

The World Sailing Board met at the Fairmont Southampton Hotel, Bermuda between 14:00 to 18:00 on Friday 25 October



Present:

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

In Attendance:

Alastair Fox – Director of Events
Kendall Harris – Head of Legal
Scott Over – Commercial Director
Jon Napier – Governance & Rules
Jaime Navarro – Head of Technical & Offshore
Raksha Patel – Finance Director
Daniel Smith – Director of Digital & Communications
Harriet Strzelecki – Director of Brand & Marketing

1. Opening of the Meeting

(a) President's Opening Remarks

The President opened the meeting and welcomed the Board to Bermuda.

The President thanked all the World Sailing staff for their hard work in the preparations for the Annual Conference.

The President noted the Chief Executive Officer has submitted his resignation and would be leaving the organization on 9 December 2019 (allowing for annual leave).

(b) Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

The Board noted the Register of Interests. Jan Dawson notified the Board that her position as Chair of the Yachting New Zealand Olympic Committee had now ceased.

(c) Minutes

The Board noted the minutes of its meeting held on 13 & 14 September 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.

3. Reports

(a) CEO Report

The Board received and discussed a report from the Chief Executive Officer.

The Director of Events provided the Board with an update from the recent Summer IF Briefing held by the IOC in Lausanne, including the IOC's latest view on the heat mitigation measures. The Board received the latest position of the Medical Commission and Technical Delegates' review of this matter.

Decision

The Board requested an issue tracker report at each monthly Board meeting on preparations for the Olympic Games.

- (b) Commercial Report

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

4. Finance

- (a) August 2019 Management Accounts

The Board received and discussed the August 2019 Management Accounts.

- (b) 2020 Draft Budget

The Board received a draft budget for 2020.

Decision

The Board approved the draft budget and will review the budget with the Senior Management Team prior to final adoption.

5. Governance

- (a) 2019 Annual Conference Submissions review

The Board discussed the submissions to the 2019 Annual Conference.

Decision

The Board made the recommendations to Council as set out in Appendix 1.

- (b) 2020 Election Committee

The Board received a proposal for the appointment of the Election Committee.

Decision

The Board recommends to the 2019 Annual General Meeting the appointment of Phil Cotton (GBR) - Chairman, David Kellett (AUS) and Melanie Willmore (CAN) as the Election Committee for the 2020 General Assembly.

- (c) Governance Review

The Board received an update from the Governance Commission.

- (d) 2020 Corporate Objectives

The Board deferred consideration of the 2020 corporate objectives to its next meeting. Board members were requested to provide their informal feedback on the draft objectives during the Annual Conference.

- (e) Safeguarding

The Board received a paper from the Director of Events

Decision

The Board will appoint a Working Party to take forward the principles and objective in the paper.

The Working Party will include representation from the Board, Athletes' and Coaches Commissions, Race Officials Committee, Youth Events Sub-committee, Para World Sailing Committee, Development & Regions Committee, Constitution Committee and the Executive Office.

The Working Party will consist of individuals representing as many countries/continents as possible and be gender balanced. Although the

proposal is for a large Working Party, specific individuals should be given specific areas to develop.

The Working Party members and goals/objectives will be reported to the December Board Meeting establishing a timeline and priorities for introducing a World Sailing Safeguarding Programme. The report should identify any areas that can be implemented immediately and set out a process for finalising the responsibilities of World Sailing, MNAs, Classes, event organisers and other World Sailing stakeholders.

6. Technical and Events

- (a) Men's and Women's Windsurfer Paris 2024 Recommendation

The Board noted the recommendation made to the Equipment Committee.

Decision

The Board recommends to Council that the selection of the successful Equipment is conditional on the successful Equipment entering into the Olympic Classes Contract, including the Olympic Equipment Policy, which is acceptable to the Board.

- (b) ILCA Licensed Manufacturers

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

- (c) Olympic Equipment Policy

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

- (d) RS:X Equipment at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games

The Board received an update from the Director of Events.

- (e) 2020 Offshore World Championships Qualification System

The Board received a proposal from the Director of Events.

Decision

The Board approved the proposal.

The Executive Office will finalise the plans for qualification events for the 2020 Offshore Worlds to be held between mid-April and the end of June 2020. The qualification events for the 2020 Offshore Worlds will be published after the December board meeting.

- (f) Youth Development Strategy

The Board noted the proposed presentation to be made to the Youth Events Subcommittee and will await the outcome of its discussions.

- (g) Heroes in the Sport Plan

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

Decision

The Board approved the report.

7. Any Other Business

- (a) New Members

The Board received a report from the Constitution Committee recommending approval of a new applications from membership for Bolivia and a transfer of membership from Papua New Guinea.

Decision

The Board recommends to Council the approval of Bolivian Sailing Federation as a Member National Authority and the transfer of membership for Papua New Guinea to the Sailing PNG Incorporated.

There being no other business, the President closed the meeting

1. Board - Recommendations to Council

This “yellow paper” is a summary of the Recommendations made at the Board’s meeting of 25 & 26 October 2019. During its deliberations, Council will consider the Recommendations in Submission order, i.e. 001-19 to 100-19.

Deferred Submissions

- 038-18 World Cup Series & Olympic Class World Championships - Integrated Calendar**
Reporting Committee: Events
 Other Committee: Board
Opinion: Reject
 These issues have now been addressed in the Events Strategy.

2019 Submissions

- 001-19 World Sailing Constitution - Article 64.1**
Reporting Committee: Board
 Other Committee: Constitution
Recommendation to Council: Approve
- 002-19 World Sailing Governance - Postpone Governance Review**
Reporting Committee: Board
 Other Committee: Constitution
Recommendation to Council: Reject
 The Board refers to its letter circulated on 24 October 2019 to all MNAs and Council members concerning why the Board does not support delaying the reforms.
- 003-19 World Sailing Governance - Delay Approvals and Implementation and changes to Board Terms**
Reporting Committee: Board
 Other Committee: Constitution
Recommendation to Council: Reject
 The Board refers to its letter circulated on 24 October 2019 to all MNAs and Council members concerning why the Board does not support delaying the reforms.
- 004-19 World Sailing Governance - Proposed key changes to Submission Process**
Reporting Committee: Board
 Other Committee: Constitution
Recommendation to Council: Reject
 The Board refers to its letter circulated on 24 October 2019 to all MNAs and Council members concerning why the Board does not support delaying the reforms.

The intention of this submission is to implement the new process for decision making regardless of the outcome of the governance review, but the second paragraph of the submission does not represent the Board’s proposal.



005-19 Making World Sailing More Relevant to Sailors - New Governance Working Party/Commission

Reporting Committee: Board

Other Committee: Constitution

Recommendation to Council: Reject

The Board's proposal for governance reform addresses all the objectives of this submission.

006-19 World Championships - Match Racing

Reporting Committee: Board

Other Committee: Events

Recommendation to Council: Reject

World Sailing has agreed a new long-term sanctioning agreement with the new owners of the World Match Racing Tour.

Both World Sailing and the Tour owners recognise the value of monohull match racing and the format of the Tour will be discussed with the WMRT Advisory Committee (which includes representatives of World Sailing).

This submission is contrary to the current rights of the WMRT with respect to the open match racing world championship rights and could not be implemented even if passed.

007-19 Safeguarding - New Policies

Reporting Committee: Board

Other Committee: Constitution

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

5. ~~The Athlete's Commission, Medical Commission, and Ethics Commission and any other relevant body are to create the World Sailing Safeguarding Policies & Procedures for approval at the November 2020 Annual Conference with implementation in January 2021.~~ The Board shall approve the World Sailing Safeguarding Policies and Procedures following consultation with the relevant committees and commissions. These procedures shall be approved by the Board (and Council for any policies) in 2020.

The Board has already considered this matter at its meeting at this Conference and will appoint a working party of the Board to progress his matter.

008-19 Olympic Equipment - Fees

Reporting Committee: Board

Other Committee: Classes, Constitution, Equipment

Recommendation to Council: Reject

The Board has been clear for a number of years that equipment control needs to be substantially improved in the Olympic Classes. Council has also made this clear in its discussions and debates.

The current contract model allows World Sailing and the Olympic Classes to designate which items of equipment are controlled and subjected to an additional fee. The fee is not 1% - it is up to 1% and is defined per item of equipment. Use of the fee is ringfenced for the work of the Technical Department. Any surplus not used is returned to the manufacturers. The benefit to sailors being supplied with more uniform and controlled equipment will outweigh the relatively low additional cost that may be passed on via the manufacturers.

The additional resources required to implement this work must be found from somewhere – there are many important calls on World Sailing's resources and the Board does not consider that the regulating production by manufacturers should



be funded from general funds. However, if any Olympic Class considers that there is a better model of funding this work, the Board is open to considering this.

- 009-19 Olympic Equipment - Fees**
Reporting Committee: Board
Other Committee: Classes, Constitution, Equipment
Recommendation to Council: Reject
See comments to Submission 008-19.
- 010-19 Advertising Code - Table 1**
Reporting Committee: Board
Other Committee: Constitution, Racing Rules
Recommendation to Council: Approve
The Board recommends approval, but this area must be kept under review as other event advertising is based on a percentage size of the overall surface area.
- 021-19 World Sailing Constitution - 2012 Constitution**
Reporting Committee: Constitution
Other Committee: Board
Opinion: Reject
This would place World Sailing in non-compliance with WADA and also mean the all Olympic Events and Equipment reverted to those in the list as of 2012.
- 022-19 World Sailing Constitution - Article 102**
Reporting Committee: Constitution
Other Committee: Board
Opinion: Reject
The Board notes the issues that arose in November 2018. This is the first time the Board is aware of that such an issue arose and steps have been taken to ensure they do not re-occur.
- Moving to a show of hands will increase the amount of time each vote takes by a significant amount taken for each vote. Each MNA has the right to request the voting record which means for each vote the way each Council member voted must be recorded. Votes cannot be decided on the Chairman's assessment of the votes.
- 024-19 Code of Ethics - Application to Events**
Reporting Committee: Constitution
Other Committee: Board, Race Officials, Racing Rules
Opinion: Approve
- 025-19 World Sailing Regulations - Investigations - Regulation 35.4**
Reporting Committee: Constitution
Other Committee: Board, Race Officials, Racing Rules
Opinion: Approve
- 035-19 Training & Development - Emerging Nations Program**
Reporting Committee: Development & Regions
Other Committee: Board
Opinion: Reject
The Board supports the principle but does not believe that submission is the right way to manage the overall development of the ENP. These issues should be discussed directly with the Executive Office and the Development & Regions Committee.



- 042-19 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition - Supplied Equipment**
Reporting Committee: Equipment
Other Committee: Board, Events
Opinion: Reject
- 112-19 Sailor Classification Code - Change of Terminology - Regulation 22**
Reporting Committee: Oceanic & Offshore
Other Committee: Board, Constitution, Para World Sailing
Opinion: Approve
- 142-19 Racing Rules of Sailing - Rules 5, 6, 7 and 84, New Rule 8**
Reporting Committee: Racing Rules
Other Committee: Board, Constitution, Race Officials
Opinion: No opinion
The Board defers to the decision of the RRC but prefers the model in Submission 143-19.

2. Recommendations Not Based on Submission

2.1 Election Committee

The Board recommends to the Annual General Meeting that it appoint the following members of the Election Committee.

- Phil Cotton (GBR) - Chairman
- David Kellett (AUS)
- Melanie Willmore (CAN)

2.2 Selection of Men and Women's Windsurfer

The decision of which Equipment should be selected is for Council to decide on the basis of the recommendation of the Equipment Committee.

The Board recommends to Council that any approval is conditional on the successful Equipment entering into the Olympic Classes Contract, including the Olympic Equipment Policy, which is acceptable to the Board.

2.3 MNA Applications

The Board recommends to Council the approval of Bolivian Sailing Federation as a Member National Authority and the transfer of membership for Papua New Guinea to the Sailing PNG Incorporated.

