Constitution Committee Minutes

The Constitution Committee met at 09:30 – 18:00 hours on Tuesday 4 November and at 09:30 – 13:30 on Thursday 6 November 2014 at Melia Palas Atenea Hotel, Palma, Mallorca, Spain

Please refer to the ISAF website www.sailing.org for the details of the submissions on this agenda/referred to in these minutes.

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Present:
Philip Tolhurst (GBR) – Chairman
Ana J. Gamulin (SLO)
Glauco Valerio Briante (ITA)
Nilufer Cakmakli (TUR) Tuesday 4 November only
Melinda Erkelens (USA)
Peter Hall (CAN)
Stanislav Kassarov (BUL)
Charlie Manzoni (HKG) Tuesday 4 November only
Manuel J Martin (ESP)
Graham McKenzie (NZL) Tuesday 4 November only
José Motta Veiga (POR)
Dieter Neupert (SUI)
W. Scott Perry (URU)
Vice-President
Tom Schubert (FIN)
David Tillett (AUS)

In Attendance
Vice-President Gary Jobson – Item 8 and item 10(a)(xiii) only
Jon Napier – Competitions Manager, 6 November only.
Trish Merrick – Governance Services Administrator

Apologies:
Balazs Hajdu (HUN)
Vice-Chairman
Ruth Miller (ISV)

Did not Attend
Viacheslav Evseev (RUS)

1. Opening of the Meeting
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting including observers. Apologies were noted.

2. Minutes of the Previous Constitution Committee Meeting
(a) Minutes
The minutes of the Constitution Committee meeting of 12 and 14 November 2013 (circulated and approved after the meeting) were noted.

(b) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on this agenda.

3. Matters Arising from the Executive Committee Meeting of May 2014

The Chairman reported on the Mid-Year Meetings and confirmed that the issues discussed relating to the Election of Vice-Presidents, the IFDS Merger and the role of Continental Associations are for consideration as submissions.

4. Working Parties

(a) Reports from the working parties of the Committee were received:

i) Constitution and Regulations Working Party
   None other than covered by Submission

ii) Continental Associations Working Party
   Discussed under item 10 - submissions 017-14 to 023-14

   See Item 6 and submission 036-14 respectively.

iv) IFDS Merger Working Party
   See submission 001-14

v) Jurisdiction Working Party

vi) Membership Working Party
   There were no applications for Full Membership. There were two applications for Associate Membership received and considered under item 12.

vii) MNA Groupings Working Party
   With regard to the additional seat for Group Q, it was noted that representatives from the group would be holding a meeting during the Conference to decide how to proceed.

viii) Rule 69 Judicial Matters Joint Working Party
   See submission 154-14

ix) Submissions Working Party
   See submission 035-14

(b) The following Working Parties were confirmed:

i) The MNA Grouping Working Party was re-appointed in accordance with Regulation 2.4:
   Peter Hall (CAN) – Chairman
   Ana J. Gamulin (SLO)
   José Motta Veiga (POR)
   Nilufer Cakmakli (TUR)

ii) The Ethics & Betting and Anti-Corruption Working Party
   David Tillett (AUS) – Chairman
   Graham McKenzie (NZL)
   Member of the Ethics Commission to be appointed by its Chairman
iii) Membership Working Party
   It was noted that the Vice-Chairman is authorised to review draft MNA constitutions on behalf of the Committee.
iv) Continental Associations Working Party
   Philip Tolhurst (GBR) – Chairman
   Balazs Hadju (HUN)
   Dieter Neupert (SUI)
   Glauco Valerio Briante (ITA)
v) Rule 69 Judicial Matters Joint Working Party
   David Tillett (AUS) – Constitution Committee
   John Doerr (GBR) – Racing Rules Committee
   Graham McKenzie (NZL) Constitution Committee
   Jan Stage (DEN) – Race Officials Committee
   Lance Burger (RSA) – Racing Rules Committee
vi) Jurisdiction Working Party

   **Decision**
   The Committee agreed the Working Party had completed its work.

5. **Interpretations**
   Published interpretations were noted:
   (a) 001-14 Interpretation of Regulation 35.11 concerning the Disciplinary Commission
   (b) 002-14 Interpretation of Regulation 19.6(e) about capacity of IROs

6. **ISAF Ethics Code**
   The Draft Code of Ethics was received. The committee agreed that the code is still subject to review and improvement.

   **Decision**
   The Constitution Committee recommend to Council to adopt the ISAF Ethics Code.

7. **ISAF Review Board Rules of Procedure**
   The Committee discussed the scope and role of the Review Board and considered the proposals put forward to amend the ISAF Review Board Procedure.

   **Decision**
   The Review Board Procedure will be updated in accordance with the proposals in the Supporting Paper.

8. **Sailor Classification**
   Vice-President Gary Jobson joined the meeting for this item. He confirmed that submission 025-14 was withdrawn. He explained the background to the submission being put forward and that the resulting feedback in response has been useful input for the Chairman of the Classification Commission to put forward proposals to improve the Code. The most significant change will be that ISAF will no longer police certification and the onus for compliance will be placed on boat owners.

9. **Submissions Deferred from Previous Council Meetings**
   Please refer to the 2014 Submissions Booklet for details of all submissions also available online at www.sailing.org/meetings
(a) Submission 035-13 Race Officials – Appointment to Events from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee - Withdrawn

(b) Submission 038-13 ISAF Constitution – Representation at General Meetings/Assemblies - Withdrawn

10. Submissions November 2014

Please refer to the 2014 Submissions Booklet for details of all submissions also available online at www.sailing.org/meetings

(a) To consider submissions for which the Executive Committee is the Reporting Committee and the Constitution Committee is the Other Committee:

i) Submission 001-14 IFDS Merger with ISAF from the Executive Committee

   **Opinion**

   **Approve with the following amendment**

   Add new Regulation 5.1(c):

   (c) Nominations for the Disabled Sailing Committee (IFDS) may only be made by Member National Authorities, who, in the assessment of that Committee, have **disabled sailing programmes**.

ii) Submission 002-14 ISAF Subscription Rates and Categories from the Executive Committee

   **Opinion: Approve**

iii) Submission 003-14 ISAF Council, Articles 38 and 40 from the Portuguese Sailing Federation and the Royal Spanish Sailing Federation

   **Opinion: Defer.**

   The issues raised are recognised but further drafting is required. A working party has been established to put forward a submission in 2015 having regard to safeguards referred to in the recommendations made by the Executive Committee.

iv) Submission 004-14 Election of Vice-Presidents from the Executive Committee

   **Opinion: Approve with the following amendment**

   Amend the Purpose or Objective as follows:
To introduce a simpler and more straight-forward process for electing Vice-Presidents that preserves the current gender requirement. In addition, option 2 ensures Vice-Presidents come from at least 5 different continents.

Amend Regulation 4.3 as follows:

4.3 Election for Vice-Presidents

(a) The Executive shall include At least two Vice-Presidents of each gender shall be elected. However if there are fewer than two candidates of one gender, the number of Vice-Presidents of the other gender shall be increased accordingly.

(c) Members of the General Assembly shall vote in one ballot for their preferred seven candidates. To be valid, a completed ballot paper shall vote for a complete set of seven Vice-Presidents that complies with 4.3(a). It shall have seven votes, including and include votes for at least two candidates of each gender. This requirement will be varied in accordance with Regulation 4.3(a) if there are fewer than two candidates of a gender.

(d) Counting the votes

Within candidates of the same gender, the two candidates receiving the most votes shall be elected (Stage 1); this regulation shall be varied if there are fewer than two candidates of a gender. The remaining three Vice-Presidents shall be elected from all the candidates on the basis of total votes received (Stage 2). If there are fewer than two candidates of a gender, the number of candidates to be elected at Stage 1 shall be reduced accordingly and Stage 2 increased accordingly.

(vi) Submission 006-14 Olympic Classes Sub-committee from the Executive Committee

Opinion: No Recommendation on Proposal 1, Amend Proposal 2 as follows:

6.6.3 The ISAF Classes Committee Olympic Classes Sub-committee shall:

(f) propose members to the Equipment Committee, Events Committee, Equipment Control Sub-committee, Class Rules Sub-committee, International Measurers Sub-committee, Windsurfing and Kiteboarding Committee. The member proposed to the Events Committee shall be a representative from an Olympic class.
vii) Submission 007-14 Olympic Classes Sub-committee from the International Kiteboarding Association

**Opinion: Reject. Same reasons as made by the Executive Committee**

viii) Submission 008-14 ISAF Medical Commission from the Executive Committee

**Opinion: Approve**

ix) Submission 009-14 ISAF Athletes’ Commission from the Executive Committee

**Opinion: Approve with the following amendment**

(c) four members shall retire, and four new members shall join, following elections to be held at each Olympic Games Olympic Sailing Competition;

(d) only Olympians from the current or immediately previous Olympic Sailing Competition shall be eligible to become members;

(e) three new members shall be elected by the sailors participating at each Olympic Sailing Competition. One further sailor shall then be appointed by the ISAF President to assist a good balance between regions, genders and Events;

(f) in the event of a resignation during a member’s first four years, a replacement member shall be elected at, or appointed after the next Olympic Sailing Competition to serve a four year term;

... 

(i) The ISAF President may, at the request of the Chairman of the ISAF Athletes Commission, appoint as additional Honorary Members former Olympians whose expertise or experience will be of value to the ISAF Athletes Commission in the execution of its responsibilities

x) Submission 010-14 ISAF Advertising Code from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee

**Opinion: Approve with the following amendment**

Amend the Purpose or Objective as follows:

In case of boats where the headsail overlaps the mainsail and/or where the spinnaker pole is stowed on the boom, to allow the Organising Authority to require, in accordance with Regulation 20.4.1 and Table 1, the boats to display the Advertising on the aft part of the boom instead of the forward part of it.

xi) Submission 011-14 ISAF Advertising Code from the International 49er Class Association

**Opinion: No Recommendation**

Subject to policy.

xii) Submission 012-14 ISAF Anti-Doping Code from the Executive Committee

**Opinion: Approve**

xiii) Submission 013-14 Appointment of Race Official to Events from the Executive Committee

**Opinion: Approve with the following amendment**

Amend Proposal 1 as follows:

25.8.3 For appointments under Regulations 25.8.10, 25.8.12 and 25.8.14 ISAF shall only appoint or approve after consultation with: the relevant ISAF Class/Owners Association (for class events) and the Member National Authority of the venue.
... for the Paralympic Sailing Competition and IFDS World Championships, the Disabled Sailing Committee (IFDS);

25.8.6 When it is appropriate to remunerate Race Officials, ISAF shall exercise the right to appoint the Race Officials selected for these events and set the fees to be paid to ISAF for the services or shall negotiate the appropriate fees.

**Appointment or approval of the Race Officials International Jury and the appointment of International Umpires**

... America's Cup Series, America's Cup Challenger Series, America's Cup Defender Series, America's Cup Match but excluding measurers;
Grade One Match Racing Events

All events organized by or on behalf of ISAF

ISAF Events as follows:
- ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship
- ISAF Sailing World Championships
- ISAF Offshore Team World Championship
- ISAF Match Racing World Championship
- ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championship
- ISAF Match Racing World Championship
- ISAF Team Racing World Championship

In addition, any other ISAF Events that are introduced.

World Championships of the Olympic and Paralympic Classes;
Olympic and Paralympic Qualifying Events;
The Olympic Sailing Competition (see Regulations 1623.3 and 1623.3.1)
The Paralympic Sailing Competition
The Youth Olympic Games
Regional Games Category I

The Volvo Ocean Race.

xiv) Submission 014-14 Events Appointment Working Party from the Executive Committee

**Opinion: Approve with the following amendment**

Amend as follows:

(a) an experienced current or former ISAF Race Official (as chairman)
(b) two further additional current or former experienced ISAF Race Officials
(c) an ISAF Vice-President
(d) the ISAF staff manager responsible for ISAF Race Officials (non-voting)

The working party shall be appointed at the same time as the ISAF committees at the Annual ISAF Meeting after the Olympics and shall be appointed for a four-year period in line with the ISAF Committee's term of appointment. In respect of each event, the working party shall have power to add one other expert whose expertise is relevant or needed. The ISAF Race Officials stated in (a) and (b) above should cover a range of race official disciplines, if possible. Casual vacancies shall be filled in accordance with the above principles.

xv) Submission 015-14 Event Approval Fees from the Executive Committee

**Opinion: Approve**

xvi) Submission 016-14 Event Approval Fees from the International Kiteboarding Association
Opinion: No Recommendation

xvii) Submission 017-14 Governance - Affiliate Continental Members from the Executive Committee

Opinion: No Recommendation
Subject to policy

xviii) Submission 018-14 Continental Association Championships & Continental Training Centres (CTCs) from Sailing Cook Islands, Papua New Guinea Yacht & Boat Association and the Singapore Sailing Federation

Opinion: No Recommendation
Subject to policy

xix) Submission 019-14 Continental Associations Administration from Sailing Cook Islands, Papua New Guinea Yacht & Boat Association and the Singapore Sailing Federation

Opinion: No Recommendation
Subject to policy

xx) Submission 020-14 Establish a Continental Associations Committee from the Bulgarian Sailing Federation, the Croatian Sailing Federation, the Cyprus Sailing Federation, the Fiji Yachting Association, the Hungarian Yachting Association, the Yachting Association of India, the Oman Sailing Committee, the Pakistan Sailing Federation, Papua New Guinea Yacht & Boat Association, Qatar Sailing and Rowing Federation, the Russian Yachting Federation, the Royal Spanish Sailing Federation, the Yachting Association of Sri Lanka, Swiss Sailing, UAE Sailing and Rowing Federation

Opinion: No Recommendation
Subject to policy

xxi) Submission 021-14 Continental Associations to Train and Certify Regional Technical Officers and Race Officials from the Bulgarian Sailing Federation, Sailing Cook Islands, the Cyprus Sailing Federation, the Fiji Yachting Association, the Hungarian Yachting Association, the Yachting Association of India, the Oman Sailing Committee, the Pakistan Sailing Federation, Papua New Guinea Yacht & Boat Association, Qatar Sailing and Rowing Federation, the Russian Yachting Federation, the Royal Spanish Sailing Federation, the Yachting Association of Sri Lanka, Swiss Sailing, UAE Sailing and Rowing Federation

Opinion: No Recommendation
Subject to policy

xxii) Submission 022-14 Appointment of Technical Delegate and Race Officials to Continental Games from the Bulgarian Sailing Federation, Sailing Cook Islands, the Cyprus Sailing Federation, the Fiji Yachting Association, the Hungarian Yachting Association, the Yachting Association of India, the Oman Sailing Committee, the Pakistan Sailing Federation, Papua New Guinea Yacht & Boat Association, Qatar Sailing and Rowing Federation, the Russian Yachting Federation, the Royal Spanish Sailing Federation, the Yachting Association of Sri Lanka, Swiss Sailing, UAE Sailing and Rowing Federation

Opinion: No Recommendation
Subject to policy

xxiii) Submission 023-14 Continental Associations Submissions Rights from the Bulgarian Sailing Federation, Sailing Cook Islands, the Cyprus Sailing Federation, the Fiji Yachting Association, the Hungarian Yachting Association, the Yachting Association of India, the Oman Sailing Committee, the Pakistan Sailing Federation, Qatar Sailing and Rowing Federation, the Russian Yachting Federation, the Royal...
Spanish Sailing Federation, the Yachting Association of Sir Lanka, UAE Sailing and Rowing Federation

Opinion: No Recommendation
Subject to policy

xxiv) Submission 024-14 Nationality Criteria Guidelines from the Executive Committee

Opinion: No Recommendation

xxv) Submission 025-14 ISAF Classification Code from the Executive Committee
Withdrawn

(b) To consider submissions for which the Constitution Committee is the Reporting Committee:

i) Submission 034-14 ISAF Commissions from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

The Coaches Commission has been established and appointed by the Executive Committee in accordance with Regulation 8 to report advise on coaching in the sport in accordance with Regulation 8.11.2.

ii) Submission 035-14 Notices and Submissions from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

Amend Proposal 1 as follows:

15.5.2 If a submission or proposal includes specific changes to any Article, Regulation or Rule, then:

(a) if the change is to remove the whole Regulation, Article or Rule, it shall state the reference number of it; or

(b) if the change is to only part of the Regulation, Article or Rule, then the current Article, Regulation or Rule shall be set out in full; and

(c) in either case, the proposed changes shall include the exact wording to be inserted and/or deleted.

15.5.2 In a submission or proposal that includes a specific change to any Article, Regulation or Rule state if the change is to remove a Regulation or Article or Rule in whole, the number of that Regulation or Rule, but if it is a change to part only of a Regulation or Article then the current Article, Regulation or Rule shall be set out in full, and in either case the proposed changes, including exact wording to be inserted and/or deleted, shall be shown.

15.5.3 For the purposes of this Regulation ‘Rule’ shall mean any Rule within the Racing Rules of Sailing or the Equipment Rules of Sailing

15.11 Proposal withdrawn

Amend 15.13.1 as follows:

15.13.1 In the event that Council’s decision changes the text as recommended to the Council by the Constitution Committee, the Regulation shall not be effective until such text shall have been resubmitted to reviewed approved by the Constitution Committee for its recommendation and is approved by Council.
at its next meeting. The effective date of the approved text shall be as stated in Regulation 15.13 above.

Amend 15.13.2 as follows:

15.13.2 Where appropriate, the effective date of the approved reviewed text shall be when the Chairman of the Constitution Committee may certify in writing that the changes to the text have been approved either:

(a) where there is sufficient time to do so, by those members (being not less than 5) of the Constitution Committee present at a Council Meeting or after discussion by e-mail or other electronic means present at a Council Meeting; or

iii) Submission 036-14 Betting and Anti-Corruption – Appendix 5 from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

All references to Rule 3 to be updated to Rule 4, all references to Rule 5 be updated to Rule 6.

2.10 “International Competition” means an International Event a Major or Recognised Event as defined by the ISAF Regulations or any other event designated as such by a Member National Authority

iv) Submission 037-14 Misconduct and Discipline – Regulation 35.5 from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

35.5 On receipt of a written report under Regulation 35.4, the Chief Executive Officer shall acknowledge receipt. The Chief Executive Officer and two Vice-Presidents shall assess the report and decide whether or not there is a case to answer. If a majority of them decide there is a case to answer, they may either forward the report to the appropriate Member National Authority or the Chief Executive Officer shall forward the report to the Disciplinary Commission for investigation, and if appropriate, a hearing. However, if a report concerns the President, or a Vice President, or the Chief Executive Officer it shall be forwarded the report directly to the Disciplinary Commission.

v) Submission 038-14 Misconduct and Discipline – Regulation 35.10 from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment

35.10 If a report is received following a hearing conducted by a Member National Authority or an international jury appointed by ISAF, or following an investigation by the ISAF Ethics Commission, the Disciplinary Commission shall be bound by the facts stated in the report unless the following apply:

vi) Submission 039-14 Misconduct and Discipline – Regulation 35.16 from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee

Recommendation to Council: Approve

(c) To consider submissions for which the Events Committee is the Reporting Committee and the Constitution Committee is the Other Committee:

i) Submission 086-14 Olympic Voting Processes from the Executive Committee

Recommendation to Council: Approve with the following amendment
(a) Committees voting on a recommendation to Council shall use the appropriate process defined below. Council may vote to accept the recommendation of a Reporting Committee. If Council does not so do, it shall then use the appropriate process defined below to make its decision(s).

(b) For the decision under Regulation 23.1.3(b), there shall be a single ballot paper listing the ten Events and associated Equipment selected for the next Olympics. Each voting member of the committee (or Council) shall mark an X against those whose inclusion in the Olympics after next he or she wishes to be reviewed. Members can vote for any number of Events to be reviewed (including none). The Event receiving the most votes shall be subject to review. The Events receiving the second and third most votes shall also be subject to review if they received more than 50% of votes cast (excluding abstentions). If no Event receives any votes, then, notwithstanding Regulation 23.1.3(b), no Event shall be reviewed.

(i) When there is a tie that needs to be broken, a separate run-off ballot shall be held between the tied Events to break it. When a tie involves more than two Events, and a run-off ballot only partially breaks that tie, another run-off ballot shall be held between those who are still tied.

(ii) When all tied Events remain tied after a run-off ballot, the chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.

(c) Decisions under Regulation 23.1.3(c) shall be made based on submissions, with the option to retain the current Event and Equipment also available. To be valid, a submission shall propose, for all Events that are being reviewed, the choice of Event, and whether:

(i) the current Equipment is to be retained;

(ii) the current Equipment is to be evolved (in which case it shall summarise that evolution); or

(iii) new Equipment is to be chosen following trials (in which case it shall summarise the main criteria for the selection of new Equipment).

(d) Voting for decisions under Regulation 23.1.3(c) shall be a 2 two stage process as follows:

Stage 1: any submission must be proposed and seconded by a member of the committee (or if the submission is before Council by a member of Council). A member may propose or second more than one submission. If a submission is not so proposed and seconded it is deemed rejected.

Stage 2: which selects either one submission from those that have been proposed and seconded in Stage 1, or selects to retain the current Events and Equipment (see Regulation 23.1.8(e)).

(e) The Stage 2 procedure is as follows:

(i) Each voting member of the committee (or Council) shall cast one vote for his or her preferred option from those Stage 2 options which have not so far been rejected.

(ii) If an option receives more than 50% of votes cast (excluding abstentions), it is selected and the voting process is concluded.
(iii) If no option receives more than 50% of votes cast, then any option that has received zero votes, and of the remaining options, the one receiving the fewest votes, are rejected.

(iv) The procedure in (i), (ii) and (iii) above shall then be repeated with the remaining options.

(v) After each round of voting, the rejected option, but not the number of votes, shall be declared. The totals of all votes in all rounds shall be declared at the end of the process.

(vi) In the event of a tie that needs to be broken in step (iii) above, it shall be broken as follows:

- the tie is broken in favour of the option that received more votes in the previous round of Stage 2;
- if this fails to break the tie, or it is the first round of Stage 2, then a run-off ballot shall be held.
- If a tie between more than two options is only partially broken by (a) or (b), the tie break process continues between the options that are still tied.
- If a run-off ballot fails to break a tie, the chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.

(c) Decisions under Regulation 23.1.3(e) shall be made separately for each Event for which a change of Equipment is being considered using the “Stage 2” procedure in (e) above. The Equipment options available for selection shall be only the Equipment options that participated in the Equipment trials or other evaluation prescribed in Regulation 23.1.3(e).

ii) Submission 087-14 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship – Girl’s One Person Dinghy from the International Byte Class Association

**Opinion: No Recommendation**

iii) Submission 088-14 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship – Girl’s One Person Dinghy from the International Byte Class Association

**Opinion: No Recommendation**

iv) Submission 089-14 ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship from the International SL16 Class Association

**Opinion: Defer until the Class is in good standing with ISAF**

v) Submission 090-14 Classes for the ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship from the Chairman of the Events Committee

**Opinion: No Recommendation**

(d) To consider submissions for which the Match Racing Committee is the Reporting Committee and the Constitution Committee is the Other Committee:

i) Submission 097-14 Crew Weight Limit for Women’s Match Racing from the Chairman of the Match Racing Committee

**Opinion: Approve**

(e) To consider submissions for which the Oceanic and Offshore Committee is the Reporting Committee and the Constitution Committee is the Other Committee:

i) Submission 103-14 ISAF/ORC Classes Racing Under Corrected Time from the Offshore Racing Congress

**Opinion: Approve**
(f) To consider submissions for which the Race Officials Committee is the Reporting Committee and the Constitution Committee is the Other Committee:

i) Submission 109-14 New Disciplines from the Chairman of the Racing Rules Committee

**Opinion: Approve with the following amendment**

31.2 The Race Officials Committee shall appoint or re-appoint International Race Officials after considering the recommendations of the committee or sub-committee that is responsible for the discipline concerned.

31.xx.2 Regulations 31.5 and 31.6 do not apply to the appointment or re-appointment of ISAF Race Officials listed in Regulation 31.xx.1. The Race Officials Committee may establish and publish appointment procedures and criteria for these disciplines after consultation with the bodies listed in Regulation 31.xx.1.

ii) Submission 110-14 Race Officials Examinations from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee

**Opinion: Approve**

iii) Submission 111-14 Race Officials Performance from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee

**Opinion: Approve**

(g) To consider submissions for which the Racing Rules Committee is the Reporting Committee and the Constitution Committee is the Other Committee:

i) Submission 121-14 Racing Rules of Sailing Definition of Interested Party, Conflicts of Interest and Rule 63.4 from the Chairmen of the Racing Rules Committee, Constitution Committee and Race Officials Committee

**Opinion: Approve with the following amendment:**

Accept proposal 1

Accept proposal 2 edited as follows

‘Conflict of Interest: A person has a conflict of interest if they may gain or lose as a result of a decision to which they contribute, or if they have a close personal interest in that decision. An unacceptable conflict of interest will vary depending on the event and other circumstances as described in the ISAF Guidance to Assessing a Conflict of Interest for Race Officials.

Reject proposals 3 to 8. The Committee supports the principle that a conflict of interest can be waived and requests that the Joint Working Party for Rule 69 and Related Matters develop detailed proposals and make a new submission in 2015.

(h) To consider submissions for which the Racing Rules Committee is the Reporting Committee, Constitution Committee and Race Officials Committee are the Reporting Committees:

i) Submission 154 Racing Rules of Sailing – Rule 69 from the Chairmen of the Racing Rules Committee, Constitution Committee and Race Officials Committee

**Recommendation to Council: Defer. Revised submissions to be put forward in 2015.**

11. **Further Changes to the Regulations**

This item was discussed in closed session.
12. **ISAF Members**

Applications for Membership

It was noted that the applications for Associate Membership from the Associação de Vela de Macau and the Montserrat Yachting Association would be considered for approval by Council in accordance with the recommendations of the Executive Committee.

13. **ISAF Annual General Meeting 2014**

The agenda for the Annual General Meeting was reviewed and discussed. With regard to Special Resolution 2 (to amend clause (b) of the Aims of the International Sailing Federation as proposed in with submission 001-14) wording was received for a submission to be made at a later date.

14. **Annual Report**

The committee received and approved the Chairman’s report circulated to Council for the meeting of 7 November 2014 on the activities of the Constitution Committee since the meeting of Council in November 2013.

15. **Matters Not Covered Elsewhere in the Agenda**

Other matters not covered elsewhere in the agenda were dealt with in closed session.

16. **Any Other Business**

(a) It was agreed that the matter relating to Regulation 25.2.2 circulated to the Committee prior to the meeting would be put forward to the Working Party for clarification.

(b) There being no further business the meeting was closed.