

The World Sailing Council Meeting Minutes
Friday 28 October 2022
W Hotel, Abu Dhabi



Present	Position/Representing
1. Quanhai Li (CHN)	President
2. Ozlem Akdurak (TUR)	Vice President
3. Philip Baum (RSA)	Vice President
4. Tomasz Chamera (POL)	Vice President
5. Sarah Kenny (AUS)	Vice President
6. Yann Rocherieux (FRA)	Vice President
7. Cory Sertl (USA)	Vice President
8. Marcus Spillane (IRL)	Vice President
9. David Hughes (USA)	Athletes Commission
10. Stacey Clark (GBR)	Group A
11. Fiona Bolger (IRL)	Group A
12. Edo Fantela (CRO)	Group B
13. Wolfgang Mayrhofer (AUT)	Group B
14. Maciej Szafran (POL)	Group C
15. Piotr Oleksiak (POL)	Group C
16. Smadar Pintov (ISR)	Group D
17. Corinne Migraine (FRA)	Group D
18. Walter Cavalucci (ITA)	Group D
19. Ferran Muniesa (ESP)	Group E
20. Remco de Goederen (NED)	Group F
21. Annika Ekman (SWE)	Group G
22. Ulfur H Hrobjartsson (ISL)	Group G
23. Rashid Al Kindi (OMA)	Group I
24. Chun Qu (CHN)	Group J
25. Hiromu Mochizuki (JPN)	Group J
26. Luckman Abu Baker (PAK)	Group K
27. Shevaun Bruland (AUS)	Group L
28. John Philp (FIJ)	Group L

29. Sofia Tedin (ARG)	Group M
30. Marco Aurelio de Sa Ribeiro (BRA)	Group N
31. Tom Clarke (BER)	Group O
32. Beatriz Gonzalez (MEX)	Group O
33. Peter Hall (CAN)	Group P
34. Stan Honey (USA)	Group P
35. Dina Kowalyshyn (USA)	Group P
36. Alain Alcindor (SEY)	Group Q
37. Jan Martin Wilschut (NED)	WS Classes Committee Chair
38. Matthew Allen (AUS)	Oceanic & Offshore Committee Chair
39. Sylvie Harle (FRA)	Women's Forum Chair - Alternate
40. David Staley (AUS)	Para Sailing Chair - Alternate

In Attendance

Sarah Treseder	Scrutineer
David Tillett	Scrutineer
David Graham	Chief Executive Officer
Jon Napier	Governance Sub-Committee Member
Nelia Smith	Executive Office & International Relations
Daniel Nash	Technical Observer
Michael Downing	Olympic Manager & Moderator

1. Opening of the Meeting

(a) Welcome from the President

The President opened the meeting and welcomed Council Members.

(b) Remembrance

The Council noted and paid respects to the members of the sailing community who had passed away since the last Council Meeting.

(c) Apologies for Absence and Alternates

Council noted the following alternates appointed.

- In Group O, Cary Lee Byerley appointed Tom Clarke as alternate. In addition, Hector Duvall appointed Beatriz Gonzalez Luna as alternate.
- in Group E, Jose Javier Sanz Fernandez has appointed Ferran Muniesa as alternate,
- in Group D Nicolas Henard has appointed Corinne Migraine as alternate
- In Group K Abdur Arshad has appointed Dr. Malav Shroff as alternate
- In Group M Luis Velasco appointed Sofia Tedin as alternate.
- In Group D Totos Theodossiou appointed Smadar Pintov as alternate
- In Group J Takao Otani appointed Hiromu Mochizuki as alternate
- In Group C Eva Jodlowska appointed Piotr Oleksiak as alternate. Also in Group C, Kamen Fillyov appointed Maciej Szafran as alternate.
- For the Women's Forum, Elena Papazoglou appointed Sylvie Harle as alternate
- For the Para Sailing Committee Betsy Alison appointed David Staley as alternate
- In Group L Daniel Belcher appointed Shevaun Bruland as an alternate.

There were no Apologies noted.

(d) **Declarations of Interests**

The Council noted the Register of Interest. There were no additional declarations of interests.

2. Report from the President

- (a) Council noted a verbal report from the President

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- (a) Council Minutes

Council noted the minutes of Council's meeting of 29 May 2022 (circulated and approved after the meeting). There were no matters arising.

- (b) Board Minutes

Council received information that the minutes of the Board's meetings of 14 July 2022, 22 August 2022 and 12 September 2022 were published on the World Sailing website.

4. CEO Report

The Council noted a verbal report from the CEO.

5. Finance

- (a) 2022 Management Accounts

The CEO gave an overview of the accounts and documents which had already been circulated to Council. It was noted that the cash flow was positive and the financial

situation had improved significantly but continued caution would be exercised given the current economic climate. The Council noted the report.

- (b) Re-Forecast 2022 – 2024 - The Council noted the report
- (c) World Sailing Investment Trust Report – The Council noted the report.
- (d) MNA Debtors List – The Council noted the report.

6. Members

Item 6 was withdrawn.

7. Governance

- (a) Governance Sub-Committee Report

Vice President Philip Baum gave a brief update and advised Council that two forum sessions had already been held in Abu Dhabi and the matter would also be presented at the AGM but he welcomed any comments or discussions ahead of the AGM.

The Council noted the report.

8. Submissions

Legal presented the submissions to Council. The following submissions had been withdrawn prior to the Council meeting: 08, 014, 049, 051, 052, 066

The following submissions had part of their submission withdrawn: 011 Proposal 2, withdrawn 057 Proposal 1 withdrawn and 058 Proposal 2 was withdrawn.

- (a) Submissions for which the Board was the Reporting Committee
 - i) Submission 050-22 -Regulations Governing Special Events -Proposal to set up a working party tasked with formalizing regulations governing special events with a set of key rights and obligations for special events.

Withdrawn at Council Meeting

- ii) Submission 065-22 -Regulation 39 - to amend Regulation 39 to allow the Board to make the decision on location of 2023 Conference and to extend timeline for 2024 Conference so that the 2023 Conference will vote on the location of 2024 Conference.

Decision: Council Approved 065-22

(Approve 39 Reject 0 Abstain 1)

- (b) Submissions for which the Constitution Committee was the Reporting Committee

- i) Submission 043-22 - Regulations 28.2.2. & 28.3.1 - To allow RRC to work more collaboratively with submitters to increase approvals

Decision: Council Approved 043-22

(Approve 40 Reject 0 Abstain 0)

- ii) Submission 044-22 - Regulation 28.1.5 - To rename "test" rules as development rules.

Decision: Council Approved 044-22

(Approve 40 Reject 0 Abstain 0)

- (c) Submissions for which the Events Committee was the Reporting Committee

- ii) Submission 054-22 Proposal to amend the regulations so that the event for skiff in the Youth Sailing World Championship is male/mixed instead of male.

Decision: Council Approved 054-22

(Approve 38 Reject 0 Abstain 2)

- iii) Submission 055-22 Proposal to amend Regulation 27.2 to change the points allocation of the Youth match racing events to follow the same logic as for Women's match racing events.

Decision: Council Approved 055-22

(Approve 39 Reject 0 Abstain 1)

- (d) Submissions for which the Equipment Committee was the Reporting Committee

- i) Submission 056-22 -Regulation 10.11.9 - amend to Regulation 10.11.9 to include a procedure for managing evolution or changes to the Technical Specifications of equipment used by World Sailing Classes.

Decision: Council Approved 056-22

(Approve 38, Reject 0 Abstain 2)

- ii) Submission 057-22 Regulation 10: -amendments to Regulation 10 to clarify the process for changing the class rules of World Sailing Classes (3 proposals).

Decision: Council Approved 057 -22 Proposal 2

(Approve 36 Reject 0 Abstain 4)

Decision: Council Approved 057 -22 Proposal 3

(Approve 33 Reject 5 Abstain 2)

- iii) Submission 058- 22 -Proposal to establish universality of the Equipment Rules of Sailing and provide stakeholders with a single rules book covering both the RRS and the ERS (2 proposals).

Decision: Council Approved 058-22

(Approve 35 Reject 5 Abstain 0)

- iv) Submission 059-22 -Regulation 10.5 (f) (iii) to amend Regulation 10.5 to extend the grace period to have an International Measurer for World Sailing Classes due to Covid Pandemic.

Decision: Council Approved 059 -22

(Approve 40 Reject 0 Abstain 0)

- (e) Submissions for which the Para World Sailing Committee was the Reporting Committee
- i) Submission 045-22 Para Sailing World Championships Proposed amendment of Regulation 24.6 to correct inconsistencies, typographical errors and terminology.

Decision: Council Approved 045-22

(Approve 40 Reject 0 Abstain 0)

- ii) Submission 046- 22 -Numbering errors A note provided in lieu of a submission proposing an amendment to Regulation 24.6 to correct numbering error.

Decision: Council Approved 046-22

(Approve 39 Reject 0 Abstain 1)

- (f) Submissions for which the Race Officials Committee was the Reporting Committee
- i) Submission 048 -22 To amend standard SI's used by World Sailing for the 49er, 49erFX, and Nacra 17 to remove the provision of escalating penalties for rule 42 violations.

Decision: Council Rejected 048-22

(Reject 36 Approve 3 Abstain 1)

- ii) Submission 053-22 To amend Regulation 31.14.1 to ensure that Race Officials Committee has full discretion to handle challenges with first-time appointment of race officials due to special circumstances.

Decision: Council Approved 053-22

(Approve 39 Reject 1 Abstain 0)

- (g) Submissions for which the Oceanic and Offshore Committee was the Reporting Committee
- i) Submission 047 -22 Amend WS Regulation 13.1 sub-paragraphs to complete the enumeration of ORC responsibilities relating to the ORC Superyacht Rule and ORC Multihull Rating System.

Decision: Council Approved 047-22

(Approve 40 Reject 0 Abstain 0)

9. Equipment

- (a) Olympic Equipment Quality Workstream Update

Jaime Navarro World Sailing Technical and Offshore Director gave a presentation on the work being completed on the Olympic equipment quality workstream.

Council noted a number of recommendations relating to Olympic Equipment quality, supported by the Equipment Committee with the objective to reduce the cost associated with quality issues, and reducing the frequency of replacements and the associated sustainability implications.

The recommendation for World Sailing to develop and implement a Manufacturing Control System for Olympic equipment with the objective to achieve full confidence and credibility in the monitoring of compliance with the technical requirements as a measure to ensure fairness in the sport was also noted

It was further noted that this important area of work needed to be prioritised and fully resourced.

10. Reports and Recommendations Not Based On Submissions

To note the committee activity reports published and consider any recommendations not based on submission from:

(a) Audit Committee – Marcus Spillane

Council noted the report from the Audit Committee

(b) Constitution Committee – David Tillett

Council noted the report from the Constitution Committee. Chair David Tillett confirmed that the Committee had unanimously resolved to express to Council its unreserved support for the Governance Reform proposals.

(c) Development & Regions Committee – Pinar Coşkuner Genç

Council noted the report from the Development & Regions Committee.

(d) Equipment Committee - Jurgen Cluytmans

Council noted the report from the Equipment Committee.

Recommendations Not Based on Submissions from the Equipment Committee.

A) Equipment Committee agenda item 8c: Application for World Sailing Class Status.

I. Persico 69F Recommendation to Council: Defer

Decision: Council agreed to Defer.

Approve 33, Reject 3, Abstain 4

B) Equipment Committee agenda item 8d: Review of World Sailing Class Status.

I. International Byte Class Association Recommendation to Council: To withdraw their World Sailing class status in accordance with World Sailing regulation 10.13.

Decision: Council Approved

Approve 38 Reject 0 Abstain 2

II. International Farr 40 Class Association Recommendation to Council: To withdraw their World Sailing class status in accordance with World Sailing regulation 10.13.

Decision: Council Approved

Approve 37 Reject 0 Abstain 3

- (e) Events Committee – John Derbyshire

Council noted the report from the Events Committee

- (f) Oceanic & Offshore Committee – Matt Allen

Council noted the report from the Oceanic and Offshore Committee

- (g) Para World Sailing Committee – David Stayley

Council noted the report from the Para World Sailing Committee.

Recommendations Not Based on Submissions from the Para World Sailing Committee.

The Para World Sailing Committee recommended to Council that the International Classifier discipline be represented on the Race Officials Committee.

Vice President Sarah Kenny advised that it would not be possible to add any new members to the Committees mid-term but the request was noted.

- (h) Race Officials Committee – Ricardo Navarro

The Council noted the report from the Race Officials Committee

- (i) Racing Rules Committee – Ana Sanchez del Campo

The Council noted the report from the Racing Rules Committee

- (j) Women's Forum – Sylvie Harle

The Council noted the report from the Women's Forum

- (k) World Sailing Classes Committee – Jan Martin Wilschut

The Council noted the report from the Classes Committee.

11. Any Other Business – None raised.

Council received closing remarks from the President. He especially thanked all the Committee and Commission Members for their work.

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