

Executive Committee Minutes



The Executive Committee met at 09:30-18:00 hours on Thursday 3 May and 09:30-14:00 hours on Sunday 6 May 2012 at the Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa, Italy

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Present:

Göran Petersson - President
HM King Constantine - President of Honour (not present Sunday 6 May 2012)
Tomasz Holc - Vice-President
Nazli Imre - Vice-President
David Irish - Vice-President
David Kellett - Treasurer
Teresa Lara - Vice President
Teo-Ping-Low - Vice-President
Alberto Predieri - Vice-President
Eric Tulla – Vice-President
Jerome Pels - Secretary General

In attendance:

Helen Fry - Head of Administration
Jan Dawson – Audit Committee Chair (Item 4 only)
Przemyslaw Stangierski, AT Kearney (Item 12 only)

1. Opening of the Meeting

The President welcomed everyone to Stresa, Italy.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(a) Minutes

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of 11, 12 and 13 February 2012 (circulated and approved after the meeting) were noted.

(b) Minutes Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Reports

(a) President's Report

The President gave a brief outline of his activities.

(b) Vice-President's Report

Executive Committee Agenda (cont.)

The Executive Committee Members gave an overview of their activities since the November meeting under their areas of responsibilities.

- i) The Executive Committee considered further the appointments of alternatives for Committees and Sub-Committees.

Decision

If an alternative to a Committee or Sub-committee is approved as per Regulation 7.6.3 an Alternate shall be entitled to receive notices of all meetings of the Committee and to attend at any such meeting and perform all the functions as a member of the committee.

- (c) Secretary General's Report

- i) Vietnam entry to the Star World Championship

Decision

An exemption was given for Vietnam to have an entry in the Star World Championships as their membership application is pending.

- ii) Review Board

Decision

Proposals for further qualified members of the Review Board will be given at the September Executive Meeting. Ideally the Review Board membership will have a reasonable geographical spread, enabling the appointment of Regional panels.

- iii) SailX

The Secretary General outlined plans to work in association with SailX. The Executive approved the co-operation in principle leaving the detail to be worked out.

Decision

The Secretary General and Alberto Predieri will review the proposals.

4. Finance

- (a) Management Accounts

The Secretary General presented the Management Accounts for the 1st Quarter 2012.

- (b) Consolidated Statutory Accounts – 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011

The Treasurer presented the Audited Statutory Accounts for the International Sailing Federation (IOM) Ltd (company number 79772C) for the year ended 31 December 2011.

- i) Audit Committee

Jan Dawson, Chairman of the Audit Committee confirmed that following a full review by the Audit Committee and a teleconference with the appointed company auditors, haysmacintyre, she recommended approval of the amended accounts by the Company Directors.

- ii) On a motion by David Irish and Seconded by Tomasz Holc to approve and authorise for issue the Report and Financial Statements of the International Sailing Federation (IOM) Ltd for the year ended 31 December 2011 and to authorise the President and Secretary General to sign the Financial Statements on behalf of the Board of Directors and the letters of representation.

Executive Committee Agenda (cont.)

Decision

The Board of Directors authorised the President and Secretary General to sign the Financial Statements and letters of representation.

- (c) The President advised the likely sum that would be received from the Olympic Revenues.

Decision

It was resolved that within 5 business days of receipt of the first tranche (and subsequently the second tranche, if required) of Olympic Revenue, the US\$ will be exchanged for GBP and Euros, based on an analysis of the needs over the next four years.

- (d) 2012 Budget
The amended budget for 2012 was presented.

Decision

On a proposal by Tomasz Holc the 2012 Budget was approved.

- (e) ISAF Debtors
The company debtors were noted.
- (f) Isle of Man Trust
An update on the Isle of Man Trust was received from the Treasurer.

Decision

In view of the forecast surplus for 2011 due to Special Event fees, the new Executive Committee will be encouraged to consider increasing the investment in Long Term Reserves at their February 2013 meeting giving a full two years operating income.

- (g) ISAF Deposits
The Treasurer reviewed the ISAF Deposits.

5. Draft Annual Report

The Executive Committee received the draft 2011 Annual Report and was requested to give any comments they had to the Secretary General.

6. Governance

- (a) Review Board Appeals
The Secretary General reported on the two recent Review Board Appeals.
- (b) Rule 69 Cases
- i) Alberto Campos Perez (MEX)

Decision

The Secretary General was requested to get more information from the Federacion Mexicana de Vela.

- ii) Maria del Mar Campos Perez (MEX)

Decision

Executive Committee Agenda (cont.)

The Secretary General was requested to get more information from the Federacion Mexicana de Vela.

- iii) Andrejs Buls (LAT)

Decision

The Executive Committee support the decision of the Yachting Union of Latvia.

- iv) Anne Caseneuve (FRA)

Decision

The Executive Committee support the decision of the Fédération Française de Voile.

- (c) Ethics Commission

Decision

The Executive Committee will consider possible members of the Ethics Commission and send their suggestions to the Secretary General by 28 May 2012.

- (d) Election of Officers

- i) Guidelines

Draft Guidelines were circulated.

Decision

The Executive Committee will consider these draft Guidelines and pass their comments to the Secretary General via email by 14 May 2012.

- ii) Election Committee

Recommendation to Council

The Executive Committee recommend to Council the following members for the Election Committee:

HM King Constantine (Chair)

John Tinker (CAN)

Peter Siemsen (BRA)

Pease Glaser (USA) to be confirmed

After the Council meeting Jan Dawson (NZL) was also included in this list.

7. 2012 ISAF Mid-Year Meetings

To following agendas were noted:

- (a) Council
- (b) Events
- (c) Equipment
- (d) Audit

The following Submissions were considered:

- (e) Deferred Submissions

Executive Committee Agenda (cont.)

- i) 007-11 ISAF Ethics Commission – New Regulation and Code

Recommendation to Council

The Executive Committee request that Council approve the establishment of an Ethics Commission and that Council authorise the Executive Committee to designate this Commission until November. This issue will be revisited in time for the November meeting.

- ii) 101-11 Olympic Events Selection – Specification of the Voting Process – New Regulation 23.1.9

Recommendation to Council

Approve

- iii) 109-11 ISAF Sailing World Cup – Regulations 24.3.1 and 24.3.2:

Opinion

Reject. Unnecessary, ISAF does not have jurisdiction over IFDS events. The current regulation defines the ISAF World Cup only. With approval of ISAF and the Event Organisers, IFDS World Cup events could be run at the same time in conjunction with the ISAF World Cup events but under its own banner. There is concern that the event organisers could overstretch themselves if they take on too many responsibilities at already very large events.

- (f) Urgent Submissions

M01-12 Betting and Anti-Corruption – New Appendix 5

Recommendation to Council:

Approve. Executive Committee request that Council entrust to the Executive Committee, to produce the appropriate language for 7.2 Designation of Hearing Panel pursuant to Regulation 35 and 8.4 Disqualification of Results section and 8.2 Ineligibility for a violation.

Decision

ISAF's Anti-Corruption Officer for the Olympic Sailing Competition 2012 will be the Chairman of the Jury.

8. International Sports Update

The President gave a verbal update on his activities within the IOC, ASOIF and SportAccord.

- (a) Olympic Movement Medical Code

Decision

The Executive Committee approved the adoption of the Olympic Movement Medical Code.

- (b) IOC Women in Sport Award 2013

Decision

The Executive Committee approved the recommendation of the Women's Forum. Evangeline (Van) Goulding (GBR) will be ISAF's nominee for the IOC Women in Sport Award 2013. For almost 30 years Evangeline (Van) Goulding singlehandedly developed sailing in the Seychelles.

Executive Committee Agenda (cont.)

9. Training and Development

- (a) Appointment Criteria of ISAF Nominated Expert

Following the ISAF Development Symposium where MNAs with existing Training Programmes were consulted, the criteria for Appointment of an ISAF Nominated Experts was reviewed.

Decision

The appointment criteria of an ISAF Nominated Expert were approved.

- (b) ISAF Training Resources – Publications

Several publications are available to MNAs under the current licence agreement. Some smaller MNAs find it financially prohibitive to obtain the full licence as well as translate the publications into their own language and to print the final publications. It is requested that ISAF have a limited stock printed and available for sale to MNAs in selected generic language versions (English, French and Spanish).

Decision

The Secretary General will implement this project over a 3 to 4 year period subject to considering the financial implications.

10. ISAF Members

- (a) Paraguay

Following successful mediation, the current MNA for Paraguay, Yacht Club Ypacarai, have withdrawn full membership in favour of the application from the Federacion Paraguaya de Vela (FEPAVE).

- (b) Vietnam

Recommendation for Approval to Council

Vietnam Canoeing, Rowing and Sailing Federation

Group K, Subscription Category 1 as confirmed by the Constitution Committee

- (c) Kosovo

Recommendation for Approval to Council

Kosovo Sailing Federation

Group C, Subscription Category 1 as confirmed by the Constitution Committee

- (d) Any Other Business

- i) Solomon Islands Yachting Association

The Secretary General has received notification of a cancellation of membership from the Solomon Islands Yachting Association.

- ii) Ecuador

The Executive Committee noted the letter from the IOC advising that the Ministry of Sport in Ecuador has passed a resolution on 12 April 2012 which interferes with the internal operations and election processes of National Federations. The Secretary General has written to the President of Ecuador and the Ministry of Sport advising them that ISAF wants to protect the autonomy of the Federacion Ecuatoriana de Yachting.

- iii) Portugal

Executive Committee Agenda (cont.)

The Secretary General reported that the Federação Portuguesa de Vela is now in good standing with the Sports Authorities in Portugal.

iv) MNA Grouping

The Executive Committee noted the Discussion Paper by the Constitution Committee on the MNA Grouping that would be used in their consultations in order for them to put forward a proposal to Council in November 2012.

11. Events

(a) America's Cup

David Kellett gave a verbal report on the America's Cup.

(b) ISAF Sailing World Cup

Alberto Predieri gave a verbal report on the ISAF Sailing World Cup.

Decisions

The Sailing World Cup Manager will be a salaried position based in the ISAF Secretariat, UK.

Any deliberations of the Sailing World Cup Working Party will be subject to the contractual obligations already in place.

Alberto Predieri is authorised to further negotiations with Miami.

(c) Olympic Sailing Competition 2012

i) A progress report was received from the Technical Delegate.

ii) Medal Ceremony

The Technical Delegate advised the Executive Committee of LOCOG's plans for the medal ceremonies. An area of the venue will be opened up for family, friends and entourage of the medal recipients who will have seats allocated to them in the stands.

iii) Tracking on ISAF Website

The IOC has confirmed that ISAF will not be able to use the Swiss Timing 2d tracking viewer on the ISAF website. However, the IOC, OBS and ISAF are exploring ways to make the tracking viewer available to broadcast rights holders. It was noted that MNAs can contact the ISAF office or their broadcast rights holders in order for the IOC and OBS to understand the demand.

(d) Olympic Sailing Competition 2016 Evaluation of Olympic Equipment

The Olympic Sailing Competition 2016 Evaluation of Olympic Equipment reports were noted.

(e) IOC Youth Olympic Games 2014

The Executive Committee noted the report and recommendation from the Working Party that included the following areas:

Media Appeal, Design and Graphic Attributes

Venue specific

Format

Fleet Locations, numbers of boats, class activity & Administrative Strength of Class Association

Executive Committee Agenda (cont.)

The Executive Committee discussed the issue of expense, the concern of the lack of availability of the boats in some countries and the difficult negotiations with a manufacturer.

Decision

The Byte CII is the most adapted to the age group for the event and proved to be very successful in Singapore 2010 and will be the equipment used in the IOC Youth Olympic Games 2014.

(f) World Match Racing Tour

The Secretary General gave an update on negotiations for the new agreement. It was noted that the World Match Racing Tour had announced a new sponsor.

Decision

The Secretary General will follow up with the World Match Racing Tour on the contractual arrangements

(g) 2014 ISAF Sailing World Championships, Santander

The Secretary General reported that the Contract had been signed by the President in Santander. The Emerging Nations Programme is running well and is proving to be extremely successful.

(h) 2013 Women's Match Racing Worlds

The Executive Committee noted the report on the 2013 Women's Match Racing Worlds.

(i) ISAF Youth World Sailing Championships 2015

The report on the ISAF Youth World Sailing Championships 2015 was noted.

12. ISAF Marketing Strategy

A presentation was given on ISAF Marketing Strategy by Przemyslaw Stangierski from A T Kearney.

Decision

AT Kearney will be recognised as an ISAF official partner as we continue to work together on the ISAF marketing programme. .

13. Secretariat

A verbal report was received from the Secretary General.

14. Future ISAF Meetings

- (a) 2012 September Executive Meeting, New Forest, UK – 8-10 September
- (b) 2012 ISAF Annual Conference Dun Laoghaire, Ireland – 1-11 November
- (c) 2013 Annual Conference Oman – 7-17 November (subject to contract)

15. Any Other Business

- (a) Classification Commission
 - i) Representation on ISAF Sailor Classification Commission

Decision

Executive Committee Agenda (cont.)

The Executive Committee approved the two new members of the ISAF Sailor Classification Commission.

- ii) Melges 32 Class / ISAF Sailor Classification

The Executive Committee received a report from the ISAF Sailor Classification Commission about their concerns with the Melges 32 Class.

Decision

The Secretary General will write a formal letter to the Class setting out ISAF's concerns.

- (b) IJ Groupings

The Executive Committee considered the IJ Groupings provided by the Grouping Panel.

Decision

The IJ Grouping System was approved.

- (c) Olympic Classes

It was noted that the Mackay FX, the NACRA 17 and Kiteboarding had been selected as Equipment / Events for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition. All the prices quoted in the Evaluation Report have been noted and will be carefully monitored.

Decision

Alberto Predieri will closely liaise with all the new Olympic Classes.

The importance of getting the entire Kiteboarding Members / affiliates join the MNAs was also noted.

Decision

The Secretary General will prepare a letter to advise the IOC of the decisions on the Equipment and Events decision for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Regatta.

- (d) Committee Nominations

Decision

The Executive Committee members will work on proposals for Council on Committee membership:

- (e) ISAF Technical Delegate - 2015 Pan American Games, Toronto

Decision

Alfred "Pat" Bailey (ISV) is appointed as ISAF Technical Delegate.