

YOUTH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



MET AT 0930 – 1800 HOURS ON SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER AT THE AT THE GRAND COPTHORNE WATERFRONT HOTEL, SINGAPORE

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Present:

Ross Robson - Chairman
Henry Bacchini
Paddy Boyd* (*morning only*)
Steve Colgate
Barry Harmsworth
A R Arshad Hasnie
Carin Hildebrand
Albert Lee
Timo Nurmilaukas
Chako Tobar
Zofia Truchanowicz* (*morning only*)
Susan Thompson* (*morning only*)
Tim Coventry
Fiona Barron (*morning only*)

Apologies:

Micky Ayalon
Andrea Graef
Carlos Ribeiro Ferreira
Cathy Foster

Not Present:

Sevdalin Atanasov
Mar Castenedo Diez
Fabio Colvicchi
Dorte Jensen
Jakub Kozelsky

*** Note: Attended the Youth Sailing World Championship Sub-Committee meeting in the afternoon.**

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairman opened the meeting by highlighting some of the key issues to be addressed by the Youth and Development Committee:

- Development is the foundation of the sport;
- The contribution by the Youth and Development Committee can be considerable;
- Not to be reflective on past actions, but challenged the Committee to address the future.

An open discussion then ensued between the Committee Members and observers on issues they felt should be addressed, which are summarised as:

- Focus on emerging sailing nations, but simultaneously support sailing in developed nations
- Expand sailing to more countries;

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- Review programmes from other sports and apply to sailing;
- Market the sport to those who can afford it first, and then promote elsewhere;
- Partner with MNA's and Classes to sell sailing and attract youth back to the sport;
- Encourage MNA's to support the provision of training programmes by clubs;
- Attract youth into equipment which appeals to them, ie in the USA keelboat sailing has proved popular among youth, rather than dinghy sailing;
- Address the drop off as youth progress to secondary school and further education;
- Establish healthy youth competition;
- Introduction of support network with developed sailing nations budding with emerging sailing nations;
- Partner the sport with schools and educational establishments;
- Development of blueprint for the sport and those introducing the sport, developing clubs, national training programmes, etc;
- Market the sport.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Minutes

The minutes of the Youth and Development meeting of 7 November 2004 were noted.

(b) Minutes – Matters arising

There were no matters arising not otherwise covered on the Agenda.

3. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There were no specific reports from Committee Members on the development activities during 2006 from their region, as discussions focused on the open debate covered under Agenda Item 1.

4. ISAF STRATEGIC PLAN

The Committee received a presentation from Vice-President Fiona Barron and noted the ISAF Strategic Plan.

5. COACHING

This Agenda item was not considered.

6. CONNECT TO SAILING

Tim Coventry, Project Manager, gave a verbal report on the activities and role of Connect to Sailing.

Connect to Sailing aims to revitalize grassroots participation in all categories of sailing and places emphasis on development of youth opportunities through a four part framework. This framework starts with the stimulation of increased interest in the sport, and then builds on this basis by providing a first fun experience, raising

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awareness of sailing opportunities and, ultimately, enabling participation in a community sailing environment.

Whilst ISAF is the principal driver in the initiation and implementation of Connect to Sailing, the proposed delivery model is reliant upon the participation of a partnership of stakeholders for its success. Through the development of national task forces, and support from an ISAF Connect to Sailing Ambassador, the stakeholders within a country will be able to engage together to identify the issues facing the sport.

He highlighted that ISAF cannot create a solution for each individual country and does not have a global solution but, through leadership and the sharing of best practice ISAF hopes to encourage and support grass root initiatives.

He introduced the Project Planning Document which has been developed as a guidance document to:

- Provide a planned framework for the strategic implementation of Connect to Sailing;
- Provide guidance to Connect to Sailing Ambassadors for national implementation;
- Provide a mechanism for reporting of the progress of national Connect to Sailing initiatives to ISAF with the purpose of enabling international project collaboration.

He emphasized the desire of Connect to Sailing to work in partnership with the Youth and Development Committee.

7. ISAF LEARN-TO-SAIL TRAINING PROGRAMME

The Committee noted a report by the Director of Communications on the ISAF Learn-to-Sail Training Programmes held in 2005 in Papua New Guinea and Pakistan. The Director of Communications advised that the training programme should be regularly reviewed to ensure it meets the development plan and objectives of the Committee.

It was agreed that Stephen Colgate would review the programme.

8. 2005 OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY FUNDING

The Committee noted a report by the Director of Communications on the Olympic Solidarity technical programmes held or to be held during 2005 in Fiji, Brazil, Indonesia, Barbados, Singapore and Korea.

It was noted that comprehensive information on the Olympic Solidarity programme is available on the IOC website (www.olympic.org) and ISAF website.

9. ATHLETE PARTICIPATION PROGRAMME

The Committee noted a report by the Director of Communications on the application of the Athlete Participation Programme at the Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF World Championship 2005, which supported 16 sailors from 9 nations.

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It was noted that the APP enabled both the Bahamas and El Salvador to participate at the Youth Worlds for the first time, with the US Virgin Islands making a return to the competition after a 20 year absence.

The Committee expressed some concern over the allocation of funding to athletes from nations where it was felt funding should be available from within the nation, rather than via the APP.

10. EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE

The Chairman reported on the benefits of introducing an equipment exchange, which could be co-ordinated at events, and via clubs.

It was noted that the Chairman would appoint a working party to progress the concept.

11. DEVELOPMENT AWARD

The Chairman presented the concept of Development Awards within the sport.

The concept was supported and it was agreed that the Chairman would prepare a formal submission.

12. ISAF CENTENARY

The Director of Communications gave a verbal report outlining the plans for the ISAF Centenary in 2007, and advised that an information desk was operating throughout the Conference.

13. BUDGET

The Committee noted the expenditure during 2005 and the process to request budgetary support for future years.

14. OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

International Sailing Schools Association

Stephen Colgate gave a verbal report on the role and work of the International Sailing Schools Association.

He reported that ISSA would like formal recognition by ISAF, and that discussions would be taking place with Vice-President Fiona Barron.

15. RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendations are as detailed elsewhere in these Minutes.

16. ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman advised that he would be making a report to the Council on the activities of the Committee during 2006.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Mid-Year Meeting

It was felt that in order to progress the discussions from the meeting, that a follow-up Mid-Year Meeting should be held.

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Recommendation

The Youth and Development Committee request a Mid-Year Meeting, to be held either just before or just after, and at the same location as the 2006 ISAF Mid-Year Meeting.

Reasons:

- *A number of the Committee will be at the Mid-Year Meeting anyway, and those that are not have indicate their ability to attend.*
- *The Youth and Development Committee feel that whilst the Committee can communicate over email that a face to face meeting would more advantageous and effective.*
- *This is not intended as an ongoing request, and for 2006 only.*
- *The Youth and Development Committee would like to have the opportunity in open discussion and without the time constraints of a day's meeting to really address the issues effecting the development of the sport.*

(b) Participation Forum

The Committee discussed the need to bring the stakeholders in the sport together in open debate to address the challenges to the sport and consider a unified development approach.

Recommendation

The Youth and Development Committee request that ISAF organize a forum to bring together MNA's, Classes, Industry and Sailors to consider the challenges facing participation in the sport, generate interaction between the stakeholders and identify opportunities to increase participation.

(c) Promotion of Training Information on Website

Recommendation

The Youth and Development Committee request that further resource be allocated to improving the Training microsite of the ISAF website and the publication of online information on training.

(d) Clash of Meetings

The Youth and Development Committee noted the clash of meeting times with the World Youth Championship Sub-Committee and requested that the ISAF Secretariat review the scheduling if possible.

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There being no further business the meeting closed.