

Regional Games Committee Minutes



The Regional Games Committee met at 09:30 – 16:30 hours at the Bandar Hotel, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman on Wednesday 13 November 2013

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Present:

David Covo - Chairman	Elizabeth Merrifield Filter
Marco Predieri – Vice-Chairman	Oliver Paul Gayet
Scott Perry – Vice-President	Birgir Ari Hilmarsson
Olesia Afanaseva	Francisco SG Jauregui
Anna Andreadis	Panayiotis Kontides
Alun Davies	Rob M'Crystal
John Derbyshire	Malav Shroff
Hector Duval	Changcheng Zhou

Apologies:

Mihai Butucari

Absent:

Ion Echave
Ali Nasser Telfat
Anne Tierney

Invited Guests:

Ricardo Navarro
David Brookes
Gary Bodie

1. Opening of the Meeting

The Chairman welcomed committee members and observers to this first meeting of the Regional Games Committee. Following a round of introductions in which each committee member was invited to say a few words about themselves and their background in sailing, the Chairman introduced observer Xu Lijia, one of two new members of the Athletes' Commission. The Chairman outlined the schedule for the day, explaining that the meeting would be suspended for one hour around the mid-morning coffee break in order to allow members to participate in the MNA Forum, and then turned to the formal agenda.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(a) Minutes

The Committee noted the minutes of the Regional Games Committee meeting of 5 November 2012 (circulated and approved after the meeting). The minutes can be downloaded at www.sailing.org/meetings.

(b) Minutes Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on this agenda.

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(c) ISAF Mid-Year Meeting Copenhagen

The Committee received a report from the Chairman of the Regional Games Committee on the ISAF Mid-Year meeting in Copenhagen. He showed the presentation that was used at the mid-year meeting to describe the Regional Games Committee and its goals and priorities for 2013-2016, and proposed that a copy of the presentation be circulated to the members of the committee.

3. Updates from Regional Games

- (a) The Committee received updates on the following 2012 Regional Games.
- i) Bolivarian Beach Games, 1 – 11 November, Callao, Peru. A written report and an oral progress report were presented by Ricardo Navarro, ISAF Technical Delegate
- (b) The Committee received updates on the following 2013 Regional Games.
- i) Mediterranean Games, 21 – 30 June 2013, Mersin, Turkey. A written report was received from Bernard Bonneau, ISAF Technical Delegate. The Committee noted the concerns and the recommendations expressed in the Report by the ISAF Technical Delegate.
 - ii) Atlantic Watersport Games, 15 – 19 July, Viana do Castelo, Portugal. No ISAF Technical Delegate appointed. The Chairman noted that the program for sailing included an integrated disabled sailing event as one of nine events in the sailing competition.
 - iii) Balkan Games, 2 – 8 September, Ohrid, Macedonia. No ISAF Technical Delegate appointed. An oral report was presented by Panayiotis Kontides, Regional Games Committee member.
 - iv) Pacific Mini Games, 2 – 12 September, Wallis and Futuna. A written report and an oral progress report were presented by David Brookes, ISAF Technical Delegate. David Brookes explained that the Pacific and Pacific Mini Games are held every four years, but two years apart. The Mini Games are the smaller of the two and are designed to accommodate countries that would not normally participate in the Pacific Games. The next Pacific Games will take place in 2015, and the next Mini Games in 2017.
 - v) South American Youth Games, 1 – 12 October, Lima, Peru. A written report and an oral progress report were presented by Ricardo Navarro, ISAF Technical Delegate.
 - vi) Bolivarian Games, 16 – 30 November, Callao, Peru. A written report was received from Flavio Naveira, ISAF Technical Delegate.
 - vii) South American Beach Games, 6 – 15 December, Vargas, Venezuela. No written report was received from Luis Ormaechea, ISAF Technical Delegate. The committee was advised that organizational problems may result in the event being postponed, and that an update on the status of the event would be published following a meeting of ODESUR – the South American Sports Organization - in December 2013.
 - viii) Asian Sailing Championship, event postponed. Mark Pryke, ISAF Technical Delegate. The Regional Games Committee was informed that this event, previously postponed, has now been cancelled. No explanation for the cancellation has been presented. The Committee endorsed the suggestion by Changcheng Zhou that the Chairman write to the OA of the Asian Games about the possibility of a test event at the Incheon site in March 2014.
 - ix) South East Asian Games, 11 – 20 December. A written report was received from Hong Kit Lock, ISAF Technical Delegate.

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- (c) The Committee received updates on the following 2014 Regional Games.
 - i) South American Games, 10 – 17 March 2014, Santiago, Chile. A written report was received from Ricardo Navarro, ISAF Technical Delegate.
 - ii) XXII Central American & Caribbean Sports Games, 18 July – 1 August 2014, Veracruz, Mexico. A written report was received from Armando Goulart, ISAF Technical Delegate. Hector Duval, Regional Games Committee member, expressed concerns consistent with those expressed in the ISAF Technical Delegates report and volunteered his assistance as a point of contact and liaison between the OA and the Central American and Caribbean Sailing Organization.
 - iii) Asian Games, 19 September – 4 October 2014, Incheon, Korea. A written report was received from Mark Pryke, ISAF Technical Delegate.
 - iv) Asian Beach Games, 14 – 21 November, Phuket, Thailand. A written progress report was received from Hong Kit Lock, ISAF Technical Delegate.
- (d) Future Regional Games, 2015 onwards:
 - i) Pan American Games, 10 – 26 July 2015, Toronto, Canada. No written report was received from Pat Bailey, ISAF Technical Delegate. The Chairman of the Regional Games Committee showed a presentation with updated information on the program and venue planning for sailing at the Pan Am Games.
 - ii) All African Games, 8 – 31 July 2015 (Dates to be confirmed), Brazzaville, Congo. ISAF Technical Delegate to be appointed. Rob M'Crystal, Regional Games Committee member, presented a brief oral report on the status of the African Games. Outstanding concerns include security at the Games and the fact that the Congo is not a member of ISAF.
 - iii) Bolivarian Youth Games, 8 – 20 November 2015, Paracas, Peru. ISAF Technical Delegate to be appointed.
 - iv) Pacific Games, (dates to be confirmed), Papua, New Guinea. ISAF Delegate to be appointed. An oral progress report was presented by Pacific Mini Games ISAF Technical Delegate, David Brookes. The Pacific Games Council remains committed to the development of an agreement with ISAF that defines the role of ISAF in the organization of both the Pacific and the Pacific Mini Games
 - v) 5th Asian Beach Games, 2016 (Dates to be confirmed). ISAF Technical Delegate Takao Otani.

4. ISAF Technical Delegate Appointments

- (a) The Committee noted the following Regional Games to which an ISAF Technical Delegate has been appointed since the last Regional Games meeting in 2012.
 - i) South American Youth Games – 18 – 29 September 2013 – Ricardo Navarro
 - ii) South East Asian Games – 11 – 20 December 2013 – Hong Kit Lock
 - iii) South American Games – 10 – 17 March 2014 – Ricardo Navarro
 - iv) Incheon Asian Games – 19 September – 4 October 2014 – Mark Pryke
 - v) Asian Beach games – 14 – 21 November 2014 – Hong Kit Lock
 - vi) Asian Beach Games - 2016 (Dates to be confirmed) – Takao Otani

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5. Submissions

(a) Submission 014-13

The Committee considered submission 014-13 from the Executive Committee about ISAF Technical Delegates – Regulation 25.8.2, 25.9 and New Regulation 25.9.1.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

(b) Submission 070-13

The Committee considered submission 070-13 from the International 49er Class Association about 2016 Olympic Sailing Competition – Continental Qualifiers.

Alastair Fox, ISAF Head of Competitions, and Gary Bodie, Chair of the Events Committee Working Party on the Qualification System for Rio 2016, presented an overview of the work to date and current position of the Working Party and participated actively in the 90-minute discussion that followed. The Committee endorsed the proposal to base the qualification for 2016 on the combination of the ISAF World Championships, the Class World Championships and Continental Qualifying Events; the Committee also endorsed the proposal in the submission to group the continental qualifiers for Africa, Asia and Oceania, but did not support the proposal to group North and South America

Recommendation to Council: No opinion

The Regional Games Committee considered Submission 070-13 and the Events Committee Qualification System Paper, and supports in principle the proposal in both documents to base the qualification system for the 2016 Olympic Games on the 2014 ISAF World Championships, the Class World Championships, and Continental Qualifier Events.

The Regional Games Committee recommends further that:

- 1) Unused Quota Places be initially allocated within the same continent, according to selection criteria that are clearly defined*
- 2) Continental qualifiers for Africa, Asia and Oceania be pooled (grouped) for all classes except the Laser, Radial, RS:X Men & RS:X Women.*
- 3) The number of spots allocated to the continental qualifiers and the consideration of additional continental pooling (grouping) be left to the Events Committee.*

(c) Submission 092-13

The Committee considered submission 092-13 from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee about International Race Officials Administration – Integration of Three Additional Disciplines – Regulations 6.9 and 31.

Recommendation to Council: Approve

6. Working Parties

(a) The Chairman presented an overview of the general mandates and status of the Regional Games Committee's Working Parties.

- i) Guideline for Sailing Events at Regional Games. David Covo, Chairman – members to be confirmed
- ii) Technical Delegates: Roles and Responsibilities. Francisco Jauregui, Chairman – members to be confirmed
- iii) Race Management at Regional Games. Marco Predieri, Chairman – members to be

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confirmed.

- iv) Olympic Qualification at Regional Games. Working Party deferred, pending (1) receipt of reports from other groups currently reviewing this question, and (2) direction from the Executive Committee and Council.
- v) Continental Associations (CAs). Malav Shroff, Chairman. Members: six members of the Regional Games Committee who currently hold positions on the Executive Committees of five separate Continental (or Regional) Sailing Associations, as well as Vice-President Scott Perry, Constitution Committee member; Peter Hall, Alastair Fox and Jon Napier. This Working Party has been active since mid-August, 2013; Malav Shroff presented a brief Powerpoint outlining the thinking and current position of the Working Party with respect to a number of key issues.
- vi) Commonwealth Games. John Derbyshire, Chairman - members: the six members of the Regional Games Committee from Commonwealth countries. John Derbyshire presented a brief summary of his preliminary thoughts on the mandate and methodology of the Working Party, along with suggestions for action in the short term

7. Sailing at all Regional Games

- (a) In a tradition introduced by previous Committee Chairman Scott Perry, each of the events on the Regional Games Committee list of events is 'assigned' to a member of the committee who will be expected to maintain a file on the event (a watching brief), to stay in contact with the ISAF Technical Delegate and to report back to the Regional Games Committee on a regular basis. This strategy has proven to be an effective mechanism for the committee to remain up to date with the planning and progress of each event and also, in some cases, to identify problems and collaborate with the ISAF Technical Delegates to find the resources necessary to solve them. The Chairman circulated a list of all Regional Games in the 2013 – 2016 quadrennial with a request that members indicate their areas of interest
- (b) Marco Predieri, Vice-Chairman presented a brief overview of the EUROSAF Champion Sailing Cup.

8. Data Collection and Use

The Chairman reminded committee members that the improvement of our methods for data collection at Regional Games Events remains a priority. In the discussion that followed, members underlined the importance of clear communication between the ISAF Technical Delegates and the Events Administrator in the ISAF Secretariat and made a number of suggestions, for example:

- i) an online template for more efficient regatta information reporting
- ii) expansion of the current template to include not only actual numbers of participating athletes and countries, but also the numbers of eligible participants
- iii) names and MNA affiliations of medalists
- iv) details of protest hearings and on-the-water judging

9. Regional Games Committee Budget Requirements

Vice-President, Scott Perry joined the meeting and emphasized the growing significance of Regional Games in ISAF's operations, in relation to both Olympic qualification and continental and regional programs. He underlined the importance of two-way communication with the

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Executive and our stakeholders and committed to continue to work with the Regional Games Committee through this quadrennial.

The Vice-President also recommended that we review the Regional Games Committee's current budget process, in which our funding over four years is divided into four equal annual instalments. He noted that Regional Games events tend to be less active in years 1 and 4 after the Olympics, and more active in years 2 and 3, when the demands on our budget are typically much higher. He proposed that we develop a 4-year, as opposed to an annual, budget model, and that we allocate funds more strategically to support the higher demands in years 2 and 3.

The Chairman will follow up with the Secretariat and Vice-President, Scott Perry.

10. Annual Report

The Committee received the Chairman's report to the ISAF Council meeting of 15 November 2013 on the activities of the Regional Games Committee for the period 1 January 2013 to date.

11. Any Other Business

Alastair Fox, ISAF Head of Competitions, introduced Jon Napier, Competitions Manager to the Committee. Jon Napier has been working closely with the Events Administrator on Regional Games issues and works closely with the new Event Appointments Working party on ISAF Technical Delegate and Jury appointments.

The Chairman thanked committee members and Vice-chair Marco Predieri, as well as Pauline Ward, Alastair Fox and Jon Napier for their support of the Regional Games Committee, and expressed his optimism for the year ahead.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5pm.