The World Sailing Board met between 09:00 – 17:30 on 26 October and 09:00 – 17:30 on 27 October 2018 at Hyatt Regency Hotel, Sarasota, United States of America

Present:

Kim Andersen – President

Jan Dawson - Vice-President

Torben Grael – Vice-President

Gary Jobson – Vice-President

W. Scott Perry – Vice-President (by conference call)

Quanhai Li – Vice-President

Yann Rocherieux – Chairman, Athletes' Commission

Ana Sanchez – Vice-President

Nadine Stegenwalner – Vice-President

Andy Hunt – Chief Executive Officer

In attendance:

Carlos de Beltran – Director of Technical & Offshore

Hugh Chambers – Chief Commercial Officer

Alastair Fox – Director of Events

Jonela Haxhinasto – Finance Director

Jon Napier – Director of Legal & Governance

1. Opening of the Meeting

(a) Communication from the President

The President opened the meeting and welcomed the Board to Sarasota. He focused on two main issues for his opening remarks: the increasingly damaging level of miscommunications from former World Sailing members, and concern from MNAs on how the 2024 Olympic equipment decisions will be made.

On the latter, the President said a significant number of MNAs were concerned about how the Mid-Year Meeting came to its decisions and were now asking for leadership from the Board to set out how World Sailing can move forward. He reported that the concerns focused on how two traditional events could be combined into the new mixed one person event.

The Board held an in-depth discussion into the decisions to be made this week with the 2024 Olympic Events and Equipment.

(b) Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

There were no apologies for absence.

The Board noted the Register of Interests. There were no further declarations of interest.

(c) Minutes

The minutes of the previous Board meeting was noted.

(d) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Safety

The Board received a report from the Director of Technical & Offshore.

3. Finance

(a) Management Accounts YTD (to August 2018)

The Board received and discussed the management accounts to August 2018 and the report of the Finance Director.

(b) World Sailing Debtors

The Board noted the debtors' list.

(c) Quarterly Report on the Isle of Man Trust

The Board noted the quarterly report.

(d) 2019 Budget

The Board discussed the draft budget for 2019.

Decision

The Board approved the 2019 budget and will keep expenditure for 2019 under active review to ensure organisational priorities are met.

4. Commercial

(a) Sponsorship and Commercial Report

The Board received a report from the Chief Commercial Officer.

(b) Sailing World Cup – Financial Analysis

The Board received a commercial and financial analysis for the World Cup Series.

(c) Partnership Proposal with ICOMIA

The Board received a proposed memorandum of understanding with the International Council of Marine Industry Associations

Decision

The Board approved the memorandum of understanding.

5. Governance

(a) Disciplinary Cases

The Board received an update from the Director of Legal & Governance

(b) MNA Matters

The Board received an update from the Director of Legal & Governance

(c) Anti-Doping Review

The Board received a report from the Directors of Events and Legal & Governance.

6. Reports

(a) CEO Report

The Board received a report from the Chief Executive Officer. He updated the Board on the date resolution with the WCS European event in Genoa.

The Board requested that the 2019 priorities for the Executive Office are presented at the next Board meeting and are prepared in line with the 2019 budget priorities. It also requested an update on the training and development strategy.

(b) 2018 Performance on Strategic Plan

The Board received a report from the Chief Executive Officer on the organisation's performance on implementing the World Sailing Strategic Plan.

7. Technical

(a) Equipment Re-evaluation Process

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

8. Submissions

(a) 2018 Submissions

The Board considered the 2018 submissions

Decision

The Board made recommendations to Council (see Appendix 1).

(b) Late Submissions

The Board considered two draft submissions concerning the 2024 Olympic Events

Decision

The Board agreed that the issues raised by the submissions were urgent and recommended to the President that they be accepted as late submissions under Regulation 15.7.

9. Events

(a) 2018 Sailing World Championships (Aarhus, DEN)

The Board received the final report of the Director of Events.

(b) 2018 Youth Olympic Games (Buenos Aires, ARG)

The Board received a report from the Director of Events.

(c) 2019 Offshore World Championships – Update

The Board received a report from the Chief Executive Officer.

Decision

The Board approved deferral of further negotiations until after the Annual Conference.

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

The Board received a report from the Director of Events.

Decision

The Board requested that World Sailing write to the IOC and Toyko 2020 concerning unauthorised equipment on the field of play.

(e) IPC / 2024 Paralympic Games

The Board received a report from the Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Events on the IPC's decision not to include sailing in the sport programme for the 2024 Paralympic Games.

(f) World Match Racing Tour

The Board received an update from the Chief Executive Officer on discussions with potential new owners of the Tour.

(g) 2021 – 2028 Event Strategy

The Board received an update on the development on 2021-2028 Event Strategy from the President and the Director of Events.

Decision

The Board agreed that World Sailing will now consult with all stakeholders including World Sailing Committee and Commissions, the Olympic Classes, event organisers, MNAs and sailors.

The Events Strategy Working Party will prepare a final recommendation on the future event strategy for final approval at the 2019 Mid-Year Meeting.

The final recommendations will include full details on the proposed calendar, ranking system and commercial strategy.

(h) Event Appointment Working Party

The Board received a report from the Directors of Events and Legal & Governance.

10. Future Meetings

The Board noted the dates and location of its future meetings.

11. Any Other Business

(a) Medical Commission

The Board considered a proposed appointment to the Commission

Decision

The Board approved the appointment of Dr Sophia Papamichalopoulos (CYP) to the Medical Commission.

(b) Timing of Meetings

The Board requested that Commission meetings do not clash with the Board meetings at the Conference.

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