Women’s Forum Minutes

The Women’s Forum met at 16:00 – 18:00 hours at the Kempinski Hotel, Haitang Bay, Sanya, China on Monday 10 November 2015.

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Present:
Sarah Kenny, Vice Chairman
Adrienne Greenwood – Vice-President
Nazli Imre – Vice-President
Anastasia Chernova
Jan Dawson
Yana Dobzhitskaya
Tatiana Ermakova
Elizabeth Merrifield Filter
Janet Grosvenor
Ewa Jodlowska
Fiona Kidd
Dina Kowalyshyn
Cathy Macaleavey
Sheila McCurdy
Renee Mehl
Magriet Pannevis
Marina Psychogios
Corinne Rolland-McKenzie
Ana Maria Sanchez del Campo Ferrer
Cory Sertl
Luissa Smith
Nadine Stegenwalner
Dorith Stierler
Helen Mary Wilkes

Apologies received:
Adrienne Cahalan
Anna Andreadis
Carolijn Brouwer
Sally Burnett
Cary Lee Byerley
Nilufer Cakmakli
Marianne Davis
Fernanda de Oliveira Horn
Melinda Erkelens
Barbara Farquhar
Natalia Fedorova
Lulia Fulicea
Sarah Gosling
Sandy Grosvenor
Josje Hoflan
Hyo-Kyung Jang
Alice Leonard
Marianne Middelthon
Ruth Miller
Maria Adela Perez

Absent:
Olesia Afanaseva
Sylvia Vogl
Ana Jasna Antoncic
Laura Baldwin-Caldecoat
Marcelien Bos-De Koning
Liz Baylis
Krystyna Lastowska
Maja Lesny
Sally Burnett
Agnes Lill
Sari Multala
Esperanza Perez Crespo
Anne Tierney
Anastasia Chernova
Iskra Yovkova
1. **Welcome & Introductions**

Vice-President, Adrienne Greenwood opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the Women’s Forum meeting in Sanya, China. The Vice-President passed on the Chairman’s apologies advising that she was unable to attend the meeting due to personal circumstances. The Vice-President informed the Forum the Executive are very grateful for the work which the Forum are doing.

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

(a) Minutes

The Women Forum noted the minutes of the Women’s Forum meeting of Monday 3 November 2014. The minutes can be downloaded at www.sailing.org/meetings.

(b) Minutes Matters Arising

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

3. **Reports on Women’s Issues on ISAF Committees**

(a) The Forum received a verbal report from the Vice-Chairman on the Council Meeting which was held in Palma on Friday 15 Friday November and 16 Saturday 2014.

(b) The Women’s Forum received a verbal report from Adrienne Greenwood Vice-President on the Executive Committee.

(c) The Forum received a short report from the following members of each of the ISAF Committees.

   i) Janet Grosvenor – Oceanic and Offshore Committee
   ii) Sarah Kenny – Events Committee
   iii) Dina Kowalyshyn – Equipment Committee
   iv) Yana Dobzhitskaya Match Racing Committee
   v) Corinne Rolland-McKenzie – Olympic Class Sub-committee
   vi) Renee Mehl – Special Regulations Sub-committee
   vii) Tatiana Ermakova – Race Management Sub-committee
   viii) Dorith Stierler – Windsurfing and Kiteboard Committee

4. **Submissions & Recommendations**

(a) Submission 111-15

The Women’s Forum considered submission 111-15 from the Chairman of the Women’s Forum about Subsidiary World Championships – Regulation 25.2.6 and made a recommendation to Council.
Recommendation to Council

The Women’s Forum recognizes the need to refine the suggested amendment to the Regulation, particularly to include a minimum requirement for entries and potentially to expand the relaxation of the minimum entry requirement beyond Olympic and Youth Classes.

(b) The Women’s Forum considered the following submissions and made the following recommendations to Council.

i) Submission 019-15

The Women’s Forum considered submission 019-15 from the Executive Committee about ISAF Committee – Changes to Committee Structure for 2017-2020 and Change of Committee name and made a recommendation to Council.

Recommendation to Council: approve

In relation to proposal 1, the Women’s Forum encourage the Executive Committee to ensure regulation 5.2.1 is applied to both Committees and that ISAF remind the MNA,’s well in advance of November 2016 of the gender requirements for nominations for Committees and Sub-committees.

ii) Submission 107-15

The Women’s Forum considered submission 107-15 from the Chairman of the Events Committee about ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship about Multihull – Sirena 16 – Regulation 24.4.9 and made a recommendation to Council.

Recommendation to Council: approve

iii) Submission 108-15

The Women’s Forum considered submission 108-15 from the Chairmen of the Equipment and Events Committee about ISAF Youth Sailing World Championship about Youth Multihull Equipment – Regulation 24.4.9 and made a recommendation to Council.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

iv) Submission 109-15

The Women’s Forum considered submission 109-15 from the Chairman of the Constitution Committee about Events and Competition Rules – Regulation 25.2.5 and made a recommendation to Council,

Recommendation to Council

The Women’s Forum supports in principle awarding a world championship title to winning boy and girl in Youth World Championship but not a requirement to race as a separate fleet.

v) Submission 110-15

Recommendation to Council

The Women’s Forum supports in principle reducing the minimum entry requirement for subsidiary World Championships

(c) There were no recommendations to Council not based on submissions received which either are pending from previous Committee meetings or are new items, deemed urgent and requiring an immediate Council decision.

5. Women’s Forum Future

The Women Forum held a discussion on the role and objectives of the Women’s Forum taking into account the recent decisions of the ISAF Executive. It was felt there was a need to define a clearer way forward to ensure the ongoing success of this group within ISAF.

The Key outcomes are the establishment of a small Working Party to work on the revised terms of reference for the Women’s Forum. The following people will be on the Working Party are:

- Sarah Kenny
- Pauline Ward ISAF
- Renee Mehl
- Marina Psichogiou
- Cathy Mac Aleavey
- Jan Dawson
- Fiona Kidd

The Working Party will look at simplifying the current objectives of the Forum as set out in Regulation 9.6. The current objectives are far too all encompassing and mostly unachievable for the Forum which has no resources.

It was suggested a simpler objective along the lines of "increasing the participation and retention of women in all aspects of sailing". The Forum discussed identifying the top 4 priorities each quadrennial and focussing on one of those each year.

The very valuable role the Women Forum’s meeting plays at the annual meeting was acknowledged, particularly for women that are new to ISAF. The old "buddy" system was mentioned and recognised as a useful way to make ISAF more understandable for women new to it. The possible formation of a smaller group to steer the work of the Women’s Forum was discussed recognising the difficulties created by such a large number of people being involved. The Forum endorsed the value of the annual meeting of the WF and the desire to keep the meeting on the agenda and open to all to attend.

6. Council Member Election Process

Pauline Ward, Executive Assistant to the CEO informed the Forum on information on the forth coming election of a Council Member for the Women’s Forum for 2017 – 2020

The Women's Forum recommends to the incoming Women's Forum that the selection of the Women’s representative on Council in line with Regulation 9 take place in early 2017 in the form of an online election. Any member of the Forum willing to serve is to submit their name along with a resume to the ISAF Secretariat no later than 28 February 2017.

An online vote will take place following the submission of names and the person with the most votes will be selected as the Women’s representative on Council and the Chairman of
7. **IWG Women Conference on Women and Sport**
   
   (a) It was noted the 7th IWG World Conference in Women and Sport will be held in Gaborone, Botswana in 2018.

8. **Annual Report**

   The Forum noted the Chairman’s report to the ISAF Council meeting on 13 November 2015 on the activities of the Women’s Forum for the period 1 January 2015 to date.

9. **Any Other Business**

   There being no further business, the meeting was closed.