

Executive Committee Minutes



The Executive Committee met at 09:30-18:00 hours on Thursday 1 November; 14:30-18:00 Friday 2 November, 09:30 – 13:30 Saturday 3 November and 09:00-12 noon Thursday 8 November at the Mariner Meeting Room, Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire, Ireland

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Present:

Göran Petersson - President
HM King Constantine - President of Honour
Tomasz Holc - Vice-President
Nazli Imre - Vice-President
David Irish - Vice-President
David Kellett - Treasurer
Teresa Lara - Vice President
Teo-Ping-Low - Vice-President
Alberto Predieri - Vice-President
Eric Tulla – Vice-President
Jerome Pels - Secretary General

In attendance:

Helen Fry - Head of Administration
Alastair Fox – Head of Competitions
Tom Rinda – Sailor Classification Commission, Item 8(a)
Georg Fundak – Coaches Commission, Item 8(b)
Margriet Pannevis – Medical Commission, Item 8(c)
Stuart Carruthers – International Regulations Commission, Item 8(d)
Ben Barger – Athletes' Commission, Item 8(e)
Olga Maslivets – Athletes' Commission, Item 8(e)
Mark Reynolds – Athletes' Commission, Item 8(e)
Marcelien Bos de Koning – Athletes' Commission, Item 8(e)
Patrick Bergmans – ITT Commission, Item 8(f)
Jim Capron – ITT Commission, Item 8(f)
Cory Sertl – Item 9(f)
Gerardo Seeliger – Item 9(h)

1. Opening of the Meeting

The president welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(a) Minutes

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of 8, 9 and 10 September 2012 (circulated and approved after the meeting) were approved.

(b) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

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3. Reports

To receive:

(a) President's Report

The President gave a brief outline of his activities since the last meeting.

(b) Vice-President's Report

The Vice-Presidents gave an outline of their activities since the last meeting.

(c) Secretary General's Report

i) International Laser Class Association

An update was given on the relationship between Laser Performance and the design rights holder.

Decision

ISAF will obtain advice from lawyers on the sale of ISAF plaques.

ii) International RS:X Class Association Ltd Legal Challenge

The Secretary General reported on the legal challenge from the International RS:X Class Association Limited.

iii) MNAs

The Secretary General reported on the problems experienced by some of our MNAs from Governments who were threatening the autonomy of the sport.

Decision

The ISAF Constitution needs to be changed so that ISAF has the right to suspend a member for non-compliance with good governance.

iv) Group E Council Member

The Secretary General advised on the appeal received from Portugal on the appointment of the Group E Council Member.

Decision

It is clear that the will of the majority of the Group is reflected in the current appointment and the Secretary General was asked to write to the Federação Portuguesa de Vela on behalf of the Executive Committee.

4. Finance

(a) Management Accounts

The Secretary General presented the Management Accounts – 1 January to 30 September 2012

(b) Budget 2013

The Secretary General presented the Budget for 2013.

Decision

The 2013 Budget was approved and will be presented to Council for information.

(c) ISAF Debtors

The company debtors were noted.

(d) ISAF Class Building (Plaque) Fees

The Executive Committee considered a proposal on the ISAF Class building (plaque) fees to apply from 1 January 2013.

Decision

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The ISAF Class Building (Plaque) fees to apply from 1 January 2013 were approved.

- (e) Isle of Man Trust

An update on the Quarterly Report on the Isle of Man Trust was received from the Treasurer.

Decision

At maturity of present sovereign debt holdings, funds realized will not be invested in additional sovereign debt.

- (f) ISAF Deposits

The Treasurer reviewed the ISAF Deposits.

Recommendation to New Executive

It is recommended that a reserve to the level of 2 years operational costs deficit should be maintained in the Long Term Reserves and that further donations to the ISAF Trust should be considered at appropriate times in particular at the end of each Olympic Games Cycle

5. Governance

- (a) Council

The status of appointments to Council was noted.

- (b) Committee Nominations

An update on Committee nominations was received.

- (c) ISAF Medals

Recipients for ISAF Medals in November 2012 were considered.

6. Submissions

The Executive Committee considered the Submissions and made the recommendations to Council as shown in Appendix 1.

7. International Sports Update

The President gave a verbal update on his activities within the IOC, ASOIF and SportAccord.

8. ISAF Commissions

- (a) Sailor Classification Commission

i) The Chairman of the Commission gave a verbal report on the meeting of 28 and 29 September 2012.

ii) The Commission seek approval from the Executive Committee to form a Registration Data Working Group. This group would consist of a few expert computer programmers and the aim is to provide some form of consistent handling of regatta registration, whether events use Classification or not.

This new registration system would offer a compatible basic database template for events worldwide and be able to record competitor information useful to event organizers as well as record event participation. The information collected could also be synchronized with the ISAF requirements and records for ISAF World Sailor Rankings, Match Race Rankings, Sailor biographies as well as Coaches Registration and management.

- (b) Coaches Commission

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The Chairman of the Coaches Commission reported that the London 2012 Olympic Sailing Competition had been a great success but that ISAF should review the Coach Boat Regulations for future ISAF events and the Rio 2016 Olympics. In particular, electronics on board coach boats and coach boat zones should be reviewed.

(c) Medical Commission

The Chairman of the Medical Commission made the following recommendations:

- i) WADA - That the Executive Committee requests that WADA look at the testing (trigger) levels for testing positive for Cannabis. Furthermore it has been proven that people tested positive for Cannabis have not necessarily used it, i.e. passive smoking. A full paper can be prepared by the Medical Commission.
- ii) The Executive Committee to consider writing to WADA requesting them to reconsider the length of time TUEs are given for insulin dependent athletes. 2 years is too short a timescale – consider a 4 year term. A paper can be prepared by the Medical Commission
- iii) IFDS Anti-Doping
 - Risk Assessment – based on the Risk Assessment completed by IFDS the Medical Commission recommend the report is presented to WADA – it recommends no RTP
 - In-competition testing should still take place
 - The Medical Commission stress the importance of an Education Programme for IFDS
- ~~iv)~~ Injury Surveillance Survey – After the successful pilot study it is recommended to further extend the pilot survey 2nd proposal to send 3 representatives to the ISAF Youth Worlds in 2013 and to perform another injury survey at the ISAF World Championships 2014 in Santander. Funding of approximately £8,000 is requested to cover travel, food and accommodation for 3 representatives to attend the Youth Worlds.
- v) ISAF Website – To improve access to medical documents on the website. Some of these documents should not be under Anti-doping but have a medical heading. The Commission proposes that one member of the Medical Commission oversee this.

(d) International Regulations Commission

The Chairman of the International Regulations reported that:

- i) The Commission's Terms of Reference require it to monitor the submissions and work of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO). During the last year these have included guidance for minimizing the transfer of invasive aquatic species as bio fouling (hull fouling) for recreational craft and safety guidance for non-regulated craft.
- ii) IMO are working on modernizing the GMDSS (Global Maritime Distress Safety System). COMSAR, (Sub-Committee on Radio Communications and Search and Rescue) are looking at Man Overboard Search and Rescue Transponders guidelines and the best ways of displaying symbols on electronic chart displays. Also under consideration is the use of AIS (Automatic Identification System) virtual aids to navigation to replace physical navigation marks.
- iii) IMO is currently dealing with greenhouse gas emissions from ships and LRIT (Long Range Identification and Tracking).
- iv) From a big ship point of view, there is pressure on what are considered obsolescent terrestrial analogue aids to navigation and a move to digital. The

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move to electronic charting as the primary navigation method will have an effect on the future availability of paper charts.

- v) The Offshore Special Regulations Sub-committee needs to have an overall review of distress alerting, AIS, Satellite AIS, Virtual Aids, EPIRBs with AIS.
- vi) The fewer incidents of piracy off Somalia and the Horn of Africa this is thought to be due to the Monsoon season and increasing use of armed guards on commercial ships which may make recreational craft more attractive targets. The EU Naval Force advice remains to avoid the region.
- vii) The work of the International Standards Organisation (ISO) continues to be monitored and ISO 12217-Stability and Buoyancy Parts 1, 2, 3 is just closing the vote on amendments at the moment. ISO 8666 Principal Data is being updated.
- viii) There is an amendment regarding a computer software program to ISO 12215-5 Hull construction and scantlings -- Part 5: Design pressures for monohulls, design stresses, scantlings determination. Part 9 Appendages was approved in March; Part 10 Rig Loads and Attachments will be at committee draft stage at a meeting in November at METS Marine Trade Show (NED). Part 7 – Multihull Scantlings is at an early draft stage.
- ix) ISO 15085 Man Overboard Prevention and Recovery, under TC 188, Working Group 3, has re-started work looking at recovery from the water by boats sailed solo.
- x) An ISO standard has been developed for the placement of navigation lights on small craft and a standard is also under development for LED navigation lights, with a final vote due by the end of 2013.
- xi) New proposals to grind through the European Parliament system of EU Recreational Craft Directive, is in its 10th format and 58 amendments. The geographical definitions used in the RCD Design Categories will no longer be used; instead reference will be made to wind strength and significant wave height.

(e) Athletes Commission

The Chairman of the Athletes Commission gave a verbal report of their meeting of 2 November.

(f) Information and Tracking Technology Commission

The minutes of the Commission meeting of 5 July were received and the Chairman reported that:

- i) The ISAF XRR – XML for Regatta Reporting has its third release. This has been extended for Match and Team Racing Events and is used in the Sailing World Cup. This can also be used by tracking systems.
- ii) XRR is still being developed and could be extended to include Jury decisions, Umpire calls, Race Official regatta reports, weather data, photos and video clips and mapping / positioning.
- iii) There is an on-going project on the use of tracking data by Race Officials. It defines an XML based format for reporting raw tracking information. This would produce a single file that is available soon after the end of the race and can be used by the Race Committee for resolving scoring errors and also by the Protest Committee for protest and redress hearings.
- iv) ISAF's tracking viewer for Race Officials is a simple 2D viewer showing only tracker data positions and probable paths. This will give accurate information with a search, locate view functionality. Instructions and training for race officials will be necessary.

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- v) The Commission recommend a thorough clean-up of the Sailor ID database; an introduction of a structured Regatta ID database; web services based on Regatta ID with a move to an on-line Race Official application system and an integration of International Jury regatta reporting documents.

9. Events

- (a) America's Cup
David Kellett gave an update on the America's Cup.
- (b) ISAF Sailing World Cup
The Secretary General reported that the contract with Miami had been signed.
- (c) Olympic Sailing Competition 2012
Alastair Fox, Technical Delegate, reported on the recent IOC meeting. The final report compiling all International Federation's comments is being finalised and will be sent to all the IFs concerned.
- (d) Olympic Sailing Competition 2016
 - i) A progress report was received from the Secretary General. Rio had appointed its Competition Manager who has not yet taken up his full time position. There is a strong recommendation that ISAF integrate the preparation phase of the Paralympic Sailing competition with the Olympic Sailing Competition.
 - ii) Olympic Sailing Competition 2016 Evaluation of Kiteboarding Equipment
The Evaluation Report prepared by the Equipment Committee was noted.
- (e) Olympic Sailing Competition 2020
A progress report was given by the Secretary General. A site visit to Tokyo has been completed and the site visit to Turkey was planned towards the end of November 2012. The proposal for Madrid was very similar to what they had before and therefore a site visit was probably not needed for this venue.
- (f) IOC Youth Olympic Games 2014
A progress report was given by Cory Sertl, Chairman of the Youth Olympic Games Working Party. The qualification events will be finalised by the end of November 2012 and the recommendation sent to the new Executive for approval. The venue is unfamiliar with sailing and as the Organising Committee do not intend to have a test event the Working Party felt it was important to have a local regatta held in August. A further site visit would be completed in 2013.

Decision

A formal approach would be made to the Chinese Yachting Association asking for their help in organising a local regatta in August.

The Secretariat should send out a targeted marketing programme to MNAs to promote and inform about the concept of the Youth Olympic Games as soon as possible.

Recommendation

It is recommended to the new Executive that the existing Working Party be allowed to continue their work. This Working Party currently consists of:

Cory Sertl (USA)(Chair)

Marina Psychogiou (GRE)

Pablo Masseroni (ARG)

Bruno De Wannemaeker (BEL)

Fiona Kidd (CAN)

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- (g) World Match Racing Tour

The Secretary General gave an update on the contractual arrangements.

Decision

The Secretary General is authorised to terminate the World Match Racing Tour contract in December and, if agreed, to sign a new agreement in due time based on the draft approved by the Executive Committee.

- (h) 2014 ISAF Sailing World Championships, Santander

The Technical Delegate had recently completed a site visit and reported that good progress had been made both with the financial commitment and with the development of the venue. A test event is planned for 9 – 15 September 2013 and TV Production Company will be appointed early in 2013. The Emerging Nations programme has been a great success with 5 of the 8 courses already been held helping 84 sailors from 28 emerging nations.

Gerardo Seeliger, on behalf of the organizing authority, gave a short presentation about the progress of the organization of the Championships as well as on the restoration / building work undertaken by the City Government. Finally, he confirmed that the President of the Real Federation Espanola de Vela guaranteed that payment of the first instalment of the fees due to ISAF will be paid on 1 December 2012 in accordance with the agreement executed with ISAF.

- (i) ISAF Youth World Sailing Championships 2013

A progress report was given by the Secretary General. The budget is in place but Cyprus hopes to raise money from sponsorships.

- (j) Nacra 17 and 49er FX 2013 World Championships

Decision

The Nacra 17 and the 49'er FX may each hold one World Championship in 2013.

10. Appointment of ISAF Technical Delegates

- (a) 2013 South American Youth Games

Decision

Ricardo Navarro (BRA) will be the ISAF Technical Delegate for the 2013 South American Games held from 1 – 12 October 2013 in Lima, Peru.

- (b) To review the ISAF Technical Delegate Appointments of the 2013 Myanmar South East Asian Games, 2013 Asian Championships and the 2014 Icheon Asian Games.

- i) 2013 Myanmar South East Asian Games

Myanmar Yachting Sailing Federation has requested that Hong Kit Lock be the ISAF Technical Delegate instead of David Brookes.

Decision

Hong Kit Lock (SIN) will be the ISAF Technical Delegate for the 2013 Myanmar South East Asian Games.

- ii) 2013 Asian Sailing Championship and 2014 Asian Games

Decision

The Executive Committee re-confirm the appointment of Mark Pryke (AUS) as the ISAF Technical Delegate for the 2013 Asian Sailing Championships and 2014 Asian Games.

11. Secretariat

A verbal report was received from the Secretary General.

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12. Future ISAF Meetings

2013 Annual Conference Oman – 7-17 November

13. Any Other Business

(a) **ISAF Event Management Company**

Alberto Predieri recommended the review of the relationship between the Federation and the ISAF Event Management Company Ltd (ISAFEM), in relation to the granting of rights from the Federation to ISAFEM (use of the ISAF logo, assigning the right to host ISAF events etc) and financial transactions between the two entities.

Decision

Unconsolidated accounts of the ISAFEM were requested for presentation to the 2012-2016 Executive Committee.