

## World Sailing Mid-Year Council Meeting Minutes



The World Sailing Council met by conference call on Friday 14 May 2021 between 10:00 – 16:00 BST.

<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Position/Representing</u></b>
1. Quanhai Li	President
2. Ozlem Akdurak	Vice-President
3. Jo Aleh	Vice-President, Chair Athletes Commission
4. Philip Baum	Vice-President
5. Tomasz Chamera	Vice-President
6. Sarah Kenny	Vice-President
7. Yann Rocherieux	Vice-President
8. Cory Sertl	Vice-President
9. Marcus Spillane	Vice-President
10. Stacey Clark (GBR)	Group A
11. Fiona Bolger (IRL)	Group A
12. Edo Fantela (CRO)	Group B
13. Wolfgang Mayrhofer (AUT)	Group B
14. Kamen Fillyov (BUL)	Group C
(Alternate – Stanislas Kassarov)	
15. Ewa Jodlowska (POL)	Group C
16. Totos Theodosiou (CYP)	Group D
17. Nicolas Henard (FRA)	Group D
18. Walter Cavallucci (ITA)	Group D
19. Jose Javier Sanz Fernandez (ESP)	Group E
(Alternate - Ferran Muniesa)	
20. Remco de Goederen (NED)	Group F
21. Annika Ekman (SWE)	Group G
22. Ulfur H Hrobjartsson (ISL)	Group G
23. Tatiana Ermakova (RUS)	Group H
24. Rashid Al Kindi (OMA)	Group I
(Alternate – Malav Schroff)	
25. Qu Chun (CHN)	Group J
26. Takao Otani (JPN)	Group J
27. Abdur Rehman Arshad (PAK)	Group K
28. Daniel Belcher (AUS)	Group L
(Alternate – David Abercrombie)	
29. John Philp (FIJ)	Group L
30. Luis Velasco (ARG)	Group M
31. Marco Aurelio (BRA)	Group N
(Alternate – Walter Boddener)	
32. Cary Lee Byerley (ANT)	Group O

33. Hector Duvall (DOM)	Group O
34. Peter Hall (CAN)	Group P
35. Stan Honey (USA)	Group P
36. Dina Kowalyshyn (USA)	Group P
(Alternate – Fred Hagedorn)	
37. Alain Alcindor (SEY)	Group Q
38. Mohamed Atbi (ALG)	Group Q
39. Jan Martin Wilschut	WS Classes Committee Chair
40. Matthew Allen	Oceanic & Offshore Committee Chair
41. Elena Papazoglou	Women's Forum Chair
42. Betsy Alison	Parasailing Committee Chair
<b><u>In Attendance</u></b>	
43. David Tillett	Constitution Committee Chair
44. Jurgen Cluytmans	Equipment Committee Chair
45. John Derbyshire	Events Committee Chair
46. David Graham	Chief Executive Officer
47. Raksha Patel	Finance & Business Operations Director
48. Victoria Evans	Interim Director of Legal & Governance
49. Alastair Fox	Director of Events
50. Jaime Navarro	Director of Technical & Offshore
51. Daniel Smith	Director of Communications & Digital
52. Nelia Smith	Executive Office & Moderator
53. James Devine	Legal Officer
54. Tom Roberts	Technical Observer
55. Michael Downing	Olympic Manager & Moderator
<p><b>1. Opening of the Meeting</b></p> <p>a) Welcome from the President The President opened the meeting and welcomed Council members.</p> <p>b) Remembrance Council noted and paid respect to members of the community who passed away since the last meeting.</p> <p>c) Apologies for Absence and Alternates Council noted the following appointed alternates: in Group P, Dina Kowalyshyn has appointed Fred Hagedorn in Group E, Jose Javier Sanz Fernandez has appointed Ferran Muniesa in Group C Kamen Fillyov has appointed Stanislas Kassarov in Group N Marco Aurelio has appointed Walter Boddener In Group I Rashid Al Kindi appointed Malav Shroff as alternate and finally in Group L, Daniel Belcher appointed David Abercrombie.</p>	

No formal apologies for absence were received.

d) Declaration of Interests

Council noted the Register of Interests.

Jan Martin Wilschut declared a conflict as Chairman of the Olympic Classes Committee and confirmed he will abstain from voting on Agenda Item 6 on the subject of alternative event submissions.

e) Matters Arising & Any Other Business

Peter Hall (Group P) raised a request to add a point for discussion under Any Other Business, specifically related to planning of the longer-term event selection strategy.

**2. Reports**

a) President

Council noted a verbal update from the President.

b) CEO

Council received a verbal update from the CEO outlining areas of focus and actions over the past 6 months.

**3. Minutes**

a) Council Minutes

Council noted the minutes published for the meeting that took place on 23 April 2021.

b) Board Minutes

Council received information that all the Board meeting minutes were published up to date on the WS website.

**4. Finance**

a) Management Accounts Q1 2021

Council received a summary from the CEO outlining the key highlights contained in the report.

b) Audit Committee Report

The Chairman of the Audit Committee presented the annual report to Council.

c) Debtors & Members

An updated list of Debtors was shared with Council for information. It was also noted that Members with aged debt will receive final reminder letters, prior to suspension.

**5. Urgent Submissions**

Council noted a brief recap from the CEO clarifying that whilst the Two Person Mixed Offshore remains the primary preference, the result of the process today will determine the order of the alternative events proposed to the IOC.

Council proceeded to vote:

1. Events Committee Recommendation 1: In accordance with Regulation 23.1.11, Events Committee recommends Submission M02-21, individual Men's and Women's Two Person Dinghy events (470), as the first Alternative Proposal.
  - Proposer – Ferran Meniesa
  - Seconder – Qu Chun

**Decision:** Council rejected Submission M02-21 as the first alternative event proposal.  
(15 Accept, 23 Reject, 3 Abstain)

1. Equipment Committee Recommendation 1: In accordance with Regulation 23.1.11, the Equipment Committee recommends Submission M01-21, individual Men's and Women's Kiteboarding events (Formula Kite), as the first Alternative Proposal.
  - Proposer – Fred Hagedorn
  - Seconder – Carey Byerley

**Decision:** Council accepted Submission M01-21 as the first alternative event proposal.  
(33 Accept, 2 Reject, 6 Abstain)

2. Equipment Committee Recommendation 2: in accordance with Regulation 23.1.11, the Equipment Committee recommends Submission M02-21, individual Men's and Women's Two Person Dinghy events (470), as the second Alternative Proposal.
  - Proposer – Ulfur Hrobjartsson
  - Seconder – Tatiana Ermakova

**Decision:** Council accepted Submission M02-21 as the second alternative event proposal.  
(37 Accept, 1 Reject, 2 Abstain)

The final two alternative event proposals approved by the Council were:

**Alternative Event Proposal 1:**

Split the Mixed Kiteboarding event into separate Men's and Women's Kiteboarding events using the Formula Kite as equipment.

**Alternative Event Proposal 2:**

Split the Mixed Two Person Dinghy into separate Men' and Women's Two Person Dinghy events using the 470 as equipment.

**6. Recommendations not based on Submission**

- a) Constitution Committee – None

b) Board

The Board recommended that Council appoint the following individuals to the Judicial Board:

1. Hon. Ruth Miller (as Chair)
2. Alberto Predieri (as Vice Chair)
3. Prof. Bruce Collins QC
4. Mark Yeadon
5. Dr. Anne Jakob
6. Dr. David Sharpe QC SC
7. Carol Roberts

- Proposer – Jan Martin Wilschut
- Seconder – Qu Chun

**Decision:** Council accepted the Board's recommendation  
(40 Accept, 0 Reject, 2 Abstain)

c) Events Committee

Council noted that the Events Committee supported a paper from the Oceanic and Offshore Committee to propose a change to the Field of Play for the Mixed Offshore Event at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The Executive Office will ensure the recommendations is shared with the IOC.

d) Equipment Committee

Council approved the recommendation by the Equipment Committee to approve the deferred application of the RS21 Class Association for World Sailing class status.

- Proposer – Ulfur Hrobjartsson
- Seconder – Hector Duval

**Decision:** Council approved subject to the RS21 Class Association signing a contract as per regulation 10.3  
(41 Accept, 0 Reject, 1 Abstain)

**7. Any Other Business**

- a) EAWP Request – Tomasz Chamera
- b) Long Term Strategy – Peter Hall

Council noted closing remarks from the President.

There being no other business, the Chair closed the meeting.



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**Qianhai Li**  
**President**