Youth Events Sub-committee Minutes

The Youth Event Sub-committee met at 11:00 – 14:00 hrs UTC on Wednesday 22 October 2020 and at 11:00 – 14:00 hrs on Thursday 23 October 2020, via conference call at Bluejeans Meetings

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

The Sub-committee may make a recommendation to the Events Committee on any item of its agenda.

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Present:
Cory Serlt (USA) – Chairman
Charles Glover (GBR) – Vice-Chairman
Marianne Davis (CAN)
Mark Turnbull (AUS)
Pei Ming Chung (SGP)
Sofia Tedin (ARG)
Ting-Hsiang Kuo (TPE)
Sucharita Kamath (IND)

In Attendance:
Pedro Rodrigues – Events Manager
Matthew Wheaton – Competitions Manager
Catherine Duncan – Training & Development Executive
Rod Holden – Training Delivery Manager
David Graham – CEO
Alastair Fox – Director of Events
Scott Over – Commercial Director
Daniel Smith – Director of Communications and Digital
Elisabeth Owen – Social Media Executive

Apologies:
Anastasia Chernova (RUS)

1. Opening of the Meeting
   a) Welcome from the Chairman

   The Chairman welcomed the committee members and observers and opened the meeting.

   The Chairman gave the word to David Graham, World sailing CEO which welcomed everyone and thanked the committee members for their time and commitment to World Sailing. Regretting that we cannot meet in person, but cost savings is positive. Recognized the Youth Worlds as a phenomenal event and paramount in the development of the sport as youth participation is essential.
Sponsorship is a challenge, and a high priority. Preparing pitch which includes YW. Confident there will be a sponsor before winter 2021. Thanking all suppliers of equipment.

b) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were noted.

c) Declaration of Conflicts of Interests

No new potential conflict of interest was declared.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

a) Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 27 October 2019 (circulated and approved after the meeting) were noted and approved. The minutes can be downloaded at http://www.sailing.org/meetings

b) Minutes Matters Arising

There were no items not covered elsewhere on this agenda.

3. Events Committee November 2019 and May 2020 Meetings

The Committee Chair gave a verbal report on activities to the Events Committee.

4. Annual Report

The Chairperson’s report to the Chairman of the Events Committee on the activities of the Youth Events Sub-committee for the period 1 January 2020 to date was noted.

5. Emerging Nations Programme

Rob Holden, World Sailing Training Delivery Manager gave an update on the Emerging Nations Programme. Noted that SAP is supporting an online training program and webinars. WS is actively dealing with small numbers of sailors and approximately 25 MNA’s.

6. Youth Olympic Games

Alastair Fox, World Sailing Director of Events gave a report on the Youth Olympic Games as Dakar was postponed until 2026.

Priorities: Universality, Olympic pathway, safe simple and sustainable. Soft and hard legacies (volunteers and knowledge and equipment)

Requested 6 events – men’s and women’s windsurfer, dinghies and kite (mixed kite if 5 events)

IOC approved 6 events and raised overall athlete quota to 128 (not many sports have done that)

Formula Kite – to match Paris Olympics.

No additional information from IOC since announcement of postponement. Expect events and quota to remain the same. Approval of qualification systems are on hold until after Tokyo. Equipment selection process is on hold until after Tokyo Olympics.
Focus on legacy – equipment, engage more countries to initiate and support activity in Africa. Help spur funding from other sources. Rob Holden engaged in developing programs by engaging coaches in Africa. Equipment and lack of continental championships is a challenge. Sometimes Laser championships. Trying to get regular championships going is important, maybe alternating Southern and Northern championships with African Championships.

7. **Equipment Suppliers**

The chair invited a verbal report from the Youth Events Sub-committee Builder's Representative (Chris Turner - Ovington) on the supply of equipment to the Youth Sailing World Championships. He suggested that a builder representative should be a member of the committee and also involved in the evaluation of the bids to organize future events.

8. **Youth Sailing World Championships: Review of Event Strategy**

Charles Glover presented the Youth Sailing MNA Research results. A summary of the conclusions was presented and included in the report to the Events Committee. It was agreed that further analysis of the findings should be undertaken and priorities for the next stages of work were to be agreed. The aim will be to carry this work through into the new committee when appointed in January 2021.

9. **The 2020 Youth Sailing World Championship, Salvador, BRA 12-19 December (cancelled)**


11. **Future Championships**

   a) Bid process and documents for December 2021

   Pedro Rodrigues reported on the ongoing bid process and his plans for revisions or changes to the Event’s Manual. It was noted that the office had received 10 expressions of interest from prospective host for December 2021. The timeline for bid was noted and the intention for the committee to review the bids starting in early December.

   b) 2022 Youth Sailing World Championship, The Hague, NED

   Due to commitments with accommodation, the organizers requested for the event to start on Friday (one day earlier) and finish one day earlier, which was accepted. An entry fee of 1340€ was approved.

   c) Calendar/scheduling with major international events.

The status of international youth event calendar and position of championship within international youth sailing arena was discussed.

12. **Submissions**

   a) To consider and make a recommendation to the Events Committee on the following submissions:
i. Submission 033-20 from the International Formula Kite Class Association regarding the Equipment for Kiteboarding event at the World Sailing Youth World Championships

**Opinion: Approve**

ii. Submission 034-20 from the Chairman of the Equipment Committee regarding Equipment for Windsurfing events at the Youth Sailing World Championships

**Opinion: Defer** with the following comment:

The intention for 2021 event is to use the Techno 293+ equipment. The Committee would like flexibility to be able to consider foiling equipment for July 2022 and recognize this decision should be made at least one year ahead and will need the approval the event host.

We request that the Equipment Committee study all the available options for Youth foiling equipment for the July 2022 Youth World Championships

iii. Submission 035-20 from the International Formula Kite Class Association and the Chairman of the World Sailing Classes Committee regarding the replacement for postponed Youth Olympic Games.

**Opinion: Reject** with the following comment:

Youth Worlds is scheduled for 2022. An alternate event would be too close together with the Youth Worlds, require World Sailing resources and not have benefit of cost being covered by IOC. The Committee supports focus on regions having events that include youth sailors rather than another global event.

b) To make recommendations on any other submissions

i. Submission 08-20 from Training & Development Budget - Establish a base budget for World Sailing Training and Development Programs

**Opinion: Approved** with the following comment:

Training and development is the foundation of our sport in helping to drive participation in both recreational and competitive sailing.

It is essential that the Training and Development Department is sufficiently funded to deliver an appropriate suite of programs and services.

Whilst recognising that the 'ideal budget' is not always available, because of broader financial pressures, discretionary budgets such as training and development, should not be disproportionately cut.

There should be clear policy guidance established that ensures there is an appropriate balance of attention for this vital area of World Sailing’s activity.

The Committee therefore fully support the recommendation that the Training and Development budget is directly linked as a percentage of the overall World Sailing budget.

ii. Submission 32-20 - Regulation 25.2.1 - Approval of World Championships and other Events

**Opinion: Approve**
13. **Any Other Business**

No other business.