Development and Youth Committee Minutes 6th November 2011

The Development and Youth Committee met at 09:30 – 13:30 hours on Sunday 6 November 2011 at the Caribe Hilton Hotel, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Present:
Olivier Bovyn – Chairman
Suzanne Ward – Vice-Chairman
Nazli Imre - VP

In attendance:
Abdur Rehman Arshad
Morten Johnsen
Bruno Licio Marques
Kathy MacAleavey
Shuxia Meng
Marco Predieri
Katsumi Shibanuma
Sacha Simmons
Carel Heijnen

Apologies:
Alain Alcindor
Corrine Aulnette
Alun Davies
Sarah Kenny
Rob M’Crystal
Elena Papazoglou
Luis Rocha
Sylvia Vogl
Iskra Yovkova

1. Opening of the Meeting
   (a) Olivier Bovyn introduced the meeting stating that this was a very exciting year with many more submissions on the Agenda than ever before.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
   (a) There were no comments on previous minutes.
   (b) There were matters arising from previous minutes.
3. Submissions

3.1 Deferred Submissions

(a) Deferred Submission 022-10 – Sailing Training Centres

Recommendation – Approve with following amendment:

ISAF Coaches Commission to be asked to develop a list of assessment criteria for Performance Centres.

(b) Deferred Submission 058-10 – Definition of Youth, Young and Senior

Recommendation – Reject

Current Submission 036-11 refers to this subject and should be used in place of 058-10

3.2 November 2011 Submissions

(c) Submission 001-11 – Regulation 6.3.3 and new Regulation – ISAF Trainer

Recommendation – Approve with the following amendments:

Wording of ‘certification’ to be changed to Appointment and ‘ISAF Trainer’ to be amended to ISAF Nominated Expert.

Criteria for Appointment to be decided after an ISAF Development Symposium to be held in early 2012.

It was agreed by the Committee that all exiting appointed ISAF Trainers would continue to work under the direction of the ISAF Training and Development Manager.

(d) Submission 036-11 – Guidance on Youth Age Ranges.

WITHDRAWN

(e) Submission 037-11 – Kiteboarding to be added to list of disciplines in ISAF Learn to Sail Training Programme guidelines document.

Recommendation – Approve

(f) Submission 038-11 – Kiteboarding to be added to list of disciplines in ISAF Learn to Sail Training Programme guidelines document.

Recommendation – Approve

(g) Submission 039-11 – Recognition of Kiteboarding through ISAF Recognized Training Accreditation.

Recommendation – Approve

(h) Submission 040-11 – Recognition of Kiteboarding through ISAF Recognized Training Accreditation.

Recommendation - Approve

(i) Submission 041-11 – Provision of ISAF Yacht Training Resources.

Recommendation – Approve

(j) Submission 042-11 - Provision of ISAF Yacht Training Resources.
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**Recommendation – Approve**

(k) Submission 043-11 – Recognition of National Yacht Training Programmes through ISAF Recognized Training Accreditation.

**Recommendation – Defer**

ISAF to consult MNA’s with existing Yacht Training Programmes in order to gather criteria for use in accreditation inspections for ISAF Recognized Training status. These details will be presented as a final draft for ratification at the ISAF Midyear meeting in 2012.


**Recommendation – Defer**

ISAF to consult MNA’s with existing Yacht Training Programmes in order to gather criteria for use in accreditation inspections for ISAF Recognized Training status. These details will be presented as a final draft for ratification at the ISAF Midyear meeting in 2012.

(m) Submission 045-11 – Recognition of National Yacht Training Programmes through ISAF Recognized Training Accreditation.

**Recommendation – Defer**

ISAF to consult MNA’s with existing Yacht Training Programmes in order to gather criteria for use in accreditation inspections for ISAF Recognized Training status. These details will be presented as a final draft for ratification at the ISAF Midyear meeting in 2012.

4. Committee activity

(a) To review progress made by working parties since November 2010.
   i) Keeping young sailors in sailing.
      Cathy stated that Match Racing training programmes could be a great help with international clinics with young sailors to take an active part in umpiring.
      Marco added that Eurosaf have already been active with this with 12 teams in Sicily already having taken part. He also said that remaining ‘innovative’ was the key.
   ii) Establishing closer links and better MNA communication.
      Carel Heijnen presented an overview of the work which the CWO in the Netherlands has worked to develop its systems. This presentation will soon be available to download from the sailing.org website.
   iii) Establishing closer links with ISAF Classes.
      Bruno told explained to the committee how the Volvo Ocean Race Stopovers will have RS:X Coaching as well as Team Racing clinics in Optimist dinghies. The local communities will be involved at every stage of these programmes.
      Olivier stated that linked Virtual sailing technology could also provide some links.
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(b) To review targets laid out by the ISAF Strategic Plan. That specifically relate to Training and Development.

ISAF Vice President Nazli Imre gave a brief outline of the status of the targets laid out in the ISAF Strategic Plan.

5. Chairman’s Annual Report

(a) To receive a verbal report from the Chairman regarding Committee progress from 1st January 2011 to date.

Olivier Bovyn outlined the work of the Committee and placed emphasis on the fact that the ISAF Learn to Sail Training Programme Document now includes Windsurfing and Multihull guidelines.

6. Olympic Solidarity

(a) ISAF Training Scholarship report 2011

Training Scholarship Co-ordinator Richard Percy gave a brief verbal report on the progress of the 5 candidates that took part in the 2011 Course as well as handing members a new Scholarship brochure which outlines all of the course contents and sets dates for the 2012 and 2013 Scholarships. This will be available via the sailing.org/training page of the ISAF Website.

(b) ISAF Technical Courses for Coaches

Due to time limitations on the Committee meeting this item was removed from the Agenda by the Chairman.

(c) Development of a National Sports Structure

ISAF Training and Development Manager Dan Jaspers gave an outline of eligibility and the process for gaining funding. He also reported on the current developments of the Cook Islands’ implementation of their successful application.

7. Connect to Sailing

(a) Update on new Sponsorship Proposal Document

Dan Jaspers showed the Committee the work that had gone into the new C2S Document. This is now available from the Connect to Sailing partner page of the sailing.org website.

(b) Current Connect to Sailing Partners

Dan Jaspers welcomed new C2S Partner Hartley Boats to the Initiative and stated that a number of other potential Sponsor Partners had been in contact and would hopefully be engaging with ISAF and Connect to Sailing in the near future.

(c) The scope of Appointed Training Providers within the ISAF Connect to Sailing Programme.

Vice President Nazi Imre reported on the decision of the Executive Committee Members at the September Meeting that no Training Providers will be formally appointed by ISAF due to the potential difficulties that would be faced in accrediting and monitoring of such Commercial Operations and stated that Rockley International had agreed to no longer be a Connect to Sailing Partner for this reason. Rockley International are instead to be the
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facilitators and host venue of the ISAF Training Scholarship until 2016. A new host MNA for the 2016 – 2020 Scholarships will be formally tendered in 2015.

8. **ISAF Youth Worlds**
   
   (a) Youth Worlds 2011 Report.
   
   Vice President Nazli Imre gave an overview of a report written by ISAF World Youth Sailing Trust Coach Hugh Styles. It was made clear that the young ENP sailors as well as all others clearly enjoyed and benefitted from the work that the WYST had engaged in at the event.

9. **Report from Classes**
   
   (a) Robert Wilkes gave an overview of 2011 IODA developments.
   
   (b) Martin Wadhams from RS Sailing gave a presentation which focussed on activity within the RS Tera and RS Feva Classes.

10. **2011 ‘Recognized Training’ Accreditations**

    This item was felt by the Chairman to be already dealt with and so was removed from the Agenda.

11. **Recommendations not based on Submissions.**

    There were no Recommendations not based on Submissions.

12. **Any Other Business**

    The Chairman and the Committee noted a verbal statement from the Training and Development Manager, Dan Jaspers, which served to summarise an outline of the work undertaken by the Department in line with the ISAF Strategic Plan:

    ‘Our strategy is based on three core requirements:

    1. To fulfil the obligations set out in the ISAF Constitution to develop the sport and to increase participation.
    2. To meet the expectations of the IOC to provide a structure and mechanism for the sport to grow through growing our members and thus the number of participants and ultimately continuing with Olympic Status.
    3. To provide support to our Members in order to meet their obligations to grow the sport of sailing in their countries.

    The role of ISAF is as a facilitator. Our Members must deliver the outcomes, they are our sailing communities.

    The current ISAF Strategic Plan requires us to deliver support to our MNA’s to meet the core requirements and the Training and Development Department was created to fulfil this need.

    Training is the key that will unlock and secure the future for our sport. Our programme is addressing the fundamental resources needed by our current MNA’s and the new members we must attract to be able to bring more people to our sport and to grow strong, sustainable foundations for the future.
We are doing this by:

- Providing the generic reference material and tools to help our members make the decisions to set up and deliver their own National Sail Training Programmes.
- Providing fast track direct training support for the Coaches needed to run these programmes.
- Providing and IOC supported and funded programme Through the ISAF Training Scholarship to train National Training Managers, the people who will run the MNA programmes.
- Providing the framework and resources for MNA’s to have accreditation for their National Training Programmes that will recognize ‘fit for purpose’ international quality standards.

All this takes time. In three short years we have these generic programmes for Dinghy, Multihull and Windsurfer, a committed and skilled team of ISAF Nominated Experts, supporting Sponsor Partners and we are actively engaged with over 22 Member National Authorities (and growing), helping them to establish their own independant programmes.”