

EVENTS COMMITTEE



A MEETING WAS HELD AT 1000 – 1800 HOURS ON WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER AT THE PALACIO DE CONGRESOS, BARCELONA, SPAIN

Please refer to the ISAF Council minutes of 14–15 November 2003 for the final Council decision on all recommendations and opinions contained within these minutes.

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Present:

Bjorn Unger – Chairman
Sadi Claeys – Vice Chairman
Chris Atkins
Michel Barbier
Gianfranco Busatti
John Crebbin
Ion Echave
Adrienne Greenwood
Axel Guepner
Hal Haenel

Tomasz Holc
Jorunn Horgen
Oleg Ilyin
Fiona Kidd
David Sprague
Totos Theodossiou
Stephen Tupper
Zvi Ziblat

Fernando Bolin (Vice President)

Apologies:

Koro Hirose
Phil Jones

Not present:

Karel Bauer
Alberto Zanetti

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Minutes

The Committee noted the minutes of the Events Committee Meeting of 22 & 23 May 2003 (circulated and approved after the meeting).

(b) Minutes – Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

2. ISAF EVENTS

(a) 2003 ISAF Sailing World Championships

The Director of Sailing gave a verbal report to the Committee. The event was a great success and the Committee would like to thank the Spanish Sailing Federation, Mundo Vela and the Andalusian Sailing Federation for organising such an excellent event. The Qualification System, as approved by this Committee, worked well and can, with some minor adjustments be implemented for similar events. It was successfully demonstrated that with the right format and venues it is possible to run all Olympic Classes World Championships in one event. The media/promotion benefits of the combined event were evident; however this area could be improved, especially in the promotional efforts before the start of the event. A detailed events report will be available for discussion at the Mid-Year Meeting. The Director of Sailing also reported that the bidding process for the venue of the 2007 Championship had started and that detailed guidelines were developed to assist bids for the Championships.

(b) ISAF Events Working Party

The Chairman of the Working Party reported and presented the paper on ISAF events attached to the agenda. The Committee recognised two major issues raised in the paper; the number and status of ISAF events and the administration of ISAF events.

Decision

The principles of the paper were accepted. The Working Party was asked to draft the necessary regulations to be presented at the 2004 Mid-Year Meeting.

Vote: Unanimously in favour.

(c) Submission 053-03

The Committee considered submission 053-03 from the Executive Committee regarding the 2007 ISAF World Championships/World Cup. The following comments were made:

- The National Authorities should always be involved;
- There should be sufficient guarantees for ISAF that the organising body, that is awarded hosting the Championship, is financially capable of staging the event;
- There should be one venue or the venues should be as close together as possible;
- The number of race officials should be sufficient and not below the number of separate World Championships combined.

Decision

Submission 053-03 is supported.

Vote: Unanimously in favour of approving the submission.

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Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council accepting this submission regarding the 2007 ISAF World Championships.

(d) Submission 057-03

The Committee considered submission 057-03 from the Executive Committee regarding the Nationality Criteria for ISAF events.

Decision

Submission 057-03 is supported.

Vote: 15 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstention.

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends accepting this submission regarding Nationality Criteria for ISAF Events.

(e) Submission 009-03

To note submission 009-03 from the Executive Committee regarding participation in graded events and make a recommendation to Council.

Decision

Submission 009-03 is supported.

Vote: 16 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention.

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council accepting this submission regarding participation in graded events.

3. 2006 WORLD SAILING GAMES

(a) Breakfast Meeting

The Committee received a brief verbal report of the Events Committee breakfast meeting held on 24 May 2003 in Oslo.

(b) 2006 World Sailing Games Format Proposal

The Committee received a draft format proposal for the 2006 World Sailing Games as attached to the agenda (with an update handed out round the table). Representatives of the organising committee presented the latest proposals for the event.

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Decision

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council approving the proposal from the Austrian Sailing Federation that the 2006 Sailing Games is to be held on the Neusiedlersee, Austria. The title of the event shall be the '2006 ISAF World Sailing Games'. The dates will be from 10 to 20 May 2006 and the winner of each 'Event' shall be awarded an ISAF World Champion title eg. ISAF Womens single-handed dinghy world champion.

Vote: 16 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention.

4. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

The Committee considered submission 058-03 from the Chairman of the Events Committee regarding the ISAF approval of World Championships and made a recommendation to Council.

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council accepting this submission regarding the approval of World Championships.

Vote: 17 in favour, 1 abstention.

5. OLYMPIC CLASSES CONTRACT

The Committee considered submission 046-03 from the ISAF President regarding additions to the contract for classes selected as equipment for the Olympic Regatta. The Committee was of the opinion in item 4 the words 'in any division' were unclear and could be removed.

It was proposed to add a clause to item 3 of the submission limiting the administration of the new Olympic class by ISAF to a maximum of three years.

Vote for this proposal: 4 in favour, 6 against and 4 abstentions.

Recommendation to Council

*The Events Committee recommends to Council accepting this submission regarding the Olympic Classes Contract with the following amendment:
In item 4, delete the words 'in any division'.*

Vote: 14 in favour, 0 against, 4 abstentions.

6. SELECTION OF EVENTS FOR THE 2008 OLYMPIC REGATTA

(a) Submission 037-03

The Committee considered submission 037-03 from the Chairman of the Events Committee regarding the selection of events for the 2008 Olympic Regatta. It was felt that the submission reflected the decisions made in earlier meetings of the Committee. The decision about the events for the 2008 Olympic Regatta should be made at these meetings with no delay for any of the events proposed, this being in line with the ISAF Regulations. It was noted that from the analysis of data from the 2000 Olympic Regatta, the events (especially the

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Windsurfing) attracted participation from the Asian, and African regions. It was clarified that the Events Committee earlier on decided that all events should be fleet racing.

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council accepting this submission regarding the selection of Events for the 2008 Olympic Regatta.

Vote: 16 in favour, 2 abstentions.

(b) **Submission 038-03**

The submission was rejected in favour of submission 037-03.

Vote: Unanimous

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting this submission regarding the selection of Events for the 2008 Olympic Regatta.

(c) **Submission 039-03**

The submission was rejected in favour of submission 037-03.

Vote: Unanimous

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting this submission regarding the selection of Events for the 2008 Olympic Regatta.

(d) **Submission 041-03**

The submission was rejected in favour of submission 037-03.

Vote: Unanimous

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting this submission regarding the selection of windsurfing events for the 2008 Olympic Regatta.

(e) **Submission 044-03**

The Committee considered submission 044-03 from Chairmen of the Women's and Sailing Committees and from the Danish Sailing Association regarding the equipment for the Women's single-handed dinghy. It was felt that the submission was inappropriately merged. Part 1 of the submission was felt to be already covered as it is the responsibility of the Events Committee Olympic Equipment Working Party to work along the lines of what is proposed under item 1 in accordance with the criteria for selecting events and equipment for the Olympic Games. The proposal under item 2 was not supported. The decision whether to organise trials as contained in the proposal in item 3, should be considered after the 2004 Olympic Games as is laid-down in the decision path for the selection of Olympic Classes Equipment, as agreed by the Events Committee previously. It was therefore felt that the submission as presented could not be supported.

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Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting this submission regarding the equipment for the women's single-handed dinghy.

Vote: Unanimous

(f) **Submission 045-03**

The Committee considered submission 045-03 from the Chairman of the Sailing Committee regarding equipment to be chosen for the Olympic Regatta 2008. The Committee concluded after some discussion that it supported the principle and that the Equipment for the Olympic Regatta Working Party to consider should implement this proposal by putting it in the criteria for selection of equipment. However, the submission was not supported in its current form.

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting this submission regarding the equipment to be chosen for the 2008 Olympic Regatta.

Vote: 9 in favour (of rejecting the submission), 4 against, 2 abstentions.

(g) **Submission 048-03**

The Committee considered submission 048-03 from the Chairman of the Regional Games Committee regarding the selection of events and equipment for the Olympic Regatta. The Committee was of the opinion that reasons 1 and 2 in the submission do not apply, as Regional Games are not qualification regattas for the Olympic Games.

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee supports this submission regarding the selection of events and equipment for the Olympic Regatta in principle but recommends to Council deferring this submission for clarification and better wording.

Vote: 16 in favour (of rejecting the submission), 2 abstentions.

(h) **Deferred submission 045-02**

The Committee rejected this submission in favour of submission 037-03.

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting this submission regarding the selection of windsurfing equipment for the 2008 Olympic Regatta and beyond.

Vote: 17 in favour (of rejecting the submission), 1 abstention.

7. COMPETITION FORMAT FOR THE 2004 AND 2008 OLYMPIC REGATTA

(a) **Submission 040-03**

The Committee considered submission 040-03 from the Danish Sailing Association regarding the format of the 2004 and 2008 Olympic Sailing Regatta and made a recommendation to Council.

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Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council deferring this submission regarding the format of future Olympic Regattas and to refer this submission to an Events Committee 'Format' Working Party.

Vote: 17 in favour, 1 against

(b) **Submission 042-03**

The Committee considered submission 042-03 from the International Funboard Class Association regarding the format for Olympic Windsurfing and made a recommendation to Council.

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting this submission regarding the format of Olympic Windsurfing.

Vote: Unanimous

(c) **Submission 043-03**

The Committee considered submission 043-03 from the Danish Sailing Association regarding the selection of equipment and format of the windsurfing event of the 2008 Olympic Regatta and made a recommendation to Council.

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting this submission regarding the format of Olympic Windsurfing.

Vote: Unanimous

(d) **Submission 042-02**

The Committee reconsidered submission 042-02 from the President and made a recommendation to Council.

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting this submission regarding Olympic qualification regattas.

Vote: 13 in favour (of rejecting the submission), 4 abstentions

8. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS OF INTERNATIONAL CLASSES

The Committee considered submission 050-03 from several class associations regarding criteria for National Championships and made a recommendation to Council.

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting this submission regarding national championships.

9. MEDIA RIGHTS

(a) Submission 049-03

To note submission 049-03 from the ISAF Executive Committee regarding the media rights. It was felt that the submission meant a significant change to the current regulation and that not all changes proposed could be supported.

Vote: 15 in favour (of rejecting), 3 abstentions

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting this submission regarding media rights.

(b) Late submission 049A-03 (other committee)

The Committee considered submission 049A-03 regarding the media rights. After explanation of the reasons behind the need of the submissions the Events Committee supported the submission with the understanding that ISAF is going to use the rights it now retains.

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council supporting the principle of the submission.

Vote: 15 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention

10. 2004 OLYMPIC REGATTA

(a) Event Report 2003 Test Event

The Committee received the report by the ISAF Technical Delegates. There were no issues arising.

(b) Coach boats

The Committee considered submission 047-03 from the ISAF Executive Committee regarding the coach boat rules at the 2004 Olympic Regatta. It was felt that the devices listed in the submission are very limited and that there should be a way to add to the list of equipment allowed on the coach boats. This would apply to, for instance, hand-held anemometers.

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council accepting this submission regarding the coach boat rules at the 2008 Olympic Regatta with the following addition:

'That additional equipment may be added to the list of equipment in item 1(b) of the proposal by the Chairman of the Events Committee up to 1 May 2004.'

Vote: 13 in favour, 1 against, 2 abstentions

(c) Any other issues

The Committee considered other matters regarding the 2004 Olympic Regatta.

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(i) Late submission 048A-03

The Committee felt that this issue should be looked at by the Events Committee 'Format' Working Party and not be implemented for the 2004 Olympic Regatta.

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting this submission regarding the format of Olympic events and Olympic qualifiers but the proposal in the submission should be studied by the Events Committee 'Format' Working Party.

Vote: 15 in favour (of rejecting), 1 against

11. YNGLING OPEN EVENTS

The Committee considered submission 051-03 from the Yngling Class Association regarding events to be open (men and women) and made a recommendation to Council.

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council accepting this submission regarding Yngling events to be open (men and women) but that this only applies for events where the Olympic weight measurement rules do not apply.

Vote: 15 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention

12. WEIGHT LIMIT

(a) Submission 036A-03

The Committee considered submission 036A-03 and decided on the following recommendation to Council:

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council accepting this submission regarding the Star Class weigh-in procedure at the 2004 Olympic Regatta.

Vote: 14 in favour, 0 against, 4 abstentions

(b) Submission 052-03

The Committee considered submission 052-03 from the ISAF Executive Committee regarding weigh-in procedures at international regattas.

It was proposed to apply this proposal only to Olympic Classes.

Vote: 6 in favour, 8 against, 2 abstentions

It was felt that the principle of the submission was very good however, some details need to be clarified such as whether this should apply to the Yngling Class, bearing in mind that the Yngling Class currently does not include a weight rule in the class rules. The other question raised was, is it intended to perform check-weighing during the regatta and what to do in case of a protest regarding the weight rules.

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Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee supports this proposal in principle and recommends to Council deferring this submission regarding weigh-in procedures at International Regattas.

Vote: 12 in favour, 2 against

13. WORLD YOUTH SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE

(a) Report

The Committee received a verbal update report from the Chairman of the Sub-Committee on their activities.

(b) Recommendations of the Sub-Committee

The Committee approved the following recommendation from the meeting of the World Youth Championship Sub-Committee of 9 November 2003.

Recommendation to Council

2005 ISAF Youth Sailing Championship

The Events Committee recommends to Council approving the proposed entry fee of US\$75 per day for this event.

Vote: Unanimous

(c) Submission 062-02

The Committee considered deferred submission 062-02 and made the following recommendation.

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting this submission regarding age categories.

Vote: Unanimous

(d) Submission 054-03

The Committee considered submission 054-03 from the Executive Committee regarding a minimum age limit for the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship and received a recommendation from the World Youth Championship Sub-Committee not to support this submission. The Sub-Committee had the following reasons for rejecting the submission:

- the main criteria for participation in the Championship has always been the quality and skills of the sailors, not related to age;
- the issue of 'pressures' is not necessarily related to age;
- age gaps between participants in the championship has never been a problem and is very similar to other environments they face eg. school;
- the 'window of opportunity to participate' should not be reduced;
- the MNA decides who can and is able to participate in the Event;
- such an age limit will have a negative effect on the national sailing programs and will have repercussions for the MNA development program for it will limit the pool of athletes from which to select;

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- it will disenfranchise sailors who may have the skills, physique and capabilities to participate in youth programs and therefore may encourage dropouts of the sport.

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting this submission regarding a minimum age for the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships.

Vote: 15 in favour (of rejecting), 1 against

(e) Submission 055-03

The Committee considered submission 055-03 from the Israel Yachting Association regarding selection of equipment for the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship and received a recommendation from the World Youth Championship Sub-Committee not to support this submission.

Recommendation to Council:

The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting this submission regarding selection of equipment for ISAF Youth Sailing World Championships.

Vote: 15 in favour (of rejecting), 1 against, 1 abstention

(f) Submission 056-03

The Committee considered submission 056-03 from the International Hobie 16 Class Association regarding selection of equipment for the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship. They received a recommendation from the World Youth Championship Sub-Committee to reject the proposal contained within this submission for the 2004 Championship but to accept the proposal for events after 2004.

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting this submission regarding adding a gennaker to the Hobie 16 for the 2004 ISAF Youth Sailing Championship but they do support this proposal for the 2005 events and beyond.

Vote: 13 in favour (of rejecting), 3 against

(g) Submission 019-03

The Committee considered submission 019-03 from the Israel Yachting Association regarding the Terms of Reference for the Youth World Championship Sub-Committee and the Youth and Development and received a recommendation from the World Youth Championship Sub-Committee not to support this submission. The Sub-Committee felt that this submission goes against the very reason why the Sub-Committee was created only two years ago.

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting this submission regarding the Terms of Reference for the Youth Championship Sub-Committee.

Vote: 15 in favour, 1 abstention

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14. TEAM RACING SUB-COMMITTEE

(a) Report

The Committee received a verbal update report from the Chairman of the Sub-Committee on their activities.

(b) Recommendations of the Sub-Committee

The Committee received no recommendations from the meeting of the Team Racing Sub-Committee of 10 November 2003 other than on submissions dealt with below.

(c) Submission 139-03

The Committee supported submission 139-03 from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee regarding a new appendix for the team racing rules.

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council accepting this submission regarding a re-draft of the team racing rules.

Vote: Unanimous

(d) Submission 056-02

The Committee considered submission 056-02 and received a recommendation from the Team Racing Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee supports the overall aim of encouraging the inclusion of team sailing at both multi and single class events. It notes that a number of classes are already doing this. However they do not believe that the inclusion of team sailing would be correct for Olympic or Pre-Olympic events.

The Events Committee supports the spirit of the submission but not the proposal as such.

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting this submission regarding team racing at major multi class events.

(e) Submission 167-03

The Events Committee did not consider this submission as it felt that it should not report on it.

15. WORLD SAILING RANKINGS SUB-COMMITTEE

(a) Report

The Committee received a verbal update report from the Chairman of the Sub-Committee on their activities. The Chairman reported that there are some suggestions to change the method of calculation but no immediate change is recommended before thorough testing of the proposed changes.

(b) Recommendations of the Sub-Committee

The Committee received the following recommendation from the Sub-Committee:

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The Sub-Committee asked the Events Committee to support their request for funding for making changes in the sailing rankings software to enable testing of adjustments to the rankings method of calculation.

Recommendation to Council:

The Events Committee supports the request by the Sailing Rankings Sub-Committee for funding for making changes in the sailing rankings software to enable testing of adjustments to the rankings method of calculation.

Vote: 16 in favour.

(c) Submission 059-03

The Committee considered submission 059-03 from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee regarding the grading criteria. After some debate it was felt that the submission should be rejected because it lacked sufficient detail for implementation as a new ISAF regulation.

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting this submission regarding the grading criteria.

Vote: 14 in favour (of rejecting), 2 against, 1 abstention.

(d) Submission 060-03

The Committee considered submission 060-03 from the Chairman of the Events Committee regarding the grading criteria. The Sub-Committee recommended accepting the submission. However, the Events Committee did not support the submission because there was no criteria available or given to define 'general standards of high quality race management.

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting this submission regarding the grading criteria.

Vote: 9 in favour (of rejecting), 3 against, 4 abstentions

(e) Submission 061-03

Submission was withdrawn.

(f) Submission 062-03

The Committee considered submission 062-03 from US Sailing regarding the grading criteria and received a recommendation from the Sailing Rankings Sub-Committee to defer the submission for further testing.

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council deferring this submission regarding the method of calculation of the ISAF rankings for further testing.

Vote: 12 in favour, 3 abstentions

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16. REGIONAL GAMES

The Committee considered submission 064-03 from the Chairman of the Regional Games Committee regarding equipment for regional games and made a recommendation to Council.

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council accepting this submission regarding equipment for the regional games.

Vote: 12 in favour, 3 abstentions

17. COACHES

The Committee considered submission 066-03 from the Executive Committee regarding registration of coaches and made a recommendation to Council. The Events Committee supported this submission in principle but felt that it should be deferred to a working party to work out the details. The working party should prepare the relevant regulations with procedures and definitions. The working party should further look at the sanctions for coaches not complying with the registration requirements and sanctions for breaking the code of conduct.

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council deferring this submission regarding registration of coaches and referring the submission to a working party to work out the details of this proposal.

Vote: Unanimous

18. ISAF REGULATIONS

(a) Submission 004-03

The Committee noted submission 004-03 from the Royal Spanish Sailing Federation regarding the definitions in the ISAF regulations and made a recommendation to Council.

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting this submission regarding the definition of continents in the ISAF regulations.

Vote: 11 in favour, 4 against, 2 abstentions

(b) Submission 005-03

The Committee noted submission 005-03 from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee regarding the definition 'national events' and made a recommendation to Council.

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council rejecting this submission regarding the definition of 'national events' in the ISAF regulations.

Vote: 8 in favour (of rejecting), 3 against, 4 abstentions

19. ISAF COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

(a) Windsurfing Committee

The Committee considered submission 015-03 from the Executive Committee proposing that the Windsurfing Committee becomes a Sub-Committee of the Events Committee. It was felt that the reduction of ISAF Committees is needed and that this would even the structure of ISAF already in place for some disciplines of the sport.

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council accepting this submission proposing that the Windsurfing Committee becomes a Sub-Committee of the Events Committee.

Vote: 12 in favour, 1 against, 4 abstentions

(b) Match Racing Committee

The Committee considered submission 016-03 from the Executive Committee and made a recommendation to Council, regarding the proposal that the Match Racing Committee becomes a Sub-Committee of the Events Committee.

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee recommends to Council accepting this submission proposing that the Match Racing Committee becomes a Sub-Committee of the Events Committee.

Vote: 16 in favour, 0 against, 2 abstentions

(c) Olympic Classes Commission

The Committee considered submission 020-03 from the Executive Committee proposing the establishment of an Olympic Classes Commission. The proposal was supported in principle but before final approval, the terms of reference should be drafted and considered.

Recommendation to Council

The Events Committee supports this proposal in principle, however, it recommends to Council deferring this submission proposing the establishment of an Olympic Classes Commission to the mid year meeting and requests that terms of reference for this Commission be drafted for consideration by the Events Committee.

Vote: 11 in favour, 3 against, 3 abstentions

20. RECOMMENDATIONS

To consider:

- (a) Recommendations to Council based on submissions received.
- (b) Recommendations to Council not based on submissions received, which either are pending from previous committee meetings or are new items, deemed urgent and requiring an immediate Council decision.

21. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Annual Report

The Chairman will draft the annual report. The Sub-Committee Chairs are asked to submit their report to the Chairman of the Committee for inclusion in the overall report. The Chairman of the Youth Championship Sub-Committee told the meeting that much of what she had written for the past annual reports actually did not get included in the final annual report. The Chairman promised to look into the matter and monitor the editing process in order to obtain fair representation of the Events Committee.

(b) Submissions

It was felt that the editing of some submissions, by the secretariat, had made the decision process more complex and this should be avoided in the future.¹

The Chairman finished the meeting by thanking the committee members for all their good work and contributions throughout the year.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

¹ Comment from the Secretariat:

All amended and reformatted submissions were sent back to the submitting organisation for their approval before the submissions were finally published.