The Para World Sailing Committee met at 1800 – 2100 UTC on Sunday 18 October 2020 electronically via Bluejeans.

Please refer to the World Sailing website www.sailing.org for the details of the submissions on this agenda.

1. Opening of the Meeting
   Massimo noted the session was being recorded and would be available within 24 hours. Explained rules.
   a) Welcome by the Chairman: Betsy outlined the background of the PWSC and the inclusion of para sailing within the sport and the aspiration to be include again within the Paralympic Sports Program.
   Kim Andersen invited to make comments, but not present
   CEO David Graham noted that WS would support the effort to have sailing reinstated within the Paralympics. Thanked the members and the stakeholders who supported Para Sailing
   Moved by Brian Todd that “Recommendations not based on submissions” be added to General Business
   b) Attendees and Apologies: Attendance: Betsy Alison Chair, David Staley Vice Chair, Scott Perry, Brian Todd, Andrew Clouston, Jens Kroker, Maja Lesny, Masakazu Suto, Megan Pascoe, Bernard Destrube, Leo Sanchez, Alfred Pelinka, Rob Holden – Moderator, Massimo Dighe – PWS Manager, Observers (total 42)
   Apologies: Luis Velasco
   c) Declaration of Conflict of Interests: None

2. Para World Sailing Committee and Working Party
   a) To note the members of the Working Parties
   i. Rankings
      Leader – Megan Pascoe
      Alfred Pelinka
      Brian Todd
      Masa Suto
   ii. Communication (Worlds questionnaire analysis)
      Leader - Alfred Pelinka
      Jens Kroker
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Megan Pascoe
Luis Velasco

iii. Race Documentation for World Championships
Technical Delegate (TBC)
Massimo Dighe

iv. Intellectual Disability Sailing
Leader - David Staley DS
Bernard Destrube
Jens Kroker
Maja Lesny
Massimo Dighe

v. RS Venture Connect centerline helm seat / transferring crew testing
Leader - Brian Todd
Alfred Pelinka
Bernard Destrube
Megan Pascoe
Jens Kroker

vi. 2017 2020 Strategic Plan Review
Leader – Betsy Alison
Andrew Clouston
Maja Lesny
Emma Hallen

b) To receive a brief update on the Working Parties

i. Classification Working Party: Bernard Destrube presented the Classification Working Party report. 12 classifiers to date, 7 were extended last year. ROC worked on which events are to be included as eligible events. Work also underway to develop procedures to progress on education to be in line with IPC requirements. Madeleine Dunn, WS Race Officials Manager, summarised staff work in this area during the year regarding accreditation and development.

ii. Technical Working Party: – Brian Todd presented the Technical Working Party report. RS Venture Connect remains side by side seating for the time being as no testing of line seating could be tested. RS Venture assured to organize tests in 2021 in coordination with WS 2.4mR One Design remains the equipment for Grade 1 events, but need to work with Class Association for the future. SV14 has been evaluated in Germany – more assessments to continue.

iii. Ranking Working Party: Alfred Pelinka presented the Ranking Working Party report. Trying to establish an accurate ranking system, and also how to included regional events. Different calculation methods are being studied. In future the 2022 World ranking methods are to be studied

iv. Intellectual Disability Sailing Working Party: David Staley presented the Intellectual Disability Sailing Working Party report. Progress has been made in contracting MOU with VIRTUS. Several clubs in Australia have been contacted for
organizing an event, a proposal has been received for 2022. To be circulated to the Committee.


The Para Sailing Race Management Manual has been reviewed with input from Chu Chun and the WP. Draft is now prepared for formatting.

PWS Technical delegate guide has little more information than the generic TD Guide. It is suggested to delete the PWS TD Guide.

Appendix CBS for Blind Match Racing has been reviewed, and is quite close to being finalized. Once approved, will be included on WS Website.

NOR and SI templates for Blind Sailing (fleet racing and match racing) continue to be under development.

Para sailing Classification Rules for WS are not to undergo major changes

c) To discuss the working relationship with World Sailing Committees:

Brian Todd – Equipment Committee
Bernard Destrube – Medical Committee
Jens Kroker – Athletes Commission.

Brian noted the importance of engaging with other WS committees.

Jens noted that input from para sailors was welcomed at the Athletes Commission. Another opportunity to promote inclusive sailing.

3. International Paralympic Committee and 2028 Paralympic Games

a) To receive a report on the IPC relationship: WS is continuing to work with IPC although some meetings have been cancelled during the year due to Covid. All sports having difficulty with cancellation of events.

b) To discuss possible steps for future reinstatement to the 2028 Paralympic Sports Program (Timelines and Application for Reinstatement into 2028 Paralympic Games): The proposed next step of the application process for 2028 as foreseen by IPC is to commence Phase 1 at the end of 2021 and concluding at the end of 2022. Details to be confirmed.

Betsy noted that we need to keep in mind the importance of encouraging all MNAs to provide opportunities for para sailors to compete at a local, national and international level. Being able to document the range of participation in events is key to the sport’s application.

Brian enquired if the IPC would count participation in classes which were not the adopted para sailing equipment. Massimo
noted that any athletes who are classified and participate in a listed event and on the ranking list – includes Challenger trimaran, Martin 16 etc.

It is important to communicate regularly (monthly) to the MNAs seeking data from all events including para sailors. Web based functionality for people to add events to the WS database.

4. **Para World Sailing Strategic Plan 2020-2023**
   a) To discuss progress toward achieving the goals set out in the 2020-2023 Para World Sailing Strategic Plan: Massimo shared a presentation on progress that World Sailing has made towards the goals set out in the Strategic Plan during 2020-2023

5. **Events**
   a) Impact of Covid-19 on Para Sailing Events: Many events were programmed, across the globe. All major international championships have been cancelled except one event in Hamburg.
   b) 2020 Events: Estonia has organized several clinics including neighbouring countries. Good participation. German 2.4 Championship.

A good number of national events has been maintained.

Inclusive World Championship in Germany, 17 boats, 6 countries from 2 continents. Good media coverage. It is planned be organized again in 2021. (Combination was one athlete with any type of disability and one able-bodied athlete.)

   c) 2021 Para World Sailing Championships in conjunction with class World Championship:

2.4mR Class Association Tim Ripley – Need to determine how the Para World Sailing Championship will work within future Open 2.4mR Championships. PWSC currently committed to 2.4mR One Design.

RS Sailing Dan Jaspers – Charter boats will be provided for Travemünde next year. Class rules are being updated and National representatives are being sought to assist development and establishment of World Sailing Class Association for the RS Venture Connect. Open to reviewing seating options.

Hansa Class Association Bob Schahinger – NOR for Worlds in Palermo is being finalised and should be published within the next week. Event includes Para World Sailing Championships.

   d) 2022 Sailing World Championships:
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World Master games
Gay Games Sailing will be first inclusive sport to be included
Intellectual Disabilities WC hopefully included in Virtus Regional Games.

e) Other Future Events:
2.4 WC in Norway 7-47 Aug
RS Venture WC Germany 23/07 -01/08 August
Hansa WC Italy 2-9 October
Inclusive Championship in Hamburg
Regional Championships
The Sailing World Championships in The Hague has been postponed to 2023

6. Paralympic Development Program
a) To receive a report regarding the PDPs situation and an update regarding the planned events for 2021:

4 PDPs were planned, but budgets were cancelled, and then COVID put an end to PDPs in 2020.

Then focus turned to Webinars, focussing on world regions that were lacking participation. Caribbean, Asia has been involved in webinars, with Para Sailing included in the official webinar program by the Asian Paralympic Committee with 3 webinars.

Plans for 2021 PDPs are underway - 1st PDP in Singapore July 2021. There is a long term program to have PDPs in Singapore, sponsored by a social project for underprivileged youth. Jevan Tan reported about the long-term plan to have annual PDPs in Singapore. Aiming to commence mid-2021.

Plans to have a before Claggett regatta in USA.

PDP before Hansa Worlds in Palermo.

Possible PDP in South America, where many countries are not participating as yet.

PDP in South Africa before end of 2021. SKUD, SV14, and Hansa boats available

b) Update on Online Education Sessions by MD and Rob Holden to expand Para Sailing and on the Online Education series with the Asian Paralympic Committee: Rob reported on the webinars 4 webinars with an average of 35 people on each call (mainly administrators, coaches, organisers). A very positive response.

7. World Sailing Trust
To receive a report on the World Sailing Trust and the Access Fund: Massimo presented a World Sailing Trust report, highlighting the continued support received from the Trust and the inclusion of Para Sailing in of the two goals.

Dan Reading noted work on “White Label” Sustainability Standard.

8. Submissions

To consider and give an opinion to Council on the following submissions for which the Board is the Reporting Committee:

a) Submission 008-20 – Training and Development Budget - Establish a base budget for World Sailing Training and Development Programs – A submission from Sail Canada, US Sailing and the Chairman of the Development & Regions Committee.

Moved David Staley the PWSC note its strong support for 008-20 in concept and principle, but recommend to defer to mid-year meeting. Seconded Scott Perry. Carried.

b) Submission 016-20 – Para World Sailing Funding through 2024 – To ensure financial support for Para Sailing - A submission from Sail Canada and US Sailing.

Moved Bernard Destrube that the PWSC recommend 016-20 is approved, noting that while the Committee does not want to constrain new board capacity for financial management, Para Sailing requires a firm commitment of significant funding to maintain activity and support reinstatement of sailing in the Paralympic Sports program. Seconded Brian Todd. Carried with one abstention.

9. Annual Report

To receive the Chairman’s annual report to the World Sailing Council: Betsy highlighted the key work of the PWSC through a very difficult time and continuing to make progress against the Strategic Plan.

10. Any Other Business

a) Recommendations not based on submissions

The Para World Sailing Committee, in close collaboration with the World Sailing Board, has worked hard to prepare a powerful case for the reinstatement of Para Sailing in the Paralympic Games. We are now at a point in the process for LA 2028 where we need to engage the public, the International Paralympic Committee, and the IOC, and we are convinced that we will need professional assistance in moving the application forward. The PWSC therefore requests the support of Council with the following,

Recommendation:
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That World Sailing secure the services of an external consultant to work with the PWSC and the Board in the finalization and promotion of the formal application to the IPC and its Board, the IOC, and the general public for the reinstatement of Para Sailing in the 2028 Paralympic Games sport program.

Moved Jens Kroker, Seconded Brian Todd, that the recommendation above be forwarded to World Sailing Council.

b) 2022 Para World Sailing Championship for Intellectual Impairment

PWSC approves the event in principle and wishes to progress the proposal. Massimo will put the proposal forward to the new Board for approval and then move on with development of the event contract and appointment of officials.

c) Thank yous

Betsy noted her sincere thanks to Massimo Dighe for dedication and hard work as Para World Sailing Manager and to Scott Perry at the Board Representative for all his support since the merger of IFDS with World Sailing. Thank you to all the Para World Sailing Committee members, including those who will not be continuing on the Committee. Brian Todd has been a strong contributor to the PWSC and has had a strong involvement in Para Sailing since 2007 - many thanks Brian.

Meeting Closed at 2100 UTC on Sunday 18 October 2020