

The Para World Sailing Committee met online using the Blue Jeans platform at 12:00 – 15:00 hours UTC on Wednesday 27 October 2021.

Please refer to the World Sailing website www.sailing.org for the details of the submissions on this agenda.

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SP = Supporting Paper CM = Paper circulated to Committee Members only

1. Opening of the Meeting

Massimo noted the session was being recorded and would be available within 24 hours. Explained rules.

Welcome by the Chairman: Betsy Alison, Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed the Committee members and observers to the PWSC meeting.

In Attendance were Betsy Alison (USA), David Staley (AUS), Alfred Pelinka (AUT), Hannah Stodel (GBR); Yukiko Hagiwara (JPN), Bernard Destrube (FRA), Cristian Frers (ARG), Emma Hallen (SWE), Jenny Davey (CAN), Heiko Kroger (GER - Athletes Commission), Marcus Spillane (IRL) Vice President, Cory Sertl (USA) Vice President, Massimo Dighe – Staff

Apologies received from Abdelkarim Derouiche (TUN), Jens Kroger (GER).

Declaration of conflict of interest: None

Minutes of 2020 PWSC annual meeting were adopted.

2. Para World Sailing Committee and Working Party

Noted the members of the Working Parties

- i. Classification Working Party
Leader: Bernard Destrube
Walter Mielke
Sarah Ross
Adrian Stoggall
Lynne Beal
Madeleine Dunn
Massimo Dighe

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- ii. Equipment Working Party
Leader: Alfred Pelinka
Jens Kroker
- iii. Ranking Working Party
Leader: Alfred Pelinks
Massimo Dighe
- iv. Communication Working Party
Leader: Hannah Stodel
Yukiko Hagiwara
- v. Regional Development Working Party
Leader: Emma Hallen
Jenny Davey
Abdelkarim Derouiche
Cristian Frers
- vi. Inclusion Working Party
Leader: David Staley
Betsy Alison
Jenny Davey
Jens Kroker
- vii. Documents Working Party
Leader: David Staley
Bernard Destrube
Dighe Massimo

Received a brief update on the Working Parties

- i. Classification Working Party: Bernard Destrube spoke to his written report.
- ii. Equipmet Working Party: Alfred Pelinka spoke to his written report
- iii. Ranking Working Party: Alfred Pelinka spoke to his written report.
- iv. Communication Working Party: Hannah & Yuki noted the need to improve the amount and timeliness of information from WS. Very happy to see the impact of the recent launch coordinated by the Mallory Group.
- v. Regional Development Party: Emma Hallen noted. Jenny Davey, Abdulkarim & Cristian Frers. Looking at regional hotspots & networks sharing best practice,

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coaching and events. Potential to develop resources that can be used by recognised training centres.

- vi. Inclusion Working Party: David Staley spoke to his written report
- vii. Documents Working Party: David Staley spoke to his written report with comments from Bernard Destrube

Working relationships with World Sailing Committees: Very encouraging to see the level of cooperation with other WS Committees and that para sailing is a topic in many of these committees. Heiko Kroger is the new representative from the Athletes Commission – has only just started and is mainly observing for the time being and learning about the processes of World Sailing. Heiko is happy to take any questions or issues to the Commission.

3. International Paralympic Committee

David Graham joined the meeting and noted his thanks to the committee. There is great cooperation between the committees and it is heartening to see the community of sailing so strongly supporting para sailing and the goal of reinstating sailing in the Paralympic Games.

Betsy noted her appreciation for the support of David and the WS Board.

- a) IPC Relationship: Massimo reported there has been regular contact with the IPC including IF Relationship Manager Juergen Padburg. World Sailing CEO met and is in contact with IPC CEO Mike Peters and WS President is maintaining contacts with IPC President. Awaiting confirmation of application timeline, process and criteria. Colleen Well is the new Paralympic Games Manager for IPC and she is reviewing the application process and criteria. Have met with Asian Paralympic Committees and will make a presentation to the European Paralympic Committee. A WS delegate will be present at the IPC GA in Chinese Taipei in early December.
- b) Discussed possible steps for future reinstatement to the 2028 Paralympic Sports Program: We expect that in early 2022 the application process will begin for 2028 but need to continue growth and participation by MNAs and the on the communication area the support received by the Mallory group is extremely helpful
- c) To report on the Mallory Group initiatives – Emily Caroe and Ruth Grundy shared a presentation. Noted that there has been a great response to the #SailtoLA and #BackTheBid

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launch 24 hours ago. Great support and no negative comments so far. Strong support from Reuters. The messaging has been consistent. Noted that Class Associations have been invited to participate and join the virtual briefings. Could widen out and include the previous para sailing classes. The more assistance the better.

4. Para World Sailing Strategic Plan 2020-2024

Massimo shared a presentation summarising progress on achieving the goals of the Strategic Plan.

- a) David noted potential to develop relationship with ICSD for deaf sailors.

Betsy noted that, due to the restrictions of Covid, the number of athletes and nations participating are currently below the numbers IPC will be seeking. All nations need to get their participation and event data to World Sailing so we can demonstrate widespread activity. While funding is restricted, we all need to do what we can to create opportunities for participation and communication.

Bernard noted there are still very good numbers of nations whose athletes have been classified.

Alfred noted that it is crucial to have a proper international ranking system to provide a goal for sailors in all parts of the world. Results and data acquisition is key.

5. Events

Massimo shared a presentation

- a) Impact of Covid-19 on Para Sailing Events
- b) Report on 2021 Para World Sailing Championships
- c) 2022 Para World Sailing Championships in conjunction with class World Championship
 - i. Two-Person - RS Venture - Travemuende GER - July
 - ii. One-Person (Technical) - 2.4mR - Warnemunde GER September
 - ii. One-Person (Non-Technical) - Hansa 303 - Palermo ITA October
 - iv. One-Person (Non-Technical - High Level Disability) - Liberty - Palermo ITA October

Betsy noted that the class associations have been running inclusive events for many years and encouraging para-athletes to compete with and against their able-bodied

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colleagues. We need to focus on youth and female participation, but we have a good basis.

- d) 2022 Para World Sailing Championships for Athletes with Intellectual Impairment - Hansa 303 - Southport AUS November - David provided some background information and status update for the event. Betsy noted the importance of having information for MNAs about how to get athletes classified / on the Virtus master list.
- e) Yuki noted that the Masters Games will likely be postponed.
- f) Important to have information about classification / eligibility for intellectual disability.
- g) Hannah noted the common problems with infrastructure at recent events. Suggested reinstating the surveys which were previously circulated at para sailing events.
- h) 2023 Sailing World Championships - Classes TBC - August 10 to 20
- i) Other Future Events

6. Paralympic Development Program

- a) To receive a report regarding the PDP events for 2021: Palermo was the only PDP with 13 participants but unofficial participants brought the numbers to 27 with another group of coaches attending. Rob Holden noted the lack of coaching, rules knowledge and racing skill of some of the Hansa fleet. Noted that WS Coaching Manual includes information about coaching athletes with a disability. Important to include para-athletes in the performance coaching realm with coaches adapting to the different ways people function in the boat.
- b) To receive a report regarding the PDPs events planned for 2022.
- c) Possible opportunity for a PDP in The Hague well in advance of the Worlds.

7. World Sailing Trust

- a) To receive a report on the World Sailing Trust and the Access Fund
Massimo provided a brief report.

8. Submissions

To consider and give an opinion to Council on the following submissions for which the PWSC is the Reporting Committee:

- a) Deferred Submission 008-20 – Training and Development Budget - Establish a base budget for World Sailing Training and

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Development Programs – A submission from Sail Canada, US Sailing and the Chairman of the Development & Regions Committee. David Covo, David Staley and Marcus Spillane commented. Agreed that the PWSC would have no opinion on this submission.

There were no other submissions for which the PWSC was a reporting committee

Hannah noted RS Sailing suggestion for para sailing involvement in 2022 Youth Worlds in The Hague. Could the Committee make a recommendation to Council not based on a submission? Discussion included:

- Bernard is supportive of such an event but recognises the timing is not good
- David noted his support in-principle but time is short and the committee needs to work through this with the Youth Events Sub-Committee
- Cory noted that there are pressures with extra events being added but the 2022 Youths is seen as a test event for the 2023 Worlds and could be an opportunity to create a focus and generate some excitement for the IPC and younger para sailors
- Hannah – this is a big opportunity, even if a connected or demonstration event
- Betsy – Perhaps establish a joint working party with the Youth Events Sub-Committee. Betsy can raise this possible event as part of her report to Council and make contact with the Youth Events Sub-Committee. There is clearly strong support for this
- Hannah Stodel Moved *that a Recommendation to Council Not Based on Submission that a youth para sailing event be held in conjunction with the 2022 Youth Worlds and that the PWSC establish a working party with the Youth Events Sub-Committee.* Seconded Cristian Frers. Defeated (In favour 2, Against 5, Abstained 1).
- David Staley Moved *that the PWSC commence discussion with the Youth Events Sub-Committee with the proposal of establishing youth para sailing event held in conjunction, or connected to, the 2022 Youth Worlds and that Betsy Alison note this in her report to Council.* Seconded Bernard Destrube. Carried. (In favour 6, Against 1)

9. Annual Report

The Chairman's annual report to the World Sailing Council was presented.

10. Any Other Business:

No other business

