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World Sailing
Board Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting Date: 17 and 18 May 2023
Location: Olympic House, Lausanne.
Time: 9:30 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	1. David Graham – Chief Executive Officer 2. Nelia Smith – Director of International Relations and Brand 3. Urvasi Naidoo – Director of Legal and Governance 4. Raksha Patel – Director of Finance and Business Operations

1. Opening of the Meeting

a) The President welcomed the Board to the meeting.
b) Jo Aleh the Athletes Commission Chair sent apologies.
c) There were no additional declarations of interest.
d) Minutes of the Board meetings of 23 March 2023 and 11 April 2023 were circulated and approved via email.
e) Matters Arising.
Events Appointment Working Party (EAWP) - Vice President Tomasz Chamera
Official Appointment Process – Vice President Cory Sertl

2. Executive Office

a) Management Report Board
The Board noted the Management Report which had been circulated.

b) Strategy Update
The CEO updated the Board on the proposed work to prepare a new World Sailing 5 Year Strategy 2024 – 2028. He outlined the pillars of the strategy and the consultation process which would commence at the Mid Year Council Meeting with the intention being to present the final strategy document to the Annual Conference for approval.

c) Commercial Update
Influence Sports and Media presented a commercial update to the Board outlining the work done to date.

3. International Relations and Brand

a) Annual Conference Strategy

The Director of International Relations and Brand presented the current position in relation to 2023, 2024 and 2025 bids to host the Annual Conference. It was noted that there was an opportunity to agree hosts for the quad 2024 to 2028. The Board proposed that for 2026, 2027 and 2028 Stakeholders should be given the opportunity to bid and/or update their existing bids before any decision was made. The Board agreed that a circular resolution could be sent to Council if a decision was required before the 2023 AGM but the matter would come back to the Board to approve before being sent to the membership.

The Board also noted an update on the venue and location of the 2023 Annual Conference.

b) Tonga Membership Application

The Board noted that the application from the Tonga Sailing Federation which was on the Council agenda. The application had been considered by the Constitution Committee who were satisfied that all constitutional requirements had been met and therefore the application before Council could be approved and also that Tonga be allocated to Group L.

4. Events

The Director of Events joined the meeting and gave the following updates.

a) Mid Year Events Committee

The Committee unanimously supported Submission M02 -23 Youth Sailing World Championships Regulation 24.5.5 amendment. Secondly the Committee thanked the Race Management Sub Committee (RMSC) and International Umpires Sub Committee (IUSC) for their support in preparation of new formats for Paris 2024 and encouraged the RMSC and IUSC to continue working on the reports and implementation of digital officiating at World Sailing not just for Paris 2024 but for the future as well.

b) Rankings Update

In relation to open match racing rankings these were working well and being updated regularly however a youth rankings needed to be introduced. The Match Racing Sub-Committee had made a request for this work to be funded. In relation to the Olympic class rankings the report was that this needed to be done in 2024 so that it could be implemented after Paris 2024.

ings, discussions were still ongoing.

c) 2023 Sailing World Championships

The Board were updated on the preparations, entries, broadcast and technical matters.

d) Paris 2024 Race Officials.

A detailed paper had been circulated outlining the EAWP procedures for the appointment of Race Officials for Paris 2024 Olympics. The timelines were still not finalised by the Organisers but it was anticipated that would need to progress in September 2023. The Board approved the paper but also noted that a smaller group of Board would conduct a mid-term review of the EAWP. The importance of gender parity was highlighted as this was a measurement for the IOC when assessing the sport.

e) Paris 2024 Olympic Qualification for Africa

A site visit to Egypt had taken place and staff had met with the Egypt Sailing Federation and the Egypt Olympic Committee. The Board approved Soma Bay, Egypt as the host for the Olympic Qualifiers.

f) Paris 2024 Olympic Test Event

The Board noted that there were some challenges with Paris 2024 over final entry numbers. It was agreed that a sub group of the Board, Vice President Sarah Kenny, Vice President Tomasz Chamera and Vice President Yann Rocherieux would work with the senior management to reach a positive solution.

g) Youth Sailing World Championships - Brazil

Vice President Tomasz Chamera requested a written report on this event.

h) Special Events.

The Board noted the report from Vice President Marcus Spillane and Jan Martin Wilschut – Chair WS Classes Committee

5. Technical and Offshore

The Director of Technical and Offshore joined the meeting.

a) The Board noted the introduction of the new scanner to scan foils and the three day testing at the IQ Foil European Championships in Greece and how this will assist with auditing Olympic Equipment in the future.

b) The Board approved the appointment of Michael Mifsud (Malta) to the International Regulations Commission.

c) The Board appointed Cédric Fraboulet (FRA) current Vice-Chair as the Chair of the Equipment Committee and also appointed Shevaun Bruland (AUS) as the Vice Chair of the Committee following the resignation of Jurgen Cluytmans (BEL) who had resigned as Chairperson but would remain on the Committee. It was noted that this was a Board appointment as the resignation did not create a vacancy on the Committee but that the Council would be fully informed.

d) Note Equipment Committee recommendations to Council to defer the application of 69 F (Persico) Class and also fully supporting submission M01-23 to form a Safety Commission.

6. Legal & Governance

a) Safeguarding

The Board noted that the Integrity Manager had commenced work on drafting the policies and was working on preparations for WS events and in particular the Youth Championships in December 2023.

b) Case Update

The Board noted the information provided in the report provided by the Director of Legal and Governance.

c) Council agenda

The Board noted the agenda and in particular requested that Vice President Philip Baum speak on the Safety Commission submission.

d) Governance Reform Implementation Plan

Vice President Philip Baum updated the Board on progress to date and confirmed the intention was that several key documents would be put forward for approval at the 2023

Annual Conference. He also confirmed that there would be consultation with the Stakeholders and especially the Constiution Committee before the Conference.
The Chief Executive Officer updated in relation to the update of the Submissions process.

e) Transgender
The Board requested an update and it was noted that the Integrity Manager in conjunction with the Medical Committee would commence the consultation process and a policy would be ready for approval in November 2023.

f) E sailing
The Board noted that Legal were involved in working with Virtual Regatta to update the governance and regulations for Esailing and bring it in line with WS existing high standards of governance.

g) Members
Following the Mid-Year Council Meeting the Board considered the position of athletes and officials temporarily suspended. All Council Members, were given the opportunity to offer their region's view. Although there was no formal vote, there was very clear majority support for maintaining World Sailing's position in relation to the return to international competition for athletes and officials from Russia and Belarus.

The Board would continue to support the IOC's guidance and the Fundamental Principles of Olympism in the Olympic Charter; and equally the key principles of non-discrimination of athletes, and the separation of sport and politics highlighted by both the IOC Executive Board and ASOIF Council. The Board recognised that the Fundamental Principles of Olympism inform the IOC's recommendation to allow the return of Russian and Belarusian competitors as individual neutral athletes.
The Board noted that the International Olympic Committee had not yet made a decision in relation to the participation of Russian and Belarusian competitors as individual neutral athletes at the Paris 2024 Olympics.
Given the timing of the return was a matter for the International Federations, and the views expressed at the Council the Board decided that April 2024 was the targeted opportunity for sailors with a Russian or Belarusian passport to return to international competition as neutrals. With regard to Olympic qualification, the Semaine Olympique Française (SOF), could present opportunities for sailors with a Russian or Belarusian passport to compete as individual neutrals in qualifying for Paris 2024.
The Board expressed it remained wholly committed to supporting Ukraine's sailing community.
As required under the Constitution the Board reviewed the temporary suspensions imposed on Council and other WS bodies and the Board determined there was no material change in the circumstances giving rise to the suspensions, therefore the suspensions would remain in place.

7. <u>Finance</u>

a) The Director of Finance and Business Operations had shared a detailed presentation on the Quarter 1 2023 Management Accounts and full year 2023 Budget against the Re-forecast.

b) The Board had approved, via circular email on the 15th May, the Statutory Accounts following the Audit Committee approval and recommendation.
c) The Board noted the MNA debtors list
d) The Board noted the report on the WS Investment Trust valuation.
e) Risk Register. The Board noted the progress to date on updating the Register and management of the risks.

8. Any Other Business

a) Election Panel – The Board noted that the Election Panel needs to be appointed at the 2023 AGM and that it was preferable to have all the election documentation in place well in advance of the required deadlines.

There being no further items, the President closed the meeting