

The World Sailing Board met by conference call between 10:00 to 13:00 (GMT) on Thursday 3 December 2020, 10am to 13.30am on Friday 4 December 2020 and 11am to 3pm on Tuesday 8 December 2020.

Present:

Quanhai Li - President
Ozlem Akdurak – Vice President
Jo Aleh – Chair, Athletes' Commission
Philip Baum – Vice President
Tomasz Chamera – Vice President
Sarah Kenny – Vice President
Yann Rocherieux – Vice President
Cory Sertl – Vice President
Marcus Spillane – Vice President

In Attendance:

David Graham – Chief Executive Officer
Kendall Harris – Director of Legal & Governance

1. Opening of the Meeting

(a) President's Opening Remarks

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

No apologies for absence were received.

There were no additional declarations of interest.

(b) Minutes of the 18 & 19 November 2020 meetings

The Board approved the minutes of the 11 November 2020 meeting.

The Board also approved the minutes of the 18 and 19 November 2020 meeting, subject to the amendments discussed and agreed during the meeting.

(c) Matters arising

The Board asked, as a matter of principle, that if any legal claims are made against or in respect of World Sailing, the Board should be advised immediately. The CEO acknowledged the request and undertook to update the Board as such.

2. Ethics Commission Next Steps

The Board discussed the nomination of new members to the Ethics Commission and, after considering the importance of common law experience and new members having no conflicts of interest, agreed the following principles in respect of selecting nominees:

- (a) no current Council members should be nominated for appointment because where issues or reports before the Commission concern a member of the Board, the Commission reports to Council.
- (b) nominees must have no conflicts of interest in respect of the Commission's current cases.
- (c) the majority of nominees must have common law experience, and the Chair and Vice Chair must be from common law jurisdictions; and

- (d) no current or former Ethics Commission members should be nominated to the new Commission as there are a number of conflicts of interest among previous Commission members, and it is important to start with a new Commission which is able to act in respect of the cases currently before the Commission.

Decision

The Board noted that, following the resignation of four Commission members, the Commission no longer has seven members (as required by Regulation 8.14.2) and therefore cannot act or make formal decisions. On that basis and given the conflicts of interest of the remaining members in respect of ongoing cases before the Commission, the Board resolved to bring forward (from February 2021) the appointment of a new Ethics Commission.

The Board resolved to nominate the following individuals:

- (a) Graham McKenzie (NZL) (as Chair);
- (b) Charlie Manzoni (HKG) (as Vice Chair);
- (c) Dick Batt (GBR);
- (d) Gary Bodie (USA);
- (e) Philips Daniels (RSA);
- (f) Ion Echave (ESP);
- (g) Zeynep Fencimen (TUR);
- (h) Ana Gamulin (SLO);
- (i) Timo Hass (GER);
- (j) David Kellet (AUS); and
- (k) Arve Sundheim (NOR).

The Board requested that the CEO:

- (a) write to the current members of the Commission advising them of the Board's principles for selecting new Commission members, and based on those principles, they will not be nominated for the new Commission;
- (b) set up a conference call between the President, CEO and Ethics Commission members to explain the Board's decision as set out in (a);
- (c) write to the proposed nominees to obtain their consent to be nominated;
- (d) following confirmation of the new nominees, write to Council to advise that an electronic vote to replace the existing Commission and appoint the new members will be held shortly.

3. **Committee Chair & Vice-Chair Board Selection**

The Board discussed nominees for appointment to World Sailing's Committees and Commissions.

4. **Any Other Business**

The Board received an update on legal cases and a progress update from the IQ foil working party.