

The World Sailing Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday 18 May 2023
Online via Blue Jeans



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. Stacey Clark (GBR)	Group A
10. Fiona Bolger (IRL)	Group A
11. Edo Fantela (CRO)	Group B
12. Wolfgang Mayrhofer (AUT)	Group B
13. Ewa Jodlowska (POL)	Group C
14. Alexandru Micu (ROU)	Group C (Alternate)
15. Totos Theodosiou (CYP)	Group D
16. Olivier Bovyn (FRA)	Group D (Alternate)
17. Walter Cavalucci (ITA)	Group D
18. Ferran Muniesa (ESP)	Group E (Alternate)
19. Remco de Goederen (NED)	Group F
20. Annika Ekman (SWE)	Group G
21. Ulfur H Hrobjartsson (ISL)	Group G
22. Chun Qu (CHN)	Group J
23. Hiromu Mochizuki (JPN)	Group J (Alternate)
24. Abdur Rehman Rashad (PAK)	Group K
25. Daniel Belcher (AUS)	Group L
26. John Philp (FIJ)	Group L
27. Cary Lee Byerley (ANT)	Group O
28. Hector Duvall (DOM)	Group O

29. Peter Hall (CAN)	Group P
30. Stan Honey (USA)	Group P
31. Dina Kowalyshyn (USA)	Group P
32. Alain Alcindor (SEY)	Group Q
33. Jan Martin Wilschut (NED)	WS Classes Committee Chair
34. Matthew Allen (AUS)	Oceanic & Offshore Committee Chair
35. Elena Papazoglou (CYP)	Women's Forum Chair
36. Betsy Alison (USA)	Para Sailing Chair

In Attendance

David Tillett	Chair of Constitution Committee
Phil Cotton	Chair of Audit Committee
David Graham	Chief Executive Officer
Urvashi Naidoo	Director of Legal & Governance
Nelia Smith	Director of Brand & International Relations
Raksha Patel	Director of Finance & Business Operations
Jaime Navarro	Director of Technical & Offshore
Alastair Fox	Director of Events

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 J Takao Otani appointed Hiromu Mochizuki as alternate

There were Apologies noted from Jo Aleh Chair of the Athlete's Commission

(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 approved the minutes of Council's meeting of 29 October 2022.

Decision: Council Approved

(Approve 25 Reject 0 Abstain 0)

There were no matters arising.

- (b) Board Minutes

Council received information that the minutes of the Board's meetings of 22 October 2022, 23 November 2022, 21 February 2023, 23 March 2023 and 11 April 2023 were published on the World Sailing website.

4. CEO Report

- a) The Council noted a verbal report from the CEO.
- b) The Council noted a verbal report from the CEO on the process for developing the next World Sailing Strategy

5. Finance

- (a) 2023 Finance and Audit Update

The Council noted the report from the Director of Finance and Business Operations. This included the financial results for three months to 31 March 2023 together with the latest forecast for the rest of the year to 31 December 2023, compared to budget.

- (b) Statutory Accounts to year end 31 December 2022.

The Council noted the accounts which had been circulated and a report from the Chair of the Audit Committee.

- (c) World Sailing Investment Trust Report – The Council noted the valuation report.

- (d) MNA Debtors List – The Council noted the report.

6. Members

In April 2023 the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Executive Board, issued guidance to International Sports Federations recommending the Conditions of Participation for individual athletes and support personnel with a Russian or Belarusian passport in international sports

competitions organised by International Federations and international sports events organisers.

Given the broad diversity of sailing and given the strong views held by the MNA, the Board sought the views of the Council.

All Council Members were given the opportunity to offer their region's view. All Council members expressed their unwavering support for the Ukrainian sailing community. Although there was no formal vote, there was very clear majority support for maintaining World Sailing's current position in relation to the return to international competition for athletes and officials from Russia and Belarus.

7. Urgent Submissions

(a) M01 -23

Establishment of Safety Commission – Regulation 8

Decision: Council Approved

(Approve 21 Reject 0 Abstain 0)

(b) M02-23

Amendment to the Youth Sailing World Championships Regulation 24.5.5

Decision: Council Approved

(Approve 30 Reject 0 Abstain 0)

8. Reports and Recommendations not based on Submissions

a) Location of Conference

The Council noted a verbal report from the Director of Brand and International Relations. Some final contractual steps were needed before the location of the 2023 Conference was announced.

b) Events Update

The Council noted a verbal report from the Director of Events.

c) Equipment Update

The Council noted a verbal report from the Director of Technical and Offshore. It was noted Jurgen Cluytmans (BEL) – Chairperson of the Equipment Committee had resigned as Chairperson but would remain on the Committee. 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.

The Council also considered the request to defer the 69F Class Application for WS Status.

Decision: Council Approved

(Approve 25 Reject 0 Abstain 1)

9. Any Other Business

(a) Tonga Membership Application

David Tillett Chair of the Constitution Committee presented the application for membership from Tonga. This application and all the supporting documentation had been carefully considered by the Constitution Committee to confirm compliance with World Sailing Constitution and Regulations. The Constitution Committee was satisfied that the application met the requirements for membership as set out in World Sailing Constitutional documents and therefore recommended that the application be approved.

Decision: Council Approved

(Approve 31 Reject 0 Abstain 0)

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.