

## Board Minutes



**The World Sailing Board met between 09:00 – 17:30 and 09:00-16:00 on 9 and 10 February 2019 at Hotel Las Arenas Balneario, Valencia, Spain.**

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### **Present:**

Kim Andersen – President

Jan Dawson - Vice-President

Torben Grael – Vice-President

Gary Jobson – Vice-President

W. Scott Perry – Vice-President

Quanhai Li – Vice-President

Yann Rocherieux – Chairman, Athletes' Commission

Ana Sanchez – Vice-President

Nadine Stegenwalner – Vice-President

Andy Hunt – Chief Executive Officer

### **In attendance:**

Alastair Fox – Director of Events

Jonela Haxhinasto – Finance Director

Jon Napier – Director of Integrity & Governance

## **1. Opening of the Meeting**

### **(a) Communication from the President**

The President welcomed the Board to Valencia.

The President highlighted the need for organisation to have a strong alignment, led by the Board, around its priorities as World Sailing moves into 2019.

Following the decisions of Council and the AGM in November 2018, the President confirmed he had met with the IOC President and IOC Director of Sport to share World Sailing's vision and objectives for the 2024 sailing events. These will be confirmed by the IOC following their usual process in 2020.

The President and Chief Executive Officer met with the President and Chief Executive Officer of the International Paralympic Committee in January to discuss the way forward for Para Sailing and that a follow-up meeting would take place with the IPC to further discuss the detailed report from the World Sailing application. The Board confirmed it was fully committed to continuing with the Para Sailing strategy.

The President shared with the Board his thoughts on greater athlete involvement in decision making, especially with the IOC.

The Board received an update on the decision of the independent Disciplinary Investigating Officer following the 2018 Sailing World Championships. The Board agreed to appoint a working party to examine improvements in the investigation and prosecution of equipment cheating, and the use of discretionary penalties for equipment infringements.

(b) Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

There were no apologies for absence.

Jan Dawson and Scott Perry updated their Register of Interests with the removal of two interests.

(c) Minutes

The minutes of the previous Board meeting were noted which had been previously approved.

(d) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

## 2. Reports

The Board received and discussed a report from the Chief Executive Officer.

The Chief Executive Officer updated the Board on the delivery of the Hempel World Cup Series Round in Miami, the appointment of Scott Over as Commercial Director, planning for the Offshore World Championships, and fundraising by the World Sailing Trust.

The Board requested a paper for a future meeting on the eSailing World Championships.

With the approval of the World Sailing strategic plan and corporate objectives, the Board requested a specific report measuring progress against the strategic priorities.

### Decision

**The Board requested the Executive Office appoint a review group to examine improvements in the investigation and prosecution of equipment cheating, and the use of discretionary penalties for equipment infringements, and report to the Board by May 2019.**

## 3. Governance Commission

The Board received a report from the Independent Chair of the Governance Commission of the work of the Commission and its recent meeting. The Chair reported on the progress on key areas under consideration and the broad principles followed by the Commission. The plan for recommended future actions, communications and timetable was set out for the Board.

The Board provided feedback to the Commission on some specific areas for further analysis.

### Decision

**The Board approved the direction and the proposals of the Commission and endorsed them for wider consultation.**

**The Board acknowledged that the final proposal to change the governance structures and processes of World Sailing would be recommended by the Board for decision by the members at the Annual General Meeting.**

**The Board endorsed the proposed communication plan, to set out the proposals and reasons supporting the recommendations to assist MNA's and other stakeholders to understand the proposals.**

## 4. Technical & Events

(a) Equipment Re-evaluation Process

The Board discussed a report from the Inshore Technical Manager concerning the current re-evaluation and evaluation procedures in process.

(b) Olympic Equipment Strategy

The Board received an update on the implementation of the Olympic Equipment Strategy

**Decision**

**The Board requested further details for the proposed licensing model (FRAND) for Olympic equipment suppliers.**

**The Board confirmed that compliance with the Strategy is a requirement for participation in the re-evaluation and evaluation processes underway for 2024 equipment which is not yet selected.**

(c) 2024 Events & Equipment: Mixed 2 Person Offshore Keelboat

The Board received a report from the Director of Events on behalf of the Equipment, Qualification, Format/FOP, and Broadcast/Technology Working Groups. All the reports received will be forwarded to the Chairs of the relevant committees for preparing the recommendations for the Mid-Year Meeting.

(d) 2019 Offshore World Championships

The Board discussed a proposal from the Director of Events for the Offshore World Championships

**Decision**

**The Board approved proposal for the Offshore World Championships to be held in 2020 and for the Executive Office to confirm the venue.**

(e) 2021 – 2028 Event Strategy

The Board received a report from the Event Strategy Working Party.

**Decision**

**The Event Strategy Working Party will work on final recommendations to Council for the 2019 Mid-Year Meeting.**

**The World Sailing Executive Office is to consult with MNAs, Classes, Sailors, Coaches and Event Organisers.**

**The World Sailing Executive Office will finalise a commercial strategy based on this proposal.**

(f) 2022 Youth Olympic Games

The Board received a report from the Director of Events.

(g) 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition & 2019 Test Event

The Board received a report from the Director of Events.

**Decision**

**The Board requested the Technical Delegates review an alleged breach of the support team regulations at the 2018 Test Event.**

(h) WCS Miami

The Board received a report from the Director of Events.

**5. Finance**

(a) 2018 Management Accounts

The Board received and discussed the final 2018 management accounts and noted preparations for the forthcoming audit.

(b) 2019 Budget and Cashflow Forecast

The Board reviewed the 2019 budget and latest cashflow forecasts.

**Decision**

**The Board requested the Executive Office prepare further budget scenarios based on strategic and operational priorities determined by the Board.**

(c) Sponsorship and Commercial Report

The Board received a report from the Chief Executive Officer.

(d) 2018 Hempel Sailing World Championships - Financial Analysis

The Board received a report on the financial performance of the event.

(e) World Sailing Debtors

The Board noted the debtors list

(f) Quarterly Report on the Isle of Man Trust

The Board received a report on the performance of the Investment Trust.

**6. Governance**

(a) Voting Procedures at World Sailing Meetings

The Board received a proposal from the Chief Executive Officer concerning the voting procedures at World Sailing Meetings.

**Decision**

**The Board approved the proposal in principle and requested a further analysis of the potential benefits of using a mobile phone-based app technology before final implementation.**

(b) Review of 2018 Conference

The Board received a report of the delegate feedback from the 2018 Conference.

**Decision**

**The Board approved the recommendation to cease to provide translation services during meetings due to very limited use and high cost.**

**The Board agreed to maintain the new format for the World Sailing Awards presentation and function.**

(c) Tokyo 2020 Race Official Appointments Procedure

The Board received a proposal from the Director of Integrity & Governance on the procedures to be followed for appointments for the 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition.

**Decision**

**The Board approved the procedures.**

**7. Safety**

The Board received a report from the Safety Panel.

**Decision**

**The Board requested the Executive Office increase communication and education to MNAs and other stakeholders about the work of the Safety Panel.**

**8. Future Meetings**

The Board noted the future dates and locations for its meetings in 2019.

**9. Any Other Business**

(a) Development Symposium

The Board discussed the proposals for the 2019 and 2020 Development Symposium.

**Decision**

**The Board approved the proposals (subject to budget approval).**

There being no other business, the President closed the meeting.