Board Minutes

The World Sailing Board met between 11:00 – 14:15 UTC on 11 March 2019 by conference call

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

Scott Over – Commercial Director

Daniel Smith – Director of Communications & Digital

1. Opening of the Meeting

(a) Communication from the President

The President welcomed Scott Over to his first Board meeting.

The President referred to the Board's decision to require an observer fee for attendance of some observers at the Mid-Year Meeting and confirmed that this would be discussed under AOB.

The President informed the Board of developments with the inclusion of Para Sailing in Regional Games.

The President updated the Board on his recent meetings with the IOC to discuss the 2024 events proposal.

(b) Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

The Board noted the Register of Interests and there were no further declarations of interest.

(c) Minutes

The minutes of the previous Board meeting were noted.

(d) Matters Arising

The Chief Executive Officer updated the Board on potential voting procedures for the Mid-Year Meeting.

Decision
The Board decided to use paper voting for the 2019 Mid-Year Meeting.

2. Safety

The Board received a report from the Safety Panel.

3. Reports

(a) CEO Report

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

The Chief Executive Officer updated the Board on Paris 2024's proposal inclusion of e-sailing in the 2024 Olympic Games. He referred the Board to the latest Tokyo 2020 issue tracker and escalation of certain issues to the IOC.

The Chief Executive Officer informed the Board of support being provided to the Pacific Games.

(b) Commercial Report

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

4. Technical & Events

(a) Equipment Cheating Review Group

The Board received a report from the Director of Integrity & Governance on the first meeting of the Group.

(b) 2020 Offshore World Championships

The Board received an updated from the Director of Events.

Decision

The Board authorised the Chief Executive Officer to sign an event hosting agreement for the 2020 Offshore World Championships and a Charter agreement for the provision of supplied equipment.

The Board will approve the qualification system at its April meeting.

(c) Olympic Equipment Strategy Implementation

The Board received an update from the Director of Integrity & Governance and the Inshore Technical Manager.

Decision

The Board requested the Executive Office continue consultation on implementation of the Strategy and approved recommendations concerning the 2024 Olympic Classes Contract.

The Board requested that a statement be issued to all interested parties in the current tender and re-evaluation processes on World Sailing's latest position.

(d) Events Update

The Director of Events updated the Board on the preparations for the 2019 Youth Sailing World Championships and the Hempel World Cup Series in Genoa.

The Board received an update from the Director of Events on the preparations for the Olympic Test Event and the 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition.

5. Finance

(a) January 2019

The Board received and discussed the January 2019 management accounts.

(b) 2019 Budget and Cashflow Forecast

The Board reviewed the 2019 budget and latest cashflow forecasts.

Decision

The Board approved the revised budget for 2019 and 2020.

6. Any Other Business

The Board debated the feedback that had been received from stakeholders on the implementation of a daily delegate fee for observers at the 2019 mid-year meeting. The Board was sympathetic to the concerns that had been raised, but also needed to take action to manage the escalating cost of the Mid-Year Meeting, which has been driven by an increase in registered delegates from 100 in 2016 to 230 in 2018. In addition, delegates who had registered for the meetings and subsequently did not attend were still having to be paid for by World Sailing.

Decision

The Board approved maintaining the policy which has been published to stakeholders

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