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World Sailing
Board Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting Date: 21 February 2023
Location: Virtual via BlueJeans
Time: 10:00 UTC

Present	**In Attendance**
1. Quanhai Li – President 2. Özlem 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 9. Jo Aleh - Athletes Commission Chair	1. David Graham – Chief Executive Officer 2. Urvasi Naidoo – Director of Legal and Governance 3. Raksha Patel – Director of Finance and Business Operations 4. Nelia Smith – Director of International Relations & Brand

1. Opening of the Meeting

a) The President welcomed the Board to the meeting.

b) There were no additional declarations of interest and no apologies.

c) Minutes of the Board meetings of 14 December 2022 and 30 January 2023 were circulated. There were no amendments and these were approved.

d) Matters Arising

- There were no matters that would not otherwise be covered by items on the agenda.

e) Approved via email.

The Board approved the following by email:

- An amendment to the March 2023 Board meeting date.
- A proposal to forgive part of suspended MNA debts, in the interests of encouraging reinstatement of membership. Noting that this was exceptional and would not become the norm.
- A proposal to forgive the Ukraine Federation subscription fee for 2022 and 2023 due to the ongoing war.

2. Executive Office

a) Management Report

The Board noted the management report as presented by the CEO.

The CEO gave a further verbal update on commercial matters and the America's Cup.

3. Events

a) Russian Nationality Changes

The Board considered an application from a dual national to switch their sailing nationality. There were some other factors which needed to be explored and the Board requested that the Director of Events prepare a paper for the next Board meeting to consider the position of those with long term residency in other countries, youth sailors and those with dual nationality.

b) Sailing World Championships Working Party
The Director of Events presented a paper on the formation of a working party, it was agreed that Vice President Sarah Kenny would be the Board representative and that she and the Director of Events would liaise with the Committee and Commission Chairs to finalise the membership of the working party, ensuring geographical and gender parity.

c) World Championships update
The Director of Events gave an update on preparations for the event.

d) Paris Olympic Games and Qualifiers Update Vision
Asia - the plans for the Asian qualifiers were progressing with the Asian Games and Thailand.
Africa -the Head of Development would carry out a site visit before the recommendation for the African qualifiers could be finalised.
Paris Test Event – entry processes were being finalised.

e) Olympic Vision
Awaiting an updated report from McKinsey following the feedback gathered at the Annual Conference. The CEO will form a working group in consultation with the VP responsible for Events & relevant stakeholders.

4. Technical and Offshore

a) Director of Technical and Offshore reported that the Chair of the Equipment Committee had resigned as Chair but still wished to remain on the Committee. It was noted that regulations were silent on these circumstances. Current Members of the Committee would be approached with a view to obtaining a recommendation for the Board and the Mid Year Council Meeting.

b) The Safety Panel had re-formed and minutes of the first meeting were attached. The Board noted that the process would commence to appoint a Safety Commission.

c) The Board approved the recommendation to appoint Eleni Matzaridou as the vice-chair of the International Regulations Commission. It was also noted that nominations would be sought for new members from the MNAs.

5. Legal & Governance

a) Case List
The Board received an update from the Director of Legal & Governance on cases which were pending.

b) RUS/BLR Protective Measures

The CEO updated the Board following further discussions with the IOC. The IOC were still consulting with International Federations. A paper setting out further relevant information would be shared with the Board for input via email and if required a further Board meeting would be called to cover this point.

As required the Board reviewed the decision made to temporarily suspend individuals from the World Sailing Council and other World Sailing bodies.The Board determined that there was no material change in circumstances giving rise to the suspensions. The suspensions would therefore remain in place.

The Board also determined that it would reconvene to review the temporary suspensions ahead of the three-month period stipulated in Schedule D of the World Sailing Constitution if there was any significant change in circumstances.

The CEO will remain in contact with the IOC and present World Sailing's proposed solutions timeously as requested by the IOC.

c) Safeguarding
The Board noted that an Integrity Manager had been appointed and that work would commence on the strategy, policy and plans for youth events.

6. Finance

a) The Director of Finance and Business Operations presented the budget for 2023 and 2024 forecast to the Board. The budget was approved.
b) The Board noted the report on the Investment Fund which would be reviewed over the next few months.

7. International Relations and Brand

a) Annual Conference
The Director of International Relations and Brand updated the Board on progress with the bids for 2023 and 2024 and also confirmed that the dates for 2023 Mid Year and Conference had already been circulated to the MNA.

8. <u>Any Other Business</u>

a) Board Liasion Matrix

There was one change noted to the liaison matrix . For the Oceanic and Offshore Committee the lead liaison would remain Vice President Philip Baum with the secondary liaison being Vice President Yann Rocherieux

b) Mid-Term Board Review

The CEO presented a paper for the Board, it was noted that this would be progressed.

c) Race Official Groupings

A paper had been prepared setting out Race Official Grouping (a list of officials' based on competency), for the Event Appointment Working Party to apply when reviewing event appointments. The paper outlined the processes to be applied for each type of official in order to group them. The paper was approved but a requestwas made for a complete list of appointments and the appointment process in order to better understand the issues to be shared with the Board.

d) Sailor Categorisation Commission

The Board agreed that the office would send out a request to MNAs requesting nominations for both the International Regulations Commission and the Sailor Categorisation Commission for new members. The recommendation of the chair would be brought back to the Board to consider new appointments.

e) Global Rankings

The Board noted a paper on collaborative work with the SSL on the ranking, presented by Vice President Yann Rocherieux. The proposal was supported in principle, however there was consensus that further work was needed to establish the exact details of any collaboration prior to publicly communicating on the subject.

There being no further items, the President closed the meeting