Executive Committee Minutes

The Executive Committee met at 09:30 – 18:00 hours on Thursday 7 May; 14:30 – 18:00 on Friday 8 May and 09:30 – 13:00 on Sunday May 10 May 2009 at the Novotel Warsaw Centrum Hotel, Warsaw, Poland

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20. Future ISAF Meetings
21. Secretariat
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Present:  In attendance:
Göran Petersson – President  Helen Fry – Office Manager
HM King Constantine – President of Honour  Philip Tolhurst – for parts of meeting
Tomasz Holc – Vice President
Nazli Imre - Vice-President
David Irish – Vice-President
David Kellett – Treasurer
Teresa Lara – Vice-President
Teo Ping Low – Vice-President
Alberto Predieri – Vice President
Eric Tulla – Vice President
Jerome Pels – Secretary General

Apologies:
HM King Harald V of Norway – President of Honour

1. Opening of Meeting
The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that apologies had been received from HM King Harald V of Norway.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
   (a) Minutes
      The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of 6, 7 and 8 February 2009 were noted.
   (b) Minutes Matters Arising
      It was confirmed that Montenegro is in Group C – East Europe; the MNA table in the ISAF Members section in the Yearbook is incorrect but the Constitution is accurate. This will be corrected at the next reprint of the ISAF Yearbook. There were no other matters arising from the previous meeting.
Executive Committee Agenda (cont.)

3. Reports

(a) President's Report
The President gave a brief outline of his recent IOC Evaluation Commission tour.

(b) Executive Members Reports
The Executive Members gave an overview of the last couple of month's activities under their areas of responsibility and noted the following areas that were not covered elsewhere in these minutes.

i) Sports Presentation
Tomasz Holc introduced an idea for holding a seminar for commentators to enable them to understand the sport of sailing in order that their commentaries would be able to tell a story. The importance of Sports Presentation was stressed by the President and all aspects of this subject should be looked at. Tomasz Holc was appointed to lead this project and he informed the Executive Committee that the work had already started.

ii) Environment
Teresa Lara gave a brief overview of the progress made by ISAF.

**Decision**

Teresa Lara to lead the project to actively promote the ISAF Code of Environmentally Friendly Behaviour and implement policies in accordance with the code.

iii) Fair Play Working Party
Eric Tulla reported that the Fair Play Working Party under leadership of Josje Hofland will be resuming their work.

iv) Medical Commission
The Medical Commission is asked to progress their proposal of making an inventory of existing material available on sport-medical information relevant for sailing and making this available through the ISAF Website.

v) Commonwealth Games

**Decision**

It was agree to pursue the possible inclusion of sailing in the Commonwealth Games.

(c) Secretary General's Report

i) Kiteboarding
The Secretary General informed the Committee about the current relation between IKA and PKRA and of PKRA's press release announcing that the International Surfing Association (ISA) will be sanctioning PKRA events starting with the 2009 session.

**Decision**

The Secretary General will clarify the situation with the International Surfing Association.

ii) Classification Commission
The Secretary General received a report from the ISAF Classification Panel alleging gross breaches of a rule and sportsmanship.

**Decision**

The Executive Committee will appoint a panel – David Irish, Jerome Pels and Alastair Fox – to investigate this case.

iii) Australian Yngling Mould

The Secretary General reported that historically ISAF had financed a Yngling Mould for the Australian International Yngling Association (AIYA). The costs were to be recovered by an increased building fee for the first 11 boats built using these moulds. The increased building fee and the fact the class is no longer Olympic Equipment apparently make it difficult for the current licence holder to sell boats. The current builder does not want to store the moulds any longer and it is proposed that the AIYA takes over the ownership of the moulds.

**Decision**

The Secretary General is authorised to negotiate the transfer of ownership of the mould from ISAF to the AIYA.

iv) Web Development

The Secretary General gave a brief progress report on the development of the software for the classification system and the online race officials’ administration system. The progress in the unified results database format was also noted.

(d) Management Accounts

The Secretary General presented the Management Accounts for the period through to 31 March 2009.

(e) 2009 Budget

The revised budget for the year 2009 incorporating the expense of £25,000 for the World Cup was approved for presentation to Council.

(f) 2008 Accounts

The Consolidated Statutory Accounts for the period 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2008 was presented.

**Recommendation**

The 2008 Consolidated Statutory accounts will be presented to the Directors (The Council) of the International Sailing Federation at the Mid-Year Meeting.

(g) ISAF Debtors

The company debtors were noted and the Secretary General reported that much work had been done by the Secretariat to recoup some of the outstanding payments.

(h) Quarterly Report on the ISAF Trust

The Executive Committee received a report on the ISAF Trust from the Treasurer.

(i) ISAF Deposits

The Treasurer reviewed the ISAF deposits and reported that the deposits were relatively secure as can be concluded from the information provided by the banks. However diversification over several financial institutions should be considered.
Executive Committee Agenda (cont.)

**Decision**

The recommendation by the Audit Committee that funds for the forthcoming 4 years (short term reserves) would be invested in low risk investment instruments was approved.

4. **Annual Report**

The Executive Committee received the draft 2008 Annual Report and were requested to give any comments they had to the Secretary General.

5. **ISAF Strategic Plan**

(a) The draft updated ISAF Strategic Plan 2009 – 2012 was reviewed and the priorities for 2009-2012 were considered. The draft ISAF Strategic Plan will be presented to Council for a round table discussion at the Mid-Year meeting.

6. **Governance**

(a) The Chairman of the Constitution Committee Working Party gave a verbal report and presentation on their review of the ISAF Regulations and Constitution. This presentation, listing the critical issues, would also be made to Council at their Mid-Year Meeting. The Executive Committee underlined the need for a comprehensive review of the Regulations and Constitution, in particular noting the need for a review of the governance systems and the submission process. It was also concluded that as a short term solution, to improve the efficiency in dealing with submissions, the Executive Committee should have a preparation/co-ordination meeting with the relevant Chairs of the Committees before the November meeting.

**Decision**

The Chair of the Constitution Committee would be asked to draft a paper for Council outlining proposals for a review of the Regulations and Constitution which would focus on improving the governance systems of ISAF and making the documents more user friendly and understandable.

Depending on the agenda items of the Executive and Council and the 2009 submissions, it was decided that some of the Committee Chairs will be invited to meet with the Executive at their September meeting.

A questionnaire aimed at evaluating Council was handed to Council Members for completion.

7. **Women’s Representation on ISAF Committees**

A comparison of Women’s representation on ISAF Committees between this four year term and the last was received.

8. **International Sports Update**

(a) **IOC**

The President updated the Executive Committee on the current position of the application for an 11th medal and reported that in light of the changed sponsor and TV market for the Olympic Games the IOC and the USOC agreed to enter into a discussion to resolve the issue of revenue sharing for the period after 2020 in the best interest of the Olympic movement and spirit of Olympic solidarity.
(b) ASOIF / GAISF
   i) The Executive Committee were delighted to hear that President Göran Petersson had been elected to the ASOIF Council and congratulated him on this achievement.
   ii) The Executive Committee noted the decision of the GAISF General Assembly to change the name of their organisation to Sportaccord which will come into effect mid-June. In addition, their headquarters are now based in Lausanne.

(c) 2016 Olympic Programme Review
The President outlined the procedure of the 2016 Olympic Programme Review.

9. 2009 ISAF Mid-Year Meetings
   (a) The Agenda’s for the following Committees were noted and the Executive Committee considered any matters arising not otherwise covered under these Agenda:
      i) Council
      ii) Events
      iii) Equipment
      iv) Audit
   (b) The Executive Committee considered the following urgent Submissions and made the following recommendations to Council:
      i) M01-09 Olympic Games Possible 11th Event
         Recommendation: Approve
         Based on information received from the IOC, the Executive believes it would be premature to make a decision on the event and equipment for a possible 11th medal for the 2012 Olympic Sailing Committee at this stage. The matter should be delegated to the ISAF Executive Committee to decide after a decision of the IOC has been received by ISAF. Thereby submissions M02-09 to M06-09 will be considered to be dealt with.
      ii) M02-09 - Olympic Equipment
         Recommendation: Defer
         To be delegated to the Executive Committee.
      iii) M03-09 - Olympic Events 2012
         Recommendation: Defer
         To be delegated to the Executive Committee.
      iv) M04-09 - 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition Choice of Equipment
         Recommendation: Defer
         To be delegated to the Executive Committee.
      v) M05-09 - 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition
         Recommendation: Defer
         To be delegated to the Executive Committee.
vi) M06-09 - 11th Medal

**Recommendation: Defer**

To be delegated to the Executive Committee.

vii) M07-09 - ISAF Classification Codes, Competitor Classifications

**Recommendation: Accept**

(c) The Executive Committee considered / reviewed the following deferred Submissions and made the following recommendations to Council.

i) 019-08 – Athletes Commission Representation on Council

**Withdrawn**

ii) 034-08 – ORC Limited

**Withdrawn**

iii) 056-08 – Abolition of Individual Membership

**Executive Committee Recommendation: Approve with the following amendment:**

Replace ‘General Assembly’ to ‘November 2009 AGM’. Additional proposal: A note shall be made in the ISAF Yearbook stating: ‘Until November 2009 the ISAF Constitution provided for an option of Individual membership of the Federation which was, in practice, phased out in 1999.’ However, as part of the individual membership scheme, a life member category existed. The following members were listed as life members:

Robin Aisher
George Andreadis
Lawrence Brown Jr.
Achille Crivelli
Alan Elmassian
Mike Evans
Stephen Flesch
Karl Freudenstein
Nigel Hacking
Hans Hansson
Evans Harrel
Paul Henderson
Richard Hokin
Dr H Ishikawa
Jonathan Janson
Eric Le Jeune
Cmdr Francis Markey
Hiroshi Mozawa

Kurt Muller
Martin O'Meara
Dirk Peerear
Ronald Pieper
John Riggs
Xavier Roca
Henri Samuel
Peter Schmid
James Schoonmaker
Moriharu Shizume
B Staartjes
John Sully
Robert Symonette
A G Taggart
Lt Col W R Thompson
Ture Widlund
George Wiederkehr
Robert Leslie Young

iv) 084-08 – 088-08

**Recommendation: Reject**
On the basis that a decision now would be premature but the points raised in the submissions should continue to be discussed and reviewed by the Olympic Commission.

v) 118-08 – World Match Tour Invites.

**Recommendation:** Defer

vi) 131-08 – IFDS International Classifiers.

**Recommendation:** Defer

vii) 146-08 – Pumping The Sails.

**Recommendation:** Defer

viii) 147-08 – Racing Rules of Sailing.

**Recommendation:** Defer

10. **2009 Annual Conference**

The following Executive Committee Submissions are currently agreed to be prepared as submissions from the Executive Committee for the 2009 ISAF Annual Conference:

(a) Equipment Committee – Terms of Reference
(b) Events Committee – Terms of Reference
(c) Match Racing Committee – Terms of Reference
(d) Offshore Racing – Regulations 29.1 and 18.7
(e) Regulation 18.13.4 – Modify to read that ISAF shall not appoint or approve an ISAF Technical Delegate who is from that country of the Organizing Authority of the event with an exception that this would not apply in case the TD is to be an ISAF staff member.
(f) Regulation 18.13.7 and Regulation 44 – remove all reference to Olympic Advisory Commission and replace with Olympic Commission.

11. **ISAF Members**

(a) Aruba

**Recommendation**

That Council provisionally accept Aruba for ISAF Full Member status subject to some minor changes being incorporated into their Constitution.

(b) Tanzania

**Recommendation**

That Council provisionally accept Tanzania for ISAF Full Member status subject to some minor changes being incorporated into their Constitution.

12. **Olympic Sailing Competition 2012**

The Technical Delegate advised that the first test event would be held in Weymouth during the Sail for Gold Regatta in 2010 and that the Olympic Commission had held their first meeting during the Mid-Year meetings. The President informed the Committee that TV
Revenue Agreements for the 2012 are already put in place by the IOC, but the split between the International Federations of their share has not been agreed by ASOIF yet.

13. IOC Youth Olympic Games 2010

A progress report was received from the Secretary General – equipment had been selected, ISAF had now received a list with the requirements of the officials that were needed. The IOC requirement for giving priority to young officials to be appointed was noted.

Decision

Eric Tulla will work with the Appointment Working Party on a proposal for the Executive Committee to approve the appointment of race officials for the IOC Youth Olympic Games 2010.

14. America’s Cup

David Kellett gave a verbal report on the America’s Cup.

15. ISAF Sailing World Cup

Alberto Predieri advised that there had been a great deal of co-operation with all the event organisers. The World Cup Branding at the moment was not visible enough but this would improve when a title sponsor was found. The Management Group was working well and will focus, among others, in improving the consistency of the World Cup events especially in the Race Management, format and documentation. The integration of the Paralympic sailing events seem to be progressing well however it should be understood that not all events have the facilities to include them.

16. 2011 ISAF Sailing World Championships

David Kellett gave a verbal update on progress made for the 2011 ISAF Sailing World Championships.

17. Technical Delegates Report

(a) ISAF Team Racing World Championship 2009

The ISAF Team Race World Championship was a successful event. The Organising Authority – the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club, the South of Perth Yacht Club and Yachting Australia gave all their input to make an unforgettable event for both the competitors and spectators. The standard of competition was very high and the competitors showed Team Racing on a world championship level.

(b) ISAF Nations Cup 2009 Grand Final

The Veleiros do Sul and the Confederacao Brasileira de Vela e Motor worked hard to make this a successful event. The standard of competition was very high and again Match Racing was at a world championship level.

18. Appointments Working Party

Eric Tulla presented the report from the Chair of the Appointments Working Party. There is a need to get a greater pool of qualified Race Officials and International Judges and it is vital for the umpire system to attract more candidates who might become International Umpires and if possible fast track them up to the top. Groups should be defined to ensure the objectives of the Appointments Working Party are met and there should be a proper
development scheme in place to allow existing umpires to improve so that more top level umpires are available for ISAF appointments. Eric Tulla will work with the Race Officials Committee to address the concerns.

19. **ISAF Awards**

The Executive Committee will award Professor Czeslaw Marchaj with an ISAF Silver Medal in recognition of his significant contribution to the sport of Sailing. Professor Marchaj is one of the most prominent sailing specialists in the aero and hydrodynamics field. He was a member of the ISAF Permanent Committee (the predecessor of the ISAF Council).

Through competition in both national and international regattas and over 40 years of research, Czeslaw has become one of the sailing world’s most respected authorities and a highly respected author. In particular, his ‘Sailing Theory and Practice’, published in the mid 1960s, has been an essential text for yacht, sail and rig designers. Since the late 1960s, Czeslaw worked at Southampton University, carrying out research into the America’s Cup boats.

20. **Future ISAF Meetings**

(a) Annual Conference
   i) 2009 – Busan, Korea 5-16 November
   ii) 2010 – 4-15 November

   The Annual Conference 2010 will be held in Athens, Greece to celebrate HM King Constantine’s 50th Anniversary of his association with ISAF.

(b) Executive September Meeting, Copenhagen, Denmark 11-14 September

(c) February Executive meeting – 5, 6 and 7 February, Istanbul, Turkey

21. **Secretariat**

The Secretary General gave a verbal overview report on the activities of the Secretariat.

22. **Any other Business**

(a) Oceanic Events

David Irish informed the Executive Committee of the progress the Chairman of the Offshore Committee is making in the area of closer co-operation between the major oceanic events and ISAF.

**Decision**

The Chairman of the Constitution has already drafted an agreement and the Secretary General is authorised to progress this initiative further with the Chairman of the Offshore Committee.

There being no further meeting the meeting closed.