1. Opening of the Meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting and introduced himself to the Committee. The Chairman asked all Committee Members to each give a short introduction of themselves to the rest of the Regional Games Committee.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(a) Minutes

The Regional Games Committee noted the minutes of the Regional Games Committee meeting of 10 November 2008. The minutes can be downloaded at www.sailing.org/meetings. The Chairman asked the previous Vice-Chairman of the Regional Games Committee to sign the minutes as he was not present at that meeting.

(b) Minutes Matters Arising

There were no other matters arising not covered elsewhere on this agenda.

3. Updates from Regional Games
(a) The Committee received updates on the following 2009 Regional Games:

i) Jeux des Iles COJI – 27 – 30 May - Palma de Mallorca, Spain. A written report was received from the ISAF Technical Delegate – Luis Ormaechea.

ii) Games of the Small States of Europe – 1 – 10 June – Limassol, Cyprus. A written report was received from the Director of Sailing - Totos Theodossiou.

iii) Mediterranean Games - 26 June – 4 July – Pescara, Italy. A written report was received from the ISAF Technical Delegate – Bernard Bonneau.

iv) Island Games – 27 June – 4 July – Aland, Finland. A written report was received from Agnieszka Cruske.

v) South Pacific Mini Games 21 September – 2 October – Aitutaki, Cook Islands. A written report was received from the ISAF Technical Delegate – David Brookes.

vi) Sydney World Masters Games – 10 – 18 October – Sydney, Australia. A written report was received from the ISAF Technical Delegate – Tony Denham.

vii) Bolivarian Games – 13 – 23 November – Salinas, Ecuador. A written report was received from the ISAF Technical Delegate - Eduardo Vedani.

viii) East Asian Games – 5 – 13 December – Hong Kong. Windsurfing is the only sailing event included in these games. No report received.

(b) The Committee received updates on the following 2010 Regional Games:

i) 14th Asian Sailing Championship – 20 – 29 March – Gangzhou, China. No written report received. Mary Pryke informed the Committee that the Asian Sailing Championships were progressing well towards the Asian Sailing Championships in March 2010.

ii) South American Games – 23 – 30 March 2010 – Medellin, Colombia. Nelson Ilha Horn has been appointed the ISAF Technical Delegate for these Games. A written report was received from the ISAF Technical Delegate – Nelson Ilha Horn. A progress report was given by the Chairman of the Regional Games Committee.

iii) XXI Central American and Caribbean Games – 24 – 30 July – Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico. A written report was received from the ISAF Technical Delegate - Pat Bailey.

iv) 16th Asian Games Sailing Championship – 12 – 27 November – Guangzhou, China. A written report was received from the ISAF Technical Delegate - Mark Pryke. A presentation was received from the Deputy Director – Provincial Co-ordination Office of GAGOC.

v) Asian Beach Games. These Games are being held in November 2010. Mark Pryke gave a progress report on these Games. These Games are held every two years. Hong Kit Lock has previously been appointed the Technical Delegate by the Asian Sailing Federation. It was suggested that Hong Kit Lock should be appointed for these Games in 2010.

(c) The Committee received updates on the following 2011 Regional Games:

i) XVI Pan American Games – 14 – 30 October – Guadalajara, Mexico. A written report was received from the ISAF Technical Delegate - Nelson Ilha Horn. I progress report was also given by Rich Jeffries.

ii) Arab Games – 9 – 23 December 2011 Qatar. A written report was received from Rashid Al Sulaiti.
iii) South Pacific Games – Games are being held in Noumea, New Caledonia. Dates to be confirmed.
iv) All African Games – Games have moved from Lusaka, Zambia to Maputo, Mozambique. Dates to be confirmed.
v) Jeux des Iles de L’Ocean Indien – 5 – 14 August 2011. Alain Alcindor gave a progress report on these Games.

4. Appointment of ISAF Technical Delegates to Regional Games
(a) It was noted the following Regional Games to which an ISAF Technical Delegate has been appointed since the last Regional Games meeting in 2008.
iii) Bolivarian Games – 13 – 23 November 2009 – Eduardo Vedani
iv) 16th Asian Games Sailing Championship – 12 – 27 November 2010 – Mark Pryke

5. Technical Delegate
(a) Submission 008-09
The Regional Games Committee considered submission from the Executive Committee about Technical Delegate – Regulation 18.13.4

Recommendation to Council

The Regional Games Committee recommends to Council to approve submission 008-09 from the Executive Committee. The Regional Games Committee requests that the Constitution Committee clarifies the use of the word “from” in Regulation 18.13.4.

Vote: Unanimous

6. Responsibility of Regional Games Representatives to Regional Games
(a) Submission 001-09
The Regional Games Committee considered submission 001-09 from the UAE Sailing & Rowing Federation about Continental Association – Regulation 2.34.

Recommendation to Council

The Regional Games Committee recommends to Council to reject submission 001-09 from UAE Sailing and Rowing Federation. The submission is not necessary as per the reason given by the Executive Committee. However the Regional Games Committee encourages Continental and Regional organisations to become affiliated with ISAF.

Vote: Unanimous

7. Regional Games Format and Manual
Andres Santana was unable to attend the Regional Games Committee meeting and make his presentation.

8. Quality of Race Management at Regional Games

The Committee had a discussion of how to improve the standard of race and event management at Regional Games. It was noted that different parts of the world had different needs. The importance of seminars and clinics was stressed as well as giving support to event organisers early.

9. Equipment at Regional Games (Olympic vs Regional)

The Committee debated the importance of equipment at Regional Games. It was agreed that the role of the Regional Games and the Regional Games Committee should be to support and develop sailing – not support specific Classes. The importance of developing Regional Games and Continental events was discussed. It was noted that the IOC Qualification Principles for 2012 stated that ‘where possible Continental Events should be used’.

It was also noted that the Regional Games Committee Terms of Reference state:

use the technical and instructional resources of the ISAF to maintain and improve the standard of competitive sailing and the standards of technical supervision at Regional Games to a level that these events could serve as qualifying events for the Olympics;

It was noted that first and foremost sailing should be promoted but that the evolution of more modern equipment was also desirable.

10. Sailing at all Regional Games (Commonwealth Games)

(a) The Committee receive a list of the Regional Games which do not include any sailing events from the Chairman of the Regional Games Committee. Regional Games that do not regularly identify sailing on the sports program include the Commonwealth Games (Delhi, 72 nations/17 sports, October 2010), the South Asian Games (Dhaka, 8 nations/23 sports, December 2009), the South East Asian Games (Vientiane, 11 nations/25 sports, December 2009) and the West Asian Games (Tehran, 13 nations, 2010).

(b) Alain Alcindor gave a verbal report on how sailing could be included on the programme of sports for the Commonwealth Games. The Commonwealth Games grade sports and to be included on the programme of the bid cities a sport needs to be a Category 2 event. Sailing is currently a Category 3 event. The Committee noted that the deadline for sailing to be upgraded in time for the 2018 Commonwealth Games was October 2010. It was noted that there were three possible bids for 2018: Auckland, New Zealand; Abuja, Nigeria; Queensland, Australia.

A Working Party was formed to see how Regional Games could progress from a Category 3 event to a Category 2 event. The following people were nominated to be on the Working Party: Scott Perry, Alain Alcindor and Malav Shroff.

It was agreed that it was essential that all Regional Games and the Commonwealth Games should include sailing.

(c) The Committee received a list of all Regional Games from 2009 – 2011 from the Chairman of the Regional Games Committee.

11. Data Collection and use
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The Committee received a paper outlining the type of information required for the Regional Games Committee by the Chairman of the Regional Games Committee. It was agreed that the information should be simple for a Technical Delegate to produce and would be a valuable tool for the Committee in evaluating sailing at the Regional Games. Birgir Hilmarsson agreed to undertake the task of collecting the data.

12. Regional Games Committee Budget Requirements

The Committee received an update from Vice-President Teresa Lara.

13. Annual Report

The Committee noted the Chairman’s report to the ISAF Council meeting of 13 November 2009 on the activities of the Regional Games Committee for the period 1 January 2009 to date.

14. Any Other Business

Teresa Lara Vice-President informed the Committee that she was currently working on a project regarding the Environment. The aim is to have a page in the next issue of the Racing Rules of Sailing. This will also be advertised on the ISAF website. All help and support would very much be appreciated.

The Committee requested a larger budget of £20,000 to help promote Regional Games. Teresa Lara Vice-President agreed to put this request to the Executive Committee.

The Chairman expressed thanks to Ajay Balram the previous Chairman for the Regional Games Committee for all of his hard work and dedication over the years.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.