Board Minutes

The World Sailing Board met at the Hilton Hotel, Schiphol Airport, Amsterdam on 13 and 14 September 2019

Present:

Kim Andersen - President

Jan Dawson – Vice President

Torben Grael – Vice President

Gary Jobson – Vice President

Quanhai Li – Vice President

W Scott Perry – 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

Kendall Harris – Head of Legal

Jon Napier – Director of Integrity & Governance

Jaime Navarro – Head of Technical & Offshore

Raksha Patel – Finance Director

Scott Over – Commercial Director (items 3(b) & 5(h))

Harriet Strzelecki – Director of Brand & Marketing (items 3(b) & 5(h))

1. Opening of the Meeting

(a) President's Opening Remarks

The President opened the meeting and welcomed the Board to Amsterdam.

(b) Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

There were no apologies for absence. There were no new declarations of interest.

(c) Minutes

The Board noted the minutes of its meeting of 5 August 2019 (circulated and approved after the meeting).

(d) Matters Arising

The Chief Executive Officer updated the Board on the new contracting arrangements with Virtual Regatta.

Concerning the 2020 Youth Worlds, the Board was updated on payment of the services fee by CBVela and follow-through funding from the Brazilian Olympic Committee.

The Chief Executive Officer informed the Board of the successful sponsorship arrangements for the 2019 Annual Conference.

2. Safety

The Board received a report from the Safety Panel.

The Board expressed its continuing concern that not enough reports were being submitted via the reporting system by MNAs and World Sailing Classes and asked the Safety Panel to examine this with stakeholders at the Annual Conference.

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 the recent meetings with The Hague concerning the 2021 Youth Sailing World Championships and the 2022 Sailing World Championships.

The Chief Executive Officer informed the Board of positive discussions with Paris 2024 and the IOC concerning e-Sailing in 2024.

The Board was informed of the proposed terms of the Special Event Agreement with The Ocean Race.

Decision

The Board authorised the Chief Executive Officer to sign the proposed Special Event Agreement with The Ocean Race (subject to circulation of the key terms by email).

The Chief Executive Officer updated the Board on preparations for the 2019 Annual Conference.

(b) Commercial Report

The Board received and discussed a report from the Commercial Director and reviewed the sponsorship pipeline report.

4. Finance

(a) July 2019 Management Accounts

The Board received and discussed the July 2019 Management. The Board received the report on the current forecast cash flows and position and the paper from management. The Board discussed the forecast and agreed with the position stated in the paper from management.

Decision

The Board requested the Chief Executive Officer and Finance Director to undertake an activity based functional area financial analysis for the next meeting of the Board.

(b) ISAF Trust Quarterly Report

The Board received a report on the ISAF Trust.

(c) Debtors

The Board received a report of the outstanding debtors.

5. Governance

(a) 2019 Submissions

The Board reviewed submissions received for 2019.

(b) Board Submissions

The Board received two requests for Board submissions from the Ethics Commission and Racing Rules Committee Working Party.

Decision

The Board approved the two submissions.

(c) Review of Subscription Categories

The Board received a proposal from the Chief Executive Officer.

The Board noted the decision of Council in 2014 that there would be a bi-annual increase in subscription fee rates of 5%. However, the Board did not implement the 5% increase in 2018 and 2019, but will apply the increase for 2020. A further uplift of fees by 5% will take place in 2021, in accordance with the decision of Council.

Decision

The Board approved an increase the subscription fees by approximately 5% for 2020.

(d) 2020 Election Committee

The Board received an update on applications for the Election Committee.

(e) RUS Membership

The Board received an updated on the deferred submission concerning the membership of the Russian Yachting Federation.

(f) ECRG Report

The Board received an update report from the Equipment Cheating Review Group.

Decision

The Board approved two proposals from the Group and will make a submission to Council.

The Board requested the Group consult further on its other proposals and update the Board on its consultation plans.

(g) Tokyo 2020 Race Official Appointments

The Board received the recommendations for appointments. Torben Grael and Nadine Stegenwalner left the meeting whilst this item was discussed.

Decision

The Board approved the Olympic Jury proposal and gave an opinion to the Event Appointments Working Party on the proposed Olympic Race Management Team and Technical Committee.

(h) 2019 World Sailing Awards Nominations

(i) The Board discussed nominations for the 2019 World Sailing Awards including the shortlist for the Rolex Sailor of the Year, the Beppe Croce and finalists in a number of other categories.

(j) Governance Commission Update

The Board received a report and updated proposals from the Governance Commission.

Decision

The Board approved the report and updated proposals from the Governance Commission which will de distributed to MNAs.

The Board authorised special resolutions to be proposed to the 2019 Annual General Meeting.

6. Technical and Events

(a) Men's and Women's Windsurfer Tender Process

The Board received an update from the Head of Technical & Offshore.

(b) One Person Dinghy Update

The Board received an update from the Head of Technical & Offshore and the Director of Integrity & Governance.

(c) 2024 Olympic Classes Contract Update

The Board received an update from the Head of Technical & Offshore and the Director of Integrity & Governance.

(d) Olympic Equipment Quality Control process

The Board received a report from the Head of Technical & Offshore.

(e) Ready Steady Tokyo Test Event – Technical Delegate Report

The Board received the report from the Olympic Technical Delegates.

Decision

The Board approved the report and its recommendations for circulation.

The Board requested the Olympic Technical Delegates prepare a further implementation plan for the recommendations.

(f) RS:X Equipment at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games

The Board discussed Neil Pryde's unwillingness to supply RS:X equipment for the 2020 Olympic Games and a verbal report on the discussions with Team Leaders at the Ready Steady Tokyo Test event.

Decision

The Board requested the Chief Executive Officer write to Neil Pryde expressing the Board's displeasure with their decision.

The Board requested the Executive Office engage with Neil Pryde and other commercial partners in the supply chain.

(g) 2021 – 2028 Event Strategy Update

The Board received an update from the Director of Events.

(h) 2020 Offshore World Championship Qualification System

The Board received a report and recommendations from the Director of Events.

Decision

The Board approved the report and recommendations.

(i) 2022 YOG Events & Equipment

The Board received a report from the Director of Events.

(j) 2019 Enoshima WCS Round Report

The Board received a report from the Director of Events.

7. Other

(a) Website Supplier Migration Project

The Board received an update from the Chief Executive Officer.

8. Any Other Business

(a) Paralympic Sailing in Regional Games

The Board requested an update on the IPC's position towards Paralympic sports in Regional Games.

(b) World Sailing Hall of Fame

The Board discussed and agreed a proposal for new inductees to the World Sailing Hall of Fame.

(c) Discrimination at Events

The Board received a report from the Chairman of the Ethics Commission concerning recent cases concerning discriminatory behaviour by organizing authorities.

Decision

The Board referred the report to the Constitution Committee for review and requested the Committee make an appropriate recommendation to the Board.