World Sailing Council Minutes

The World Sailing Council met between 10:00 – 16:00 hours Friday 30 October and between 10:00 – 16:00 on Saturday 31 October 2020 via videoconference

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Present:

Kim Anderson (DEN)	President
Jan Dawson (NZL)	Vice-President
Torben Grael (BRA)	Vice-President
Ana Sanchez del Campo Ferrer (ESP)	Vice-President
Nadine Stegenwalner (GER)	Vice-President
Gary Jobson (USA)	Vice-President
Quanhai Li (CHN)	Vice-President
W. Scott Perry (USA)	Vice-President
Yann Rocherieux (FRA)	Athletes' Commission Representative
Dick Batt (GBR) Marcus Spillane (IRL)	Representatives of Group A – United Kingdom & Ireland
Timo Hass (GER) Georgy Wossala (HUN)	Representatives of Group B – Central Europe
Tomasz Chamera (POL) Kamen Fillyov (BUL)	Representatives of Group C – East Europe
Michele Marchesini (ITA), *Alternate for Walter Cavallucci* Nicolas Henard (FRA) Totos Theodossiou (CYP)	Representatives of Group D – South Europe
Josep Pla (AND), *Alternate for Antonio Roquette*	Representatives of Group E – Iberian Peninsula
Peter van den Bossche (BEL)	Representative of Group F – Low Countries
Hans Natorp (DEN) Ulfur Hrobjartsson (ISL)	Representatives of Group G – North Europe
Tatiana Ermakova (RUS) *Alternate for Oleg Ilyin*	Representative of Group H – Euro-Asian
Tong Yui Shing (HKG) Takao Otani (JPN)	Representatives of Group J – East Asia
Malav Schoff (PAK), *Alternate for Abdur Rehman Arshad*	Representatives of Group K – South & Central Asia

Sarah Kenny (AUS) John Tierney (COK)	Representatives of Group L – South West Pacific
Pablo Masseroni (ARG)	Representatives of Group M – South & West South America
Walter Boddener (BRA) *Alternate for Marco Aurelio de Sá Ribeiro*	Representatives of Group N – Central & East South America
Cary Lee Byerley (ANT) Eric Tulla (DOM), *Alternate for Hector Duval*	Representatives of Group O – North South America, Central America and Caribbean
Gary Bodie (USA) Peter Hall (CAN) Cory Sertl (USA)	Representatives of Group P – North America
Mohamed Atbi (ALG) Philip Baum (RSA)	Representatives of Group Q - Africa
Betsy Alison (USA)	Para World Sailing Representative
Stan Honey (USA)	Oceanic and Offshore Representative
Markus Schwendtner (GER) *Alternate for Jan Martin Wilschut*	Classes Representative
Elena Papazoglou (CYP)	Women's Representative
Apologies:	
HM King Constantine	President of Honour
HM King Harald of Norway	President of Honour
Also in Attendance:	
David Graham	Chief Executive Officer
Alastair Fox	Director of Events
Kendall Harris	Director of Legal & Governance
Scott Over	Commercial Director
Jon Napier	Governance & Rules Consultant
Jaime Navarro	Director of Technical and Offshore
Daniel Smith	Director of Communications & Digital

1. Opening of the Meeting

(a) Welcome from the President

The President opened the meeting and welcomed Council to its remote meeting.

(b) Electronic voting

The test voting for the electronic voting system was conducted.

(c) Apologies for Absence and Alternates

Council noted the attendees at the meeting, the list of the alternates representing the permanent members of Council and noted the apologies from those members unable to attend.

(d) Declarations of Interests

Council noted the Register of Interests.

Additional declarations of interests were made before discussing specific agenda items.

2. Report from the President

Council received a report from the President.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(a) 2019 Council

The Council noted the minutes from its meetings in October 2019 (circulated and approved after the meeting).

(b) Board Minutes

The Council noted the minutes of the Board's meetings since the last Council meeting.

4. Finance

Council received a finance report from the Board.

5. CEO Update

Council received a report from the Chief Executive Officer.

6. Members

(a) Suspended Members

Council noted the list of suspended members. It was noted that the list is now published online

(b) Jordan

Council received a recommendation from the Board to approve the application of the Royal Jordanian Maritime Sports Federation as an MNA assigned to Group I.

Decision

Council approved the recommendation and admitted the Royal Jordanian Maritime Sports Federation as a Full Member assigned to Group I.

(32 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstain)

(c) VDWS

Council received a recommendation from the Board to reject the application for affiliate membership of Verband Deutscher Wassersport Schulen.

Decision

Council rejected the application.

(1 in favour, 31 against, 7 abstain)

7. Submissions

(a) Submissions for which the Audit Committee is the Reporting Committee

i) Submission 001-20

There was no proposer for the submission, which was therefore deemed rejected.

(b) Submissions for which the Board is the Reporting Committee

i) Submission 002-20

There was no seconder for the submission, which was therefore deemed rejected.

ii) Submission 003-20

There was no proposer for the submission, which was therefore deemed rejected.

iii) Submission 004-20

Decision

Council rejected Submission 004-20

(10 in favour, 29 against, 1 abstain)

iv) Submission 005-20

The submission was made direct to the Annual General Meeting under Article 28(d) and therefore was not discussed by Council.

v) Submission 006-20

Decision

Council rejected Submission 006-20

(10 in favour, 29 against, 1 abstain)

vi) Submission 007-20

Decision

Council rejected Submission 007-20

(11 in favour, 28 against, 1 abstain)

vii) Submission 008-20

Decision

Council deferred Submission 008-20 to its next meeting.

(21 defer, 18 not defer, 1 abstain)

viii) Submission 009-20

The submission was withdrawn.

ix) Submission 010-20

There was no seconder for the submission, which was therefore deemed rejected.

x) Submission 011-20

Decision

Council approved Submission 011-20 with the following amendment:

20.7.1 The display of the manufacturer's and sailmaker's marks is permitted at all times as detailed in Table 2 but not on areas

detailed in Regulation 20.4 and Table 1 (with the ~~exemption~~ exception of Windsurfers where the sailmaker's logos may cover the area detailed in Table 1) and shall not constitute a limitation to the rights to display Advertising as set forth in the Code, in the class rules and in the rules of a System.

(34 in favour, 4 against, 2 abstain)

xi) Submission 012-20

There was no proposer for the submission, which was therefore deemed rejected.

xii) Submission 013-20

The deferral of the submission to the next Council meeting was proposed.

Decision

Council did not defer the submission

(13 defer, 27 not defer, 0 abstain)

Decision

Council rejected the submission

(4 in favour, 33 against, 3 abstain)

xiii) Submission 014-20

There was no proposer for the submission, which was therefore deemed rejected.

xiv) Submission 015-20

Decision

Council approved the submission

(37 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstain)

xv) Submission 016-20

The proposer accepted a minor amendment.

The deferral of the submission was proposed.

Decision

Council did not defer the submission

(11 defer, 28 not defer, 1 abstain)

Decision

Council approved the submission with the following amendment:

> **"World Sailing commit 20% - as a guideline - of its Development budget (for clarity, approximately 5% of the total WS budget) for the 2021-2024 quadrennial budget for the development of parasailing and securing its inclusion in the 2028 Paralympic Games."**

(31 in favour, 7 against, 2 abstain)

Peter Hall requested that Council reconsider Submission 008-20 following comments made in the debate on Submission 016-20.

The President decided that Submission 008-20 was concluded business and it would not be appropriate to reconsider it at this meeting.

xvi) Submission 017-20

<u>Decision</u>

Council approved the submission.

(37 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstain)

xvii) Submission 018-20

<u>Decision</u>

Council approved the submission

(39 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstain)

(c) Submissions for which the World Sailing Classes Committee is the Reporting Committee

i) Submission 024-20

<u>Decision</u>

Council approved the submission with the following amendment:

> **6.7.4.5 Committee members shall only ~~discuss and~~ vote on matters that relate to the Olympic Games of which the class they represent are part of.**

(40 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain)

(d) Submissions for which the Constitution Committee is the Reporting Committee

i) Submission 025-20

<u>Decision</u>

Council approved the submission with the following amendment:

> **<u>World Sailing shall publish ~~and make accessible~~ on its website in a conspicuous place, ~~as it does for the Constitution and Regulations,~~ the Policy decision of Council referred to in Article 68(a).</u>**
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> […]
>
> **This ~~Policy~~ <u>Regulation</u> only applies to policy decisions made since November 2012.**

(40 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstain)

ii) Submission 026-20

<u>Decision</u>

Council rejected the submission

(5 in favour, 32 against, 3 abstain)

iii) Submission 027-20

<u>Decision</u>

Council approved the submission with the following amendment:

> 35.2.4(f) not disclose **<u>information which they know, or ought reasonably to know, is</u>** confidential information without the consent of a person authorised to give it, or unless required by law to do so **<u>or for the purposes of obtaining legal advice</u>**.

(36 in favour, 1 against, 3 abstain)

(e) Submissions for which the Development & Regions Committee is the Reporting Committee

i) Submission 028-20

<u>Decision</u>

Council approved the submission

(39 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstain)

ii) Submission 029-20

<u>Decision</u>

Council approved the submission

(37 in favour, 0 against, 3 abstain)

(f) Submissions for which the Equipment Committee is the Reporting Committee

Markus Schwendtner declared an interest and indicated he would abstain on all Equipment submissions.

i) Submission 030-20

<u>Decision</u>

Council approved the submission with the following amendment:

> Proposal 1 amended to read as follows:
> 2. Hull Length ~~7~~ **<u>6.5</u>** to 11 meters.

(35 in favour, 3 against, 2 abstain)

ii) Submission 031-20

<u>Decision</u>

Council approved the submission

(38 in favour, 0 against, 2 abstain)

iii) Submission 032-20

<u>Decision</u>

Council approved the submission

(36 in favour, 1 against, 3 abstain)

(g) Submissions for which the Events Committee is the Reporting Committee

i) Submission 033-20

<u>Decision</u>

Council approved the submission

(37 in favour, 0 against, 3 abstain)

ii) Submission 034-20

The deferral of the submission was proposed.

<u>Decision</u>

Council deferred the submission to its next meeting.

(35 in favour, 1 against, 3 abstain)

iii) Submission 035-20

The submission was withdrawn.

iv) Submission 036-20

The submission was ruled invalid on the advice of the Constitution Committee.

v) Submission 037-20

There was no seconder for the submission, which was therefore deemed rejected.

(h) Submissions for which the Race Officials Committee is the Reporting Committee

i) Submission 038-20

<u>Decision</u>

Council approved the submission

(35 in favour, 2 against, 3 abstain)

ii) Submission 039-20

<u>Decision</u>

Council approved the submission

(37 in favour, 0 against, 3 abstain)

(i) Submissions for which the Racing Rules Committee is the Reporting Committee

i) Submission 044-20

<u>Decision</u>

Council approved the submission

(38 in favour, 0 against, 2 abstain)

8. Events

(a) 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition (Enoshima, JPN)

Council received a report from the Director of Events.

(b) 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition (Marseille, FRA)

Council received a report from the Director of Events.

(c) 2023 Sailing World Championships (The Hague, NED)

Council received a report from the Director of Events.

(d) Youth Sailing World Championships

Council received a report from the Director of Events.

9. Reports and Recommendations Not Based On Submissions

(a) Audit Committee

Council noted the report of the Audit Committee.

There were no recommendations not based on submissions from Audit Committee.

(b) Board

i) Audit Committee

Decision

A submission is to be prepared by World Sailing to make the following changes to the composition of the Audit Committee. The submission should be put to Council for approval before the appointment of the next Audit Committee.

(a) The Audit Committee shall consist of three members, who should have expertise in financial management and reporting and risk management.

(b) One member shall be a Board member.

(c) Two members, including the Chair shall be independent members (i.e. not a Board member nor a member of staff).

(d) All three members shall be appointed by Council on the recommendation of the Board.

(e) The Committee shall continue to report to the Board, and also to Council and to each Annual General Meeting.

(30 in favour, 5 against, 5 abstain)

ii) Committees

There was a proposal to defer the Board's recommendation

Decision

Council did not defer consideration of the recommendation.

(16 defer, 23 not defer, 2 abstain)

Decision

A submission is to be prepared by World Sailing to adopt the Committee and Sub-committee appointment process which was recommended by the Governance Commission.

The submission shall be made to Council in 2021 and shall take effect for the committee appointment process due to commence in 2024.

iii) Ethics Commission: Vice-Chair

<u>Decision</u>

Council appointed Lorenz Walch (GER) as Vice-Chairman of the Ethics Commission

(30 in favour, 0 against, 10 abstain)

(c) Constitution Committee

Council received a report from the Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

There were no recommendations not based on submissions from the Constitution Committee.

(d) Development & Regions Committee

Council received a report from the Chairman of the Committee.

There were no recommendations not based on submissions from Development & Regions Committee.

(e) Equipment Committee

Council received a report from the Chairman the Committee.

i) RS21 Class

The Committee recommended that the application be deferred as substantial changes are required to the class rules to adhere to the Standard Class Rule format. The Committee will re-assess the application once the class rules are updated.

<u>Decision</u>

Council deferred the application to the Equipment Committee's next meeting.

(30 in favour, 2 against, 8 abstain)

ii) IKA Arrows Class

<u>Decision</u>

Council approved the application subject to contract.

(35 in favour, 0 against, 5 abstain)

iii) IKA Snowkite Class

The Committee recommended deferral of the application as there is no reference within the Regulations that confirms World Sailing as the governing body of the sport of sailing on snow, ice or land. This required policy decisions by Council. The Committee should re-consider this application once these policy decisions are made by Council.

<u>Decision</u>

Council deferred the application to the Equipment Committee's next meeting.

(33 in favour, 5 against, 2 abstain)

iv) L30 Class

The Committee recommended rejection of the application.

Decision

Council rejected the application

(31 in favour, 2 against, 7 abstain)

v) The Laser Class

The Committee recommended rejection of the application.

Decision

Council rejected the application

(34 in favour, 0 against, 6 abstain)

vi) iQFoil Applications

The Chairman withdrew the recommendations as Regulation 10.2.1(b) had not been complied with and they would be put to Council once this process had been completed.

(f) Events Committee

Council received a report from the Chairman of the Committee.

i) World Sailing Event Strategy 2021 - 2028

Decision

Work should recommenced as a priority within the Executive Office on the development of the new rankings system.

(36 in favour, 0 against, 4 abstain)

ii) Match Racing Sub-committee

Decision

The Board should ensure that the necessary budget and resources are urgently put in place to help improve and manage the match race rankings.

(36 in favour, 0 against, 4 abstain)

(g) Oceanic & Offshore Committee

Council received a report from the Chairman of the Committee.

i) Offshore Doubles

Decision

World Sailing recognizes a partnership between World Sailing and the Offshore Doubles Association to promote the Olympic Mixed Offshore Doubles Event and more broadly, the discipline of doublehanded offshore racing.

(38 in favour, 0 against, 2 abstain)

(h) Para World Sailing Committee

Council received a report from the Chairman of the Committee.

i) 2028 Paralympic Games

<u>Decision</u>

World Sailing should secure the services of an external consultant to work with the Committee and the Board in the finalization and promotion of the formal application to the IPC and its Board, the IOC, and the general public for the reinstatement of Para Sailing in the 2028 Paralympic Games sport program.

(36 in favour, 1 against, 3 abstain)

(i) Race Officials Committee

Council received a report from the Chairman of the Committee.

i) Event Appointments

<u>Decision</u>

Council rejected the Committee's recommendation.

(10 in favour, 30 against, 0 abstain)

ii) IT Budget

<u>Decision</u>

World Sailing should allocate budget in 2021 to develop an IT solution that provides functionality for creating and maintaining race official profiles and up-to-date event reporting and connects the two for making applications for appointment as a WS Race Official.

(36 in favour, 1 against, 3 abstain)

(j) Racing Rules Committee

Council received a report from the Chairman of the Committee.

There were no recommendations not based on submissions from the Racing Rules Committee.

(k) Women's Forum

Council received a report from the Chair of the Forum.

(l) World Sailing Classes Committee

Council received a report on from the Classes representative to Council.

Council considered the following recommendations from the Olympic Classes Sub-committee.

i) World Sailing Event Strategy: 2021 - 2028

<u>Decision</u>

The Calendar Working Party shall be as flexible as possible for Class events from 2021-24 given the postponement of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games to 2021 and The Hague Sailing World Championships to 2023.

Until the WS Ranking system is developed and functioning to satisfaction, it should not be used for any event selection.

Along with the World ranking system, Sailors ID be developed to a level where it can be used to promote the sailors.

(32 in favour, 5 against, 3 abstain)

ii) Paris 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition

<u>Decision</u>

Council's guidance to the Events Committee is that new formats for the Olympic Games are tested well ahead of the Olymic Games at events such as Youth events or other events not impacting Olympic sailors' campaigns.

Council's guidance to the Events Committee is that 2024 Olympic qualifications are tailored to each event taking into account the quota and the development level of the class used in the event. For events considered as "universal" with larger quota "Regions" should be considered rather than "Continents". Events with small quota could not have any Continental Qualification, or grouping of Continents should be considered. For events using new classes, the Olympic qualifications should be staged as late as possible in the quadrennial to allow sailors to get to the right level and equipment to be readily accessible by all teams around the world.

(31 in favour 3 against, 6 abstain)

iii) The Hague 2023 Sailing World Championships

<u>Decision</u>

Council requests that the World Sailing Executive Office and The Hague Organising Committee review the quotas for the Kiteboarding, One Person Dinghy and Skiff events.

(36 in favour 1 against, 3 abstain)

iv) Race Officials

<u>Decision</u>

Race officials appointments in time of travel restriction should be more flexible in term of judges geographic origin, and use available technology to enable remote judging, in order to optimise resources to validate International Jury and events.

(36 in favour, 1 against, 3 abstain)

<u>Decision</u>

A full review of appointment procedures by the Board with reference to future World Sailing and Race Officials Strategy including a newly formed World Sailing Event Strategy" is to be undertaken, involving all stakeholders, to define a process and policies that work for all involved.

(32 in favour, 8 against, 0 abstain)

10. Any Other Business

Markus Schwendtner asked how the policy decisions about snowkiting would be resolved. The President replied these would be matters for the new Board and new Council to take up.

There being no other business, the President closed the meeting.

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Quanhai Li
President