Women’s Forum Minutes

The Women’s Forum met at 16:00 – 20:00 hours on Sunday 6 November 2011 at the Caribe Hilton Hotel, San Juan, Puerto Rico

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Present:
Fiona Kidd - Chairman
Teresa Lara – Vice-President
Helen Mary Wilkes
Anna Andreadis
Tatjana Antoncic
Liz Baylis
Jerelyn Biehl
Kristin Boese
Carolijn Brouwer
Cary Byerluy
Adrienne Cahalan
Yana Dobzhitskaya
Barbara Farquhar
Hannah Nattrass
Eva Homsten
Sally Lindsay Honey
Hyo-Kyung Jang
Sarah Kenny
Dina Kowalyshyn
Maja Lesny
Cathy Mac Aleavey
Shuxia Meng
Margriet Pannevis
Lotte Meldgaard Pedersen
Corinne Rolland-McKenzie
Cory Sertl
Luissa Smith
Sacha Simmons
Nadine Stegenwalner
Dorith Stierler
Sofia Tedin
Suzanne Ward

Apologies:
Nazli Imre – Vice-President
Corinne Aulnette
Laura Baldwin
Sofia Bekatorou
Sally Burnett
Jan Dawson
Marcelien de Koning
Barbara Farquhar
Amelie Lux
Josje Hofland-Dominicus
Aslihan Kutlu
Krystyna Lastowska
Olga Maslivets
Marianne Middelthon
Jane Moon
Maria Munoz Miranda

Absent:
A Lynne Beal
Nilufer Cakmakli
Jane Correia
Elena Dimitrakopoulou
Janet Grosvenor
Agnieszka Gruska
Ewa Jodlowska
Annie Lush
Amelie Lux
Renee Mehl
Ana Sanchez del Campo Ferrer
Carmen Vaz Pardal
Iskra Yovkova
1. **Welcome & Introductions**

   The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the Women's Forum meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

   (a) **Minutes**

   The Committee noted the minutes of the Women's Forum meeting of Sunday 7 November 2010. The minutes can be downloaded at www.sailing.org/meetings.

   (b) **Minutes Matters Arising**

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

3. **Reports on Women's Issues on ISAF Committees**

   (a) **The Forum received a verbal report from the Chairman on the Council Meeting held in St Petersburg, 6 – 7 May 2011 in Russia. The Chairman noted that is was very disappointing to have lost the Women’s Match Racing from the next Olympic Games which will be held in 2016.**

   (b) **The Forum received a verbal report from Teresa Lara Vice-President on the Executive Committee. The Vice-President encouraged women to look at the future in becoming a Vice-President and to get their MNA’s to support them during the process.**

   (c) **The Forum received verbal reports from the following members of each of the ISAF Committees and Working Parties.**

   Cory Sertl – 2014 Youth Olympic Games Working Party

   Lotte Meldgaard Pedersen – Match Racing Committee

   Anna Andreadis – Regional Games Committee

   Dina Kowalyshyn – Equipment Committee

   Carolijn Brouwer – Events Committee

   Cory Sertl – Youth Worlds Sub-committee

   Sarah Kenny – Windsurfing & Kiteboarding Committee

   Susanne Ward – Development and Youth Committee

   Adrienne Cahalan – International Regulations Commission
4. **Women’s Events in the 2016 Olympic Games**
   
   (a) The Forum discussed and reflected on the May 2011 Council decisions and the change of women’s events at the 2016 Olympic Games.
   
   (b) The Forum discussed the equipment Trials of new equipment for the Women’s Events in 2016. The Women’s Forum made the following recommendation:

   **Recommendation to Council**
   
   The Women’s Forum recommends the top selection priorities for the Women Skiff Evaluation Panel are that the equipment is inexpensive, has current worldwide distribution, an active class association, and has the ability for MNAs around the world to participate in the Olympic discipline as soon as possible.

5. **Submissions & Recommendations**
   
   (a) The Forum considered several submissions as deemed important by the Women’s Forum and decided not to make any recommendations to Council.
   
   (b) The Forum considered several 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 and made the following recommendation:

   **Recommendation to Council**
   
   The Women’s Forum recommends that ISAF actively recruit, train and certify women in all areas of Race Officials.

6. **Women of Influence**
   
   The Forum discussed the introduction and reviewed the terms of reference for a new recognition of women in sailing and to discuss a plan of action and made the following recommendation:

   **Recommendation to Council**
   
   The Women’s Forum recommends the introduction of an annual programme to recognize women who have made a significant impact in the sport of sailing. The purpose is to inspire and motivate other women and girls to take leading roles in sailing at the national, regional of international level. It is to celebrate women who have made a difference in all fields of the sport such as coaches, athletes, administrators, officials, and volunteers.

7. **ISAF Website**
   
   The Forum discussed review recommendations on areas of improvement on the women’s section of the ISAF Website and in areas on how to promote women in our sport and made the following recommendations.

   Tim Sewell, Head of Marketing gave a progress report ion the ISAF website and marketing. The Forum made the following recommendation to Council:

   **Recommendation to Council**
   
   The Women’s Forum recommends that ISAF publish and actively make available to MNA’s, Classes and other stakeholders, the ISAF Media Policy for publishing sailing and/or event news
The Women’s Forum recommends that the ISAF actively engage with the Olympic Classes in promoting the activities and news coverage of Olympic sailing in order to avoid duplication of effort and to approve efficiencies.

The Women’s Forum recommends that women’s sailing activities are spread throughout the new website and that the site incorporates “tagging” technology to automatically filter women’s news to its own section on the website.

8. **2012 - 2013 IOC Women and Sports Award**

(a) The Forum noted there were no nominations received for the 2012 IOC Women and Sports Award.

(b) It was noted the nominations for 2013 will be earlier next year as the dates have changed. The nomination process will commence from 1 – 29 February. The selection process will be from 1 – 31 March so the nomination can be sent to the May Executive meeting.

9. **2012 IOC Women and Sport Conference**

The Forum noted the upcoming IOC Women and Sport Conference will be held in Los Angeles 16 – 18 February 2012. The theme of the conference is “Together Stronger: The Future of Sport”. The Chairman advised the Forum she will be intending the Conference on behalf of ISAF and will give feedback To the Women’s Forum.

10. **Annual Report**

The Forum noted the Chairman’s report to the ISAF Council meeting on November 2011 on the activities of the Women’s Forum for the period 1 January 2011 to date.

11. **Any Other Business**

The Forum received a very impressive presentation from Marina Psichogiou (GRE) on her training programme which she is currently working on for women sailing in Oman.

The Forum noted they had concerns regarding the trials of the multihull and the combined weight of the athletes.

It was noted it was getting rather difficult to attend the ISAF Annual Conferences as the MNAs cannot afford to send a lot of members. The Forum felt that if Committee members were nominated then the MNAs should fund the members to attend the conferences. It was suggested that ISAF and the MNAs should work together to try and solve this problem for the future.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.