

The World Sailing Constitution Committee met in Singapore at the Suntec Convention Centre in Singapore on Wednesday 6 November 2024 10:30-15:00 and Friday 8 November 2024 09:30-10:30

Present:	Apologies:
David Tillett (AUS) - Chair	Juan-Antonio Curbelo-Cabrera (ESP)
Sarah Treseder (GBR) – Vice Chair	Andrie Kypridemou (CYP)
Peter Hall (CAN)	Hiromu (Mochie) Mochizuki (JPN)
Balazs Hajdu (HUN)	
Ana Jasna Gamulin (SLO)	
Fabio Mazzoni (ITA)	
Graham McKenzie (NZL)	
Ute Reisinger (AUT)	
Ashley Tobin (USA)	In Attendance:
Jevan Tan (SGP)	Urvasi Naidoo -WS Director of Legal and Governance
JP Daniels (RSA) (Online for portion of 6/11/2024 meeting)	
Philip Baum - Vice-President	

1. Opening of the Meeting

a) Welcome from the Chair

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

b) Apologies for Absence

The apologies as above were noted by the Meeting.

c) Declarations of Interest

There were no additional declarations of interest. Peter Hall noted his position as a Council Member in relation to the item on MNA Review.

2. Minutes

a) Committee Minutes

The Committee formally approved the minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 15 November 2023 and Friday 17 November at the Hotel NH, Malaga Spain which had already been circulated in November 2023.

b) To note any matters approved by way of circular resolution.

The Committee noted the following matters which had been approved by email:

1. March 2024 – Approval of Interpretation 001/24
2. March 2024 – Approval of AIN Policy and Regulation Change to be put to Council by circular resolution.
3. April 2024 – Approval of amendments to the Disciplinary Code to make breach of Election Rules a disciplinary Offence approved and sent to Council for approval.
4. April 2024 – Recommendations to Council on MYM09 -24, MYM10 -24 and MYM11
5. June 2024 – Amendments to the Constitution – EDI Committee, Specialist Sailing Committee and Olympic Classes Sub -Committee changes approved and sent to MNA by circular resolution.

It was also noted that the Committee had carried out an initial review and had input into the development of the following documents via email:

1. Safeguarding Policy – An amended version was subsequently approved at the May Mid-year Council Meeting 2024.
2. The Transgender & Non-Binary Policy – (also appears on the agenda below)
3. The Code of Ethics – new 2024 version (also appears on agenda below)

c) Matters Arising

There were no other matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

3. Reports

- a) The Committee received the Chairman's report to Council covering the period 31 October 2023 to 31 October 2024.
- b) The Committee received a verbal report from the Director of Legal and Governance on legal cases arising in the period 31 October 2023 to 31 October 2024.

4. Submissions

The Committee considered the following submissions and made the following recommendations to the Council on the following submissions in its yellow paper.

a) Submission 028-24

A submission from US Sailing to Require MNA Membership for Categorization

Submission was withdrawn

b) Submission 029-24

A submission from the Race Officials Committee to expand the Race Official application process to offer two opportunities a year to apply for international status/renew an application.

Recommendation to approve subject to policy and also noted that the current Regulations would become redundant if the proposed 2025 Regulations and Policies were approved by Council. Therefore, the recommendation was that if this submission was approved, the new text as amended should be carried forward into the 2025 Regulations and the Policy Register, specifically Policy L3 as applicable.

c) Submission 030-24

A submission from the Board and the Oceanic and Offshore Committee Chair to amend Regulation 38 and introduce a Safety Policy.

The recommendation was to Approve, as amended.

Several amendments had been agreed with the submitter and were not considered to be a substantial change to the original submission. These amendments were published with the Committee's Yellow Paper.

The recommendation was to approve subject to the amendments. Also noting that the current Regulations would become redundant if the proposed 2025 Regulations and Policies were approved by Council. Therefore, the recommendation was also that if this submission was approved, the new text as amended should be carried forward into the 2025 Regulations and the Policy Register, specifically Policy P as applicable.

d) Submission 031-24

A submission from the MNA's of Turkey, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Croatia, Hungary, Greece, Cyprus, Algeria, Moldova, Tunisia and Libya to amend the Constitution to remove Article 23.5 (e)

The recommendation on 6/11/24 was "No recommendation". The submission was subsequently withdrawn by all the submitters and was also withdrawn from the AGM agenda.

e) To review Submission 032-25

A submission from the International Formula Kite Class Association to amend the Constitution Article 36.1. (c) to establish a Sub-Committee for International Technical Delegates

The recommendation on 6/11/24 was "No recommendation". The submission was subsequently withdrawn by all the submitter after the Council Meeting on 9/11/24 and was also withdrawn from the AGM agenda.

5. Recommendations Not Based on Submissions

To consider and make recommendations to Council on matters for their approval not based on submission from the Board:

a) Governance Reform Documents

Jon Napier, a member of the Governance Working Party, joined the meeting and presented the Governance Reform documents which were being presented to Council for approval

This was the third and final phase of the reform process.

The following documents were being proposed to Council for approval

- 2025 Regulations (including new Reg 11 formerly Reg 23)
- Categorisation Code
- Eligibility Code
- Anti-Doping Code and
- Advertising Code

It was noted that numerous policies had been pulled from the Council minutes, extending back to 2012, and would now be housed within the Policy Register on the website.

It was also noted that a new online proposals (formerly submissions) portal would be in operation allowing for the decision-making process to be continuous all year round and that it was anticipated the Council would meet every quarter rather than just twice a year.

The Committee had already been part of the Consultation process and had provided input to the documents.

The Committee thanked Jon Napier for the huge amount of work he had done on the project, Vice President Philip Baum for his leadership, and all members of the Working Party for their work on seeing this reform process through to its conclusion.

The Committee agreed to recommend approval subject to policy and subject to the amendments agreed in the 2024 submissions referred to above.

b) Code of Ethics

All the disciplinary documents which had been in the Regulations were added as Appendices to the Code of Ethics and this would be proposed to Council for approval.

Several amendments had been agreed with the Governance Reform Working Party and these were not considered substantial changes.

The Committee agreed to recommend approval subject to policy and subject to the agreed amendments which were published in the Yellow Paper.

c) Amends to Transgender Policy

Several amendments to the Transgender Policy had been proposed, mainly to include better reference to non-binary persons and to improve the definitions.

The Committee agreed to recommend approval subject to policy and subject to the agreed amendments which were published in the Yellow Paper, these were not considered substantial changes.
6. <u>Membership Applications</u> The Vice Chair had reviewed an application for Tajikistan to join as a new Full Member of World Sailing. The application was in compliance with the Constitution and Regulations and the recommendation was that the application be recommended to Council for approval and to the AGM for review. It was further recommended that the new Member join group H. The Committee approved the recommendations.
7. <u>Constitution & Regulations</u> In March 2024 the Committee had agreed Interpretation 001-24 which had been published. No amendments were required to the Constitution or Regulations in relation to this Interpretation.
8. <u>Annual General Meeting</u> The Committee noted the agenda of the Annual General Meeting and General Assembly.
9. <u>Any Other Business</u> No other business had been notified to the Chair before the start of the meeting
10. <u>Thanks and Closing Remarks</u> The Chair thanked all members of the Committee for their hard work and contributions over the past four years. He especially commended the support he had received from the Vice Chair and World Sailing Legal team. The Committee Members responded by also thanking the Chair and the Vice Chair for their leadership and for steering the Committee so well over the past four years. It was noted that this was the last ever meeting of the Constitution Committee as under the new governance structure the Committee would become the Governance Committee. Special thanks were extended to Peter Hall who had been a member of the Committee for over 20 years and was not nominated for appointment to the Governance Committee.