Regional Games Committee Minutes

The Regional Games Committee met at 09:30 – 16:30 hours at The Melia Palas Atenea Hotel, Palma, Mallorca on Wednesday 5 November 2014

Please refer to the ISAF website www.sailing.org for the details of the submissions referenced in these minutes.

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10. Annual Report
11. Any Other Business

Present:
David Covo - Chairman
Marco Predieri – Vice-Chairman
Scott Perry – Vice-President
Anna Andreadis
Anne Tierney
John Derbyshire
Hector Duval

Elizabeth Merrifield Filter
Birgir Ari Hilmarsson
Francisco SG Jauregui
Panayiotis Kontides
Malav Shroff
Changcheng Zhou
Ion Echave

Apologies:
Alun Davies
Oliver Paul Gayet
Rob M’Crystal

Absent:
Ali Nasser Telfat
Olesia Afanaseva
Mihai Butucaru

Also in attendance:
VP Adrienne Greenwood
Philip Tolhurst
Alain Alcindor
Cary Byerly
Barry Farnsworth
Takao Otani
Ross Robson
Pedro Rodrigues
Wearn Haw Tan
John Tierney

1. Opening of the Meeting

The Chair welcomed committee members and observers to the meeting of the Regional Games Committee. The Chair outlined the schedule for the day, explaining that the meeting would be suspended for one hour around the mid-morning coffee break in order to allow members to participate in the MNA Forum, and then turned to the formal agenda.
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Committee noted that the minutes of the Regional Games Committee meeting of 13 November 2013 had been circulated and approved following the meeting. The minutes can be downloaded at www.sailing.org/meetings.

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

3. Introductory Comments

The Chair commented on the level and intensity of discussion at the conference around the content of Submission 017-14 (ISAF Governance – Affiliate Continental Members – Role Within ISAF) and the six submissions related to 017. Given the role of the Regional Games Committee in the previous and current discussions on this topic, the Chair proposed that the agenda be adjusted to develop an opportunity for a longer open discussion, in the afternoon, on the specific submissions and on the roles of continental associations in the management of regional games.

The Chair also noted, with regret, the very recent decision by Rob M’Crystal to resign from the committee for personal reasons. Rob was a highly valued member of the Regional Games Committee and will be missed.

4. Updates from Regional Games

(a) The Committee received updates on 2013 Regional Games that have taken place since the last meeting of the RGC on November 13, 2013:

i) Bolivarian Games: 22-29 November, Callao, Peru. A written report was received from Flavio Naveira, ISAF Technical Delegate.

ii) Asian Sailing Championship – postponed to July 2014 – Incheon, Korea. A written report was received from Mark Pryke, ISAF Technical Delegate. The Chair reminded the committee that these games had been postponed twice and referred to Mark Pryke’s very positive report on the success of the event and the quality of the regatta management team.

iii) South East Asian Games: 11-12 December, Naypydaw, Myanmar. A written report was received from Hong Kit Lock, ISAF Technical Delegate.

iv) South American Beach Games: 6-15 December, Vargas, Venezuela. A written report was received from Luis Ormaechea, ISAF Technical Delegate.

(b) The committee received updates on 2014 Regional Games:

i) South American Games: 10-17 March, Santiago, Chile. A written report was received from Ricardo Navarro, ISAF Technical Delegate. It was noted that the report was extremely thorough and provided data in a form that will be very useful.

ii) Central American and Caribbean Games: 18 July – 1 August, Veracruz, Mexico. A written report was received from Armando Goulart, ISAF Technical Delegate, and a brief oral report was presented by Hector Duval, Regional Games Committee member and President of the Central American and Caribbean Sailing Confederation. Hector reported that 130 sailors would be competing in 9 events and provided details of the charter arrangements and other organizational issues.

iii) Asian Games: 19 September – 4 October, Incheon, Korea. Received a written report from Mark Pryke, ISAF Technical Delegate. A short oral report was presented by Malav Shroff, Regional Games Committee member and President of the Asian
Sailing Federation. Malav commented that the timing of the 2014 event had clashed with the ISAF World Championship and recommended that the dates of the 2018 Asian Games be scheduled to avoid this kind of conflict.

iv) Asian Beach Games: 14-21 November, Phuket, Thailand. Received a progress report from Hong Kit Lock, ISAF Technical Delegate. It was noted that entry numbers are high and that the event has been well organized.

v) Bolivarian Beach Games: 5-12 December. Callao, Peru. Received a brief update from Flavio Naveira, ISAF Technical Delegate. The Chair thanked Flavio for having taken on the role of TD at such a late date and congratulated him on the progress made to date.

(c) The committee received updates on 2015 Regional Games:

i) Pan American Games: 10 – 26 July, Toronto, Canada. Received a written report from Pat Bailey, ISAF Technical Delegate. The Chair provided additional information on the preparations for the regatta and commented on the IOC’s recent approval, pending written confirmation, of ISAF’s request to use the Pan Ams as a qualifier for Rio 2016 in the Laser Standard and Laser Radial.

ii) Bolivarian Youth Games: 8-20 November, Paracas, Peru. ISAF Technical Delegate to be confirmed shortly.

iii) All Africa Games: 4-19 September, 2015, Brazzaville, Congo. ISAF Technical Delegate to be confirmed. It was noted that sailing is not yet included in these Games and that a decision would be made soon. Recent discussions moderated by Dan Jaspers examining strategies for integrating sailing in the All Africa Games have explored interesting and innovative strategies for simpler and less costly racing formats that may make it easier for OA’s to include sailing in regional games. An ad hoc working party that includes Dan Jaspers and Rob Holden, as well as members of the African Sailing Confederation and the Chair and Vice-chair of the RGC, will continue to work with the organizers of the All Africa Games.

iv) Pacific Games: 18-24 July, 2015, Papua New Guinea. Received a written progress report from David Brookes, ISAF Technical Delegate. John Tierney presented a brief oral report on David’s behalf; he provided details on the preparations for the regatta, noting that entries are high, that the venue is ready, and that plans are in place for training seminars and test events.

(d) Future Regional Games from 2016 onwards

i) 5th Asian Beach Games: 2016, dates to be confirmed, venue to be confirmed. Received a brief verbal progress report from Takao Otani, ISAF Technical Delegate.

ii) Pacific Mini Games: 2017, dates to be confirmed, Vanuatu. ISAF Technical Delegate to be confirmed shortly.

iii) Pacific Games: 2019, dates to be confirmed, Tonga. ISAF Technical Delegate to be confirmed shortly.

iv) Pan American Games: 2019, dates to be confirmed, Lima, Peru. Received a brief preliminary report from Ricardo Navarro, ISAF Technical Delegate. The Chair noted the early appointment of the TD as a highly effective strategy and a convincing precedent for both ISAF and the OA’s of regional games.
5. **ISAF Technical Delegate Appointments**

   (a) The Committee noted appointments of ISAF Technical Delegates to Regional Games confirmed since the last Regional Games meeting in 2013.

   - Pacific Games – 2015 – David Brookes
   - Southeast Asian Games – 2015 – Pedro Rodrigues
   - Pan Am Games – 2019 – Ricardo Navarro
   - Asian Games – 2018 – Takao Otani (confirmed December 5)

   (b) The Chair commented briefly on recent discussions with the OA of the Southeast Asian Games about the possibility of appointing an associate, or apprentice, TD to some regional games as part of a collaborative strategy to expand the pool of ISAF TD’s, especially in certain regions, and hopefully to generally increase the number of women TD’s. An associate TD will be appointed to the Southeast Asian Games as a pilot project.

6. **Submissions**

   The Committee reviewed, and where appropriate, commented, on the submissions listed below:

   - **i) Submission 001-14** – Executive Committee – International Association For Disabled Sailing IFDS Merger With ISAF – New Regulations 5.1(c) and 6.4, Changes to Current Regulations and Articles
     
     **Recommendation to Council:** Approve with the following amendment

     In proposal 1, Regulation 5.1(c), any MNA should be able to make nominations, not just those with disabled sailing programmes.

     In proposal 2, the phrase ‘physical disability’ should be replaced with ‘disability’.

   - **ii) Submission 013-14** – Executive Committee, The Chairmen of the Regional Games and Race Officials Committee – Appointment of Race Officials to Events – Regulation 25.8
     
     **Recommendation to Council:** Approve with the following amendment

     Amend Regulation 25.8.3(c), to read;

     (c) for Regional Games, the relevant ISAF Affiliate Continental Member, the Regional Games Committee and regional sailing associations if appropriate; and

   - **iii) Submission 017-14** – ISAF Governance – Affiliate Continental Members – Role Within ISAF
     
     **Recommendation to Council:** Defer

     The Regional Games Committee recommends that the Executive Committee establish a Working Party to define the roles and responsibilities of the continental sailing associations in the ISAF governance model. The Working Party shall:

     1. Include representatives of the current ISAF Affiliate Continental members, the Executive Committee, and such other members as are deemed necessary.

     2. Ensure broad consultation with relevant individuals and groups, and in particular, with all ISAF Affiliate Continental members.
3. Report to the Executive Committee at the ISAF mid-year meeting and return with final recommendations at the 2015 ISAF Annual Conference.

iv) Submission 018-14 – Sailing Cook Islands, Papua New Guinea Yacht & Boat Association and the Singapore Sailing Federation – Continental Association Championships and Continental Training Centres – ISAF to Provide Annual Budget

Recommendation to Council: Defer

Please see Submission 017-14

v) Submission 019-14 – Sailing Cook Islands, Papua New Guinea Yacht & Boat Association and the Singapore Sailing Federation – Continental Association Administration – ISAF to Provide Operational Budget

Recommendation to Council: Defer

Please see Submission 017-14

vi) Submission 020-14 – 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 – Establish a Continental Associations Committee – New Regulation 6.13

Recommendation to Council: Defer

Please see Submission 017-14

vii) Submission 021-14 – 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 – Continental Associations to Train and Certify Regional Technical Officers and Race Officials

Recommendation to Council: Defer

Please see Submission 017-14

viii) Submission 022-14 – 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 – Appointment of Technical Delegates and ITOs to Continental Games – Regulation 25.9

Recommendation to Council: Defer

Please see Submission 017-14

ix) Submission 023-14 – 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 – Continental Associations Submissions Rights – Regulation 15.1

Recommendation to Council: Defer

Please see Submission 017-14

x) Submission 085-14 – The International 49er Class Association – Continental Qualifiers for the 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition – A Pragmatic Solution for 49er and 49erFX

Recommendation to Council: No Recommendation.

7. Current issues in Regional Games

The Committee received updates from Working Parties and committee members on issues related to Regional Games.

i) Guideline for sailing events at Regional Games

The Chair reported on recent experience in the Pan American Games with the current draft of the Guideline and encouraged OA’s and TD’s to provide feedback.

ii) Technical Delegates and other International Technical Officials: appointment process and reporting protocols

The Committee received an excellent written and oral preliminary report from Committee Member Francisco Jauregui on the roles and responsibilities of the ISAF TD. The Committee agreed that the document provides a sound framework for further discussion and supported the argument for the appointment of the Technical Delegate as early as possible in the planning process for regional games. The Chair proposed that the document be shared with the working party, soon to be constituted, that will include representation from the RGC and the Race Officials Committee.

iii) Race Management at Regional Games: report on recent discussion of simplified format for All Africa Games

The Chair provided a brief background on the document circulated to the Committee and discussed the main points of the proposal. Malav Shroff suggested that the ISAF Training and Development Manager contact the Asian Sailing Federation about the possibility of ASAF being able to help with boat charters.

iv) Olympic Qualification at Regional Games: report on recent experience with Olympic Qualifiers in the Pan Am Games

The Chair provided a brief update on the IOC’s decision to approve the Pan American Games as an Olympic qualifier for the Laser Standard and Laser Radial events. Committee members briefly discussed the implications of Olympic qualification on the organization of regional games, particularly in relation to equipment selection and ITO appointments. Alastair Fox, ISAF Head of Competitions, noted that the qualification system for the 2020 Olympic Games will not be finalized until the 2016 qualification system has been reviewed and evaluated.

v) Continental Associations (CAs): report on Executive Committee Working Party on
Continental Associations

This item was well covered in a lively and constructive 90-minute open discussion on Submissions 017, 018, 019, 020, 021, 022, and 023. VP Adrienne Greenwood opened the debate by providing a brief background on the work of the ad hoc Executive working party that led to Submission 017-14. The Chair noted that the 2013 report of the RGC working party on Continental Associations was also instrumental in the preparation of both documents. A number of observers spoke, including, as well as VP Greenwood, VP Scott Perry and Constitution Committee Chair Phil Tolhurst. The Committee concluded by recommending deferral of 017 and all 6 of the related submissions, with the specific additional recommendation for action by the Executive Committee summarized in Item 6 iii) of these minutes. The thoughtful contributions to this debate by the majority of RGC members, in particular Vice-chair Marco Predieri, were highly effective in advancing a discussion that will have a long term and very positive impact on the way that ISAF operates.

vi) Commonwealth Games: Status of sailing at Commonwealth Games and other events where sailing has not been included.

John Derbyshire presented a convincing written and oral report on his analysis of sailing in the Commonwealth Games. He has examined the bid process underway for the 2022 games and concluded that the only possibility for inclusion was if Durban were to support sailing in their bid. Bids are to be submitted in May 2015, and the host for the 2022 Games will be announced in September 2015. The Committee unanimously endorsed his proposal that ISAF work with the Durban group now to have sailing included in their bid proposal.

vii) Data collection: discussion of strategies for data collection at regional Games

The Chair commented briefly on plans to develop online reporting mechanisms for ISAF TD’s and other ITO’s.


(a) The committee reviewed a list of Regional Games from 2014 – 2019. The Chair encouraged committee members and observers to report errors and omissions in the list, and to forward any corrections to Katherine Mason at the ISAF secretariat. (Please see appendix 1)

(b) The Committee briefly discussed the implications of Submission 013-14 on ITO appointments in Regional Games.

9. Regional Games Committee Budget

The Committee received an update from Vice–President Scott Perry regarding the regional games budget. VP Perry emphasized the importance of a four-year, versus annual, budget, given the year-to-year differences in the frequency of Regional Games. The Chair agreed to forward a budget request as soon as possible.

10. Annual Report

The Chair presented and commented briefly on the report submitted to the ISAF Council on the activities of the Regional Games Committee for the period 1 January 2014 to date.

11. Any Other Business

There being no further business, the Chair thanked all present, including guests and
observers, for their contributions to an animated and productive meeting; he also thanked Pauline Ward, Katherine Mason, Alastair Fox and Jon Napier, whose professionalism and steady support of Regional Games behind the scenes continue to be major factors in the success of our programs.

The meeting was then adjourned.
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