

WINDSURFING COMMITTEE

MET AT 0930 – 1330 HOURS ON SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2005 AT THE GRAND COPTHORNE WATERFRONT HOTEL, SINGAPORE



Present:

Phil Jones – Acting Vice Chairman
Aaron Botzer
Marc Cardon
Cowen Chiu
Bruno De Wannemaeker
Mike Dempsey
Jerome Pels

Tomasz Holc
Rich Jeffries
Nicolas Kaklamanakis
Shuxia Meng
Alessandra Sensini
Ceri Williams – Classes Committee Representative

Apologies:

Jorunn Horgen – Acting Chairman
Ronald Kobrick
Anja Mueller
Deborah Powell

Not present:

Paul Maes

MINUTES

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Before starting on the business of the agenda the Committee Members each gave a short introduction on his or hers background.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Minutes

The Committee noted the minutes of the Windsurfing Committee meeting of 7 November 2004 (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 the agenda).

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2. NEIL PRYDE RS:X

(a) Update Report

The Committee received an update report from Rich Jeffries about the class and the class activities. The support of Neil Pryde was very much appreciated by ISAF and the sailors. At events some problems occurred with the new equipment but this was always quickly resolved because of the excellent back up provided by the team of Neil Pryde. Small adjustments to the equipment such as the mast extension have been made.

Several Committee members expressed great concern over the roll out and introduction of the Neil Pryde RS:X. There is evidence that the distribution may not have been fair and equal for all countries. Ailsa Angus informed the meeting that the roll out probably has not been perfect but that the distribution problems were now a thing of the past and that there are enough boards available to satisfy demand. If anyone experiences problems, they should not hesitate to contact either Neil Pryde and or ISAF.

(b) Class Rules

The Committee received a copy and noted the current Class Rules. It was agreed that when further changes are introduced, the Committee will be informed of those changes.

3. ISAF ADVERTISING CODE

Submission 008-05 and submission 009-05

The Committee considered submission 008-05 from the International Formula Windsurfing Class Association about the change of Class Rule C4.1 and submission 009-05 from the International Funboard Association regarding the change of Class Rule C4.1.

Recommendation to Council

It was noted that the submission could not be approved as it did not comply with the ISAF Regulations.

However it was agreed in the Committee that the current Advertising Code was not practical and that the advertising code should be amended for windsurfing. There are two issues: A clear definition of the maximum size of the events advertising, for which a maximum of 1m² is proposed. Secondly the place in the sail should be better defined to avoid obstructing the clear view for the sailor. It was agreed that the classes should address the issue and come forward with a joint proposal to change the regulation, to be made as a submission to ISAF through the chairman of the Windsurfing Committee.

WINDSURFING COMMITTEE (CONT).

4. APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION AS A RECOGNIZED AND INTERNATIONAL CLASSES

(a) Submission 030-05

The Committee considered submission 030-05 from the RS:X Class about granting a recognized status to the RS:X Class.

Recommendation to Council

The Windsurfing Committee recommends to Council accepting submission 030-05 from the RS:X Class about granting a recognized status to the RS:X Class. It was noted that the class also complies with the requirements of number of continent and nations to be an International Class.

Vote: unanimous

(b) Submission 031-05

The Committee considered submission 031-05 from the Techno 293 Class about granting an International status to the Techno 293 Class. The Committee noted that the application is currently for a one design board with a box rule sail and an 'approved sail makers' list. Some Committee members urged the class to adopt a single design sail, as soon as possible and keep the cost down.

Recommendation to Council

The Windsurfing Committee recommends to Council accepting submission 031-05 from the Techno 293 about granting an International status to the Techno 293. The class believes the distribution requirements are met. It was noted that all windsurfing classes supported this submission as this class is important for the youth development of Windsurfing. The committee was also reminded that this class application was fully supported by the committee in November 2004 but that the application failed to be accepted because of technical issues which no longer existed.

Vote: unanimous

5. STANDARD MEASUREMENT FOR WINDSURF SAILS

The Committee considered submission 045-05 from Federation Française de Voile about establishing and publishing a standard method for Area Measurement of Windsurf Sails.

Recommendation to Council

The Windsurfing Committee recommends to Council to support submission 045-05 from Federation Française de Voile in principle about establishing and publishing a standard method for Area Measurement of Windsurf Sails. However it was noted that an ISAF standard already exists in the ISAF Guide to Measurement and calculation of sail area but this may not be very well known.

Vote: unanimous

WINDSURFING COMMITTEE (CONT).

6. FORMAT 2008 OLYMPIC SAILING REGATTA

(a) Submission 025-05

The Committee considered late submission 025-05 from the President about the format of the 2008 Olympic Sailing Competition. The Committee noted that it is important for the sailors that they need to know as soon as possible what the format is going to be.

Recommendation to Council

The Committee supports in principle. However there is concern about item (d) the, weighted scoring, and the affect this will have on the fairness of the competition.

Vote: Unanimous

(b) Submission 053-05

The Committee considered submission 053-05 from the Chairman of the Events Committee about the new format for Windsurfing Events at the 2008 Olympic Sailing Committee.

Recommendation to Council

The Windsurfing Committee recommends to Council accepting submission 053-05 from the Chairman of the Events Committee about the new format for Windsurfing Events at the 2008 Olympic Sailing Committee.

(c) Submission 054-05

The Committee considered submission 054-05 from the International Funboard Class Association about the slalom at the Olympic Sailing Committee.

Recommendation to Council

The Windsurfing Committee recommends to Council rejecting submission 054-05 from the International Funboard Class Association about the slalom at the Olympic Sailing Committee. Add 'in suitable conditions'

Vote: 4 in favour, 5 against and 2 abstentions

7. QUALIFICATION SYSTEM FOR THE 2008 OLYMPIC SAILING COMPETITION

The Committee considered submission 078-05 from the Hong Kong Sailing Federation about the Qualification Events in the 2008 Olympic Sailing Competitions.

Recommendation to Council

The Windsurfing Committee recommends to Council supporting submission 078-05 from the Hong Kong Sailing Federation about the Qualification Events in the 2008 Olympic Sailing Competitions.

Vote: unanimous

WINDSURFING COMMITTEE (CONT).

8. ISAF EVENTS – EQUIPMENT

The Committee considered submission 083-05 from the Executive Committee about ISAF Regulation 17.1 regarding the exemption for the Neil Pryde RS:X, for ISAF Events in 2006 and 2007 only.

Recommendation to Council

The Windsurfing Committee recommends to Council accepting submission 083-05 from the Executive Committee about ISAF Regulation 17.1 regarding the exemption for the Neil Pryde RS:X, for ISAF Events in 2006 and 2007.

Vote: unanimous

9. ISAF YOUTH SAILING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP – EQUIPMENT

(a) Submission 088-05

The Committee considered submission 088-05 from the Chairman of the Events Committee about ISAF Regulation 17.4.10 regarding the **Windsurfing Boys and Girls** equipment. The Committee supported the class position of choosing the 8.5m² for both boys and girls.

Recommendation to Council

*The Windsurfing Committee recommends to Council accepting submission 088-05 from the Chairman of the Events Committee about ISAF Regulation 17.4.10 regarding the **Windsurfing Boys and Girls** equipment.*

Vote: unanimous

(b) Submission 089-05

The Committee considered submission 089-05 from the Chairman of the Events Committee about ISAF Regulation 17.4.10 regarding the deletion of the Mistral class.

Recommendation to Council

The Windsurfing Committee recommends to Council accepting submission 089-05 from the Chairman of the Events Committee about ISAF Regulation 17.4.10 regarding the deletion of the Mistral class.

Vote: 9 in favour, 0 against and 2 abstentions

(c) Submission 090-05

The Committee considered submission 090-05 from the International Mistral Class Organization about ISAF Regulation 17.4.10 regarding the **Mistral** class.

WINDSURFING COMMITTEE (CONT).

Recommendation to Council

*The Windsurfing Committee recommends to Council rejecting submission 090-05 from the International Mistral Class Organization about ISAF Regulation 17.4.10 regarding the **Mistral** class.*

Vote: 1 in favour of the submission, 8 against and 3 abstentions

10. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES OF SAILING AND THE APPENDICES

(a) Submission 139-05

The Committee considered submission 139-05 from the Bulgarian Sailing Federation, Federation Française de Voile, and the International Funboard Class Association about ISAF Rule B3.1.

Recommendation to Council

The Windsurfing Committee recommends to Council accepting submission 139-05 from the Bulgarian Sailing Federation, Federation Française de Voile, and the International Funboard Class Association about ISAF Rule B3.

Vote: Unanimous

(b) Submission 140-05

The Committee considered submission 140-05 from the International Funboard Class Association about ISAF Rule B3.2.

Recommendation to Council

The Windsurfing Committee recommends to Council accepting submission 140-05 from the International Funboard Class Association about ISAF Rule B3.2.

Vote: Unanimous

(c) Submission 141-05

The Committee considered submission 141-05 from the International Funboard Class Association about ISAF Rule B5.2.

Recommendation to Council

The Windsurfing Committee recommends to Council accepting submission 141-05 from the International Funboard Class Association about ISAF Rule B5.2.

Vote: Unanimous

11. CLASS REPORTS

The Committee received verbal and/or written progress reports from representatives from the International and Recognised Windsurfing Classes.

WINDSURFING COMMITTEE (CONT).

12. ANNUAL REPORT

To note the Chairman's report to the ISAF Council meeting of 10 November 2005 on the activities of the Windsurfing Committee for the period 1 January 2005 to date.

13. ISAF STRATEGIC PLAN

(a) Presentation

The Committee received a presentation from ISAF Vice-President Fiona Barron and noted the ISAF Strategic Plan.

(b) Recommendation

The Committee considered recommendations to the 2006 ISAF Mid-Year Meeting on actions to implement the ISAF Strategic Plan specifically in areas where it affects the Committee's terms of reference.

14. WORKSHOP

Future of windsurfing, 4 year plan was discussed in a separate, informal session of the Committee

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Ceri Williams on behalf of Deborah Powell: Stressed the importance of youth events for the RS:X class.
- Bruno de Wannemaeker: What are the developments on World Cup Series? Rich Jeffries of the RS:X class pointed out there is a submission on a World Cup Series for the Olympic Classes, which will include the RS:X class. The initiative is very much supported by the Class. The Committee noted the comment heard from sailors meetings that such an initiative should include the option of prize money.
- Marc Cardon: Expressed the wish that the Committee would at some stage talk about youth policies and development.
- The acting Chairman, Phil Jones was thanked for stepping in for the Chairman Jorunn Horgen who was congratulated by the meeting of the birth of her second son.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed