World Sailing Board Minutes

The World Sailing Board met by conference call on Monday 2 December 2019 between 19:00 – 21:15 hrs UTC

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

Ana Sanchez – Vice President

Nadine Stegenwalner – Vice President

In attendance:

Alastair Fox – Director of Events

Kendall Harris – Head of Legal

Scott Over – Commercial Director

Jon Napier – Governance & Rules

Raksha Patel – Finance Director

Not present:

Andy Hunt – Chief Executive Officer

Torben Grael – Vice President

1. Opening of the Meeting

(a) President's Opening Remarks

The President opened the meeting and updated the Board on his meetings with the senior management team in the Executive Office since the Annual Conference.

The President reported on his meetings at the Yacht Racing Forum, the Chinese Yachting Association, including the Chinese Minister for Sport, and the annual meeting of the Deutscher Segler Verband.

The President noted that as the Chief Executive Officer was resigning and leaving shortly, he had agreed with him that it was not necessary to attend this meeting.

The Board agreed with the President that the entire World Sailing staff should be congratulated on a well-organised and well-delivered Annual Conference.

(b) Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

There were no apologies for absence.

(c) Minutes

The Board noted the minutes of its meeting held on 25 and 26 October 2019 (circulated and approved after the meeting).

2. Safety

The Board received a report from the Director of Events on behalf of the Safety Panel. He noted the work being undertaken by the Medical Commission to support the work of Tokyo 2020.

The Board considered the recommendation of the Panel to established a wider Safety Working Party to consider safety issues which are outside the remit of the Panel.

Decision

The Board approved the recommendation of the Panel and requested the Executive Office prepare a paper for approval at the Board's next meeting.

3. Reports

(a) Interim Management Update

The Board received a paper concerning the interim management arrangements for the Executive Office.

<u>Decision</u>

The Board approved the arrangements and the communication to be sent to stakeholders.

(b) Recruitment of a Chief Executive Officer

The President updated the Board on the proposed executive search arrangements for the recruitment of the next Chief Executive Officer. A decision will be made shortly by the sub-group of the Board appointed to examine the proposals.

(c) SMT Report

The Board received and discussed a monthly report from the Senior Management Team.

The Board reinforced its view that the Executive Office must keep under review whether work that is currently undertaken is necessary and a good use of limited resources.

<u>Decision</u>

The Board requested a report for its next meeting on the progress of the digital project.

(d) Commercial Report

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

<u>Decision</u>

The Board approved the appointment of a nomination panel for the 2020 Rolex World Sailing of the Year. The Board will approve the appointment and procedure for the panel.

<u>Decision</u>

The Board approved the proposed appointnent of a new Tier 1 sponsor in principle (subject to approval of the detailed terms).

4. Finance

(a) October 2019 Management Accounts

The Board received and discussed the October 2019 Management Accounts.

(b) 2020 Budget and Corporate Objectives

The Board received an update on the review of the 2020 budget and corporate objectives.

5. Governance

(a) Governance Review

The Board received an update on the further consultations on the governance review. The Board confirmed the location of the Extraordinary General Meeting will be London.

(b) Safeguarding Update

The Board received a report from the Director of Events.

Decision

The Board requested that Gary Jobson works with the Director of Events to develop the membership of the working party.

(c) Delegation of Authorities

The Board received a proposal from the Head of Legal on the delegation of authority of the Chief Executive Officer under the Constitution and Regulations until the appointment of a successor.

Decision

Under Article 87, the Board authorised Alastair Fox, Jon Napier and Raksha Patel each to exercise the powers of an acting Chief Executive Officer under the Constitution and Regulations until such time as a permanent Chief Executive Officer is appointed by the Board.

6. Technical and Events

(a) Tokyo 2020 Update

The Board received an update from the Director of Events.

(b) 2020 Offshore World Championships

The Board received an update from the Director of Events.

7. Any Other Business

(a) Meeting Dates

The Board confirmed its meeting dates and locations for 2020.

There being no other business, the President closed the meeting