World Sailing Board Minutes

The World Sailing Board met by conference call on Wednesday & Thursday 27/28 October 2021 between 10:00 – 12:30 UTC.

Present	In Attendance
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. Alex Brooks – Interim Director of Legal & Governance 4. Nelia Smith – Executive Assistant

1. Opening of the Meeting

Presidents' Opening Remarks

The President opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He went on to note that he has received a lot of positive feedback so far from the 2021 Annual Conference committees and commission meetings and thanked the VP's, CEO & staff for their contribution. He also congratulated VP Ozlem Akdurak with her re-election as President of the Turkish Sailing Federation. He highlighted the importance of the Council meeting that is taking place on the 29 October and for the Board to go through the details of the submissions for which they are the reporting committee, as well as any others.

Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

No Apologies were received

Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the Board meeting that took place on 14 September 2021 were circulated on 21 September. Comments received were incorporated and a final version re-circulated on 21 October 2021.

Decision - It is noted that these minutes will be approved by circulation after the Board meeting. Furthermore, all action items that are captured during Board meetings should be formalised into a tracking document to monitor progress and support efficiency.

Matters arising

There are no matters arising

2. Council Meeting

The CEO facilitated an overview of the upcoming Council meeting agenda. During this session, the Board went through the details of all the submissions, particularly the ones for which they are the reporting committee.

3. Executive Office

a. Management Report

The Board received an update from the CEO via the Management report, included as a supporting paper in the Board pack.

4. Events

a. Tokyo 2020

The Board received a comprehensive paper and de-brief from the Director of Events. This included reports from the WS Olympic Manager as well as all technical delegates.

b. Update on Events Committee meetings (Annual Conference)

An update on the Events Committee meeting that has taken place as part of the Annual Conference was provided to the Board.

c. Oman Youth World Championships – Update

The Board noted a verbal update on the current planning progress for the Youth World Championships in Oman. The comprehensive Covid-19 plan is yet to be received from the organisers.

d. 2023 Sailing World Championships

A verbal update was provided by the Director of Events.

e. Paris 2024 Technical Delegates, Principal Race Officer and Deputy, Jury Chair and Deputy, Technical Committee Chair and Deputy

Following on from the previous Board meeting, a working group made up of VPs and WS staff have met to discuss and identify the criteria for appointment. The criteria once finalised should be documented within the Regulations.

It was suggested that the working group continues its work to be able to present a final list of recommendations to the Board well in advance of its December meeting.

A specific request was made for more information to be shared about the programme of training events for race officials (geographically) and what investment is being made now that will bear fruit long-term.

f. Para Sailing Update

The Board noted an update on the official launch of the para sailing reinstatement campaign that took place on the 26th of October.

g. Annual Conference Events Committee Reports
The Director of Events confirmed that the Events Committee Reports that were being reviewed included:
1. Paris2024 Formats
2. Regulation 23 Event Review Recommendations
3. Quotas & Qualifications system

5. Commercial

a. Commercial – Update
The Board noted an update from the Commercial Director on the status of revenue and pipeline. The Board mandated that all sponsorships indicating affiliation to World Sailing, in any shape or form, should follow the standard process and form part of a Board agreed strategy.

b. Saudi Arabia Sponsorship – Ellvee
A proposal was put forward to the Board that involves the signing of an agreement with commercial agency Ellvee. The agreement would grant exclusivity to reach out to potential prospects for sponsorship in Saudi-Arabia.
Decision – The Board agreed that the opportunity should be properly evaluated and requested the EO to conduct a second level of due diligence including potential risks. A formal report should be brought back to the Board upon which a final decision will be made.

c. Optimist Sponsorship – Africa & Oceania
It has come to light that an Optimist manufacturing company in China has offered 120 boats to each of the Continental Associations of Oceania and Africa. The President indicated that he was aware of the offer and confirmed that it is a private donation not connected with World Sailing, otherwise it would have been progressed through the usual World Sailing processes as with any other donation.

6. Technical & Offshore

a. iQFOiL - Elections and class status
The Board noted an update from the Director of Technical & Offshore

b. Update on Equipment Committee meetings (Annual Conference)
The Board noted an update from the Director of Technical & Offshore

c. Regulation 23.6 - Equipment re-evaluation
The Board noted an update from the Director of Technical & Offshore

7. Finance

a. Quad Forecast 2021 - 2024
The Director of Finance presented the quad forecast to the Board.

b. MNA/Class Subscription Fees 2022

The Board noted the supporting paper presented by the Director of Finance.

Decision – This item will be considered further along with the outstanding debtors at the next Board meeting in December.

c. WS Investment Fund

The Board noted a paper related to the WS Investment Fund.

d. MNA Debtors list

The Board agreed to transfer this agenda item to their next Board meeting, taking place in December 2021.

e. Office Lease – Update

An update was provided to the Board with regards to a potential new office space in Battersea, that would be suitable for the company's needs and provide a significant cost reduction.

The Board agreed with the approach as presented by the CEO.

8. Legal & Governance

a. Case List – Update

The Board noted an update on all the current legal cases from the Interim Director of Legal.

Specific to case EC02-20 and the recent update received from the Panel, a question was raised about the standard course of action in terms of the publishing case results.

The Board agreed that for the sake of transparency it would be appropriate to publish the full report from the Panel on the WS website.

b. Governance Reform Update – VP PB

The Board noted the communication sent to MNAs related to the Special Resolution that would be voted on during the AGM on 30 October 2021.

9. AOB

a. World Sailing Development Strategy (VP Cory Sertl)

A request was made for a standing agenda item during Board meetings to progress the WS Development strategy. It was also noted that the development plans previously presented by the ASCON and Oceania Regions required a co-ordinated response.

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