REGIONAL GAMES COMMITTEE

*Please refer to the ISAF Council minutes of 15-16 November 2002 for the **final Council** decision on all recommendations and opinions contained within these minutes.*

A meeting was held at 10.00-18.00 hours on Monday 11 November 2002 at the Four Seasons Hotel, Amathus Avenue, Limassol, Cyprus.

Present
Teresa Lara Anzola – Chairman
Ajay Balram – Vice Chairman
Alain Alcindor
Hector Duval
Tullio Giraldi
Pall Hreinsson
Richard Jeffries
Husnu Levent
Jang-Yang Moon
Esperanza Perez Crespo
W Scott Perry
Ross Robson
Totos Theodossiou
Fernando Bolin

Apologies were received from Robin Aisher.

Johan Ariff was not present.

Kevin Wood (AUS) join the table at the invitation of the Chairman. Kevin was welcomed as the incoming representative for the Commonwealth Games, whose formal membership of the ISAF Regional Games Committee would commence on 1 January 2003.

A representative from the Island Games asked whether the event constituted a Regional Games. Whilst the details of the event were noted, it was confirmed that unless the event is recognised as such by the IOC, it did not currently fit within the Regional Games remit.

1.   **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

      The Committee noted the minutes of the previous meeting of 7 November 2001, and the following matters were arising:

      (a)   Technical Delegate Templates

             It was noted that the templates would be discussed under Agenda Item 7.

2.   **REPORTS FROM REGIONAL GAMES**

      Reports were received on the following Regional Games:

(a)   2002 Regional Games

(i)   South American Games, Brazil
1-17 August 2002

A report was received from the ISAF appointed Technical Delegate Luis Ormachea and the Regional Games Committee liaison Scott Perry. It was noted that there were 46 sailors from 8 countries participating in the following 5 events.

Laser - Men
Laser Radial - Women
Snipe
Lightning
Mistral - Men

Thanks were expressed to the Brazilian Sailing Federation, who had organised the Games at short notice, it having been changed from the original venue of Cordoba, Argentina to Colombia and then finally to Brazil.

It was noted that during the Games, the South American Sailing Federation had been formed, which included a Technical, Women's and Sailing Committee.

(ii)   14th Asian Games, Pusan, Korea
29 September - 14 October 2002

A report was received from the ISAF appointed Technical Delegate Hal Wagstaff and the Regional Games Committee Member Jang-Yeong Moon. It was noted that there were 128 sailors from 16 countries participating in 15 events:

Mistral Heavy - Men
Mistral Light - Men
Mistral - Women
Raceboard Heavy - Men
Raceboard Light - Men
Europe - Women
Laser - Men
Laser Radial - Open
OK Dinghy - Open
Optimist - Boys
Optimist - Girls
420 - Men
420 - Women
Enterprise - Open
470 - Men

(iii)   2002 University Sailing Championships
16-24 September 2002

A report was received from Regional Games Committee liaison Husnu Levent on the cancellation of the Championships as it was scheduled to take place at the start of the University term.

It was expressed that the Regional Games Committee should consider how to help the Universiade Organising Committee to reduce costs to make the event more attractive for competitors.

(iv)   XIX Central American and Caribbean Games
        19 November - 1 December 2002

A progress report was received from the ISAF appointed Technical Delegate Henry Figueroa.

Regional Games Committee liaison, Hector Duval, made a verbal presentation to the Committee. It was noted that the late withdrawal of Cuba from all events had jeopardised the minimum entry requirements for some of the events. However, the Organising Committee had amended the event rules to permit a minimum of 4 nations per event (on the basis that the 5th nation entered had been Cuba).

It was noted that the Sunfish has been withdrawn, due to complications over the supply of equipment, and the following events were confirmed:

Laser -Men
Laser Radial - Women
Hobie 16 - Open
J-24 - Open
Board - Men

Hector Duval emphasised the need reinforce to NOC's and MNA's the importance of supporting the participation of their sailors at Regional Games. Further, that whilst some sailors have qualified to participate, their NOC will not enter them.

(b)   2003 Regional Games

(i)   Commonwealth Sailing Championship
       18-23 January 2003

Kevin Wood gave a verbal presentation regarding the Commonwealth Games and the potential for sailing's inclusion in future programmes. It was noted that there is currently a review of the sports programme from 2010 onwards being undertaken, which will mandate a maximum of 15 and a minimum of 10 events.

ISAF's recommendations for events to be included in a sailing regatta were noted as:

Boards – Men and Women
Laser Radial - Women
Laser - Men
Hobie 16 - Open
470 - Men and Women
2.4mR - disabled sailing open

It was noted that cities are currently bidding to host the Games in 2010, and that ISAF should take the opportunity to lobby for sailing's inclusion on the sports programme of the bidding cities.

Reporting on the inaugural 2003 Commonwealth Sailing Championship, it was noted that to date there has been a low response, and that ISAF support should be sought to encourage participation.

The running of a complimentary coaching clinic between Sail Melbourne and the Commonwealth Sailing Championships was noted.

(ii)   Games of the Small States of Europe
         1-7 June 2003

         There was no report available on the Games of the Small States of Europe.

         It was noted that George Andreadis (GRE)) had been appointed as the ISAF Technical Delegate.

(iii)   South Pacific Games, Fiji
         28 June –12 July 2003

         There was no report available.

         It was noted that Mark Pryke (AUS) had been appointed as the ISAF Technical Delegate.

(iv)   Pan-American Games, Dominican Republic
         2-10 August 2003

         A progress report was received from the Regional Games Committee liaison Rich Jeffries.

         Hector Duval advised that there had been minor issues regarding the qualification system.

         It was noted that a race management seminar has been undertaken to provide training to locals, but it was also expressed that officials were required from outside the region/country as they can offer further expertise.

The position many NOC's have taken in only supporting the Olympic events within Regional Games was noted, and that lobbying should be undertaken with NOC's.

The importance of Regional Games to develop sport in countries, not just as a training ground for Olympic events was emphasised.

(v)   2003 Universiade
        16-26 August 2003

        Husnu Levent advised that sailing will not be on the programme of the 2003 Universiade as FISU only wishes to include sports which are perceived as simple to organise. The need for ISAF to lobby to change opinion was noted.

(vi)   VI Games of the Indian Ocean Islands, Mauritius
        2-11 September 2003

        A progress report was received from the ISAF appointed Technical Delegate Paul Bastard (FRA) who had undertaken a pre-games site visit at the end of July.

        The need for training clinics was noted and the organisers would be encouraged to apply to ISAF.

(vii)   Pan-Arab Games, Algeria
        1-15 September 2003

        It was noted that sailing will be on the sports programme of the Pan-Arab Games using the following classes:

        Laser, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, Mistral, Optimist boys and girls.

(c)   2005 Regional Games

(i)   4th East Asian Games, Macao
        Dates to be confirmed

        It was noted that sailing will not be in the East Asian Games. Regional Games Committee liaison, Li Quanhai, advised he would try and reverse the decision and would support sailing's inclusion.

(ii)   2005 African Games
        Dates to be confirmed

        Regional Games Committee liaison, Ross Robson, advised that sailing would be on the programme, and it was anticipated that 11-18 nations would compete, drawn from Arab and African nations.

The comment was made that whilst ISAF gives a grading to Regional Games, it would be useful if the IOC could give guidance on priority games.

(iii) 2005 Universiade
16-26 July 2005

It was noted that the event was anticipated to take place from 16-26 July, subject to confirmation, with sailing on the programme.

(iv) XV Mediterranean Games, Almeria, Spain
24 June - 3 July 2005

Regional Games Committee liaison, Esperanza Perez Crespo, made a verbal presentation to the committee and confirmed inclusion of the following events:

470 - Women
470 - Men
Laser Radial - Women
Laser - Men
Mistral - Women
Mistral - Men

Whilst approximately 21 countries are eligible to enter, it is anticipated there will be 11 countries and 100 boats participating in the sailing regatta.

Two points were specifically raised:
- That, due to its Olympic status, sailors would prefer the inclusion of the Europe dinghy rather than the Laser Radial. In discussing this point It was suggested that in view of the selection of Olympic Equipment in November 2004, that a decision on the equipment at the Games should be delayed until after that time if possible.
- That the ISAF Technical Delegate be appointed as soon as possible.

(e) 2006 Games

(i) Central American and Caribbean Games, Colombia
Dates to be confirmed

Regional Games Committee liaison, Hector Duval, presented a report on the event, identifying that ISAF support would be required for Race Management and Judges' training. The budget request for a site visit by the Technical Delegate (to be appointed) each year from 2003 to the Games was noted.

The anticipated events were noted as:

Boards – Men and Women
Laser – Men
Laser Radial – Women
Sunfish – Open
Hobie 16 – Open
Snipe – Open
J/24 - Open

(ii) <u>Asian Games, Doha, Qatar</u>
<u>8-22 December 2006</u>

It was noted that the Asian Games in Qatar will include sailing on the programme, and that this is an opportunity to really develop sailing in the region, especially women's sailing. The need for an multi-skilled Technical Delegate was noted. It was advised that the events/classes will be announced in May 2003.

3.   ISAF MEMBERSHIP

The Committee considered submission 003-02P regarding Membership

Regional Games Committee Opinion to Council
The Regional Games Committee recommends that the Continental Sailing Organisations be recognized by the Federation (ISAF) with the limit of only one per continent, and to give them the status of members.

4.   TECHNICAL DELEGATES

(a)   Technical Delegates - Submission 036-02P
The Committee considered submission 036-02P regarding Technical Delegates, and agreed the following recommendation:

Regional Games Committee Opinion to Council
The Regional Games Committee recommends that Submission 036-02P be approved with the amendments as highlighted below:

(a)   The ISAF Executive Committee shall appoint technical delegates for all 'ISAF Events' and Regional Games events including the Olympic regatta. The Executive Committee shall consult the Regional Games Committee on the appointment of ISAF Technical Delegates to regional games events.

The appointment of ISAF Technical Delegates to events organised outside the ISAF system* will be left to the MNA of the country in which the event is being held.

*The ISAF Technical Delegate should be appointed as soon as possible **after the confirmation of sailing's inclusion in the specific Regional Games**. A list of ISAF appointed Technical Delegates will be maintained on the ISAF website.*

No ISAF Technical Delegate may be a national of the host country and all ISAF Technical Delegates will report to and through the Executive Committee.

*The ISAF Technical Delegate will be appointed subject to the following guideline **as to their qualifications**:*

➢ *an intimate knowledge of the ISAF Rules and Regulations,*

➢ *experience of event organisation,*

➢ *skills in diplomacy*

➢ *the ability to work with all people connected with the regatta (competitors, officials, media etc)*

➢ *the geographic location of the appointed delegate in respect of funding available from ISAF and other sources to enable he/she to undertake the role*

*The responsibilities of the Technical Delegate ~~may~~ **will** include:*

➢ *Assisting Event Organisers in the development and planning of the event;*

➢ *Giving advice regarding the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions before the event;*

➢ *Approving any alterations to the Sailing Instructions and other rules relating to the event;*

➢ *Co-ordinating the ISAF Course Representatives and the Race Officers (appointed by the Event Organising Committee) where such officials have been appointed;*

➢ *Carrying out such other functions as the ISAF Executive Committee may decide;*

➢ *Submitting a ~~post event~~ report to the ISAF **after each visit.***

At least two ISAF Technical Delegates will be appointed for the Olympic regatta, subject to the following guidelines:

➢ *One ISAF Technical Delegate will be a Vice President*

➢ *One ISAF Technical Delegate will be an ISAF staff appointee*

➢ *The ISAF Technical Delegates will be appointed no later than three years before the start of the Olympic regatta*

The ISAF Executive Committee may, in addition, form an Olympic Advisory Commission with necessary expertise for the organisation of a successful event. The Chair of this Commission will be the Vice President who serves as the ISAF Technical Delegate for the event. The Olympic Advisory Commission will adhere to ISAF Regulation 41."

(b)   *That in paragraph 2 above, the "ISAF System" be clearly defined.*

(b)   Technical Delegates - Submission 037-02P

The Committee considered submission 037-02P regarding Technical Delegates, and agreed the following recommendation:

Regional Games Committee Opinion to Council
The Regional Games Committee recommends Council approved Submission 037-02P with the following amendments:

*That Technical Delegates appointed to Regional Games shall only be those ~~qualified~~ **certified by ISAF** as an ISAF Race Officer **or International Judge.***

5. REGIONAL GAMES

The Committee considered submission 092-02P regarding Regional Games and agreed the following recommendation:

Regional Games Committee Opinion to Council
(a)   The Regional Games Committee recommends that Council approve Submission 092-02P.
(b)   Further the Regional Games Committee advises Council that they are considering a strategy to charge Member National Authorities in specific areas to develop sailing further prior to Regional Games, and that a submission will be put forward.

6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE STRATEGY

(a)   The Executive Committee Strategy

The Committee considered the Executive Committee Strategy.

The Vice-Chairman proposed the following statement in response:

"That the Regional Games Committee:
-    Notes the strategy direction of the Executive Committee and has taken onboard their views. That the Committee will work on a strategy and consider final direction.

-    Is already implementing some of the strategy outlined in the paper;

-    Will revert to the Executive Committee with their final proposed direction;

-    Will advise the Executive Committee what support they will need."

In considering a possible strategy for Regional Games, the following comments were raised:

-    That Olympic Classes should be encouraged to keep costs of equipment low;

- That ISAF should consider the most appropriate classes to be included within Regional Games;
- Encourage countries to apply for Olympic Solidarity funding linked with Regional Games.

In discussion, it was suggested that the Committee should prepare a clear strategy for discussion over the coming year and final approval in 2004, for implementation in 2005. A working party would be appointed by the Chairman.

(b)   Scott Perry Paper

The Committee noted the paper by Scott Perry which addressed the position of the Regional Games Committee in respect of the strategy points proposed by the Executive Committee.

7.   ROLE OF TECHNICAL DELEGATES

A brief report was received from the working party (Alain Alcindor, Totos Theodossiou, Tullio Giraldi) preparing guidance notes for Technical Delegates. The Committee agreed to add Rich Jeffries to the working party and proposals will be made and circulated to the rest of the Committee for input during the first quarter of 2003.

8.   APPOINTMENT OF ISAF TECHNICAL DELEGATES TO REGIONAL GAMES

(a)   (i)   2003 South Pacific Games

It was noted that Mark Pryke (AUS) has been appointed as the Technical Delegate.

(ii)   VII All Africa Games 2003

It was noted that there is no sailing in the All African Games.

(iii)   2003 Universiade

It was noted that there is no sailing in the Universaide.

(iv)   2003 Pan-Arab Games

It was noted that there is no sailing in the Pan-Arab Games.

(v)   2005 East Asian Games

It was noted that there is no sailing in the East Asian Games.

(vi)   2005 Mediterranean Games

It was noted that the Technical Delegate is to be proposed.

        (vii)   <u>2005 Universiade</u>

              It was noted that feedback is awaited on the 2005 Universiade to confirm sailing's inclusion.

    (b)   <u>Technical Delegates Prior Visits</u>

        The principle that the appointed Technical Delegates make prior visits in preparation for the Regional Games was supported and the possibility of linking the visit with the holding of a training seminar was emphasised.

9.   <u>BUDGETS</u>

    (a)   <u>Utilisation of the 2002 Budget</u>

        The utilisation of the 2002 Budget was noted as follows:
        2002 South American Games, Brazil - Games Participation
        2003 Games of the Indian Ocean Islands - Preparatory Visit

    (b)   <u>Proposed 2003 Budget</u>

        Subject to final approval by Council, it was noted that the Executive Committee had approved a contingency budget of £7,5000 for preparatory visits by Technical Delegates during 2003.

10.   <u>AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP TO REGIONAL GAMES ORGANISATIONS</u>

The Committee noted the paper by the Chairman and the pertinent issues covering this Agenda Item as addressed in Scott Perry's paper (Agenda Item 6(b)), together with their recommendation made under Minute 3 (above).

11.   <u>ANNUAL REPORT</u>

The Chairman advised that she would prepare the Regional Games Committee's report for 2002 and submit it to the ISAF Secretariat by the deadline of 25 January 2003.

12.   <u>RECOMMENDATIONS</u>

The Committee agreed their recommendations to Council as detailed in these minutes.

13.   <u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u>

In closing the meeting, the Vice-Chairman emphasised the need for regular communication between committee members, and with the ISAF Secretariat.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

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