

The Board met at the World Sailing Headquarters, Paddington, London, Great Britain on Thursday 10 May and Friday 11 May 2018

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### Present:

Kim Andersen – President  
Jan Dawson - Vice-President  
Torben Grael – Vice-President  
Gary Jobson – Vice-President  
W. Scott Perry – Vice-President  
Quanhai Li – Vice-President  
Yann Rocherieux – Chairman, Athletes' Commission  
Ana Sanchez del Campo Ferrer – Vice-President  
Nadine Stegenwalner – Vice-President  
Andy Hunt – Chief Executive Officer

### In attendance:

Carlos de Beltran – Director of Technical & Offshore  
Hugh Chambers – Chief Commercial Officer  
Alastair Fox – Director of Events  
Jonela Haxhinasto – Finance Director  
Jon Napier – Director of Legal Affairs & Governance

## 1. Opening of the Meeting

### (a) Communication from the President

The President welcomed the Board to World Sailing's Headquarters and said he looked forward to a productive set of Mid-Year Meetings. The President remarked on the importance of declarations of interest this week from all World Sailing stakeholders.

The President updated the Board on meetings with the IOC, IPC, ASOIF, Tokyo 2020, Optimist Class and EUROSAF. He informed the Board of World Sailing's co-ordination of different technology providers.

### (b) Declarations of Interests

The Board noted the current Register of Interests. Jan Dawson declared an interest in the 2022 Sailing World Championships decision.

### (c) Minutes

The Board had no comments on its previous minutes.

### (d) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

## 2. Safety

The Board received an update from the Director of Technical & Offshore

### 3. Finance

- (a) Management Accounts Year to Date (end March 2018)

The Board reviewed the management accounts to March 2018 and received a report from the Finance Director.

The Board noted the Risk Register.

- (b) Bank Account

The Board received an update from the Finance Director of the transfer of World Sailing's Isle of Man bank account to Barclays plc.

#### **Decision**

**The Board approved the authorised signatories to the accounts.**

- (c) World Sailing Debtors

The Board received an update on World Sailing debtors

#### **Decision**

**The Board authorised the Chief Executive Officer to suspend any member national authority who has not paid their subscriptions after 30 days' warning to do so.**

- (d) Quarterly Report on the World Sailing Investment Trust

The Board received a report from the Finance Director on the World Sailing Investment Trust. The Board noted the Audit Committee had reviewed the report.

- (e) 2017 Statutory Accounts

Jan Dawson and Scott Perry declared an interest as directors of World Sailing Event Management Limited.

The Board received the 2017 statutory accounts and received a report from the Audit Committee. The Board received a request from the Directors of World Sailing Event Management Limited for a continuation of the letter of comfort from 2017.

#### **Decision**

**The Board approved the 2017 statutory accounts and letter of representation and authorised the President to sign them on behalf of the Board.**

**The Board authorised the President to sign a letter of comfort to World Sailing Event Management Limited.**

### 4. Commercial Report

- (a) Sponsorship & commercial activity

The Board received a report from the Chief Commercial Officer.

- (b) World Sailing Trust update

The Board received a report from the Chief Commercial Officer on the establishment of the World Sailing Trust in the United Kingdom.

- (c) WS research

The Board received a report from the Chief Commercial Officer on market research carried out on behalf of World Sailing.

- (d) Digital re-platforming project update

The Board received an update from the Chief Executive Officer.

- (e) 2018 Conference and WS Awards proposal

The Board received a proposal from the Chief Commercial Officer.

### **Decision**

**The Board approved the proposal. The Rolex World Sailor of the Year will be based on open nominations shortlisted by the Board, and then awarded by 30% public vote and 70% MNA vote. There will be no voting on the evening.**

## **5. Governance**

### **(a) Disciplinary Cases**

The Board received a report from the Director of Legal Affairs.

### **Decision**

**The Board requested that a submission be prepared for November 2018 to document the standards of conduct of Council, Committee and Commission Members.**

### **Decision**

**The Board requested proposals from the Executive Office on safeguarding measures for competitors at World Sailing Events.**

### **(b) MNA Matters**

There were no further items to note.

### **(c) Governance Commission update**

The Board received an update on the work of the Governance Commission.

The Board noted the outcome of the ASOIF IF Governance Audit with the positive outcome of World Sailing being ranked top of Group A2 (7<sup>th</sup> out of 33 IFs).

### **(d) Anti-doping update**

The Board received an update from the Director of Events.

## **6. Technical & Equipment**

### **(a) 2024 Olympic Classes Contract**

The Board received an update on the Olympic Classes Contract from the Directors of Legal Affairs & Governance and Technical & Offshore.

### **Decision**

**The Board approved variations to the standard Manufacturer's Undertakings.**

### **(b) Proposal for reducing equipment cheating**

The Board received a proposal from the Director of Technical & Offshore.

### **Decision**

**The Board endorsed the proposal and requested the Executive Office progress the proposal in consultation with the relevant committees.**

### **(c) Sustainability Agenda 2030**

The Board received revised proposals from the Sustainability Commission.

### **Decision**

**The Board recommends to Council approval of the Sustainability Agenda 2030 with the revised targets.**

## **7. Reports & Information**

### **(a) Vice-President's Reports**

The Board received a report from the Vice-President's on their areas of responsibility.

- (b) CEO Report

The Board received a report from the Chief Executive Officer.

**Decision**

**The Board recommended to Council the World Sailing Strategy 2018 – 2022.**

**Decision**

**The Board authorised the Chief Executive Officer and Director of Legal Affairs to conclude the necessary steps to effect the transfer of World Sailing Event Management Limited contracts to World Sailing Limited (save for any major variations which must be authorised by the Board) by 31 December 2018.**

**8. Events**

- (a) Paralympic Sailing Reinstatement Plan update

The Board received an update from the Director of Events.

- (b) 2018 Sailing World Championships update, DEN

The Board received an update from the Director of Events.

- (c) 2018 Youth Sailing World Championships, Corpus Christi, USA

The Board received an update from the Director of Events.

The Board noted the potential impact of 2024 Olympic Equipment on future Youth Worlds equipment provision.

- (d) 2018 Youth Olympic Games, ARG

The Board received an update from the Director of Events.

The Director of Events reported a qualification dispute to the Board.

**Decision**

**World Sailing will seek an additional quota place from the IOC if required to resolve the dispute.**

- (e) 2019 Offshore World Championships

The Board received an update from the Director of Technical & Offshore.

- (f) 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition, JPN

The Board received an update from the Director of Events.

- (g) 2022 Sailing World Championships

Jan Dawson left the meeting for this item.

The Board received a report and recommendation from the Evaluation Panel.

**Decision**

**The Board awarded the 2022 Sailing World Championships to The Hague, NED (subject to a successful site visit and contract).**

- (h) 36<sup>th</sup> America's Cup

The Board received an update from the President.

- (i) World Match Racing Tour

The Board received an update and recommendation from the Chief Executive Officer and Director of Events.

**Decision**

**The Board approved the Executive Office's recommendations.**

**The Board requested the World Sailing Executive Office engage with the Match Racing Sub-committee and the wider match racing community to develop a long-term match racing strategy for presentation at the November meeting.**

- (j) 2018 Blind Match Racing Worlds, GBR

The Board received a request to waive Regulation 19.9 for the 2018 Blind Match Racing World Championships (Helensburgh, GBR) under Regulation 17.2.

**Decision**

**The Board approved the request to waive Regulation 19.9 and will notify Council as required by Regulation 17.2.**

**9. Regulation 23 Submissions**

The Board reviewed the submissions under Regulation 23.

**Decision**

**The Board will not recommend a particular submission to Council. Board members will vote individually based on their own assessment of the submissions.**

**10. Urgent Submissions**

- (a) Submission M01-18 – World Sailing Regulations – Mandatory Reporting of Safety Incidents – New Regulation 38

*Recommendation to Council: Approve with amendment*

*The Board supports the amendments of the Constitution Committee*

- (b) Submission M02-18 – World and Continental Championships – Entry Quota for Olympic Classes

*Recommendation to Council: Approve with amendment*

*The Board supports the amendments of the Constitution Committee*

- (c) Submission M03-18 – 2024 Paralympic Sailing Competition – Events and Formats

*Opinion: Approve*

**11. Deferred Submissions**

- (a) Submission 009-17 – World Sailing Race Officials – Tracking System for Race Officials

*Recommendation to Council: Reject*

*World Sailing is already engaging in these projects and this submission is now redundant.*

- (b) Submission 015-17 – Olympic Sailing Competition – Selection for Equipment – Antimonopoly & Antitrust Compliance Policy -New Regulation 23.1.10

*Recommendation to Council: Reject*

*The Board and Council have already put in place policies in this area which are strong and adequate to address any legal concerns.*

- (c) Submission 016-17 – Olympic Sailing Competition – Selection for a Registered Trade Mark – New Regulation 23.1.11

*Recommendation to Council: Reject*

*The Board and Council have already put in place policies in this area which are strong and adequate to address any legal concerns.*

- (d) Submission 019-17 – 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition – Timeframe to Decide Events & Equipment – Regulation 23.1

*Recommendation to Council: Reject*

*These changes were already approved by Council in 2017.*

- (e) Submission 031-17 – World Sailing Constitution – Voting – New Article 102  
Opinion: Approve
- (f) Submission 034-17 – Olympic Sailing Competition – AGM to Decide Olympic Events & Equipment – Regulations 6.6.3 & 23  
Opinion: Reject  
*The Board supports the reasons of the Constitution Committee. These matters are being considered by the Governance Commission and that body should finish its work.*
- (g) Submission 059-17 – Olympic Sailing Competition – Selection of new Olympic Equipment – Regulations 23.1.3(e) & 23.1.5  
Opinion: No opinion
- (h) Submission 060-17 – 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition – Selection of 470 for Two-Person Dinghy Events  
Opinion: Reject  
*Inconsistent with the Regulation 23 process.*
- (i) Submission 061-17 – 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition – Selection of RS:X for Windsurfer Events  
Opinion: Reject  
*Inconsistent with the Regulation 23 process.*
- (j) Submission 083-17 – Olympic Sailing Competition – Olympic Events & Equipment – Regulation 23.1.2  
Opinion: Reject  
*These issues are being addressed through the current selection process. Submission 070-17 has also addressed this area.*
- (k) Submission 086-17 – 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition – Laser and Laser Radial Classes  
Opinion: Reject  
*Inconsistent with the Regulation 23 process. These Events are already under equipment review.*

## 12. Future World Sailing Meetings

The Board approved its schedule of future meetings.

## 13. Any Other Business

- (a) Coaches Commission

The Board received an update from the Coaches Commission.

### Decision

**The Board re-considered its decision from February.**

**There will be no changes from Rio 2016 to the arrangements for coach boats at the Olympic Sailing Competition and the 2019 Olympic Test Event.**

**For World Sailing Events, the Support Team Regulations are to be reviewed to ensure that for all live TV course areas (and medal race course areas) the current World Cup Medal Race Regulations are maintained.**

**For all other course areas, the maximum boat speeds of coach boats and the minimum distances allowed between coach boats and competitors are to be reviewed to ensure no interference from coach boats on racing. The penalties for breaking the Support Team Regulations are to be reviewed and strictly enforced.**

**The Board confirms World Sailing's position that coach boats are not to be regarded by World Sailing Event organisers as part of the primary safety fleet.**

**The Board supports the Coaches Commission intention to appoint a working party to evaluate additional coaching initiatives, with detailed proposals will then be developed for consideration at the November meeting.**

(b) 2019 & 2020 Keelboat World Championship

The Board received a proposal from the Director of Technical & Offshore for the proposed arrangements for the 2019 & 2020 Keelboat World Championship.

**Decision**

**The Board approved the arrangements (subject to confirmation of the format). Nationality requirements or a quota will apply.**

(c) Equipment Re-evaluation Working Party

**Decision**

**The Board appointed Scott Perry and Yann Rocherieux to the Equipment Re-evaluation Working Party.**

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.