

## Constitution Committee Minutes



The Constitution Committee met at 09:00 – 18:00 hours on Monday 8 and at 09:00 – 13:30 on Wednesday 10 November 2010 at the Divani Caravel Hotel, Athens, Greece.

*Please refer to the ISAF website [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org) for the details of the submissions on this agenda/referred to in these minutes.*

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### Present:

Philip Tolhurst – Chairman  
Tom Schubert – Vice Chairman  
Nilufer Cakmakli  
John Crebbin  
Abdelkarim Derouiche - 8 November  
Balazs Hajdu  
Peter Hall  
Stanislav Kassarov  
David Kellett  
Graham McKenzie  
Jon Napier  
W Scott Perry – Part Conflicted by Regional Games  
Fernando Pombo Garcia  
Carlo Rolandi  
Lorenz Walch  
Vice-President Eric Tulla

### In Attendance

Jerome Pels – Secretary General  
Vice-President Alberto Predieri – for part of meeting  
Gerardo Seeliger – for part of meeting  
Phil Jones - for part of meeting 10 November  
Helen Fry – Item 8  
Trish Merrick – Administration Secretary

### Apologies:

Jack Caldwell  
Joseph Melino

### Not present:

Elena Dimitrakopoulou  
Vladimir Sakovich

## 1. Opening of the Meeting

The Chairman welcomed the committee members with special welcome to Abdelkarim Derouiche as he had not been able to attend in 2009. The observers present were also welcomed and apologies were noted.

The Chairman informed the meeting that some agenda items would be considered in accordance with the need for specific committee members or guest speakers to be in attendance and that given the confidential nature of matters relating to ISAF Members, Items 2 (b) and 8 were considered in closed session.

## **2. Minutes of the Previous Constitution Committee Meeting**

### **(a) Minutes**

The minutes from the meetings of 9 and 11 November having been approved previously, were noted and signed by the Chairman.

### **(b) Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

## **3. Matters Arising from Council Meeting of 7 and 8 May 2010**

The Chairman summarised the progress on the items included in the report circulated to committee members only, on 21 May.

## **4. Outstanding Matters from the Working Parties**

### **(a) Classification and Racing Rule 69 issues**

It was noted that Jon Napier was appointed to the Classification Commission as legal consultant in February 2010, and that various submissions would be considered under item 7

### **(b) Conflict of Interest**

Moving forward from the draft paper circulated in 2008, it was agreed that what is needed is a Conflict of Interest policy and not a regulation. Moreover the policy should be in plain English and complement the IOC Code of Ethics. The Working Party, assisted by Graham McKenzie shall produce a policy paper for May 2011.

## **5. ISAF AGM 11 November 2010**

(a) The Special Resolution regarding the amended Articles of Association of the International Sailing Federation, approved by Council at the Mid-Year Meeting May 2010 (previously circulated to all MNAs) for consideration at the ISAF AGM 11 November 2010 was noted.

(b) The Chairman confirmed that there were no other Special Resolutions.

## **6. Submissions Deferred from Previous Council Meetings**

*Please refer to the 2010 Submissions Booklet for details of all submissions also available online at [www.sailing.org/meetings](http://www.sailing.org/meetings)*

(a) Submissions deferred from previous Council meetings for which the Constitution Committee is the Other Committee

Submission 084-08 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition – Events

### **Opinion**

**Approve subject to Council approving the policy.**

Submission 085-08 Olympic Sailing Competition – Equipment

### **Opinion**

**Approve subject to Council approving the policy.**

Submission 086-08 Olympic Sailing Competition – Events

### **Opinion**

**Approve subject to Council approving the policy.**

Submission 108-09 World Championships – IRC – Regulations 18.7 and 28.3

**Withdrawn**

Submission 109-09 Rating Systems World Championships – Regulation 18 and 28.3

**Withdrawn**

Submission 110-09 ORC Limited – Regulation 29.1 – Oceanic and Offshore

**Withdrawn**

## 7. Submissions November 2010

*Please refer to the 2010 Submissions Booklet for details of all submissions also available online at [www.sailing.org/meetings](http://www.sailing.org/meetings)*

- (a) Submissions for which the Constitution Committee is the Reporting Committee and make recommendations to Council:

Submission 038-10 ISAF Constitution about rearranging Articles 14-19 and deleting duplication from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee

**Withdrawn**

Submission 039-10 ISAF Constitution about Article 46 from the Chairmen of the Constitution Committee and Racing Rules Committee

### **Recommendation to Council**

**Approve with the following amendment:.**

46. **With the exception of the decisions listed in Articles 46(a) – (f), decisions**  
~~Decisions of the Council shall be taken by a simple majority of votes cast **in favour or against the resolution.** with the following exceptions: **A Council Member who abstains has not voted.**~~
- ~~(a) — Decisions requiring a two-thirds vote cast in favour of the resolution are:~~
- ~~(i) — a resolution for the election of expulsion of a Full member;~~
- ~~(ii) — an amendment to the Racing Rules of Sailing; however, this provision shall not apply to Regulations incorporated by reference into the Racing Rules of Sailing.~~
- (a) A decision on a resolution for the election ~~of~~ or expulsion of a Full Member requires a two-thirds vote cast in favour of the resolution.**
- (b) A decision on a change to a rule in the Racing Rules of Sailing or in the Equipment Rules of Sailing, with an effective date other than 1 January of the year following the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held, requires a 75% vote cast in favour of the motion.**

Submission 040-10 ISAF Regulations about housekeeping changes to Regulation 1 from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee

### **Recommendation to Council**

**Approve**

Submission 041-10 ISAF Regulations about the submission process and Regulation 1 from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee

### **Recommendation to Council**

**Approve with the following amendment:**

## 1. NOTICES AND SUBMISSIONS

- 1.5.1 A submission or proposal shall ~~firstly~~ **first state its purpose or objective, set out** the proposal, the current position, **if any, identify** any Article, Regulation or Rule considered to be affected and the reasons for the proposal. In a submission or proposal to change the Article, Regulations or Rule, the current Article, Regulation or Rule shall be quoted in full, and the proposed changes be set out with the exact words to be inserted and/or deleted.

Submission 042-10 ISAF about Regulation 2 from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee

### **Recommendation to Council**

Approve with the following amendment: 2.9.(b) Delete: 'National Sports Organization'. Insert: 'National Sports Authority'

Submission 043-10 ISAF Regulations about housekeeping changes to Regulation 2 from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee

### **Recommendation to Council**

**Approve.**

Submission 044-10 Racing Rules of Sailing about housekeeping changes to references specific racing rules in the regulations from the Chairmen of the Constitution Committee and the Racing Rules Committee

Submission 045-10 ISAF Regulations about Regulation 31.1.2 from the Chairmen of the Constitution Committee and the Racing Rules Committee

### **Recommendation to Council**

**Approve.**

Submission 046-10 ISAF Regulations about Regulation 31.1.4 from the Chairmen of the Constitution Committee and the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

### **Recommendation to Council**

**Approve.**

Submission 047-10 ISAF Regulations about Regulation 32.1.2 from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee

### **Recommendation to Council**

**Approve.**

Submission 048-10 ISAF Regulations about Regulation 2.12(c) from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee

### **Recommendation to Council**

**Approve.**

- (b) Submissions for which the Executive Committee is the Reporting Committee and the Constitution Committee is the Other Committee:

Submission 001-10 ISAF Constitution from South African Sailing

### **Opinion**

**Reject. Contrary to the policy approved by Council in May 2010. This would re-establish the Council Members as (shadow) Directors.**

Submission 002-10 ISAF Constitution about Athlete Representation on Council from the Executive Committee

**Opinion**

**Approve subject to Council approving the policy**

Submission 003-10 Council and Committee Decisions about the limitation of the powers of Council from the International Funboard Class Association

**Opinion**

**Reject. Would fundamentally change the Constitution and current governance system of ISAF**

Submission 004-10 ISAF Constitution about Article 68 from the Executive Committee

**Withdrawn**

Submission 005-10 Election of President and Vice-Presidents about Regulation 7 from the Royal Spanish Sailing Federation

**Opinion**

**No recommendation. Comment: Would fundamentally change the Constitution with regard to gender balance in the Executive Committee, balance of power in decision making in the Executive Committee and other unintended consequences.**

Submission 006-10 Nominations, Appointments and Elections about Regulation 7, Election of President and Vice Presidents from the Fédération Française de Voile

**Opinion**

**No recommendation. Comment: Would fundamentally change the Constitution with regard to gender balance in the Executive Committee, balance of power in decision making in the Executive Committee and other unintended consequences.**

Submission 007-10 Events Committee Terms of Reference and the new olympic decision schedule and post Olympic report from the Executive Committee

**Opinion**

**Approve**

Submission 008-10 Equipment Committee Terms of Reference and the new Olympic decision schedule and post Olympic report from the Executive Committee

**Opinion**

**Approve subject to Council approving the policy**

Submission 009-10 Equipment Rules Administration about Regulations 15 and 32 from the Executive Committee

**Opinion**

**Approve with the following amendment:**

32.1.1 The ERS shall be adopted or changed only by the Council after considering recommendations from the Equipment Control Sub-committee ~~and the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee, Equipment Committee and Oceanic and Offshore Committee.~~ Changes to the ERS shall be put into effect only every four years, ~~except when the Council has previously authorized more frequent changes or when Regulation 32.1.2 applies.~~ **on 1 January effective**

**as of 1 January of the year following the year in which the Olympic Sailing Competition is held. Regulation 32.1.2 contains exceptions to this policy.**

Submission 010-10 Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee about Regulation 15.27 from the International Kiteboarding Association.

**Withdrawn**

Submission 011-10 ISAF Appointments about ISAF appointment of Chief Umpire, Jury Chair, Chief Measurer, Course Representative or Principal Race Officer from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee

**Opinion**

**Approve with the following amendment:**

**18.12.8 When ISAF exercises its right to appoint a Chief Umpire, Jury Chairman, Chief Measurer, Course Representative or Principal Race Officer (Race Officer when one course area will be used) the appointee shall respectively be an International Umpire, International Judge, ~~Chief Measurer~~ International Measurer or International Race Officer.**

Submission 012-10 ISAF Appointments about ISAF appointments of umpires and judges from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee

**Opinion:**

**Approve with the following amendment:**

**18.12.9 (a) When ISAF appoints or approves the International Jury it may, to the extent permitted by the Racing Rules of Sailing, in conjunction ~~consultation~~ with the relevant class association and Organizing Authority, appoint / approve national judges**

**(b) When ISAF appoints or approves the Umpire Team, it may, in conjunction ~~consultation~~ with the relevant Organizing Authority, appoint / approve national umpires to the extent consistent with guidelines adopted by the International Umpires Sub-committee**

Submission 013-10 Organizing Authority about reference in Regulations from the Executive Committee

**Opinion**

**Approve subject to Council approving the policy.**

Submission 014-10 ISAF Technical Delegate about Regulation 18.13.7 from the Executive Committee

**Opinion**

**Approve subject to Council approving the policy.**

Submission 015-10 ISAF Advertising Code about Regulation 20 from the Executive Committee

Vice-President Alberto Predieri explained the background and objectives of the revised Advertising Code as proposed in submission 015-10.

**Opinion**

**Approve with the following amendment:**

20.1 Definitions

**“Code” this Regulation 20 including Table 1 and Table 2**

**20.2 General**

20.2.1 Advertising on a **boat, personal equipment** or any other object on board a **boat** shall be displayed in accordance with this Code, the applicable **class rules** and the rules of the relevant System. Advertising that is not specifically permitted under this Code ~~shall be~~ **is** prohibited.

Submission 016-10 ISAF Advertising Code about Regulation 20.8 from the Royal Yachting Association

**Opinion**

**Reject. Current wording is clear. New wording may be policy change.**

Submission 017-10 ISAF Advertising Code about sail stickers for sailor identification from the Executive Committee.

**Withdrawn**

Submission 018 ISAF Classification Code about Regulation 22 from the Executive Committee

**Approve with the following amendment:**

22.5.5 The Protest Committee shall report **promptly within 14 days** its decision to the *Classification Authority*. **If a competitor has given evidence under Regulation 22.5.3 the Protest Committee shall also report promptly within 14 days a summary of that evidence to the Classification Authority.**

Submission 019 ISAF Classification Code – Classification Procedures about Regulation 22 from the Executive Committee

**Opinion**

**Approve with the following amendment:**

**Proposal 1**

**22.3.2 A competitor applying for, or holding, a classification shall comply with the following requirements: He/she shall**

- (a) ~~he shall~~ not hold, nor apply for, more than one classification;**
- (b) ~~he shall~~ not take any action or act in a manner which is contrary to the spirit or purposes of the Code or which is a subterfuge for circumventing the Code;**
- (c) ~~he shall~~ at all times fully and freely disclose all relevant information to the *Classification Authority* (whether or not specifically asked for);**
- (d) ~~he shall~~ not provide the *Classification Authority* with information that is false, misleading or potentially misleading;**
- (e) ~~he shall~~ immediately notify the *Classification Authority* of any change in his circumstances which affects, or may affect, his classification status; and**
- (f) if ~~he is~~ a Group 1 competitor, he shall not engage in any activities which are incompatible with Group 1 status unless he**

**has notified the *Classification Authority* of a potential change of classification.**

Submission 020 ISAF Classification Code – Competitor Classifications about Regulation 22.2 from the Executive Committee

**Opinion**

**Approve with the following amendment:**

**Proposal 1**

**(a) A competitor who takes part in *racing* only as a pastime is a Group 1 competitor, unless within the *qualification period* he/*she* has undertaken one of the activities listed in Regulation 22.2.2 and is a Group 3 competitor.**

**(b) However:**

- (i) a competitor who is under 18 years of age is a Group 1 competitor; and**
- (ii) a competitor who is over 18 years of age, but under 24 years of age, is a Group 1 competitor provided that he/*she* has not engaged in any of the activities listed in Regulation 22.2.2 for more than 100 days in the *qualification period* (excluding any activities undertaken before his/*her* 18<sup>th</sup> birthday).**

**Proposal 2**

(c) has been *paid*:

- i) to provide a boat or its sails ~~for racing~~; or
- ii) for services in connection with providing a boat or its sails ~~for racing~~; and
- iii) then ***raced*** ~~competed~~ on that boat, or in a team competition, in a boat of the same team.

However a Group 1 competitor who, as an owner of a boat, is occasionally *paid* a charter fee to provide that boat for a *racing* competition shall remain a Group 1 competitor if he/*she* does not steer that boat in the competition. If the competition is a team event this dispensation shall only apply if he/*she* does not steer any boat in the same team as the boat chartered; or

Submission 021-10 Athletes' Commission about Regulation 45 from the International Kiteboarding Association

**Opinion**

**Reject. Not practical. The current arrangement meets IOC requirements.**

(d) Submissions for which the Equipment Committee is the Reporting Committee and the Constitution Committee is the Other Committee:

Submission 064-10 Class World Championship Regulations about the restructure of Regulations 18 and 26 from the Chairmen of the Equipment Committee and Events Committee

**Opinion**

**Approve subject to Council approving the policy and with the following amendment:**

**26. ISAF ~~INTERNATIONAL AND RECOGNIZED~~ CLASSES**

Submission 065-10 Class World Championship Regulations about World Championship requirements from the Chairmen of the Equipment Committee and Events Committee

**Opinion**

**Approve subject Council approving the policy**

- (e) Submissions for which the Events Committee is the Reporting Committee and the Constitution Committee is the Other Committee:

096-10 ISAF Olympic Event and Equipment Decisions about Regulation 16.1 Defining the Process from the Chairman of the Events Committee

**Opinion**

**Approve with the following amendment:**

16.1.9 The following regulation shall apply for the choice of Event and Equipment for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition only, and shall take precedence over any ~~conflicting~~ other **regulation including 16.1.7 regulation**. Council may provisionally decide some or all of the Events and Equipment options to be listed in regulation 16.1.4 in November 2010. Council shall finally confirm or change these decisions, and make all other Events and Equipment options decisions, in May 2011. Classes and MNAs may make submissions on Events and Equipment options for decision in May 2011; any such submission shall propose a full set of ten Events. Council shall make decisions on Core Events in May 2011. This regulation will be cease to apply and be deleted after May 2011.

**Council to define procedure for choosing equipment for Olympic Events Policy and the Constitution Committee to review the wording of this procedure. Policy and desirable outcomes are not for inclusion in the regulations.**

**Clarified that decisions in accordance with 16.1.9 on the 'slate' in November 2010 and Mid Year 2011 require only a simple majority**

Submission 102-10 Classes and Equipment for the Olympic Sailing Competition about Regulation 16.1.1(a) from the International Kiteboarding Association

**Opinion:**

**No Recommendation. Council to set the policy. Comment: 'Format' is not a defined term**

Submission 103-10 Classes and Equipment for the Olympic Sailing Competition about Regulation 16.1.1(c) from the International Kiteboarding Association

**Opinion**

**No Recommendation Council to set the policy.**

Submission 104-10 Classes and Equipment for the Olympic Sailing Competition about Regulation 16.1.6 from the International Kiteboarding Association

**Opinion**

**No Recommendation. Council to set the policy.**

Submission 106-10 ISAF Sailing World Championships about ISAF Sailing World Championships as Olympic Qualifier from the Chairman of the Events Committee

**Opinion**

**Approve. Subject to Council approving the policy.**

Submission 107-10 Olympic Qualification about Regulation 16.2 from the International Kiteboarding Association

**Opinion**

**Approve Subject to Council approving the policy.**

Submission 109-10 ISAF Sailing World Cup about new Regulation 17.3 ISAF Sailing World Cup

**Opinion**

**Reject. Council to set the policy. Wording is not appropriate for the ISAF regulations.**

Submission 113-10 World Championships of the Olympic Classes about World Championships or Grand Final from US SAILING

**Opinion**

**Approve. Subject to Council approving the policy.**

Submission 114-10 ISAF Sailing World Championships about Regulation 17.2 from the International Kiteboarding Association - **withdrawn**

Submission 115-10 World Championship Events about Regulation 18.3 from the International Kiteboarding Association

**Opinion**

**Approve subject to Council approving the policy. May need re-wording.**

Submission 121-10 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships about Regulation 17.4 from the International Kiteboarding Association

**Withdrawn**

- (f) Submissions for which the Match Racing Committee is the Reporting Committee and the Constitution Committee is the Other Committee:

Submission 127-10 Grading of Events about Regulation 24.2.3(c) from the Russian Yachting Federation

**Opinion**

**Approve. Subject to Council approving the policy**

- (g) Submissions where the Oceanic and Offshore Committee is the Reporting Committee and the Constitution Committee is the Other Committee:

Submission 133-10 ORC Limited Offshore Racing Congress about Regulations 18.7 and Regulation 29.1, 29.2 from the Executive Committee

**Opinion**

**Approve subject to Council approving the policy.**

Submission 134-10 Designation as an International or Recognized Class about Regulation 26.2

**Opinion**

**Approve. Comment: the term 'Offshore Racing Class' is not defined.**

- (h) Submissions where the Race Officials Committee is the Reporting Committee and the Constitution Committee is the Other Committee:

Submission 141-10 International Measurer about Rating Systems from the Royal Yachting Association

**Opinion**

**Approve subject to Council approving the policy.**

Submission 142-10 International Measurer about Rating Systems from the International IRC Owners Association

**Opinion**

**Approve**

Submission 143-10 International Measurer about appointment to additional classes from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee

**Opinion**

**Approve with the following amendments:**

**33.13.4 An International Measurer applying for appointment to an additional Class shall:**

**(a) have acted as an Equipment Inspector in at least two ~~principal~~ ~~principle~~ events (as defined ~~determined~~ by the International Measurers Sub-committee) of the Class he is applying for, within the four years prior to 14 October of the year of application;**

**(b) have an ~~intimate~~ ~~detailed~~ knowledge of the relevant class rules and the ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing.**

**(c) be recommended by the relevant class association and another International Measurer.**

Submission 144-10 Race Officials at Major Events about Age Limit for Race Officials at Major Events

**Opinion**

**Reject. Probably contrary to National or International Law**

**8. ISAF Members**

- (a) Applications for ISAF Full Membership

The Constitution Committee thanked the ISAF Head of Administration for the considerable work done in producing the updated applications summary document for all membership applications which has facilitated a great deal of progress.

**Decision**

**The Constitution Committee recommended Full Membership Status to the Executive Committee for:**

- i) Madagascar
  - ii) Panama
  - iii) Saudi Arabia
- (b) Review of Membership Applications granted Provisional Membership
- i) Aruba

It was noted that Aruba Sailing Association, granted provisional membership at the Council Mid-Year Meeting 2009, has now fulfilled all constitutional requirements and was formally granted full membership in July 2010. Membership fees will be invoiced pro-rata.

ii) Botswana

It was noted that Botswana Yacht Racing Association, granted provisional membership at the Council Mid-Year Meeting 2010, has now fulfilled all constitutional requirements and was formally granted full membership in September 2010. Membership fees will be invoiced pro-rata.

iii) Mozambique

It was noted that Mozambique Sailing and Canoeing Federation had been granted provisional membership at the Council Mid-Year Meeting 2010 subject to resolving a particular issue on their constitution.

*Note: During the Council Meeting, that issue was satisfactorily resolved and MSCF having now fulfilled all constitutional requirements was formally granted full membership in November 2010.*

(c) Georgia

It was noted that the Executive Committee will make a recommendation to Council to cancel the Associate Membership of Georgia as they have failed to comply with their membership obligations in a material respect.

**Decision**

**Approve the recommendation to cancel the Associate Membership of the Georgian Sailing Federation.**

(d) Challenge to Existing Membership

A decision was made in November 2009 to allow another year to pass in order for the Federacion Paraguaya de Vela (FEPAVE) and the Yacht Club Ypacarai (YPY) to reach an amicable arrangement or solution. This has not been the case and further correspondence was received by the Secretary General. Most of the communications were in Spanish and the Chairman therefore asked Scott Perry to review the file and he gave a verbal report. There followed a detailed discussion and the positions of both parties were considered.

**Decision**

**The Secretary General shall write to the Federacion Paraguaya de Vela (FEPAVE) advising that ISAF cannot consider the challenge to the existing membership of the Yacht Club Ypacarai (YPY) as it does not meet the criteria detailed in the ISAF Constitution and Regulations.**

## **9. To Consider the Ongoing Review of the Articles of Constitution and Regulations**

(a) Re-arranged and re-numbered regulations

It was noted that the re-arranged and re-numbered ISAF Regulations based on the approval of proposals 1,2 and 3 of Submission 037-09 will be published in 2011 with all amendments approved by Council at the November meeting. The revised format includes reference to the current numbering for ease of use.

(b) Proposals to remedy defects in the committee appointments procedure

Work is ongoing regarding proposals to amend the committee appointments procedure and will be considered at the meeting in November 2011..

(c) Housekeeping Amendments to Articles

Work is ongoing to highlight and make housekeeping amendments to the Articles and will be considered at the meeting in November.

## 10. Olympic Commission Report

The Chairman confirmed that there were no issues for raised requiring specific input from the Constitution Committee.

## 11. Annual Report

The Chairman summarised the items that would be included in the verbal report to be given at the ISAF Council meeting of 11 November 2010 on the activities of the Constitution Committee since the meeting of Council in November 2009.

## 12. Any Other Business

(a) Obstacles to timely progression to Full Membership Status

i) English version of Constitution document

The current requirement for the Constitution document of all applications to be in English was discussed at length. This has been an increasingly significant factor in delaying the progress of several applications for Full Membership Status and consequently contrary to facilitating the increased membership objectives of the Strategic Plan.

**Decision**

**The Working Party of Tom Schubert, Scott Perry and Peter Hall shall review all applications and make recommendations to the Constitution Committee. Where appropriate the requirement for the Constitution documents to be in English may be waived subject to confirmation from a member of the Constitution Committee fluent in the language in question that the documents fulfil all requirements in order for a recommendation to be made by the Working Party to the Constitution Committee**

ii) Recognition by the NOC

It was noted that the current procedure for full membership requiring the relevant NOC to recognise the sporting organisation before ISAF can consider an application is contrary to IOC practice of recognising sporting organisations which are recognised first by the International Federation.

**Decision**

**It was agreed to put forward an urgent submission for consideration at the Mid-Year Meeting 2011 to amend the regulations governing Full Membership to include timescales within which NOC approval may be obtained.**

(b) MNA Groups

**Decision**

**The following Working Party was appointed to review the MNA Groupings:**

**Nilufer Cakmakli  
Abdelkerim Derouiche  
Peter Hall**

**Scott Perry**  
**Vice-President Eric Tulla (ex officio)**

(c) AGM

i) Proxy Votes

An interpretation regarding the appointment of Proxies and Representatives at the AGM was published on the ISAF website on 10 November 2010.

ii) Observers

The committee considered the legality of a “closed” AGM meeting excluding observers.

**Decision**

**The Chairman may conduct the AGM in closed session.**

(d) Gaming

Any form of cheating will be tackled as part of an ethics policy to be developed but David Kellett informed the members that the subject of “Gaming” had come up during recent discussions regarding the America’s Cup and World Match Tour and he proposed that serious consideration should be given to the control and possible financial benefits to be gained from the licensing of legal betting based on ISAF owned results.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.