World Sailing Board Minutes

The World Sailing Board met at The Rosewood Hotel, Abu Dhabi, UAE on Saturday 28 May 2022 between 09:00 – 17:00 GST.

Present	**In Attendance**
1. Quanhai Li - President 2. Ozlem Akdurak – Vice President 3. Philip Baum - Vice President 4. Tomasz Chamera – Vice President 5. Sarah Kenny – Vice President 6. Yann Rocherieux – Vice President 7. Cory Sertl – Vice President 8. Marcus Spillane – Vice President	1. David Graham – Chief Executive Officer 2. Raksha Patel – Director of Finance & Business Operations 3. Nelia Smith – Executive Assistant 4. Harriet Leach – Interim Director of Legal 5. Jaime Navarro – Director of technical & Offshore 6. Scott Over – Commercial Director 7. Scott Dougal – Director of Communications & Digital

1. Opening of the Meeting

a) Presidents' Opening Remarks

The President started by welcoming everyone for the first time in person and expressed his gratitude for all the hard work that had been done virtually over the past 18 months. He recognised that there have been significant challenges since the election in 2020 but that the team excelled under pressure and achieved many good outcomes for the sport. He thanked staff for their commitment to the planning of the MYM and expressed his wishes for a positive and fruitful session.

b) Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies received from Jo Aleh.

No additional declaration of interests was made.

c) Approval of previous minutes

The minutes of the calls and meetings of 6 April 2022, 9 May 2022 & 17 May 2022 are due and will be sent to the Board after the conclusion of the Mid-Year Meeting.

d) Matters arising

A request was received to add safeguarding as a standing agenda item to future meetings. Upcoming conferences to be added to AOB.

2. Council Meeting

a) Review of Submissions

The Board noted the urgent submissions received and considered the recommendations from the expert reporting committees. Specific to submission M03-22, the Board recognised

the work and merit of the recommendation from the working party. The
Board considered the potential benefit of the Events Committee recommendation. However, the Board felt this would result in significant disruption and uncertainty for at least the next year and potentially longer. In conclusion, the Board unanimously agreed to accept the Equipment Committee recommendation as it provides certainty to sailors, MNAs and Classes who can remain focused on Paris 2024 continuing to LA 2028.
The Board recognised the challenges raised in relation to the current events and equipment, particularly the cost and quality of existing equipment, and agrees that this remains a priority and that a consolidated effort between stakeholders should be made to improve the situation.
The decisions listed below were unanimous.

Number	Submitter	Recommendation
M01-22	Equipment Committee Chair	Approve
M02-22	Equipment Committee Chair	Approve
M03-22	Events Committee & Equipment Committee Chairs	Reject
M04-22	Events Committee & Equipment Committee Chairs	Reject
M05-22	International 470 Class Association & IKA Formula Kite Association	Approve
M06-22	International Formula Kite Class Association Kiteboarding Association	Withdrawn
M07-22	Events Committee & Equipment Committee Chairs	Approve
M08-22	World Sailing Classes Committee and Equipment Committee	Approve

3. Executive Office

a) Report from the CEO

The Board received an update from the CEO and senior management team.

b) Safety Panel Update

The Board received a report from the Safety Panel and unanimously supported the recommendation to work towards appointing a Safety Commission for approval at the 2022 Annual Conference to coordinate all safety related areas within World Sailing.

4. Training & Development

a) Continental Development Plan – Committee Update

The Board noted the Regions & Development Committee paper that provides the committee opinion and highlights areas that requires further clarification.
It was noted that the Executive Office is in the process of recruiting a Head of Global Development who will lead the strategic approach and prioritise activities against it which will include next steps for the Continental Development Plan.

b) World Sailing Regional Association Commission

As permitted by Regulation 8.1, the Board received a paper from the Continental Association Presidents to create a Commission, to be called the World Sailing Regional Associations Commission, that would operate with a mandate based on specific Terms of Reference.

Decision – The recommendation was supported in principle by the Board; it was agreed that VP Philip Baum and VP Ozlem Akdurak would finalise the terms of reference with the commission and liase with the Constitution Committee to ensure the Commission is established & constituted correctly.

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a) LA2028 Proposal

The Chair of the Para Sailing Committee presented a paper to the Board.

Decision - The Board approved the recommendation from the Para World Sailing Committee for World Sailing to incorporate the Games Proposal in its response to the IPCs LA2028 Sport Programme Questionnaire seeking 4 Medal disciplines and an athlete quota of 70 (35 Male & 35 Female). While there is not a specific question about the Qualification Process within the IPC Questionnaire, World Sailing should nevertheless articulate a plan to ensure that there is equal opportunity for female athletes, those with high support needs and athletes from nations throughout all regions of the world to qualify for the 2028 Paralympic Sailing Competition.

5. Legal & Governance

a) Governance Reform

The Board discussed the subject of Governance Reform in respect of the stakeholder consultation meeting on 29 May 2022 & the next steps including an EGM in June.

b) Case List Update

The interim Director of Legal provided the Board with a verbal update on current legal cases that are still ongoing.

6. Finance

a) Audit Committee Report

The Chair of the Audit Committee presented a verbal report to the Board, including an overview of the risk matrix that has been completed.

The chair highlighted a significant increase in financial risk to the company because the management liability insurance no longer covers internal disputes due to the volume of claims activated against the policy historically.

b) Management Accounts

The Board noted the report from the Director of Finance.

c) WS Investment Fund

The Board noted the report from the Director of Finance.

d) MNA Debtors List
The Board noted the report from the Director of Finance.

7. Any Other Business

a) EAWP – Events Appointment System
The Board acknowledged receiving the working party report that outlines the concepts for the Classes and Race Officials Committee, Organizing Authorities, Member National Authorities and others to work together with the Event Appointments Working Party to create a practical Events Appointment System to achieve the appointment of race official teams to World Sailing events to provide high quality events for competitors and organizing authorities, now and in the future.

b) Racing Rules Committee Report
A report on the activities carried on by the Racing Rules Committee between November 2021 and May 2022 was shared with the Board.

c) Board Modus Operandi
Deferred to next Board meeting.

d) Transgender Status/Policy
The Board noted an update from the CEO.

e) World Sailing Census
The Board noted an overview of the planned WS Census to be conducted by The World Sailing Trust. To gain crucial insight into the sport, the World Sailing Trust is conducting a baseline Census Study across various organisations. The Census will allow WS to measure and evaluate the current global landscape of our sport, through a diversity and inclusion lens, and help inform and tailor strategic implementation plans.

f) President's Award
The Board agreed with the President's proposal to present the Award to Andrea Camin, the President of Yacht Club Fraglia Vela Riva.

g) Paris2024 Continental Qualifier – PANAM Games
The Board noted a paper from the Events Department and approved the recommendation accordingly.
Decision - The Board approved the Santiago 2023 Panam Games as the Central and South American Continental, and North America and Caribbean Continental qualifier for the M & W Windsurfing, M & W Kite, M & W Dinghy, M & W Skiff and Mixed Multihull subject to contract and compliance with the Olympic and Youth Olympic Games Qualification Event Requirements.

h) Rankings & Categorisation
The Board agreed that both areas require urgent intervention in order to achieve satisfactory stakeholder engagement.

i) MYM Registration Request – Russia
The Board discussed and confirmed matters relating to temporary suspensions of individuals of relevant World Sailing bodies.

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