

Events Committee Minutes



The Events Committee met at 09:30 – 18:00 hours on Friday 6 May 2016 at the Maison de Sport, Lausanne, Switzerland.

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SP = Supporting Paper

CM = Paper circulated to Committee Members only

Present:

Pablo Masseroni – Chairman
Chris Atkins – Vice President
Riccardo Simoneschi – Vice Chairman
Gary Bodie
Tomasz Chamera
Guillaume Chiellino
Jan Dawson
Kamen Fillyov
Nelson Ilha
Oleg Ilyin
Sarah Kenny
Fiona Kidd
Pedro Rodrigues

Takao Otani
Stefan Rahm
Corinne Rolland-McKenzie
Cory Sertl
Nadine Stegenwalner
Adrian Stoggall
Sylvia Vogl
George Wossala
Zvi Ziblat
Alfredo Ricci
Wearn Haw Tan

Apologies received:

Carolijn Brouwer
Alejandro Abascal
Sari Multala

Also in attendance:

Alastair Fox (Head of Events)
Katherine Mason (Events Co-ordinator)
Sarah Gosling (Athletes Commission)

1. Opening of the Meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed committee members.

Fiona – Ian Bruce, request for his memorial service to sign poster

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(a) Minutes

The minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on 12 November 2015 were approved. The minutes can be downloaded at www.sailing.org/meetings

(b) Minutes Matters Arising

There were no further matters arising not covered elsewhere on this agenda.

3. Conflicts of Interest

All conflicts of interest were discussed.

4. Executive Committee Update

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held in February 2016 were noted.

5. 2016 Olympic Games

(a) The committee received a report from the World Sailing Head of Events on the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

- i) It was confirmed that there had been a series of meetings between Rio 2016, the IOC and World Sailing regarding water pollution. It was also noted that the Marina da Gloria pipe belt had been completed and that critical water quality data would be available from June onwards. A final plan for dealing with water quality and rubbish in the water is being completed. The IOC has also involved the International Federations in a series of readiness tests with Rio 2016 which have been very helpful.
- ii) The Qualification System is working well with the 1 June deadline for NOCs to accept their quota places. A full review of the qualification system and events will take place in November.
- iii) It was noted that a number of teams still had concerns with their logistics. World Sailing will work with Rio 2016 to try and provide more information.
- iv) It was confirmed that the venue was now open and operational. The public have access to the redeveloped venue and it will be a strong legacy for Rio. The venue will be delivered to Rio 2016 in June to finalise the overlay for the Olympic Games.
- v) OBS have finalised the TV schedule and are finalising their plans for the on-board cameras. World Sailing and OBS are working on contingency plans incase racing has to be moved away from the two live TV course areas. It was also noted that World Sailing would provide the full 2d and 3d tracking system from Swiss Timing on the World Sailing website.
- vi) Media & Communication – plan in place working with the media and the benefits.
- vii) It was reported that Rio 2016 has confirmed 70-80% of tickets for the Sailing events had been sold. The Flamengo Beach area could also provide viewing for tens of thousands of spectators without tickets.

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- (b) The Events Committee received a report on pollution in Guanabara Bay and noted that the Medical Commission would make a full report to the World Sailing Council.
- (c) Race Management policies at Rio 2016.
- (d) It was confirmed that the race management policies were being finalised and that the numeric starting system would be used.

6. IOC Agenda 2020

The IOC Agenda 2020 recommendations were reviewed. It was noted that the one of the main purposes of this agenda was to give a stronger role to the IFs in the future delivery of the Olympic Games.

It was noted that discussion needs to start now on possible changes to the event programme for the Olympic Games. An interview with the IOC Sports Director was shown to the Committee that outlined the IOC vision for gender equity, innovation and youth appeal.

The committee took a vote on the recommendations presented in the paper circulated ahead of the meeting. **See Appendix**

For: 17 Against: 1 Abstain: 3

7. 2020 Olympic Games

- (a) The Committee received a progress report from the World Sailing Head of Events.
- (b) The Committee received an update on the Enoshima venue and the Field of Play.

8. 2020 Quotas and Qualification System

- (a) The Committee reviewed the qualification system survey circulated ahead of the November meeting
- (b) It was commented that continental qualification events worked well for the 2016 Qualification System. The Committee discussed the quotas and qualification system policies for the 2020 Olympic Games and timelines for decisions. It was noted that agenda 2020 will have an impact on this and as a result it would be more appropriate to assign 30-40% of qualification events to Aarhus. The following votes were held to support this decision;

Propose for 1/3 (33%) of the quota for the 2018 World Championship.
For: 9 Against: 10 Abstain:

Propose for 40% of the quote for the 2018 World Championship
For: 12 Against: 6 Abstain: 2

The committee confirmed Aarhus 2018 Sailing World Championships as the first Olympic Qualification Event for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games
- (c) The dates and venues of the 2019 Class World Championships and Continental Qualification Events for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games were discussed. It was commented that World Sailing want to ensure that there is the widest gap possible between events to ensure the most participation.

9. 2020 Format

- (a) The Committee received a report on the format for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games from the Chairman of the Format Working Party and the Chairman of the Olympic Classes Sub-committee. **See Appendix**

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- (b) The Committee confirmed the decision making process for the format and confirmed that a final report will be prepared for the 2016 World Sailing Annual Conference and final decisions being made at the 2017 World Sailing Mid-Year meeting.

10. Event Evolution

The committee noted World Sailing Regulation 23.1.3 and received a report from the Chairman of the Events Committee on the process for reviewing events that may be changed for the 2024 Olympic Games.

11. ISAF Sailing World Cup

- (a) The Committee received a verbal report from the ISAF Sailing World Cup Manager on the 2016 Sailing World Cup. It was confirmed that a 2016 Sailing World Cup final would be held in Melbourne in December.
- (b) The Committee received a report on the future development and strategy for the Sailing World Cup from the World Sailing CEO and World Sailing Head of Events.

Full discussions on the future development of the Sailing World Cup were noted and will be reflected on before adapting the paper for the executive.

12. Sailing World Championship

- (a) The Committee received a progress report on the Aarhus 2018 Sailing World Championships from World Sailing's Head of Events.

The committee were informed that Alistair Dickson had joined World Sailing as Events Manager and would be working on the Aarhus 2018 Sailing World Championships.

It was noted that planning was progressing well and World Sailing are now working closely with the Aarhus Management team as well as the Olympic classes to ensure that the most effective management team and plan is in place.

The Olympic classes are currently being consulted to see how the Emerging Nations Program (ENP) can be enhanced and developed from the Perth and Santander model to provide the most successful ENP yet.

Aarhus Management are currently focusing on finalising their venue planning and master strategy for the next two years. Post Rio plans for the event will be pushing ahead quickly ready for a Test Event in 2017.

World Sailing intends to invite Aarhus Management to the Annual conference in November so that they are able to update council and Events committee with their progress.

No further questions or comments were made on the updates given.

- (b) The committee reviewed the draft qualification system for the Aarhus 2018 Sailing World Championships and noted the qualification principle for the test event.

The test event qualification system was finalised and agreed.

It was noted that gender equality was not reflected in the current quotas.

Amendments to the proposed qualification system were discussed. These changes will be made by the Working Party and once made the final version of the document circulated to the Committee.

13. Youth World Championship

- (a) The Committee reviewed the papers circulated ahead of the meeting and received a progress report on the 2016 Youth Sailing World Championships from the Chairman of the Youth Worlds Sub-committee and the World Sailing Events Manager.

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The 2015 Youth World final report was discussed and it was requested that the ISR line was updated in the document.

It was noted that the new bid process for selecting Youth World Championship venues had been a success and that the panel had selected Gdynia, Poland to host the 2019 Youth Sailing World Championship.

The selection process for the 2016 replacement venue was discussed and it was confirmed that the 2016 event would be held in Auckland, New Zealand but in a change to World Sailing regulations the event dates would be from 14-20 December.

14. Youth Olympic Games

- (a) The Committee received a verbal progress report on the 2018 Youth Olympic Games from the World Sailing Held of Events. Saw the video about how excited they are about the innovative program for YOG. Longer term strategy, already delayed the next edition and need to wait to see what the IOC decide and how our strategy will be affected.

World Sailing is currently working to finalise the series of events which will act as qualification events to the Youth Olympic Games. It was noted that quotas will be gender equal.

- (b) The qualification system and formats for the Youth Olympic Games were noted.

There were no further questions.

15. World Championships

The Committee received a report from the Chairman of the Class Worlds Working Party. It was noted that any comments or input on the report would be sent to the working party to be included in the next draft for the November 2016 meeting.

16. World Sailing Calendar and Ranking System

This item was not discussed but it was noted that any questions or comments committee members may have should be emailed to World Sailing.

17. Team Racing

This item was not discussed but it was noted that any questions or comments committee members may have should be emailed to World Sailing.

18. Any other Business

There being no other business the meeting was closed.