

**Minutes from the Annual General Meeting of the International Sailing Federation**  
**Limited Company Number: 079772C**



**The Annual General Meeting of the Full Members of the above named Company was held on 14 November 2015 at 17:20hrs at the Kempinski Hotel, Haitang Bay, Sanya, China**

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The President, Carlo Croce (ITA), was the Chairman

## **1. Opening of the Meeting**

### **(a) Opening Remarks**

The President welcomed everyone to Sanya and apologised for the late start of the Annual General Meeting.

### **(b) Roll Call**

Chief Executive Officer, Peter Sowrey, conducted a roll call and it was confirmed that in accordance with Article 27.1 a quorum was present with 41 members in attendance:

<b>Code</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Representative</b>
ALG	Federation Algerienne de Voile	Mohammed Atbi
ARG	Federacion Argentina de Yachting	Pablo Masseroni
AUS	Yachting Australia Limited	David Tillett
AUT	Austrian Sailing Federation	Georg Fundak
AZE	Sailing Federation of Azerbaijan	Ahmad Ismayilov
BUL	Bulgarian Sailing Federation	Kamen Fillyov
CAN	Sail Canada	Peter Hall
CHN	Chinese Yachting Association	Zhou Chang Cheng
COK	Sailing Cook Islands Inc	Anne Tierney
CYP	Cyprus Sailing Federation	Totos Theodosiou
DEN	Danish Sailing Association	Hans Natorp
DOM	Federacion Dominicana de Vela, Inc.	Hector Duval
EGY	Egyptian Sailing & Water Ski Federation	Eng.Amr Aboelsaoud
ESP	Real Federacion Espanola de Vela	Julia Casanueva San Emeterio
EST	Estonian Yachting Union	Ott Kallas
FRA	Fédération Française de Voile	Bernard Bonneau
FIN	Finnish Sailing and Boating Federation	Kurt Lönnqvist
GBR	Royal Yachting Association	Sarah Treseder
GER	Deutscher Segler-Verband	Andreas Lochbrunner
HUN	Hungarian Yachting Association	George Wossala
IND	Yachting Association of India	Malav Shroff
IRI	Iran Canoeing, Rowing & Sailing Federation	Gholamreza Amini
IRL	Irish Sailing Association	John Crebbin

ISL	Icelandic Sailing Association	Ulfur Helgi Hrobjartsson
ISR	Israel Sailing Association	Nino Shmueli
ITA	Italian Sailing Federation	Glauco Valerio Briante
JPN	Japan Sailing Federation	Toru Iribe
LAT	Yachting Union of Latvia	Ansis Dale
NED	Koninklijk Nederlands Watersport Verbond	Rob Franken
NOR	Norwegian Sailing Federation	Tor Moinichen
NZL	Yachting New Zealand	Jan Dawson
POL	Polish Yachting Association	Tomasz Chamera
POR	Federacio Portuguesa de Vela	Antonio Jose Motta Viega
RSA	South African Sailing	Philip Baum
RUS	Russian Sailing Federation	Yana Dobzhitskaya
SIN	Singapore Sailing Federation	Andrew Aaron Tam
SLO	Slovenian Sailing Federation	David Antončič
SUI	Swiss Sailing	François Schluchter
SWE	Swedish Sailing Federation	Annika Ekman
UKR	Sailing Federation of Ukraine	Rodion Luka
URU	Yacht Club Uruguayo	Winthrop Scott Perry

(c) Apologies

There were no apologies received.

## 2. Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 8 November 2014 were noted.

Sarah Treseder (GBR) referred to Item 5(b) of the minutes and advised that it is against the IOC Principle 6 of Discrimination to exclude sexual orientation from the list of characteristics that ISAF will not discriminate against.

The Executive Committee noted the issue and agreed to bring forward a submission next year.

## 3. Reports

(a) To receive the President's Report

The President formally introduced Peter Sowrey, Chief Executive Officer, to the AGM delegates.

At the last AGM the President spoke of the continuation of modernisation of ISAF which will be continued in this meeting with the special resolution to change the name of ISAF to World Sailing. This is not just a name change but a way to signify that things are changing and progressing. Our mission statement is "A Sport for Life". We are making great efforts towards creating a governing body with more transparency, better communication, stronger governance and better accountability. This is a natural progression and hopefully there will be support for the special resolution.

There will also be some very important decisions regarding amendments to Articles that have been approved by Council that will also need to be considered today.

(b) Finance

- i) Vice-President W. Scott Perry reported that finances of the Federation are in good shape and reported no concerns to the meeting. The audited Consolidated Accounts of the International Sailing Federation for the period 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014 received no comments.

- ii) Auditors to the Company

**Decision**

**Haysmacintyre of Southampton House, 317 High Holborn, London WC1V 7NL, United Kingdom were unanimously elected as auditors to the Company to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.**

- iii) To authorise the Executive Committee to fix the remuneration of the auditors.

**Decision**

**The Executive Committee were unanimously authorised to fix the remuneration of the auditors.**

#### **4. Review**

- (a) Member Applications

The applications for Full Membership since the Annual General Meeting of November 2014 were noted. There are two new Full Members and one new Associate Member.

The new Full Members are:

- Nicaraguan Federation of Sailing
- St Vincent and the Grenadines Sailing Association

The new Associate Member is:

- Anguilla Sailing Association

The President confirmed that there are now 141 members in total.

- (b) ISAF Championships

**Decision**

**The proposed programme of 2016 ISAF Championships was noted. The Sailing World Cup in Melbourne had been omitted. See Appendix 1 for the complete list.**

- (c) ISAF Regulations

A summary document with details of changes to the Regulations made or amended in any substantive way by the Council since Annual General Meeting of 8 November 2014 was circulated around the table.

**Decision**

**All Regulations made or substantively amended, and approved by Council, since the last Annual General Meeting were unanimously approved. It was noted that Submission 049-15 was rejected by Council and was not therefore considered by the meeting.**

#### **5. Special Business – Change of Name**

The meeting considered as special business the following special resolution:

“THAT the name of the Company be and is hereby changed to “World Sailing Limited””.

**Decision**

**The resolution was approved (40 in favour, 1 reject).**

#### **6. Special Resolutions**

The meeting considered the following special resolutions to amend the Articles of Association of the Company in accordance with decisions made by the ISAF Council at the Annual Conference 2015:

- (a) Special Resolution 1 – Deferred Submission 003-14

Amend Article 38 as follows:

38. Members of the Council appointed to serve at, or at the time of, an Ordinary General Assembly Meeting shall hold office until the next following Ordinary General Assembly Meeting, **a successor is appointed pursuant Article 40(f)** or they cease office.

Amend Article 40 (c) as follows:

- (c) Appointed members shall hold office until the appointment of their successors ~~at the next Ordinary Meeting of the General Assembly~~ unless the Council has made changes in Schedule A requiring new nomination and selection of Council members pursuant to Article 40(b) in which case the term of a Council member whose seat is subject to re-nomination shall cease at the time of the selection of his successor, if any. Appointed members shall be eligible for re-appointment.

Add a new Article 40 (f)

- (f) If a gG Group of Member National Authorities decides to appoint a successor for the Council member they appointed under Article 40 (a), the new Council member he shall be appointed or elected by a 75% majority of the group in accordance with Article 40, except that and the new appointment shall be notified to the Chief Executive Officer and shall be valid only when received at least two weeks before the next Council meeting.**

### **Decision**

**Special Resolution 1 was approved.**

- (b) Special Resolution 2 – Submission 001-15

### **Proposal 1**

Amend Article 13 as follows:

13. An ICA member or Affiliate Member of the Federation shall not be entitled to any benefits, **including the right to hold a World Championship or to be selected for an ISAF event** while its or his subscription is in arrears.

### **Proposal 2**

Amend Article 14.1 as follows:

~~**14.1(a) Substitute: three months for “a year”.**~~

- 14.1 (a) Notwithstanding Articles 15 to 20, when a Member National Authority has been in arrears on all or a part of its subscription, fees, dues or other payments due to the Federation or any of its subsidiary or associated companies for ~~a year~~ **three months** or more, and having been warned to make payment at least 30 days previously, and the Chief Executive Officer having so certified in writing, the Executive Committee may by a majority vote suspend or The Council may by majority vote cancel the membership in the Federation of a Member National Authority with immediate effect.

### **Decision**

**Special Resolution 2 was unanimously approved.**

- (c) Special Resolution 3 – Submission 002-15

Delete Article 75 of the Constitution and replace as follows:

**75 The Election Committee shall be appointed by the Annual General Meeting at its meeting in the year prior to the next ordinary meeting of the General Assembly and on the nomination of the Executive Committee. The Election Committee shall have not more than five members.**

**Decision**

**Special Resolution 3 was unanimously approved.**

- (d) Special Resolution 4 – Submission 003-15

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**Decision**

**Philip Baum (RSA) declared a conflict of interest and abstained. Special Resolution 4 was approved (40 in favour, 0 reject, 1 abstains)**

- (e) Special Resolution 5 – Submission 005-15

Insert new Regulation 4.5:

**4.5 The Election Committee shall require candidates for election to provide information for publication about their candidacy in such form as the Election Committee may from time to time require (which may include a manifesto and/or standard questionnaire concerning the candidates' experience, expertise and policies). Failure to provide such information shall not disqualify a candidate from election, but the Election Committee may publish a notice that the candidate has not complied with its requirements.**

**Decision**

**Special Resolution 5 was unanimously approved.**

- (f) Special Resolution 6 – Submission 018-15

## **REVIEW JUDICIAL BOARD**

### **77. Constitution of the ~~Review~~ Judicial Board**

- (a) There shall be a ~~Review~~ Judicial Board appointed by the Council at its first meeting after each Ordinary Meeting of the General Assembly. Should a vacancy occur, among the appointed members or there be a need for more members, the Council may appoint a replacement or more members at the next meeting. The ~~Review~~ Judicial Board shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and ~~not less than ten and not more than twenty five~~ three other members.
- (b) The ~~Review~~ Judicial Board shall, for the purpose of deciding ~~matters~~ cases referred to the Board, operate by ~~review~~ independent panels ~~of three or five members (no more than two of which shall be from the same country)~~ appointed by the ~~Chairman of the Review Board~~ in accordance with the Regulations, ~~or in his absence the Vice Chairman~~. No member of the Board shall sit on a panel considering a case.

### **78. Membership**

In appointing members to the ~~Review~~ Judicial Board, the Council should note the following requirements:

- (a) Members shall be proficient in the English language,
- (b) ~~At least one third of the Members~~ Members shall have a legal background,
- (c) Members shall have a substantial yachting and sports background,
- (d) Members shall be persons of the highest integrity from the world yachting community.

### **79. Authority and Functions**

**79.1** The ~~Review~~ Judicial Board will decide on cases brought by any person or organization where these Articles or the Regulations specifically authorize that person or organization to bring such a case before the Board.

**79.2** The Judicial Board may confirm, revise, modify or annul any decision which is the subject of an appeal, or order a body that made a decision to hear or rehear a case.

**79.3** Except in a case which is the subject of an appeal in accordance with Article 81, decisions of the Judicial Board shall be final and binding upon all bodies that are subject to the Federation's Articles, Regulations, and Rules and upon any competitors or persons to whom they apply.

~~**79.1 As to questions of Eligibility**~~

- ~~(a) A request by a Member National Authority or the ISAF Executive Committee for review and confirmation, revision, modification or annulment of its own decision affecting a competitor's ISAF eligibility; and~~
- ~~(b) Any appeal which a competitor or prospective competitor files with the Review Board, concerning his or her eligibility under the Articles, the Regulations, the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Equipment Rules of Sailing; or the Constitution, Regulations or Rules adopted by International Classes and Recognised Classes designated as such in accordance with the Regulations; and~~
- ~~(c) Any appeal which a competitor is entitled to make to the Review Board concerning:~~
  - ~~(i) the Competitor's ISAF Eligibility under the Regulations, the Racing~~

~~Rules of Sailing and the Equipment Rules of Sailing, or~~

- ~~(ii) Concerning the competitor's ISAF Class eligibility under the Classes' Constitution or Regulations (or equivalent thereof), or~~
- ~~(iii) Concerning the competitor's ISAF or other eligibility under the Constitution, By laws, Regulations, Rules or governing documents of any kind made, adopted or acknowledged by any governing body or authority in respect of any Special Events or Class Events as defined in the Regulations.~~

~~In these Articles, the Regulations and any sailing activities governed by them, eligibility means the status required to enter events as generally set out in the Eligibility Code contained in the Regulations or in any documents governing any Class or Event which are of a similar nature and intent.~~

~~79.2 Generally, any appeal by any person or organization where these Articles of the Regulations specifically authorize that person or organization to make such an appeal.~~

## 80. Procedure

The ~~Review~~ **Judicial** Board shall establish its own rules and procedure. The Board may require those ~~applying or requesting a review~~ or causing costs of the Board or one of its panels to exceed normal costs to pay such fee as it may determine.

A copy of the rules and procedure of the Review Board as adopted from time to time shall be furnished promptly to each National Authority.

## ~~81. Decisions of the Review Board:~~

- ~~(a) Shall be by simple majority,~~
- ~~(b) May confirm, revise, modify or annul the decision which is the subject of the appeal, or order the body that made the decision to hear or rehear the case. Except in a case which is the subject of an appeal in accordance with Article 82, its decision shall be final and binding upon all bodies that are subject to the Federation's Articles, Regulations, and Rules and upon any competitors or persons to whom they apply.~~

## 81. Appeal of a **Review Judicial** Board Decision

**Any right of appeal by any of the parties from any decision of the Judicial Board shall be set out in the Regulations.**

~~Notwithstanding Article 81, there shall be a right of appeal by any of the parties from any decision of the Review Board:~~

- ~~(a) In any case involving accredited Olympic Competitors, in which the Court of Arbitration for Sport has properly established its jurisdiction under the Olympic Code for Sports,~~
- ~~(b) In any other case in which a competitor consents to the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport in respect of the appeal.~~

## **Decision**

**Special Resolution 6 was unanimously approved.**

- (g) Special Resolution 7 – Submission 049-15

As Submission 049-15 was rejected by the ISAF Council, the resolution was withdrawn with the consent of the meeting.

## **7. Ordinary Business**

Submission 048-15 – Submission by Federação Portuguesa de Vela under Article 28(d) to the Annual General Meeting was withdrawn and was therefore not considered at the AGM.

## **8. Date of Next Meeting**

The meeting was informed that the intended date of the next Annual General Meeting and the General Assembly in 2016 will be Saturday 13 November 2016 (subject to formal notice).

## **9. Any Other Business**

### **(a) Council Appointments Procedure**

Members were reminded of the revised Council appointments procedure set out in Article 40 and of the need to submit nominations within the timeframes set. The Secretariat will send reminders of the process during 2016.



**2016 ISAF CHAMPIONSHIPS**

ISAF Sailing World Cup	07/12/2015	13/12/2015	Melbourne (AUS)
ISAF Sailing World Cup	23/01/2016	30/01/2016	Miami (USA)
ISAF Sailing World Cup	25/04/2016	01/05/2016	Hyerres (FRA)
ISAF Sailing World Cup	06/06/2016	12/06/2016	Weymouth & Portland (GBR)
ISAF Sailing World Cup	12/09/2016	18/09/2016	Qingdao (CHN)
ISAF Sailing World Cup	24/10/2016	28/10/2016	Abu Dhabi (UAE)
ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championship	21/09/2016	23/09/2016	Sheboygan (USA)
ISAF Youth Match Racing World Championship	13/06/2016	18/06/2016	New Caledonia (FRA)
ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship	27/12/2016	03/01/2017	Al Mussanah (OMA)
Para World Sailing World Championship	24/05/2016	28/05/2016	Medemblik (NED)
Blind Sailing World Championships	07/09/2016	18/09/2016	Sheboygan (USA)