Board Minutes

The World Sailing Board met by conference call between 12:00 – 16:00 hrs BST on 5 August 2019

Present:

Kim Andersen – President

Jan Dawson - Vice-President

Gary Jobson – Vice-President

Quanhai Li – Vice-President

W. Scott Perry – Vice-President

Yann Rocherieux – Chairman, Athletes' Commission (until item 6(g))

Ana Sanchez – Vice-President

Nadine Stegenwalner – Vice-President

Andy Hunt – Chief Executive Officer

In attendance:

Alastair Fox – Director of Events (in part)

Raksha Patel – Finance Director

Jon Napier – Director of Integrity & Governance

Apologies for absence:

Torben Grael – Vice-President

1. Opening of the Meeting

(a) President's Opening Remarks

The President opened the meeting and informed the Board about his attendance at the Pam Am Games.

(b) Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

There were apologies for absence from Torben Grael.

The Board noted the Register of Interests. Gary Jobson declared a new interest in his appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the New York Yacht Club Sailing Foundation.

(c) Minutes

The Board noted the minutes of its previous meeting.

(d) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting not otherwise on the agenda.

2. Safety

The Board received a report from the Safety Panel

3. Reports

(a) CEO Report

The Board received a report from the Chief Executive Officer.

The Chief Executive Officer reported on the success of the 2019 Hempel Youth Sailing World Championships and thanked the Polish Yachting Association for its hard work in delivering such a great event. He noted also the successful delivery of the 2019 Para Sailing World Championships in Puerto Sherry, ESP, although there were some issues with the quality of the 2.4mR charter boats provided by the yacht club.

The Chief Executive Officer reported on the negotiations with Virtual Regatta.

<u>Decision</u>

The Board requested a summary of the new proposals prior to completion.

The Chief Executive Officer noted the forthcoming launch of the Special Event Sustainability Charter with SailGP which has already been concluded with the World Match racing Tour.

The Board discussed the arrangements for the 2020 Youth Sailing World Championships.

<u>Decision</u>

The Board requested the Chief Executive Officer write to CBVela concerning the unpaid sanction fee.

The Board discussed the latest communication from the Olympic Classes Sub-committee concerning the funding of the increased manufacturer quality control regime for the next Olympic quadrennium.

(b) Commercial Report

The Board received and discussed a report from the Commercial Director.

<u>Decision</u>

The Board approved a proposal from the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a sponsorship agreement for the 2019 annual conference.

4. Finance

(a) Management Accounts

The Board received and discussed the June 2019 Management Accounts and latest cash flow analysis.

5. Governance

(a) Governance Commission

The Board received an update report from the Governance Commission.

(b) 2019 Conference & Awards Update

The Board received a report from the Chief Executive Officer.

(c) 2019 Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey

The Board received a report from the Chief Executive Officer.

6. Technical and Events

(a) Men's and Women's Windsurfer Tender

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

(b) One Person Dinghy Update

The Board received a report from the Director of Integrity & Governance on the contract proposals received from ILCA.

<u>Decision</u>

The Board requested the Executive Office clarify the proposed branding of the boat and supply arrangements with ILCA and will then submit the arrangements to Council for confirmation.

(c) Olympic Classes Contract

The Board received a report from the Director of Integrity & Governance.

(d) Tokyo 2020 Qualification System

The Board received a report from the Director of Events.

(e) 2020 Men and Women's Windsurfer – Supplied Equipment

The Board received a report from the Director of Events.

The Board noted the high likelihood that the equipment would not be supplied at the 2020 Olympic Games due to the manufacturer not wishing to fund the supply.

Decision

The Director of Events will consult with the team leaders at the Test Event and will make a final decision at its next meeting.

The Board requested the Executive Office review the procedures for ensuring the uniformity and compliance of racing equipment.

(f) Support Team Regulations

The Board received the report from the Director of Events.

Decision

The Board requested the Technical Delegates discuss a proposed revision to the Support Team Regulations with Nadine Stegenwalner and Torben Grael and report back to the Board.

(g) 2020 Offshore World Championship – Qualification System

The Board received a proposal from the Director of Events.

Decision

The Board approve the proposal in principle and will review a final proposal at its next meeting.

(h) 2019 Blind Fleet Racing World Championships

The Board received a proposal from the Director of Events.

Decision

In order to maximise participation the Board approved an exemption of Para World Sailing Race Management Manual and therefore allow mixed nationality crews to compete at the 2019 Blind Fleet Racing World Championships.

Both Blind Fleet and Match Racing World Championships should be added to the list of World Sailing events in Regulation 19.8(a).

7. Website

The Board received a proposal from the Chief Executive Officer following the decision of the current website provider to serve notice and cease hosting the current website.

Decision

The Chief Executive Officer will refine the website migration proposal and return to the Board for a final decision prior to its next Board meeting.

8. Any Other Business

(a) Election Committee

The Board noted the 2019 Annual General Meeting must appoint the Election Committee for the 2020 elections on the recommendation of the Board.

<u>Decision</u>

The Board intends to recommend an Election Committee of three people to the Annual General Meeting and the Executive Office was requested to undertake an appropriate recruitment exercise.

(b) Voting System for Annual Conference

The Chief Executive Officer updated the Board on the selection of the new electronic voting system for the use at Conference. He will write to Council and MNAs in advance of the meetings informing them of the system, validation processes and procedures which will be used.

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