World Sailing Board Minutes

The World Sailing Board met by conference call on Thursday 14 July 2022 between 10:00 – 12:00 UTC.

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

1. Opening of the Meeting

a) Presidents' Opening Remarks

The President started off by welcoming everyone and thanked them for their attendance. He went on to express his appreciation for the Boards commitment and support in making the 2022 Mid-Year meeting in Abu Dhabi a success, the feedback received has been overwhelmingly positive. In relation to the Para sailing reinstatement bid, the President passed specific words of gratitiude to those members and volunteers who have been closely involved and leading the process of submitting the bid. He continued to thank all the sailors, staff, volunteers and local organising authority for their contributions at the Youth Sailing World Championships and noted that this opportunity should be utlised to continue the planning for the 2023 Sailing World Championships which will take place at the same venue. He re-iterated that the EGM scheduled to take place on Monday 18 July is very important as part of the next steps in the governance reform process and encouraged all Board members to make themselves available to attend. Continued complications with inter-European travel have resulted in the postponement of a planned visit by the President. The new dates have been set for September and include a visit to the WS office in London, SailGP and meetings with the Presidents of the IOC & Paris2024 respectively. The President shared news with the Board about the establishment of the Samaranch Global Sailing Fund, with offices based in Ningbo. He further informed the Board that it was his honour to have been invited to be acting-Chairmain of the Fund, which he accepted. Work has only started recently and any relevant future updates will be shared with the Board. In closing, the President referred to the ongoing legal procedures in relation to the special written resolutions passed on 23 May 2022.

Comments on Opening Remarks:

In response to the news about the Samaranch Global Sailing Fund, VP Philip Baum asked about the purpose of the foundation to which the President responded: "The Foundation's *purpose is to promote the Olympic culture and assist the global development of sailing. My position as Chairman is temporary, with the objective to support this positive initiative."*

b) Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest
No apologies for absence was received.

The following declarations of interest were made in addition to the existing register:

1. VP Philip Baum – Star Sailors League Launch hospitality beneficiary (incl. flights & accommodation)
2. VP Yann Rochérieux - Star Sailors League Launch hospitality beneficiary (incl. travel & accommodation)
3. VP Tomasz Chamera - Star Sailors League Launch hospitality beneficiary (incl. flights & accommodation)
4. VP Sarah Kenny & VP Jo Aleh – Respectively declared verbal and email communication exchanges with the individual relevant to agenda item 3(a)
5. President Quanhai Li – Confirmed his retirement from the position as Director of the National Olympic Sports Center.

c) Approval of previous minutes
The Board approved the minutes for meetings held on 6 April 2022, 9 May 2022, 17 May 2022 & 28 May 2022, to be published

d) Matters arising
None

2. Executive Office

a) Management Report
The CEO presented the management report covering updates from the individual departments

b) Readmittance to the Paralympic Games
The CEO outlined the current status of the readmission process to the Board, including next steps and actions required.

c) Office Update
A verbal update was given to the Board confirming the information shared via email prior to the meeting.

d) 2022 Annual Conference Update
The Board received an update on the status of the planning related to the 2022 Annual Conference in Abu Dhabi. The also considered feedback received from stakeholders. It was

agreed that a sub set of the Board will support the planning, including VPs Cory Sertl, Sarah Kenny & Ozlem Akdurak.

e) Commercial Update

The CEO & Commercial Director provided a verbal update with regards to the commercial sales progress. Albeit a positive list of leads the 2022 projected sponsorship revenue remains an area of concern and upon request from the Board a standing update should be included in meetings moving forward.

3. Events

a) Nationality Change Dispute

The Director of Events presented a paper setting out a nationality change issue between a sailor and their MNA. The Board agreed that the priority should be to act in the best interests of the athlete.

Decision: The Director of Events will write to the MNA on behalf of the Board setting a deadline of 1 August 2022 for a final decision on the request from the athlete. The Board will review the situation following the reply from the MNA.

b) 2022 Offshore Worlds

The Board noted that the CEO and Director of Events would write a paper setting our recommendations for the future of the Offshore Worlds

c) Olympic Vision Working Party

The Director of Events provided an update on progress with the Olympic Vision Working Party. The Board noted that a draft report on the final conclusions and recommendations of the report would be circulated as soon as possible. It was agreed that time was short between now and September when the final report is expected.

4. Legal & Governance

a) Governance Reform

The board received final remarks from VP Philip Baum prior to the EGM scheduled for Monday 18 July 2022.

b) Case List Update

The Board noted a supporting paper outlining the current live and ongoing legal cases and their respective updates.

5. Finance

a) Management Accounts to May 2022

The Board noted the Management Accounts as presented by the Director of Finance

b) WS Investment Fund
The Board acknowledged receipt of the review paper from the Director of Finance.

c) MNA Debtors List
The Board received an updated MNA Debtors list.

6. Any Other Business

a) EAWP Progress Report
The Board thanked the EAWP WP for their progress report. The request for a budget was noted and will be reviewed by the Executive Office. The Director of Events will follow up on the other key areas of the report with VP Tomasz Chamera and the EAWP

b) Group H Council Membership
The Board agreed to send communications to the MNA impacted by the current protective measures, outlining the process to appoint a successor Council member.

c) Safeguarding Update
Subsequent to the update received from the Director of Events, the Board requested a complete overview of the existing plans and appropriate next steps in light of moving the subject forward.

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