

Private & Confidential

World Sailing
Board Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting Dates: 14 December 2023

Location: Online Via Blue Jeans

<u>Present</u> 1. Quanhai Li – President 2. Özlem Akdurak – Vice President 3. Tomasz Chamera – Vice President 4. Sarah Kenny – Vice President 5. Yann Rocherieux – Vice President 6. Cory Sertl – Vice President 7. Marcus Spillane – Vice President	<u>In Attendance</u> 1. David Graham – Chief Executive Officer 2. Nelia Smith – Director of International Relations and Brand 3. Urvasi Naidoo – Director of Legal and Governance
1. <u>Opening of the Meeting</u> a) The President welcomed the Board to the meeting. b) Jo Aleh and Vice President Philip Baum sent their apologies. c) Declarations of interest. The CEO declared that he had a small shareholding in “Insiders” (a tech company which may potentially be used by Swiss Timing as a supplier). It was also noted that Michael Downing, Interim Director of Events, was an ex-employee of Swiss Timing and his wife was a current employee of Swiss Timing. The Board noted the declarations. d) Minutes The minutes of the Board meetings held 12 and 19 November were agreed subject to further amends which would be sent via email. A final clean version would be circulated. e) Matters Arising to add to any other business. None f) Decisions by Email. None	
2. <u>Executive Office</u> a) Election Committee. The CEO provided a verbal update on the Election Committee which had held its first meeting on 14 December and would be working to update the election documents and put in place robust election processes for the 2024 World Sailing Elections. b) Commercial Update The Board noted the written and verbal report from the CEO.	

Private & Confidential

c) Annual Conference Update

The Board noted the written agreement on the terms of the hosting of the 2024 Annual Conference as received from the Singapore Sailing Federation. The Board approved an extension of the original deadline set for the hosting contract to be completed by the 15 January 2024.

It was noted that the costs of hosting the World Sailing Awards would not be included as part of the hosting agreement. It was also noted that Vice President Cory Sertl and Vice President Özlem Akdurak would review feedback from the 2023 Annual Conference in Malaga with the Director of International Relations and Brand. The report which had been provided to Malaga would also be shared with the Board.

d) 2024 Mid-Year Meeting

The Board noted the proposed date for the 2024 Mid-Year Meeting which was 13 to 16 May 2024, all meetings except for the Board Meeting would be held virtually. There were several options available for the venue for the Board Meeting and this would be confirmed as soon as possible.

e) 2024 Board Meeting Calendar

An initial calendar had been provided and was noted. The final calendar would be confirmed and circulated early in the new year.

3. Legal and Governance

a) CAS Case Update

The Director of Legal and Governance gave a verbal update. The written reasons for the Independent Panel decision had been received. The statement of appeal had been filed with the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). The Board noted the report.

b) Review of Russian/Belarusian Athlete Participation at the Last Chance Regatta/ Definition of Neutral.

The Board noted the decision of the IOC to allow Russian and Belarusian athletes into the Paris 2024 Olympic Games as neutrals and the strict eligibility conditions guidance which they had issued. The Board approved the participation of RUS/BLR athletes as neutrals at the Last Chance Regatta in April 2024. It was noted that World Sailing would need to put processes in place to determine neutrality and enable the entry process for individuals rather than the MNA at the forthcoming events.

c) Transfer of Allegiance and Residency Certificates

The Board noted the memorandum.

d) Russian MNA

Private & Confidential

The Board noted the verbal update from the Director of Legal and Governance. The deadline for the RYF to respond to the SFU allegations was the 17 December 2023.

e) **Safeguarding**

Standing item, it was noted there were no new cases.

1. Any Other Business

The President closed the meeting and thanked the Board for all their work and support during 2023.