Board Minutes

The World Sailing Board met between 09:00 – 18:00 on 16 May 2019 at 20 Eastbourne Terrace, London, Great Britain.

Present:

HM King Constantine – Honorary President

Kim Andersen – President

Jan Dawson - Vice-President

Torben Grael – 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

Andy Hunt – Chief Executive Officer

In attendance:

Alastair Fox – Director of Events

Jonela Haxhinasto – Finance Director

Jon Napier – Director of Integrity & Governance

Jaime Navarro – Head of Technical & Offshore

Scott Over – Commercial Director

Daniel Smith – Director of Communications & Digital

Harriet Strzelecki – Director of Brand and Marketing

1. Opening of the Meeting

(a) Communication from the President

The President welcomed the Board to the Executive Office for its Mid-Year Meeting.

The President updated the Board on his attendance and meetings at SportAccord and the meetings of the ASOIF General Assembly.

The President highlighted the need for the Event Strategy to address the current issues with the World Cup Series, and as World Sailing moves towards the end to the new quad, it is the right time to set the Strategy moving forward.

The Board discussed the current position with the selection of the 2024 Olympic Equipment.

(b) Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

There were no apologies for absence.

The Board noted the Registers of Gifts and Interests.

Jan Dawson informed the Board that she was no longer Chair of the Yachting New Zealand Olympic Advisory Committee.

(c) Minutes

The Board noted the minutes of its meeting held of 8 April 2019 (approved after the meeting).

(d) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

2. Safety

The Board received a report from the Safety Panel and agreed with its concerns that the number of reports being filed was reducing.

The Board noted the first publication of the reports and recommendations will occur shortly.

3. Governance

(a) MNA Matters

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

(b) Race Officials Strategy

The Board received a joint proposal prepared by the Race Officials Committee, its Sub-committees, the Event Appointment Working Party and the Executive Office.

Decision

The Board approved the Strategy.

The Board requested six-monthly updates from the Race Officials Committee and Executive Office on implementation of the Strategy.

(c) Equipment Cheating Review

The Board received a report from the Equipment Cheating Review Group.

Decision

The Board approved the report in principle and its proposals are to be published for consultation. After this time, the Group is to make any amendments it considers appropriate and submit their final proposal to the Board for final approval.

(d) Code of Ethics

The Board discussed Submission M03-19.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

The Board considered a report from the Ethics Commission.

Decision

The Board recommends to Council revisions to the Code of Ethics in Proposals 2 and 3 of the report.

The Board referred Proposals 1 and 4 to the Racing Rules Committee.

4. Technical and Events

(a) 2024 Equipment Selection Processes

(i) Mixed Kite

The Board noted the Evaluation Report being presented to the Equipment Committee.

(ii) Mixed Two Person Dinghy

The Board noted the Evaluation Report being presented to the Equipment Committee.

(iii) Men’s & Women’s One Person Dinghy

The Board noted the Evaluation Report being presented to the Equipment Committee.

(iv) Equipment for the Mixed Two Persons Keelboat Offshore

The Board discussed Submission M01-19.

Opinion: Approve with amendment

23.1.9 Notwithstanding any other Regulation, for the Mixed Two Person Keelboat Offshore Event at the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition:

(a) no later than 31 December ~~2019~~ 2020, Council shall select a list of different equipment which it considers meets the key criteria for the Event and may therefore be approved by Council at later dates for qualification for the Event;

(b) no later than 31 December 2023, Council shall select the Equipment for the Event from the list approved under Regulation 23.1.9(a).

(v) Re-evaluation of the Men and Women's Windsurfer

The Board noted its earlier recommendation to Council.

(b) 2021 - 2028 Event Strategy

The Board received a report from the Director of Events and noted the Strategy would be discussed at the Events Committee meeting.

(c) 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition Update & 2019 Test Event

The Board received an update from the Director of Events.

(d) WCS Genoa Report

The Board received an update from the Director of Events.

Decision

The Board requested an event evaluation report for its June meeting.

(e) 2020 WCS Miami

The Board received a report from the Director of Events.

Decision

The Board approved a request from US Sailing that offshore and kiteboard events may be run alongside the 2020 World Cup Series in Miami, USA (not as a formal part of the event).

(f) Driving the Olympic Broadcast Audience for Sailing at Tokyo 2020

The Board received a report from the Director of Communications and Digital.

(g) 2019 – 2024 Training & Development Strategy

The Board received a joint proposal prepared by the Development & Regions Committee and the Executive Office for 2019 – 2024.

Decision

The Board approved the Strategy.

The Board requested baseline figures be used for reporting purposes and six-monthly updates from the Development & Regions Committee and Executive Office on implementation of the Strategy.

(h) 2020 Offshore World Championships

The Board received a report from the Director of Events.

5. Reports

(a) CEO Report

The Board received and discussed a report from the Chief Executive Officer. He reported on positive meetings with Sport Accord, ASOIF and Olympic Broadcasting Services concerning the 2024 Olympic Events.

The Chief Executive Officer updated the Board on the supply of boats to the 2019 Youth Sailing World Championships.

(b) Commercial Report

The Board received a report from the Commercial Director.

6. Finance

(a) March 2019 Management Accounts

The Board reviewed the latest management accounts, resources and cashflow forecasts.

(b) World Sailing Debtors

The Board noted the latest list of debtors.

Decision

The Board will suspend any WS Member who has not paid their 2019 subscriptions by 31 May 2019.

(c) Quarterly Report on the Isle of Man Trust

The Board noted the latest reports from the Isle of Man Trust.

Decision

The Board authorised the Chief Executive Officer to request the Trustees transfer the investment fund management for the Isle of Man Trust to Barclays Bank plc.

7. Future Meetings

The Board noted the schedule of its future meetings.

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