

The Board met by conference call between 19:00hrs – 21:50 hrs BST on 3 April 2018

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Present:

Kim Andersen – President
Jan Dawson - Vice-President
Gary Jobson – Vice-President
W. Scott Perry – Vice-President
Yann Rocherieux – Chairman, Athletes' Commission
Nadine Stegenwalner – Vice-President
Andy Hunt – Chief Executive Officer

In attendance:

Carlos de Beltran – Director of Technical & Offshore
Hugh Chambers – Chief Commercial Officer
Alastair Fox – Director of Events
Jon Napier – Director of Legal Affairs & Governance

Apologies:

Ana Sanchez del Campo Ferrer – Vice-President
Torben Grael – Vice-President
Quanhai Li – Vice-President

1. Opening of the Meeting

(a) Conflicts of Interest

Jan Dawson declared an interest in any discussions concerning the 2022 Worlds bidding. Scott Perry declared an interest in the Para Worlds bidding.

The Board reviewed the potential conflicts of interest of Council members for the forthcoming Mid-Year Meeting.

(b) Previous Minutes

The Board noted the minutes of its March meeting.

The Director of Technical & Offshore updated the Board on the implementation of the Olympic Classes Contract. All Classes have signed other than the 49er, Finn and Laser Classes. The Director informed the Board that the 49er contract was close to signature but had been delayed due to changes needed to reflect particular arrangements affecting the 49er builders.

The Board confirmed it would circulate the World Sailing Strategy to the Committee Chairmen for feedback before presentation to Council in May.

2. Mid-Year Submissions

The Board agreed to hold a separate conference call to discuss the Regulation 23 submissions.

The Board considered requests for urgent submissions to Council in May 2018 under Regulation 15.6(b).

Decision

The Board accepted three submissions as urgent.

3. Safety

The Board received an update on the work of the Safety Panel from the Director of Technical & Offshore.

4. Management Accounts

The Board reviewed the February 2018 management accounts. The Chief Executive Officer updated the Board on the phasing of employment costs.

5. Chief Executive Officer's Report

The Board received a report from the Chief Executive Officer.

The Chief Executive Officer updated the Board on contractual discussions concerning Sailing World Cup events, the appointment of the new Head of Fundraising, the appointment process for Trustees of the World Sailing Trust, the bid process for the 2022 Worlds, and future World Sailing staff support to Tokyo 2020.

Decision

The Board approved the appointment of the Chair of Trustees of the World Sailing Trust.

Decision

The Evaluation Panel for the 2022 Worlds will be one member of the Board, one member of the Events Committee, one member of the Athletes' Commission, a representative of the Olympic Classes and the Chief Executive Officer, Director of Events and the Chief Commercial Officer.

6. Commercial Update

The Board received a report from the Chief Commercial Officer on potential sponsorship prospects.

The President gave his apologies and left the meeting at this point due to a prior engagement with an MNA.

7. Equipment Review Procedures

The Board received the proposed equipment review procedures.

Decision

The Board approved the procedures with some minor amendments (subject to final legal approval).

8. 2018 Annual Conference & World Sailing Awards

The Board received a report on preparations for the 2018 Annual Conference in Sarasota, USA.

The Board requested the Executive Office look at proposals for charging observers for attending the Conference or Awards evening in order to mitigate the increasing costs and size of the Conference.

The Board noted the proposals for the World Sailing Awards and will finalise decisions for the Awards at its next meeting.

9. 2021 – 2028 Events Strategy

The Director of Events updated the Board on preparations of the 2021 – 2028 Events Strategy and proposals for consultation with stakeholders.

10. 2019 Para World Sailing Championships

The Board received a recommendation from the Para World Sailing Committee.

Decision

The Board approved Puerto Sherry, ESP as the host venue of the 2019 Para World Sailing Championships (subject to site visit and contract).

11. Offshore World Championships

The Board received a proposal for the bidding structure and proposed commercial arrangements for the Offshore World Championships (including an outline of the equipment tender procedure).

Decision

The Board approved the proposals.

Gary Jobson gave his apologies and left the meeting due to a prior engagement.

The Chief Executive Officer noted that a quorum was now absent and subsequent decisions would require ratification by email from the remaining Board members.

12. May 2018 Council Agenda

The Board commented on the draft Council agenda.

13. Digital Platform Project

The Board noted the previous proposal for the digital platform project and the subsequent financial information provided by the Executive Office.

Decision

The Board approved the proposal (subject to ratification of this minute by the Board by email).

14. Governance Commission

Jan Dawson updated the Board on the work of the Commission and the appointment of Maria Clarke as the independent Chair.

Decision

The Board approves expenditure to Phase II of the review but will reserve any decision on expenditure for additional meetings of the Commission after May to the next meeting (subject to ratification of this minute by email).

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.