World Sailing Board Minutes

The World Sailing Board met by conference call on Tuesday 18 January 2022 between 10:00 – 12:00 UTC.

Present	**In Attendance**
1. Quanhai Li - President 2. Ozlem Akdurak – Vice President 3. Jo Aleh – Chair, Athletes Commission 4. Philip Baum - Vice President 5. Tomasz Chamera – Vice President 6. Sarah Kenny – Vice President 7. Yann Rocherieux – Vice President 8. Cory Sertl – Vice President 9. Marcus Spillane – Vice President	1. David Graham – Chief Executive Officer 2. Raksha Patel – Director of Finance & Business Operations 3. Nelia Smith – Executive Assistant

1. Opening of the Meeting

a) Presidents' Opening Remarks
The President started off by welcoming everyone and thanking them for their attendance and passed on his well wishes for a safe prosperous 2022. He further highlighted the importance and responsibility we have to keep our sailing community safe during these challenging times.

b) Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest
No apologies for absence were received.
No further declarations of interest were made.

c) Approval of previous minutes
The minutes from the meeting that took place on 14 & 20 December 2021 were circulated for comment. It was agreed that an extension will be applied until the 21 January 2022 to allow sufficient review time and sharing of any final comments and feedback prior to approval.

d) Matters arising
Oman Youth Sailing World Championships
After receiving a request for clarification from the IOC that related to media reports suggesting a lack of equal recognition of all participating nations, the CEO confirmed that a formal response has been shared with the IOC, supported by factual information strongly refuting the media allegations and that no further action was required upon further consultation with the IOC.

The Board were unanimous in that World Sailing will not tolerate any discriminatory acts towards any of its members and will continue to monitor and asses any such risks during the bidding process of all WS events.

2. Events

a) Paris 2024

The Board considered a paper from the Director of Events and from the Events Appointment Working Party (EAWP).

Decision

a. Technical Delegate

- The Board agreed Ricardo Navarro (BRA) shall be appointed as a World Sailing Technical Delegate to the Olympic Sailing competition Paris 2024.
- The staff Technical Delegate will be appointed at a later date.
- Additionally, the appointment of a third TD – a female candidate will be considered.

b. Olympic Jury

- The Board agreed Ana Sanchez (ESP) shall be appointed as the Chair of the Olympic Jury for the Olympic Sailing competition Paris 2024.
- The Vice Chair should be appointed following further consultation with the EAWP.

The Board noted the intention of the EAWP in relation to the following appointments:

c. Race Management.

- Pinar Coskuner Genc (TUR) to be appointed as the Principal Race Officer for the Olympic Sailing competition Paris 2024.
- The Vice Chair to be appointed by the EAWP following further consultation.

d. Technical Committee

- Jurgen Cluytmans (BEL) to be appointed as Chair of the Technical Committee for the Olympic Sailing competition Paris 2024.
- The Vice Chair to be appointed by the EAWP following further consultation.

The Board further agreed that:

a. Following the appointments of the Paris 2024 team, recommendations from the EAWP will be made for The Hague 2023 Sailing World Championships.

b. A clear focus on gender equity should be applied when considering appointments.

With regards to the Olympic Test events, the Board noted an update from the Director of Events stating the possibility that there may not be two Olympic test events as in a normal cycle due to various challenges; particularly venue availability. There are ongoing discussions and efforts to work with the FFV to host a World Cup Regatta in Marseille in 2022 and a decision will be made imminently.

b) Olympic Strategy

Deleted: – The Board approved the following recommendations from the EAWP:

The Board noted an overview of the current situation in that the Committees and Commissions requested from the Board a longer-term strategy with regards to sailing in the Olympics. A vital piece of work, one that requires clear scoping and a disciplined approach. The CEO put forward an alternative route to the Board, to consider a global consultancy firm leading this work on a pro bono basis.

Decision - The Board agreed with the proposed approach, with the first step being to understand if the management consultants will undertake the work on a pro bono basis. The VP liaisons for Olympic matters as well as the Chairs of the Events and WS Classes Committees should be involved from the start.
An update will be provided at the next Board meeting.

c) 2022 Events Calendar
The Board received an update on the planned list of WS events for 2022. A request was made for recommendations from the Executive Office to determine which events should be attended by a Board member.

3. Any Other Business

a) 2022 CEO Objectives
The Board noted a verbal summary from the CEO stipulating his objectives whilst welcoming input from the Board. He committed to sharing his draft objectives via email by the end of the month.

b) 2022 Mid-Year Meeting
The Board discussed the current travel & budget challenges brought on by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and how these potentially may impact an in-person meeting.
It was highlighted that stakeholders need to be given as much advance notice as possible with regards to any changes planned. Next steps were confirmed to be:

- The Executive Office will convene internally to evaluate the current situation, discuss possible options and implications
- Feedback and recommendations will be shared with the Board within 10 days following the Board meeting
- Communication of any changes will be sent to stakeholders timeously.

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