration Secretary

Apologies:

HM King Constantine – President of Honour
HM King Harald V of Norway – President of Honour

1. Opening of the Meeting

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that apologies had been received from HM King Harald of Norway and HM King Constantine.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(a) Minutes

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of 11, 12, 13 and 14 September 2009 (circulated and approved after the meeting) were noted.

(b) Minutes Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

3. Reports

(a) President's Report

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The President gave a brief outline of his activities over the past months.

(b) Vice-President's Report

The Executive Members gave an overview of their activities since the September meeting under their areas of responsibilities and noted the following areas that were not covered elsewhere in these minutes.

i) Conflict of Interest for Race Officials

Decision

The document explaining conflict of interest for Race Officials should use specific, easily understandable examples.

(c) Secretary General's Report

i) Working Parties

Some confusion has recently arisen when Chairs of Committees set up groups that work on certain issues. It was agreed Committees need to follow the Regulation when setting up Working Parties and the Secretariat needs to be informed so that the Working Party register on the website can be updated.

ii) Louis Vuitton

iii) World Match Racing Tour

Decision

Secretary General, David Irish and Alberto Predieri will meet with the Chairman of the World Match Racing Tour.

iv) Volvo Ocean Race

The Organizing Authority of the Volvo Ocean Race would like the Executive Committee to consider for the Volvo Ocean Race 2011-12 the following request under Racing Rule of Sailing 86.2: That rule 88.1 and 88.2 be deleted and replaced with; 'The prescriptions of national authorities will not apply'. The Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee has given his approval. They further informed ISAF of the changes to the Advertising Code they would like to make under their 'special events' status.

Decision

The fees to be paid to ISAF will be decided by the Secretary General in consultation with David Kellett and David Irish.

Decision

The Executive Committee approve the various exemptions from the Racing Rules of Sailing and the ISAF Regulations subject to agreement of the fees payable.

4. Finance

(a) Management Accounts

The Secretary General presented the Management Accounts for the 3rd Quarter 2009

(b) Budget 2010

Executive Committee Minutes (cont.)

The Secretary General gave a brief overview of the proposed general guidelines and priorities for the 2010 budget.

Recommendation

The proposed budget was adopted to be presented to Council for approval.

(c) ISAF Debtors

The company debtors were noted and specific concern was expressed about the non-payment from the 2008 Brazil Women's Cup and the Brazil Sailing Cup, both Match Racing events.

(d) Isle of Man Trust

The Treasurer gave an update on the Isle of Man Trust.

(e) ISAF Deposits

The Treasury gave an update on ISAF deposits and reported on the Due Diligence problem that had occurred whilst trying to set up a new bank account owing to the number of Directors at ISAF.

(f) Subscriptions Fees 2010

A proposal on ISAF Subscription fees for the period 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010 was considered.

Decision

The Executive Committee propose that Council accept the ISAF MNA fees to apply for the period 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010 which reflects the existing Council policy to increase ISAF MNA fees every two years by 5%.

(g) ISAF Class Fees 2010

A proposal on the ISAF Class building (plaque) fees to apply from 1 January 2010 was considered.

Decision

The Executive Committee accept the proposal on the ISAF Class building (plaque) fees which would apply from 1 January 2010. (Appendix 1)

5. ISAF Strategic Plan

The final draft proposal written in co-operation with TSE Consulting was reviewed. The final Council decision on the Strategic Plan is to be made in May 2010 but as the principle goals were already approved it was agreed that there is no need to delay working towards the goals set in the Plan.

Decision

The final draft proposal of the ISAF Strategic Plan will be presented to Council.

6. Governance

(a) Submission 036-09

Decision

Following the approval of Submission 036-09, Eric Tulla will prepare a draft of the required changes to the Articles and Regulations for consultation with the

Constitution Committee and for approval by the Executive as the reporting committee at the February 2010 Executive meeting. The Secretary General is authorized to retain outside legal counsel for advice on such changes.

- (b) Teo-Ping Low presented the further Evaluation of ISAF Council Questionnaire.

Decision

A further questionnaire will be given to Council during the conference.

7. Submissions

The Executive Committee considered the Submissions and made the recommendations to Council as shown in Appendix 2.

8. International Sports Update

IOC

The President congratulated Brazil on the IOC selection of Rio as the host city for the 2016 Olympic Games and reported on the recently held Olympic Congress. The Executive will need to study the final recommendations very carefully. The President was congratulated by all the Executive Members on his election as an IOC Member.

9. ISAF Commissions

- (a) Athletes Commission

The minutes from the meeting of the Athletes Commission of 29 and 30 September 2009 were noted and the Chairman of the Athletes Commission gave a presentation.

- (b) Training Commission

Rod Carr has indicated that in 2010 he would like to step down from the Training Commission owing to his time constraints.

The minutes from the meeting of the Training Commission of 14 October 2009 were noted. A pilot inspection on the ISAF Accredited National Training Programme had been completed with the RYA between 25 and 29 October 2009 and the FFV would shortly be inspected.

A 'Train the Trainer' Workshop had been successfully held in the UAE with other workshops planned for 2010.

A better relationship and understanding of the IOC Olympic Solidarity had been established and funding for 'Train the Trainers' will be renewed each year.

An increased awareness of training had been created through ISAF website information.

- (c) Classification Commission

A member of the Classification Commission gave a verbal report on their meeting of 16 and 17 October 2009.

As the Classification Commission develops it was noted that the role of the Commission members would also need to be changed. There was a need for more representation in the Mediterranean area and the Chairman had been in touch with the MNAs in the area to discuss the appointment of an additional member to the Commission.

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The member of the Classification Commission emphasized that it was important to have legal support for the Commission. It was also noted that it was important that some members of the Classification Commission remain anonymous but there is a growing need for a more public approach at regattas.

The member of the Classification Commission reported that the proposed new system from SOTIC was extremely delayed but that it would be launched after the ISAF Annual Conference.

(d) Coaches Commission

- i) The Chairman of the Coaches Commission gave a verbal report on their meeting of 6 November 2009.
- ii) The review of the ISAF Coaches Code of Conduct is on going and will be presented in its final form to the Executive at their February 2010 Executive meeting.
- iii) An update on the Coaches Registration System was received and a final version would be presented to the Executive at their February 2010 Executive meeting.
- iv) The Coach Boat Regulations will be revised and it was indicated that the Coaches Commission wished to rename these Regulations to Coach Boat Guidelines.

(e) Medical Commission

The Chairman of the Medical Commission gave a verbal report on their meeting of 6 November 2009, highlighting the following issues:

- i) The Medical Commission give full support to the Athletes Outreach Programme which is planned for the Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship 2010 in Turkey.
- ii) The Medical Commission noted the continuing discussions with IFDS regarding their Anti-Doping Programme.
- iii) The Chairman outlined their plans for Medical Guidelines for Coaches which would help to educate sailors over possible health problems and include information on sun protection, water pollution, hypothermia, drowning etc. Special attention and instructions would be given about young children sailing prematurely in too large a boat. These guidelines would be referred to in the Coaches Code of Conduct.
- iv) The Medical Commission reported on their planned work on the prevention of injuries in sailing. An existing survey would be updated and circulated to the Medical Officers of the Medical Commissions MNAs. All Commission members would work with their Medical Officers to ensure the survey is properly completed and this data would be used to provide a report to the Executive at their May 2010 Executive meeting.
- v) An outline of how the Medical Commission is planning to put together a library of relevant information for the health and welfare of sailors was presented.

(f) International Regulations Commission

The Chairman of the International Regulations Commission reported on the meeting of 6 November 2009.

The proposals to change COLREGS had been removed from the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) work list after vigorous ISAF intervention but the International Regulations commission emphasises the importance of promoting basic competency training in all areas to avoid a repetition.

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It was noted that the IMO bestowed the 2009 IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea jointly on US citizens Maurice and Sophie Conti (nominated by the Government of New Zealand).

The International Regulations Commission endorsed the World Speed Sailing Record Council policy not to record the 'human condition' as part of a record sailing attempt; specifically juniors sailing single-handed on oceanic voyages.

The Maritime Security Centre (Horn Of Africa) (MSCHOA) asked for ISAF assistance on piracy and armed robbery. Subsequently guidelines have been published by MSCHOA and ISAF. ISAF are also seeking a stand-alone 2 page Annex for sailing yachts on bio fouling and transfer of alien species.

There is no immediate prospect of Automatic Identification System being regulated for small craft.

The International Regulations Commission supports the ISAF objective to promote environmental awareness and good practice by all sailors. In addition they would like to get life jacket wearing to be the norm whilst afloat.

The Commission would also like to be proactive on training to limit the chance of incidents which may affect the pressure of increasing regulation on offshore and inshore recreational boating. They also confirm their commitment to the promotion of training in MNAs of both basic boat handling and offshore safety training and coach boat regulations and where possible this should be combined with racing training and Connect to Sailing.

Decision

Nazli Imre will liaise with the Chairman of the International Regulations Commission, the Chairman of the Special Regulations Sub-committee and the Coaches Commission to produce safety guidelines on dinghy sailing.

(g) Olympic Commission

The Chairman of the Olympic Commission reported on their meeting of 6 November 2009.

An interim report would be provided to the Executive at their February 2010 Executive meeting and the Olympic Commission's final recommendations will be ready for presentation to the Executive in their May 2010 Executive meeting.

(h) Multihull Commission

The Chairman of the Multihull Commission reported on their meeting of 6 November 2009.

Their aim is to be included in the 2016 Olympic Games and in the meantime they will look at appropriate equipment. There is the need for a high profile event for Multihulls.

10. ISAF Equipment and Events Working Party

A paper on Regulations 18 and 26 – ISAF Classes Entry Requirements and World Championships was received. This is still work in progress and it is envisaged that the all stakeholders will be given a chance to give their input. A further paper will be presented to the Executive in their February 2010 Executive meeting with the intention to put forward a Submission for November 2010.

11. ISAF Members

(a) ISAF Full Membership

The Executive noted that Tanzania had made the necessary amendments to their Constitution which the Constitution Committee has approved. Their ISAF Full Membership is confirmed.

(b) Application for Affiliate Continental Membership

An application from the Oceania Sailing Federation to become an Affiliate Continental Member of ISAF was considered.

Recommendation

It is recommend that the Oceania Sailing Federation be approved as an Affiliate Continental Member subject to a change in their Constitution to reflect that they will hold a General Assembly once a year.

12. Suspension of ISAF Eligibility

The Executive noted the suspension from the International J24 Class of Eros Angeli. Mr Angeli has been informed of his right to appeal to the ISAF Review Board.

13. Race Officials Performance Reports

The suspension of Ewan McEwan (GBR) as International Race Official for the period 1 April 2010 - 30 June 2010 by a panel appointed by the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee was noted.

14. America's Cup

A verbal update from David Kellett was noted.

15. Olympic Sailing Competition 2012

(a) A progress report from the Technical Delegate was noted.

(b) Appointment of Race Officials

Decision

The following ITO pool was approved:

**Maria Torrijo Moll (ESP) (Race Officer)
Athanasios Papantoniou (GRE) (Race Officer)
John Parrish (NZL) (Race Officer)
Peter Reggio (USA) (Race Officer)
Nino Shmueli (ISR) (Race Officer)
Ross Wilson (AUS) (Race Officer)
Doug Alison (RSA)
Abdur Rehman Arshad (PAK)
Joao Aranda (POR)
Ilker Bayindir (TUR)
Marinus Blickman (NED)
Per-Olaf Ekstrand (SWE)
Bojan Gale (SLO)
Christophe Gaumont (FRA)
Thomas Jorgensen (DEN)**

Ricardo Navarro (BRA)
Nathalie Peberel (FRA)
Marina Psichogiou (GRE)
Manel Llige Puig (ESP)
David Sprague (CAN)
Qu Chun (CHN)
Peter Ramcke (GER)
Jack Roy (IRL)
Giuliano Tosi (ITA)

Decision

Following the approval of Submission 008-09 Alastair Fox, ISAF Events Manager is appointed Technical Delegate for the Olympic Sailing Competition 2012.

16. IOC Youth Olympic Games 2010

An updated report was received and a problem with the qualifications events in Africa was noted.

Decision

Secretary General and Nazli Imre would investigate the problems experienced in Africa over the qualification systems and report back to the Executive at their February 2010 Executive meeting.

17. ISAF Events

(a) ISAF Sailing World Cup

- i) An update was received.
- ii) A proposal for the future format of the ISAF Sailing World Cup was received.

Decision

The Executive Committee has decided, in accordance with the recommendation of the Events Committee and the Sailing World Cup Management Group that 2 discards would be allowed for a period of one year only – the season 2009 / 2010. It is mandatory that one of these discards is a European Event.

- iii) The role of the Sailing World Cup Managing Group was reviewed.

Decision

The Sailing World Cup Managing Group will be disbanded, effective immediately. The day to day management of this event would be handled by the ISAF Events Manager until the final recommendations of the Olympic Commission are announced in May 2010.

(b) 2011 ISAF Sailing World Championships

A verbal update was received.

Decision

David Kellett and Eric Tulla would work with the Appointments Working Party and report back to the Executive on their recommendations for the Jury and Race Officials for the 2011 ISAF Sailing World Championship.

18. 2010 World Championships

Secretary General reported that the Extreme 40 Class expressed interest in holding a Special Event and World Championship.

Decision

Permission would be given to the host MNA / Club for one year only. This event would be used to agree and develop a policy that will cover this area of professional sailing. An interim report would be prepared for the Executive in their February 2010 Executive meeting. A final report will be presented to Council in May 2010.

19. Secretariat – Training and Development Department

A report and presentation from the Training and Development Manager was received.

20. Future ISAF Meetings

- (a) Executive Committee Meeting Istanbul, Turkey – the Executive Committee will meet 3, 4 and 5 February 2010
- (b) 2010 ISAF Mid-Year Conference Hungary – 6 to 9 May 2010 – subject to suitable transport being obtained between Budapest and Vienna airports to the hotel and subject to contract.
- (c) 2010 ISAF Annual Conference Athens, Greece – 4-15 November 2010
- (d) 2011 ISAF Annual Conference Puerto Rico – 3-13 November and subject to contract
- (e) 2012 ISAF Annual Conference Dun Laoghaire, Ireland - 1-11 November and subject to contract

21. Any Other Business

- (a) Company Contracts

Decision

A Contract Register would be prepared for the February 2010 Executive meeting and then be made available to the Audit Committee.

- (b) Appointment of Race Officials

The ROC noted that the appointment process under Regulation 18.12.2 has been working well for umpires, judges and race officers but there is an increased need for ISAF appointments of measurers and inspectors to high level events.

Decision

Secretary General and Eric Tulla will liaise with the Appointments Working Party to address this need.

- (c) ISAF Equipment Inspector

Decision

The Race Officials Committee, the Equipment Committee, the International Measurers Sub-committee and the Equipment Control Sub-committee should work together to see if the role of ISAF Equipment Inspector is needed.

- (d) Advertising Code

Decision

The Executive Committee thank the Advertising Code Working Party for the work they have done to date. This Working Party will be disbanded with immediate effect and the Executive ask Alberto Predieri to review the situation and report back at their February 2010 Executive meeting.

- (e) Rating Systems Working Party

David Irish reported that no agreement has been reached regarding the issues around the ISAF approach to the rating systems (Submissions 108-09, 109-09 and 110-09). It was suggested that representatives of ORC, the IRC owners association and ISAF would meet in February to try and agree on a new proposal for a submission for November 2010.

Decision

David Irish and David Kellett are appointed to be the ISAF representatives to meet with representatives of the ORC and the IRC owners association to meet in February 2010.

- (f) International Umpire Grouping System 2011 and onwards

Decision

The International Umpire Grouping System 2011 and onwards is approved and will be published on the ISAF website.

- (g) Media Package on Women Sailors

The Executive noted the request from the Women's Forum on women's media profiles.

- (h) IOC Women and Sport Awards

The Women's Forum will study and select the ISAF women candidates for the IOC Women and Sport Awards for the Executive to approve.

There being no further business the meeting closed.