

The World Sailing Board met by conference call on Tuesday 13 April 2021 between 10:00 – 13:00 BST and again on Monday 19 April 2021 between 10:00 – 13:30 BST.

<u>Present</u>	<u>In Attendance</u>
1. Quanhai Li - President 2. Ozlem Akdurak – Vice President 3. Jo Aleh – Chair, Athletes Commission 4. Philip Baum - Vice President 5. Tomasz Chamera – Vice President 6. Sarah Kenny – Vice President 7. Yann Rocherieux – Vice President 8. Cory Sertl – Vice President 9. Marcus Spillane – Vice President	1. David Graham – Chief Executive Officer 2. Raksha Patel – Director of Finance & Business Operations 3. Victoria Evans – Interim Director of Legal & Governance 4. Nelia Smith – Executive Assistant
1. Opening of the Meeting a) Presidents’ Opening Remarks The President welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. He took the opportunity to further acknowledge those who have worked hard and shown commitment over the past number of weeks, specifically related to the Offshore subject. Bearing in mind the content of the formal letter received from the IOC, he highlighted the importance of collective leadership amidst a tight deadline, with the ultimate objective being to secure the 10th medal. b) Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest No apologies for absence were received. Members were reminded of the need to declare their interest in any items and to remove themselves from such decision making when required. In addition to previously declared conflicts, Directors noted the following given the agenda item concerning Regulation 23 and the 2024 Olympic events: 1. President Quanhai Li – Nothing additional to declare 2. Vice President Ozlem Akdurak – Current President of the Turkish Sailing Federation 3. Vice President Cory Sertl – Current President of US Sailing, until mid-November 2021 4. Vice President Sarah Kenny – Son sails a 49er that is currently campaigning for Paris 2024 5. Vice President Philip Baum – Previous President of South African Sailing, previously involved with International Finn Masters Association, resigned from post in January 2021. Previously involved with African Sailing Confederation, retired from post in November 2020.	

6. Vice President Marcus Spillane – Formerly the President of the International 49er Class & International Nacra17 Class. Resigned from both positions in 2020 and have no further involvement.
7. Vice President Tomasz Chamera –, stepped down from EUROSAF vice-presidency at the Annual General Assembly on 17th April; as far as Presidency of the Polish Yachting Association reminds it is on voluntarily basis.
8. Vice President Jo Aleh – Currently coaching a Nacra17 team, contract coach for Yachting NZ, previously involved as an athlete sailing in the 470 Class.
9. Vice President Yann Rocherieux – No connection with any Classes or Paris 2024.

c) Approval of previous minutes

After re-circulation and no further feedback, the Board approved the minutes from the meeting on the 31st March 2021.

d) Matters arising

13 April 2021 – No matters arising from the previous meeting

19 April 2021 – Interpretation of the IOC criteria framework

Subsequent to questions received about the wording outlined in Point 4 of the IOC criteria framework, the Board noted an update from the CEO that the IOC has been engaged on multiple occasions to address the subject and that their letter displays their final position. It was also agreed that the Regulation 23 Submission and template should reflect the exact wording as outlined in the letter from the IOC.

Given the current timeline, it was agreed that the late submission deadline would be extended to 26 April 2021.

2. Executive Office

The Board received an update from the CEO by means of the Management Report.

3. Events

a) EAWP Review – Working Party Report

The Board noted the report from the working party that was tasked with undertaking a review of the appointment procedures and policies to be followed by the Event Appointment Working Party (EAWP) and make a proposal to the Board on the Terms of Reference of the EAWP.

Decision – The report recommendations were accepted by the Board, with a note that the regulation change submissions were not deemed urgent and would be addressed at the AGM later this year. The Board emphasised that although the regulation changes were not deemed urgent, race officials needed to be appointed to events as soon as possible and the office should work with the Chair of the Race Officials Committee to progress these

appointments. Finally, the Board authorized Tomasz Chamera to request clarity on the immediate way forward and appropriate actions required in the next 6 months leading up to the submission process, including circulating a summary of the report to relevant stakeholders.

b) Paris 2024 Mixed Offshore Event

Subsequent to receiving a formal letter from the IOC, the Board noted an update from the President & CEO reiterating that securing the 10th medal was of the utmost importance. The Board acknowledged that the IOC's letter is the result of their desire to reduce the cost and complexity of Olympic events and is consistent with the IOC's decisions in other sports such as athletics, where a cross country event was declined and rowing, in which coastal rowing wasn't accepted.

The Board noted the requirement to review the prepared paper and agree swiftly on the proposed process that will follow.

Decision – In light of the IOC's request for alternative events to be submitted (in the case should the offshore event for Paris 2024 be rejected), the Board have agreed they will permit late submissions from all stakeholders according to the timeline below in an effort to meet the IOC stipulated deadline of 26 May 2021:

1. 14 April 2021 - World Sailing publish a Presidential announcement
2. 16 April 2021, an informal Townhall is called for by Council to informally discuss this matter, explaining the context, the process to select an alternative event(s), Regulatory changes, framework and timeline.
3. 17 April 2021 the Board Regulation 23 Submission is published, and a Council meeting is called in accordance with Article 55 for 23 April 2021 to review that one submission only.
4. A meeting of the Constitution Committee will take place to review and recommend the proposed amendments prior to the Council meeting of 23 April. The same will happen for the Events and Equipment Committees.
5. The Board will formalise the conditions that late submissions must comply with to be accepted for consideration. As a minimum, late submissions should:
 - a. comply with the requirements resulting from the IOC framework and the World Sailing policies; and
 - b. can only be in respect of the replacement event itself, but not the process by which such change is implemented (i.e., late submissions from stakeholders other than the Board regarding proposed changes to Regulation 23 will not be considered).

6. The late submissions process begins on 17 April 2021 and finishes on 26 April 2021 at 1200pm BST and will be published on 30 April 2021 (two weeks ahead of Mid-Year).
7. The Board can make late submissions (subject to the requirements of Regulation 15.7 as detailed in Clause 4.5 below) until 9 May 2021.
8. A Council meeting is held on 23 April 2021 to make a decision on the Board Regulation 23 Submission (pursuant to Article 43) to allow decisions pursuant to the amended Regulation 23 to be made at the Mid-Year meeting.
9. The Mid Year meeting of the Council is held between 10-14 May 2021 at which:
 - a. the Events Committee and Equipment Committee shall meet on 10-11 May 2021 and will make recommendations to Council;
 - b. the Board shall meet on 12 and/or 13 May 2021;
 - c. the Council shall meet on 14 May 2021 to vote for their preferred replacement options, of which a maximum of 2 events will be presented to the IOC, in addition to Offshore being the preferred choice of WS.

c) Tokyo 2020 Update

An update on the current status of events related to the Tokyo Olympic Games was provided to the Board.

d) E-Sailing & IOC Update

The Board acknowledged an update from the CEO on the current status of the engagement between relevant parties.

4. Finance

The Board received an update from the Director of Finance regarding the office lease, management accounts and the 2021 cash flow and budget.

Decision – The Board approved the proposed Cashflow forecasts for circulation to the WS auditors.

a. Sponsorship Update

The CEO provided an update on the current sponsorship status. The Board noted a specific update about the positive progress within the Chinese market and that the conclusion of these partnerships will be done with support from the HQ Commercial team. The Board were also advised of the requirement to establish a representative office/formal entity to be able to access funds raised through the proposed local partnerships. The Director of Finance & VP liaison for finance confirmed that extensive work had been done outlining the options and associated risks and that a detailed document would be shared with the Board for input and consideration to enable final decision making.

5. Legal & Governance

a) Urgent Submissions for the Mid-Year Meeting

A summary was provided to the Board including all submissions received by the original deadline. These were reviewed internally and a recommendation presented to the Board for consideration.

Decision – The Board agreed that none of the submissions received are deemed urgent and would be moved to the AGM later this year. The position agreed was subject to Regulation 23 being approved by Council and a further assessment of urgency may be required if the draft Regulation isn't approved.

b) Board Submissions

Covered in the update under agenda item 3(b).

c) Judicial Board Appointments

The Board noted the view point of the Executive Office that it is important that the Judicial Board have 7 or 9 members to ensure it is able to function effectively and efficiently.

Although Council appoints the Judicial Board members at its discretion, the Executive Office suggested that the Board assist in this process by reviewing the expressions of interest and developing a list of candidates to propose to Council for appointment.

Decision – It was agreed that a Board working party (VP Ozlem Akdurak & VP Philip Baum) would review the recommendations made and share their endorsement/further feedback to the Board by circulation.

6. Technical & Offshore

a) Sailor Categorisation Commission – For Appointment

The Board noted that under Regulation 8.2, the appointment of members of Commissions is their responsibility, including the appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair. A list of recommended candidates was presented to the Board for consideration.

Decision – The Board agreed to appoint the following members as the Sailor Categorization Commission:

1. Thomas Rinda USA (Chair)
2. Glen Stanaway AUS (Vice Chair)
3. Carol Abbott GBR
4. Stephen Jeffries USA
5. David Meagher IRL
6. Dobbs Davis USA
7. Neven Baren CRO
8. Tony Rey USA

9. New member: Peina Chen CHN
10. New member: Gonzalo Heredia ARG
11. New member: A representative of Mediterranean region to be confirmed

It was further agreed that once the Categorisation system in the new website is active, the Board will review the composition of the Commission and appoint Glen Stanaway as Chair.

7. Communications

The Board acknowledged the summary report of the Q1 Regional Meetings.

8. All Other Business

- a) The President requested the agenda for the 23 April Council meeting to be prepared as soon as possible for approval & circulation.

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