World Sailing
Growth of Sailing Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday 12 March @ 1000 UTC
Location: Online via Microsoft Teams

Present:	
Malav Shroff (IND) – Chair	John Philp (FIJ)
Inga Jakobsone (LAT) – Vice Chair	Raynor Haagh (NZL)
Mengdi Zhang (CHN)	Sigrid Beckmann (MEX)
Mandiaye Diouf (SEN)	Luis Velasco (ARG)
David Covo (CAN)	Irina Perez (DOM)
Barbora Bachrata (SVK)	Abdur Rehman Arshad (PAK)
Alain Alcindor (SEY)	Albassel Ebrahim (EGY)
Mohamed Alobeidli (UAE)	Kay Rawbone (HKG)
Also in Attendance:	
Beatriz Gonzalez Luna (MEX) – Vice President	Fiona Kidd – WS Head of International Development
Catherine Duncan – WS Development Manager	

1. **Opening of the Meeting**
   a. Opening Remarks – Vice President
   Beatriz welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanking them for their commitment and effort and noted her hopes of the legacy the committee will create.
   b. Opening Remarks – Chair & Vice Chair
   Inga welcomed everyone to the meeting noting how honoured she was to be Vice-Chair and noting she believed the committee is the backbone of World Sailing.
   Malav welcomed everyone to the meeting and also noted the new committee members, David Covo from PANAM Sailing, Abdur Rehman Arshad from ASAF and Kay Rawbone as the Para Sailing Committee representative.
   c. Apologies for Absence
   No apologies for absence were noted.
2. **World Sailing Staff Updates**
   a. Welcome & Procedures
   Catherine welcomed everyone to the committee and confirm she was the World Sailing staff member assigned the committee. She encouraged everyone to use her as a contact and was looking forward to supporting the work.
   b. Committee Terms of Reference
   Catherine went through the Committee Terms of Reference, covering the remit of the committee, meeting requirements, and the future development of the committee work plan. Fiona also reminded the committee of clause regarding confidentiality of the items discussed in the committee meetings.
   JP asked if the Terms of Reference could be shared with the committee and the link was provided in the meeting chat and are available here:
   https://d7qh6ksdplczd.cloudfront.net/sailing/wp-

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JP also asked about the Development Strategy. Catherine confirmed this is included in the overall World Sailing 2025 – 2029 Strategy, Ready for the Future. This can be viewed here: https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/organisation/world-sailing/strategy/

c. Meetings & Communications

Catherine confirmed that all meeting invites and agenda would be sent out via the office. And that committee members could contact her via email and WhatsApp.

d. Office Update

Catherine gave a brief update on 4 key projects from the office since the beginning of the year. These are shared now with the committee in the document titled 'WS Update – March 25'.

3. Working Groups

a. Malav presented a working document outlining the 5 proposed working groups for the committee, one for each region and then the 5 key areas of the sport they would discuss. Within each of the 5 discussion pillars, there were 6 questions outlined to shape discussion.

Action: Malav will confirm the working groups and their terms of reference by the end of March. Catherine will then put the proposal to the board to confirm the Working Groups.

The proposal was then discussed for the April meeting to cover the first pillar of Competitive Sailing, with a 10-minute presentation from each region.

4. Key Projects

a. Review the minutes from the Development & Regions meeting in November 2024 and review any key workstreams suggested by the committee

Catherine highlighted the two key actions recommended by the Development and Regions Committee:

1) To continue the continental survey each year to keep understanding the different areas
2) To review the financial measurement of the Emerging Nations Definition.

For item 1, Malav confirmed with the proposed Working groups, this would provide data. For item 2, Malav confirmed to leave this item to the face-to-face meeting at the end of the year.

b. Committee Work Plan

The working document outlined in meeting item 3 will form the basis of the work plan. After all of the pillars have been discussed across the continents, the committee will form recommendations to present to council as part of the Annual General Meeting. The feedback received will outline the next years focus.

5. Details of the Next Meeting

a. The next meeting is proposed for Wednesday 16 April at 1200 UTC.