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World Sailing
Board Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting Date: 29 August 2023
Location: Online Via Blue Jeans
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. 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) There were no apologies
c) The following were additional declarations of interest: -
Vice President Sarah Kenny assisting the Women's Americas Cup challenge from Australia.
Vice President Tomasz Chamera Poland may submit a bid under the new format of World Championships.
Several Directors also mentioned that they had been in contact with Riccardo Simoneschi the Chair of Sailing Series International.
d) Minutes of the Board meetings of 17 and 18 May 2023 were circulated late so a further two weeks would be permitted for amends to be proposed.
e) Matters Arising.
Governance Reform - Vice President Philip Baum updated on progress of actions.
f) Decisions by Email.
25 May 2023 -Approved wording of circular resolution to Council.
25 June 2023 - Mikhail Novikov nationality application. The application was not approved as there had been no further change since the matter had been considered by the Board in April 2023.
10 July 2023 - Alexandra Lukoyanova nationality application was not approved.

2. Executive Office

a) Annual Conferernce Update

Director of International Relations and Brand presented a paper with key details relating to the 2023 Annual Conferernce in Malaga.

She also updated the Board on the tender process for 2024 and 2025. The recommendation was that Hungary (Budapest) 2024 and Singapore 2025 be put forward for approval at the 2023 AGM. It was agreed that subject to any queries raised after sight of the tender documents these venues would be put to the AGM.

b) Commercial Update

The CEO updated the Board on work done to date and future plans including a trip for the President and the CEO to attend the Asian Games in China. He also confirmed that the organisation was not proposing to hire a Commercial Manager until after Paris 2024 as Influence Sports and Media company were acting.

3. <u>Events</u>

The Director of Events joined the meeting

a) Paris Test Event de-brief

Various reports had been included in the Board Pack. The general conclusion was that the event was a success and the sailing team in place are working well and preparations for Paris 2024 were on track. The increased use of drones for adjudication is something to consider for future events. The use of mobile phones for support boats also needs to be considered.

Feedback from IOC on the formats of the new competitions was discussed as was branding for Kites to ensure they can be easily identified.

The President thanked the team for all their work in making the Test Event a success.

b)Paris2024 Appointments – Process & next steps.

Paper was circulated proposing the Vice Chair appointments. It was noted that these needed to be made before the Paris 2024 appointments could be finalised.

The Board approved appointment of International Jury Vice Chair – Andrus Poksi (EST) and noted the EAWP appointment of Deputy Principal Race Officer – David Brookes (AUS) and Technical Committee Vice Chair – Pilar Lopez (ESP).

c) EAWP Review (Vice Presidents Marcus Spillane & Yann Rocherieux)

Vice Presidents Yann Rocherieux and Marcus Spillane were tasked with performing a review of the EAWP. A written report was provided which in summary noted areas for improvement over a period of time.

The Board approved the proposal that the report be left with Executive Office for the preparation of an action plan.

d) Olympic Vision Strategy

The Board noted that all of the feedback had been received and the strategy document needed to be updated to include that feedback and that it would be circulated in time for the next Board Meeting.

e) Combined World Championships Format & Tender

The Board noted that the final bid document was being prepared. The full bid document should be ready by the end of September and it was with the intention of a decision being made at the May 2024 Mid Year meeting. Vice President Sarah Kenny also noted that Submission 149-23 if approved would allow greater flexibility in relation to splitting the event and also in relation to the calendar window. Bidders should be aware that this is pending and that a bid document should reference this.. Agreed to update at the next meeting.

4. Legal and Governance

a) 2023 Annual Conference Submissions

Director of Legal and Events went through some of the key submissions for the Annual Conferernce.

The Board approved Submission 149-23 which was a Board Submission to provide flexibility in relation to the Sailing World Championships including to split the Sailing World Championships into multiple events and to include additional events where appropriate

It was noted that all the submissions would be published the first week of September 2023.

b) The Board noted the pending Cases.

c) Safeguarding – Deferred to next meeting.

e) Governance Reform – Deferred to next meeting.

5. Technical and Offshore

The Director of Technical and Offshore joined the meeting.

a) 2023 Offshore World Championship.

The Board approved SSI Events the right to hold the 2023 Offshore Double-Handed World Championships subject to contract detailing a series of requirements addressing the minimum number of entries and number of nationalities to be represented, the equalisation of the fleet, the appointment of Race Officials , the entry fees and the compliance with other regulatory requirements.

b) 2024-2026 Offshore World Championship

The Board noted the recommendation of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee in favour of the tender from RORC/LGL/YCF. The Board requested that further comparison of the Figaro 3 and Sunfast 30 was conducted by the Executive Team, to be completed ahead of the next Board meeting.

c) Safety Commission. The Board noted the paper and made the following appointments:

Walter Boddener (Events Committee)
Shevaun Bruland (Equipment Committee)
Sally Honey (Oceanic and Offshore Committee)
Christophe Gaumont (Race Officials Committee)
Nebojsa Nikolic (Medical Commission)
Michele Marchesini (Coaches Commission)
Jo Aleh (Athletes Commission)

It was agreed that the decision of who should Chair the Commission would be deferred until the next meeting.

It was also agreed that the Board would motivate a change of Regulation so that members of the Safety Commission should only be appointed from the membership of other Committees, Sub-Committees and Commissions already involved in safety work.

6. Finance - Deferred to next meeting

7. Any Other Business

Categorisation Commission – to be circulated for approval via email.

The President closed the meeting and it was agreed that a further 3 hour meeting would be held on 13 September 2023.