

## **EVENTS COMMITTEE**



MET AT 1000 – 1800 HOURS ON WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2004 AT  
THE MARRIOTT HOTEL, COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

### Present:

Bjorn Unger – Chairman  
Sadi Claey's – Vice Chairman  
Chris Atkins  
Michel Barbier  
Karel Bauer  
Gianfranco Busatti  
John Crebbin  
Ion Echave  
Adrienne Greenwood  
Hal Haenel  
Koro Hirose

Tomasz Holc  
Jorunn Horgen  
Oleg Ilyin  
Phil Jones  
Fiona Kidd  
David Sprague  
Totos Theodossiou  
Stephen Tupper  
Zvi Ziblat  
  
Fernando Bolin (Vice President)

### Apologies:

Axel Guepner

### Not present:

Alberto Zanetti

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### **1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

#### (a) Minutes

The Committee noted the minutes of the Events Committee meeting of 4 June 2004 (circulated and approved after the meeting). The minutes can be downloaded at [www.sailing.org/meetings](http://www.sailing.org/meetings).

#### (b) Minutes – matters arising

There were no matters arising.

## **EVENTS COMMITTEE (CONT).**

### **2. COACHES AND ISAF**

The Committee considered submission 017-04 (other Committee) from the Russian Yachting Federation about forming a Coaches Subcommittee of the Events Committee and made a recommendation to Council.

#### **Recommendation to Council**

*The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting submission 017-04 from the Russian Yachting Federation about forming a Coaches Subcommittee of the Events Committee. However the Committee endorsed the principle of having the coaches incorporated in the ISAF structure. The Events Committee recommends referring the issue to the Executive Committee.*

**Vote: 19 in favour, 1 abstention**

### **3. COMPETITION FORMAT 2008 OLYMPIC REGATTA**

#### **(a) Working Party Report**

The Committee received a report from the Events Committee Format Working Party. The working party consists of Kim Andersen (chair), Julian Bethwaite, TP Low, Axel Guepner and Björn Unger. The Chairman of the Working Party reported that it had received a lot of feedback especially from the media point of view. There is a lot of criticism about the way we run our competitions. Format changes are important to promote the sport and increase participation. The Working Party presented a time schedule for its work that was approved and is attached to these minutes as attachment 1. Questions were raised about funding for this programme.

#### **(b) Deferred submission 040-03**

The Committee reconsidered submission 040-03 from the Danish Sailing Association about the format of future Olympic Regattas and to made a recommendation to Council. It was felt that although the ideas in the submission may be good, it is better to 'clear the deck' and reject the submission and make new proposals.

#### **Recommendation to Council**

*The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting submission 040-03 from the Danish Sailing Association about the format of future Olympic Regattas. The Events Committee requests the Format Working Party to draft new proposals.*

#### **(c) Submission 047-04**

The Committee considered submission 047-04 from the Royal Netherlands Yachting Union about the competition format (inclusion of match racing) of the Olympic Sailing Regatta and made a recommendation to Council. The Committee fully supported the idea of experiments. The discussion mainly revolved around the issue whether this should be at grade 1 events, or not. It was argued it should be at a high level as this is the level at which you can really test. On the other hand it was felt not to interfere with the format of the high level events as these are too important for the sailors to allow experiments.

## **EVENTS COMMITTEE (CONT).**

### **Recommendation to Council**

*The Events Committee recommends to Council approving submission 047-04 from the Royal Netherlands Yachting Union about experimenting with new format for the Olympic Sailing Regatta in grade 1 events. However the Events Committee is of the opinion that such experiments should be under the management and direction of the Events Committee Format Working Party.*

**Vote: 19 in favour, 1 abstention**

#### **(d) Submission 048-04**

The Committee considered submission 048-04 from the Bermuda Sailing Association that ISAF propose to the International Olympic Committee that the women's keelboat event in the 2008 Olympic Sailing Regatta be in a match racing format with supplied equipment and made a recommendation to Council.

### **Recommendation to Council**

*The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting submission 048-04 from the Bermuda Sailing Association that ISAF propose to the International Olympic Committee that the women's keelboat event in the 2008 Olympic Sailing Regatta be in a match racing format with supplied equipment.*

**Vote: 19 in favour of rejecting**

#### **(e) Submission 049-04**

To consider submission 049-04 from the Royal Netherlands Yachting Union about new Olympic competition formats and made a recommendation to Council.

### **Recommendation to Council**

*The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting submission 049-04 from the Royal Netherlands Yachting Union about new Olympic competition formats.*

**Vote: unanimous**

## **4. REGIONAL GAMES – SELECTION OF EQUIPMENT**

The Committee did not reconsider submission 048-03 from the Chairman of the Regional Games Committee about the selection of events and equipment for the 2008 Olympic as this was already been dealt with by Council in June 2004

### **Recommendation to Council**

*The Events Committee noted that submission 048-03 from the Chairman of the Regional Games Committee about the selection of events and equipment for the 2008 Olympic Regatta has been dealt with in the June 2004 Council Meeting.*

## **5. SELECTION OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE 2008 OLYMPIC REGATTA**

#### **(a) Report**

## **EVENTS COMMITTEE (CONT).**

The Committee received and accepted the report by the Joint Working Party of the Events and Sailing Committee regarding the relative suitability of the equipment options for the 2008 Olympic Regatta. The Working Party and especially the chairman was thanked for doing an excellent job in collecting and processing all the information. The Classes were thanked for their cooperation in returning the questionnaires giving detailed information.

(b) **Second Windsurfing Trials Evaluation Event**

The Committee received a report about the ISAF Evaluation Trials held in September 2004 in the United Kingdom.

(c) **Submission 054-04**

The Committee rejected submission 054-04 (other Committee) from Swiss Sailing about the selection of Windsurfing equipment for the 2008 Olympic Regatta in favour of their decision under item 5(g).

**Recommendation to Council**

*The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting submission 054-04 from Swiss Sailing about the selection of Windsurfing equipment for the 2008 Olympic Regatta.*

(d) **Submission 055-04**

The Committee rejected submission 055-04 (merged) from several National Authorities and classes regarding the selection of windsurfing equipment for the 2008 Olympic Sailing Regatta in favour of their decision under item 5(g).

**Recommendation to Council**

*The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting submission 055-04 from several National Authorities and classes regarding the selection of windsurfing equipment for the 2008 Olympic Sailing Regatta.*

(e) **Submission 100-04 and 100A-04**

The Committee considered submission 100-04 and 100A-04 (other Committee) from the Chairman of the Sailing Committee about avoiding expensive development in measurement controlled equipment.

**Recommendation to Council**

*The Events Committee supports the principles of submission 100-04 from the Chairman of the Sailing Committee about avoiding expensive development in measurement controlled equipment.*

**Vote: Unanimous**

(f) **Submission 101-04**

The Committee considered submission 101-04 (merged – other Committee) from several National Authorities about the manufacturing and distribution of Olympic windsurfing equipment and made a recommendation to Council.

## **EVENTS COMMITTEE (CONT).**

### **Recommendation to Council**

*The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting submission 101-04 from several National Authorities about the manufacturing and distribution of Olympic windsurfing equipment.*

#### **(g) Selection of Equipment – Recommendation to Council**

<b>Vote #</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Vote</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
1	Multihull O	Hobie 16 was formally rejected with a vote of 14 in favour of rejecting and 4 abstentions	Tornado
2	Keelboat W	Soling – 0 votes Yngling – 18 votes Abstentions - 2	Yngling
3	Keelboat M	Soling – 5 votes Star – 13 votes Yngling – 1 vote Abstentions – 1	Star
4	D/H Dinghy O	49er – 18 votes Snipe – 1 vote Abstentions – 1	49er
5	D/H Dinghy W	470 – 19 votes Snipe – 1 vote	470
6	D/H Dinghy M	470 – 19 Snipe – 0 Abstentions – 1	470
7	S/H Dinghy M	Finn – 4 Laser – 15 Abstentions – 1	Laser
8	S/H Dinghy O	Finn – 15 Laser – 4 Abstentions – 1	Finn
9	S/H Dinghy W	Byte – 1 Europe – 7 Flash – 0 Laser Radial – 11 Zoom8 – 0	Laser Radial
10	Windsurfer M	Mistral Evolution – 1 Mistral One Design – 4 Mistral Prodigy – 1 Neil Pryde RS-X – 13 Abstentions – 1	Neil Pryde RS-X
11	Windsurfer F	Mistral Evolution – 0 Mistral One Design – 3 Mistral Prodigy – 1 Neil Pryde RS-X – 15 Abstentions – 1	Neil Pryde RS-X

David Sprague declared abstaining from each vote on the Olympic Equipment selection.

It was noted that the Events names (labels) need revision.

## **EVENTS COMMITTEE (CONT).**

### **6. OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION SYSTEM**

(a) Submission 050-04

Submission withdrawn.

(b) Submission 051-04

The Committee considered submission 051-04 from the Japan Sailing Federation and the Chairman of the Regional Games Committee about the Olympic Qualification System and made a recommendation to Council.

Recommendation to Council

*The Events Committee recommends to Council deferring submission 051-04 from the Japan Sailing Federation and the Chairman of the Regional Games Committee about the Olympic Qualification System. The Japan Sailing Federation will come back with amendments to the proposal.*

**Vote: 18 in favour, 2 abstentions**

(c) Submission 052-04

The Committee considered submission 052-04 from the UAE Marine Sports Federation about the Olympic Qualification System and made a recommendation to Council.

Recommendation to Council

*The Events Committee recommends to Council deferring submission 052-04 from the UAE Marine Sports Federation about the Olympic Qualification System*

**Vote: Unanimous**

(d) Submission 053-04

The Committee considered submission 053-04 from US Sailing about the Olympic Qualification System and venues for qualification events and made a recommendation to Council.

Recommendation to Council

*The Events Committee recommends to Council accepting submission 053-04 from US Sailing about the Olympic Qualification System and venues for qualification events. However this should not apply to classes who already have scheduled their World Championships for 2008 in Europe.*

**Vote: 12 in favour, 5 against, 2 abstentions**

### **7. OLYMPIC EQUIPMENT AND EVENTS**

(a) Submission 046-04

The Committee considered submission 046-04 from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee regarding regulations on overturning previous Council

## **EVENTS COMMITTEE (CONT).**

decisions on Olympic Equipment and Events (housekeeping) and made a recommendation to Council.

### **Recommendation to Council**

*The Events Committee recommends to Council approving submission 046-04 from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee regarding regulations on overturning previous Council decisions on Olympic Equipment and Events.*

**Vote: 16 in favour, 3 against, 0 abstentions**

#### **(b) Submission 056-04**

The Committee considered submission 056-04 from the Royal Netherlands Yachting Union about the selection criteria for future Olympic equipment selection and made a recommendation to Council.

### **Recommendation to Council**

*The Events Committee recommends to Council deferring submission 056-04 from the Royal Netherlands Yachting Union about the selection criteria for future Olympic equipment selection.*

**Vote: 18 in favour of deferring, 1 abstention**

#### **(c) Submission 057-04**

The Committee considered submission 057-04 from the Royal Netherlands Yachting Union about future Olympic keelboats and made a recommendation to Council.

### **Recommendation to Council**

*The Events Committee recommends to Council deferring submission 057-04 from the Royal Netherlands Yachting Union about future Olympic keelboats.*

**Vote: 18 in favour of deferring, 1 abstention**

The Olympic Events and Equipment Working party are to consider the submissions and make further recommendations to the Events Committee.

## **8. OLYMPIC JURY**

Submission was not an Events Committee matter.

## **9. OTHER SUBMISSIONS DEFERRED BY COUNCIL IN NOVEMBER 2003 AND NOT DEALT WITH IN JUNE 2004**

#### **(a) Deferred submission 051-03**

The Committee reconsider submission 051-03 from the International Yngling Class about events of the class to be 'open' (men and women) and made a recommendation to Council (see also Events Committee November 2003 meeting minutes item 11). The Committee felt that Graded event Organisers have the right to invite 'women only fleets', as this is the Olympic discipline. The Class however can do what they want for Class Events and sail in mixed fleets if they so wish.

## **EVENTS COMMITTEE (CONT).**

### *Recommendation to Council*

*The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting submission 051-03 from the International Yngling Class about events of the class to be 'open'.*

**Vote: 16 in favour of rejecting the submission, 2 against, 1 abstention**

(b) Deferred submission 060-03

The Committee noted Council meeting November 2003 minute on submission 060-03 from the Chairman of the Events Committee about downgrading events when standards of high quality race management are not maintained. After some discussion, the Events Committee confirmed its earlier decision regarding this submission.

### *Recommendation to Council*

*The Events Committee confirms its previous position recommending to Council rejecting submission 060-03 from the Chairman of the Events Committee about downgrading events when standards of high quality race management are not maintained.*

**Vote: 17 in favour of rejecting, 1 against, 1 abstention**

## **10. ISAF ELIGIBILITY CODE**

The Committee considered submission 069-04 from the Royal Yachting Association about ISAF regulation 19.4.1 and made a recommendation to Council.

### *Recommendation to Council*

*The Events Committee recommends to Council accepting submission 069-04 from the Royal Yachting Association about ISAF regulation 19.4.1.*

**Vote: unanimous**

## **11. ISAF EVENTS**

(a) 2006 ISAF World Sailing Games

The Committee received a progress report. The Organising Committee has been set up and the event contract with ISAF has been signed.

(b) 2007 ISAF World Championships

The Committee received a progress report. The venue decided by the Executive Committee is Cascais, Portugal. A memorandum of understanding has been signed and a draft contract has been drawn up. The Committee noted that the proposed dates (second half of July 2007) would mean a clash with both the ISAF Youth World Championship and the Pan Am Games. The Committee felt that such a clash should be avoided.

(c) Submission 059-04

The Committee considered submission 059-04 from the Fédération Française de Voile about staging two ISAF World Championships (for the Olympic Classes) and made a recommendation to Council.



## **EVENTS COMMITTEE (CONT).**

### Recommendation to Council

*The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting submission 059-04 from the Fédération Française de Voile about staging two ISAF World Championships (for the Olympic Classes). The Committee expressed its sympathy for the proposal but does not support this for implementation before 2008.*

**Vote: 19 in favour of rejecting, 1 against, 0 abstentions**

#### (d) Submission 060-04

The Committee considered submission 060-04 from the Chairman of the Events Committee about a new regulation regarding ISAF Events and made a recommendation to Council. This submission was the result of the work by the ISAF Events Working Party. Some members of the Committee expressed concerns about the fixing of the dates. The Committee agreed that some flexibility needs to be built in.

### Recommendation to Council

*The Events Committee recommends to Council approving submission 060-04 from the Chairman of the Events Committee about a new regulation regarding ISAF Events with the following amendments:*

- *Include in 17.2.6; 'these dates may be changed by the Executive Committee when necessary'.*
- *Include in 17.3.5; these dates may be changed by the Executive Committee when necessary'.*
- *Delete in 17.3.6; 'or continental'.*

**Vote: 12 in favour, 5 against, 2 abstentions**

#### (e) Submission 028-04

The Committee considered submission 028-04 from the ORC about recognition of the ORC as the organising authority of the Offshore Team Racing World Championship and made a recommendation to Council.

### Recommendation to Council

*The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting submission 028-04 from the ORC about recognition of the ORC as the organising authority of the Offshore Team Racing World Championship. The Events Committee supports the Executive Committees views on this issue.*

**Vote: 19 in favour of rejecting, 1 abstention**

## **12. ISAF CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### (a) Submission 063-04

The Committee considered submission 063-04 from the Fédération Française de Voile about the time between events and made a recommendation to Council. It was felt that it would be helpful if the dates of premium events would be entered into the online calendar more than one year ahead.

## **EVENTS COMMITTEE (CONT).**

### **Recommendation to Council**

*The Events Committee supports submission 063-04 from the Fédération Française de Voile about calendar protection for ISAF grade 1 events. Refer this to an Events Committee working party for a proposal to the Mid Year Meeting of the Committee.*

**Vote: Unanimous**

#### **(b) Submission 064-04**

The Committee considered submission 064-04 from the Royal Netherlands Yachting Union about date protection for ISAF grade 1 events and made a recommendation to Council.

### **Recommendation to Council**

*The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting submission 064-04 from the Royal Netherlands Yachting Union about date protection for ISAF grade 1 events. The Events Committee however supports part A of the submission in principle and refers this to an Events Committee working party for a proposal to the Mid Year Meeting of the Committee.*

**Vote: Unanimous**

## **13. ISAF RANKINGS**

#### **(a) Deferred submission 062-03**

The Committee reconsidered submission 062-03 from US Sailing about the method of calculation of the ISAF Sailing World Rankings and received a recommendation from the Rankings Subcommittee.

### **Recommendation to Council**

*The Events Committee recommends to Council accepting submission 062-03 from US Sailing about the method of calculation of the ISAF Sailing World Rankings as amended by the Ranking Subcommittee:*

- The quality factor for World and Continental Championship events should always be 1.5.*
- No other changes shall be made to the method of calculation.*
- The method of calculation shall be incorporated in ISAF Regulation 24.1.*

**Vote: Unanimous**

#### **(b) Submission 067-04**

The Committee considered submission 067-04 (other committee) from the Swedish Sailing Federation about XML exchange format for exchanging events results data for the ISAF rankings software and received a recommendation from the Rankings Subcommittee.

## **EVENTS COMMITTEE (CONT).**

### **Recommendation to Council**

*The Events Committee supports submission 067-04 from the Swedish Sailing Federation about XML exchange format for exchanging events results data for the ISAF rankings software.*

**Vote: Unanimous**

### **(c) Submission 070-04**

The Committee considered submission 070-04 from the Deutscher Segler Verband about protocol reports for the events counting for the ISAF World Rankings and received a recommendation from the Rankings Subcommittee.

### **Recommendation to Council**

*The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting submission 070-04 from the Deutscher Segler Verband about protocol reports for the events counting for the ISAF World Rankings.*

**Vote: 16 in favour of rejecting, 0 against, 3 abstentions**

### **(d) Submission 071-04**

To consider submission 071-04 from the Deutscher Segler Verband about results for the events counting for the ISAF World Rankings and received a recommendation from the Rankings Subcommittee. It was felt that the real reason for the submission is to legislate for the principle that one has to be a member of the relevant class to be listed in the Rankings for that class. The proposed method in the submission may be to bureaucratic.

### **Recommendation to Council**

*The Events Committee recommends to Council deferring submission 071-04 from the Deutscher Segler Verband about results for the events counting for the ISAF World Rankings.*

**Vote: 16 in favour, 0 against, 3 abstentions**

### **(e) Submission 071A-04**

The Committee considered submission 071A-04 from the Royal Netherlands Yachting Union about format for ISAF graded events and received a recommendation from the Rankings Subcommittee.

### **Recommendation to Council**

*The Events Committee recommends to Council deferring submission 071A-04 from the Royal Netherlands Yachting Union about format for ISAF graded events. A working party incorporating graded events event-organisers should be established to work on a proposal.*

**Vote: 18 in favour, 1 abstention**

## **14. ISAF YOUTH SAILING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE**

### **(a) Progress report by the Chairman of the Subcommittee**

## **EVENTS COMMITTEE (CONT).**

The Subcommittee Chairman reported about the very successful ISAF Youth Sailing Championships held this year in Gdynia, Poland. 52 nations participated and the Championship was very well run. Volvo was again the title sponsor and boats were supplied by Performance Sailcraft Europe, Nautivela, and Hobie Cat Europe. The Hobie 16 with Spinnaker was well received by the participants although there were some 'teething' problems with the equipment. The World Youth Sailing Trust once more supported the 'coach at large' programme run by Jim Saltonstall.

### **2005 Championship**

The Subcommittee decided that the equipment for the boards should remain the Mistral One Design for the 2005 Championship in line with the Regulations. A change to the regulations may be proposed for November in reaction to a possible change in the board equipment for the 2008 Olympic Games.

### **2006 Championship**

The chairman of the Subcommittee informed the Committee that the Organisers of the 2005 expressed the wish to bring the Championship dates forward by one day. The Events Committee agreed.

#### **Vote: Unanimous**

The Event Organisers also requested to add a demonstration event to the 2005 Championship using the 29er as 'open' class. The Events Committee regarded this as being not in line with the Regulation and to add undesirable cost to the MNA's participating.

#### **Vote: 16 in favour of rejecting, 1 against, 4 abstentions**

### **2007 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship**

The Subcommittee proposes to accept the bid from San Diego and put this forward as a recommendation to Council.

#### **Recommendation to Council**

*The Events Committee recommends that the 2007 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship shall be awarded to the San Diego Yacht Club, San Diego – California, USA, subject to contract and the approval of the Executive Committee.*

#### **Vote: Unanimous**

#### **(b) Deferred submission 062-02**

The Committee reconsidered submission 062-02 from the Chairman of the Youth and Development Committee about the age level Championships and received a recommendation from the Subcommittee.

## **EVENTS COMMITTEE (CONT).**

### **Recommendation to Council**

*The Events Committee recommends to Council, in line with earlier Events Committee decisions, rejecting submission 062-02 from the Chairman of the Youth and Development Committee about age level Championships.*

**Vote: 17 in favour of rejecting, 2 against**

### **(c) Submission 062-04**

The Committee considered submission 062-04 from the Icelandic Sailing Association about the equipment for the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship and received a recommendation from the Subcommittee.

### **Recommendation to Council**

*The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting submission 062-04 from the Icelandic Sailing Association about the equipment for the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship.*

**Vote: 17 in favour of rejecting, 2 against, 0 abstentions**

### **(d) Submission 061-04**

The Committee considered submission 061-04 from the International 420 Class about the dates for the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship and received a recommendation from the Subcommittee.

### **Recommendation to Council**

*The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting submission 061-04 from the International 420 Class about the dates for the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship.*

**Vote: 17 in favour of rejecting, 0 against, 2 abstentions**

### **(e) Deferred submission 054-03**

The Committee reconsidered submission 054-03 from the Executive Committee about a minimum age limit for the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship and received a recommendation from the Subcommittee.

### **Recommendation to Council**

*The Events Committee recommends to Council, in line with earlier Events Committee decisions, rejecting submission 054-03 from the Executive Committee about a minimum age limit for the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship.*

**Vote: 18 in favour of rejecting, 0 against, 1 abstention**

## **15. TEAM RACING SUBCOMMITTEE**

The Committee received an update report from the Chairman of the Subcommittee. The Chairman reported that there had been two excellent bids for the 2007 ISAF Team Racing World Championship and that the Committee had voted for the bid from India.

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The President informed the Events Committee that the Executive Committee always must have a serious look at the bids before they are finally approved.

### **Recommendation to Council:**

*The Events Committee recommends that the 2007 ISAF Team Racing World Championship shall be awarded to Mumbai – India, subject to contract and the approval of the Executive Committee.*

**Vote: Unanimous**

## **16. ANNUAL REPORT**

The Committee noted that a report from the Committee Chairman covering the period 1 January 2004 to 31 December 2004 must be submitted before 21 January 2005.

## **17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- The Chairman thanked all the Committee members for their contribution in the last four years.
- Vice Chairman Sadi Claeys thanked the Chairman for his excellent leadership of the Committee and especially complimented him and the Committee for how efficient the issue of the selection of equipment for the Olympic Games was dealt with.

There being no other business the meeting was closed.