World Sailing Board Minutes

The World Sailing Board met by conference call between 09:00 to 09:45 BST on Friday 21 August 2020

World Sailing

Present:

Jan Dawson – Vice President

Quanhai Li – Vice President

Yann Rocherieux – Chairman, Athletes' Commission

Ana Sanchez – Vice President

Nadine Stegenwalner – Vice President

In Attendance:

David Graham – Chief Executive Officer

Kendall Harris – Director of Legal & Governance

Jon Napier – Governance & Rules Consultant

Apologies:

Torben Grael – Vice President

1. Opening of the Meeting

In the absence of the President, the Board appointed Jan Dawson as chair of the meeting.

It was confirmed that a quorum was present.

It was noted that Kim Andersen, Gary Jobson and W Scott Perry had conflicts of interests in the items of business and would not participate in the meeting.

Quanhai Li declared a potential conflict of interests as a Presidential candidate. The other Board members agreed this was not a conflict.

2. Ethics Commission

The Chief Executive Officer informed the Board he had been sent a report from the Ethics Commission concerning the outcome of an investigation into a complaint concerning the President. This would be sent to Council later that day as instructed by the Commission, notwithstanding the legal objections from the President concerning the proper constitution of the Commission.

The Chief Executive Officer informed the Board of the resignation of three members of the Commission. The Board noted the contents of the resignation letters.

The Chief Executive stated that, in his opinion, the contents of the resignation letters raised allegations of misconduct under Regulation 35 and he intended to refer the allegations to the Judicial Board under that Regulation.

Decision

The Board endorsed the Chief Executive Officer's decision to refer the allegations to the Judicial Board.

The Board agreed that the report must be sent to Council notwithstanding the objections.

The Board agreed that a public statement should be issued urgently confirming World Sailing's actions.

The Chief Executive Officer will write to the President and the Acting Chair of the Ethics Commission informing them of the decisions taken.

The Board instructed the Chief Executive Officer to identify new potential members of the Commission, with due regard paid to the need for independence and expertise in sport law and ethics.

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