World Sailing Board Minutes

The World Sailing Board met by conference call between 10:00 – 12:30 GMT on Tuesday, 9th February 2021.

Present	In Attendance
1. Quanhi 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. Kendall Harris – Director of Legal & Governance 4. Nelia Smith – Executive Assistant

1. Opening of the Meeting

a) Presidents' Opening Remarks

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and passed around a celebratory message related to the Lunar New Year. The President noted that he had received a letter from the IOC associated to the Paris 2024 Offshore subject and that no efforts will be spared in providing a sufficient response to achieve a positive outcome. A focused Advisory Group will be established to oversee the response procedures in accordance to the IOC timeline.WS must respond or risk losing the 10th medal event should the IOC reject the Offshore event. As the process unfolds, ongoing updates will be shared with relevant stakeholders, including Council & MNA's. He went on to comment on the unfortunate situation in Greece and expressed his support for the manner which it was dealt with by World Sailing. The President also acknowledged the receipt of proposals for the development of sailing in Africa & Oceania and commended the work done by the responsible VP's. He requested that the CEO share these proposals with the other members of the Board. He concluded with a promising update of sponsorship progress in China. The Board welcomed the President's initiative in so swiftly addressing the pressing issue of sponsorship. The President highlighted a requirement for a Chinese subsidiary and bank account to facilitate the conclusion of possible partnerships and tasked the CEO to investigate the feasibility of this, and look forward to a written proposal in due course.

b) Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

No apologies for absence were received.

No further interests were declared.

c) Approval of previous minutes
The Board noted that the amendments requested to the 29 December minutes had been implemented. The Board further requested that all outstanding minutes were published up to date as a matter of urgency.

d) There were no matters arising since the last meeting.

2. Executive Office

The Board received an update from the CEO that included the Management Report and Near-Term Strategic Intent 2021-2024. Also included was a brief overview by the Director of Legal and Governance on all open legal and disciplinary cases.
The CEO confirmed that a draft Board Charter will be finalised for review by the end of February 2021.

3. Events

a) Paris Offshore 2024
The Board noted additional comments from the Director of Events on immediate next steps required subsequent to the letter received from the IOC.

b) 2021 Youth World Championships
Decision – The Board approved the recommendation of the Bid Panel for the hosting of the 2021 Youth World Championship as per the bid presented, WS guidelines and upon the acceptance of the event's contract.

c) Safeguarding
Decision – The Board approved to:

- appoint a Working Party to develop 'World Sailing Safeguarding Policies and Procedures'.
- decide that the Working Party should include the following representatives as a priority for immediate and focused work to commence:

(i) representatives from the Board
(ii) Athlete or Athletes' Commission Member (male/female)
(iii) Coach or Team Support Personnel/Coaches Commission Member
(iv) individual(s) with extensive experience in Safeguarding whether internally within our Sailing community (MNA) or externally (other sport/professional body)
(v) individual(s) with extensive experience covering Legal/Constitutional/Judicial/Integrity areas
(vi) World Sailing Executive Staff member
(vii) combinations of the above outlined expertise with a mix of gender and regional representation where possible

- Identify the Board representative on the Working Party who will work with the Executive Office to identify suitable individuals for appointment to the Working Party and prepare draft terms of reference; and
- Determine that the terms of reference will be agreed, and the Working Party appointed, as a matter of priority.
- Identify additional representatives for further contribution on a wider scale from related groups including Medical Commission, Youth Events Sub-Committee, Para World Sailing Committee, Women's Forum, Development & Regions Committee, Race Officials Committee, Classes Committee and any other deemed appropriate

- The Board also settled to include in the Working Party terms of reference that the Board's strong preference is for the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures to include both:

(i) an organisational policy which outlines the minimum requirements MNAs should adhere to regarding athlete safety; and

(ii) an event-specific policy which applies to competitions organised by World Sailing,

- **Decision** - It was further suggested that the Governance Reform be added as an agenda item to the next board meeting as there were concerns that items were being raised on an ad hoc basis instead of being reviewed comprehensively. The Board agreed unanimously.

d) Continental Qualifiers – Tokyo

The Board acknowledged information on the current status of events that serve as qualifiers.

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 2021 budget, with a request made for extended contingency planning, should there be an unexpected reduction in funding.

5. Technical & Offshore

a) IWA Request – Formula Class Board Registration fee

Decision – The Board approved the recommendation put forward by the IWA / IFWCA to implement the necessary changes to the International Formula Windsurfing Class Association board registration scheme. The fee payable per board registered into the IFWCA shall be £300 from 01/01/2022 onwards.

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The Board received an update from the Director of Technical & Offshore.

6. All Other Business

a) Independent Member – Audit Committee
Decision - The Board approved the nomination of Stephanie Lyons as an independent member to the World Sailing Audit Committee.

b) Stakeholder Communication
The Board received an update from the Director of Communications on the integrated communications plan and the implementation status.

c) IPC 2028
The Board received an update from the CEO.

d) International Regulations Committee
Decision – In accordance with Regulation 8.2, the Board approved the appointment of the following individuals to the International Regulations Commission:

- Alan Massey (GBR) – Chair
- Sonke Thomsen (GER) – Vice Chair
- Patrick Lindqvist (FIN)
- Elena Matzaridou (GRE)

The Board agreed that the Executive Office should work to identify suitable additional members from a second and third continent for appointment to the Commission.

e) EAWP Working Party Update
The Board received an update from Vice President Tomasz Chamera that the working party is making good progress and are on track to meet the deadline of 15 February 2021 to present its recommendation to the Board.

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