

Women's Forum Minutes



The Women's Forum met at 16:00 – 20:00 hours on Sunday 4 November 2012 at the Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire, Ireland

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Present:

Fiona Kidd – Chairman
Teresa Lara – Vice President
Helen Wilkes – Women's Representative on ISAF Classes Committee
Anna Andreadis
Tajana Antoncic
Liz Baylis
Sofia Bekatorou
Lynne Beal
Adrienne Cahalan

Jane Correia
Jan Dawson
Yana Dobzhitskaya
Janet Grosvenor
Agnieszka Grusza
Hyo-Kyung Jang
Ewa Jodlowska
Sarah Kenny
Dina Kowalshyn
Maja Lesny

Cathy MacAleavey
Olga Maslivets
Renee Mehl
Lotte Meldgaard Pedersen

Marianne Middelthorn
Elena Papazoglou
Magriet Pannevis
Lotte Meldgaard Pedersen
Esperanza Perez Crespo
Corinne Rolland-McKenzie
Ana Sanchez del Campo
Alessandra Sensini
Cory Sertl
Luissa Smith
Nadine Stegenwalner
Dorith Stierler
Zofia Truchanowicz
Sylia Vogl
Susanne Ward
Iskra Yovkova

Apologies:

Laura Baldwin
Sofa Bekatorou
Caroline Brouwer
Marcelien Bos-De-Koning
Barbara Farquhar
Josje Hofland-Dominicus
Jane Moon
Maria Munoz Miranda
Sacha Simmons
Maria Torrijo Moll
Marta Weores

Absent:

Corinne Aulnette
Sally Burnett
Nilufer Cakmakli
Elena Dimitrakopoulou
Eva Homsten
Aslihan Kutlu
Krystyna Lastowska
Annie Lush
Amelie Lux

1. Welcome & Introductions

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Women's' Forum meeting in Dun Laoghaire, Ireland. The Chairman thanked everyone for all of their kind words of support particularly over the last few months. It was noted the Women's Forum did not like the theatre layout of the meeting as it made it very difficult to hear one another and it inhibited the discussion. It was recommended that for 2013 the room to be laid out with chairs and a table facing one another in a square format, as was done in the past.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(a) Minutes

The Forum noted the minutes of the Women's Forum meeting of Sunday 6 November 2011. The minutes can be downloaded at www.sailing.org/meetings.

(b) Minutes Matters Arising

There was one item from last year's Minutes that was not covered elsewhere on the agenda. The introduction of a Women of Influence award as presented in the Minutes from November 2011 has not moved forward and it was recommended that this item be deferred to the 2013 to 2016 Women's Forum for further consideration.

3. Reports on Women's Issues on ISAF Committees

- (a) The Forum received a verbal report from the Chairman on the Council Meeting held in Stresa, Italy, 4 – 5 May 2012. The Chairman said this was the most difficult Council meeting she has ever attended. The windsurfing/kite boarding debate at Council was very respectful and visionary and the final vote was very close. However, due to the response from members of the Women's Forum and the windsurfing community in general, the Chairman will vote at Council the recommendation at this meeting from the Women's Forum.

- (b) The Forum received a verbal progress report from Vice President, Teresa Lara, on the Emerging Nations Programme, which is part of the 2014 ISAF Worlds in Santander, Spain.

The Chairman thanked the Vice-President for all of her hard work with promoting women sailing in the emerging nations over the last eight years.

The Vice President stated how important it is to recruit and retain women in ISAF in the future. However, it was noted that many women have difficulty balancing volunteering in ISAF, having a job, and looking after their young children. The Forum agreed that ISAF needs to encourage women with young children to be more involved with ISAF and the Committees and to find ways to support them.

Recommendation to Council:

In order to promote women with young children to become more involved on the ISAF Committees and or / Commissions, and in particular in order to attend the ISAF Annual Conference, the Women's Forum recommends that ISAF provide child care support when required.

- (c) The Forum received verbal reports from one member of each of the following ISAF Committees.

Lotte Meldgaard Pedersen – Match Racing Committee

Coryl Sertl – 2014 Youth Olympic Games Working Party

Dina Kowalyshyn – Equipment Committee

Fiona Kidd – Youth Worlds Sub-committee

Adrienne Cahalan – International Regulations Commission

Corinne Roland-McKenzie – Olympic Classes Sub-committee

Sarah Kenny – Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee

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Anna Andreadis – Regional Games Committee

Recommendation to Council:

The Women's Forum recommends that ISAF encourage and promote Women to become ISAF Technical Delegate's for Regional Games.

Currently there are no women Technical Delegates appointed by ISAF for any Regional Games.

4. 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition

- (a) The Forum received a report on women's participation in the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition.
- (b) The following members of the Women's Forum's were involved in the 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition and are recognized and congratulated for their contribution and participation.

Alesesandra Sensini (Athlete)

Annie Lush (Athlete)

Olga Maslivets (Athlete)

Lotte Meldgaard Pedersen (Athlete)

Josje Hofland Dominicus (Jury)

Marianne Middleton (Jury)

Ana Sanchez (Jury)

Lynne Beal (Jury)

Zofia Truchanowicz (Umpire)

Sally Burnett (Umpire)

Maria Torrijo Moll (Race Officer)

5. 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition

- (a) The Forum received the report on the results of the Equipment Trials for the new equipment for the Women's Events in 2016.

The Chairman recognized and thanked Dina Kowalyshyn, Adriene Cahalan, Sylvia Vogl, and Nadine Stegenwalner for their contribution to the success of the equipment trials for the Women's Skiff and Mixed Multihull events in 2016, held in Santander, Spain in March 2012. Each gave a summary of their involvement in the process and their reflection on the trials.

- (b) The Forum discussed Kiteboarding and/or windsurfing (RS:X) as events in the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition. The Women's Forum decided that the debate on the decision of the 2016 Events for Kiteboarding and Windsurfing should be reopened at Council

- (c) Women's Match Racing

The Forum considered Submission 065-12, that proposed replacing the Women's Skiff, 49erFX for the Women's Keelboat Match Racing – Elliot 6m as an event in the 2016 Olympic Games. The Women's Forum did not support this submission. The Women's

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Forum recommendation is found in Item 6 (a).

6. Submissions & Recommendations

- (a) The Forum considered the following submissions as deemed important by the Women's Forum and made the following recommendations to Council.

Submission 020-12 - 2016 Olympic Events & Equipment – Change of Men's Kiteboarding and Women's Kiteboarding

Approve

Vote: 21 in favour, 9 against, 6 abstain

Submission 065-12 – 2016 Olympic Events & Equipment – Regulation 23.1.4 – Replacement of Women's Skiff with Women's Match Racing

Reject

Vote: 2 in favour, 15 against, 10 abstain

Submission 77-12 – 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition – Core Events – Women's One Person - Dinghy

Approve

Vote: 25 in favour, 7 against, 4 abstain

Submission 082-12 – 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition – Core Events – Laser Radial Dinghy

Approve

Vote: 16 in favour, 1 against, 15 abstain

Submission 083-12 – 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition – Core Events & Core Equipment – 470 for Men's Two Person Dinghy and Women's Two Person Dinghy – Regulations 23.14 and 23.5

Reject

Vote: 4 in favour, 9 against, 10 abstain

Submission 084-12 Olympic Sailing Competition - Core Events – Men's Board [Windsurfing] & Women's Board [Windsurfing]– Regulation 23.1.5

Reject

Vote: 7 in favour, 9 Against, 12 abstain

- (b) There were no recommendations to Council not based on submissions received which either are pending from previous Committee meetings or are new items, deemed urgent and requiring an immediate Council decision

7. ISAF Website

The Forum reviewed new changes of the ISAF website and women's media coverage and made the following recommendations:

Recommendation to Council:

The current ISAF Website does not promote women sailing activities and in particular does not profile our top women sailors. As a result, the Women's Forum recommends that "tagging" technology be used that will automatically filter women's news, activities, and sailors to a particular section on the website.

The new ISAF website is complicated and difficult to navigate for all users and should be re-designed and modified accordingly.

8. Women Forum Election Process

The Women's Forum recommends to the incoming Women's Forum that the selection of the Women's representative on Council in line with Article 36.1 (g) take place in early 2013 in the form of an online election. Any member of the Forum willing to serve is to submit their name along with a resume to the ISAF Secretariat no later than 31 January 2013.

An online vote will take place following the submission of names and the person with the most votes will be selected as the Women's representative on Council and the Chairman of the Women's Forum.

9. 2013 - 2014 IOC Women and Sports Award

- (a) The Forum noted there were two nominations received for the 2013 IOC Women and Sports Award nomination process. Evangeline Goulding, (GBR) has been nominated by ISAF for 2013.
- (b) The Forum recommends that the nomination process for the 2014 IOC Women & Sports Award take place by June 2013.

10. IOC Women & Sports Conference

The Forum received a verbal progress report from the Chairman on the 5th IOC Women and Sports Conference held February 16 – 18 in Los Angeles, USA.

11. Annual Report

The Committee noted the Chairman's report to the ISAF Council meeting on November 2011 on the activities of the Women's Forum for the period 1 January 2012 to date.

12. Any Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting was close