

**Minutes of the meeting of the General Assembly of  
the Pan American Sailing Federation (PASAF)  
held on 16th July 2015 in Toronto, Canada**

The President of PASAF welcomed the attendees and asked for a minute of silence in memory of Rich Jeffries, friend and colleague and long standing member of the PASAF Executive Committee, who passed away earlier in the year.

The following 19 members of PASAF were represented by delegates at the General Assembly:

Argentina  
Bermuda  
Brazil  
Canada  
Chile  
Colombia  
Cuba  
Dominican Republic  
Ecuador  
Guatemala  
Mexico  
Nicaragua  
Paraguay  
Peru  
Puerto Rico  
Uruguay  
USA  
US Virgin Islands  
Venezuela

1) Minutes of the Previous General Assembly

The President asked if there were any comments or issues arising from the minutes of the previous meeting of the PASAF General Assembly held in 2011 in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. There were no comments or issues arising.

2) Report by the President

The President reported on the achievements of the past 4 years since the last General Assembly. In addition to overseeing sailing at the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto there were several achievements during the last 4 years. These were summarized as follows:

- the PASAF Constitution was revised and amended
- a comprehensive list of PASAF contacts has been compiled and circulated
- 2 new members were added, Nicaragua and Haiti
- a new PASAF web site, designed and managed by PASAF VP Cor van Aanholt, has been launched

- an equipment survey was carried out, with responses from 21 members
- a list of regional International Race Officers was assembled
- an appeal board was constituted to offer smaller MNAs an appeal facility if this does not exist within their country
- a PASAF Qualification Committee was formed for the management and communication of the qualification process for the TO2015 Games
- a social media program was launched and is now followed by about 400 individuals
- a 10th medal (event) in the 49erFX was secured for sailing at the Pan Am Games in Toronto
- PASAF obtained approval from ISAF and the IOC for 4 Rio 2016 Olympic qualifying places at the 2015 Toronto Pan Am Games, 2 each in the Laser Standard and Laser Radial events

- 3) The Treasurer, David Covo, presented a preliminary report (attached) on the financial situation of PASAF. A final report will be circulated when expenses associated with the TO2015 Games have been tabulated.
- 4) PASAF Vice President Coco Barreda reported on the planning for the sailing competition at the 2019 Pan American Games in Lima Peru.
- 5) Elections were held for the 7 PASAF Vice Presidents with the following results:
 

North America (2)	David Covo (CAN) and Jack Gierhart (USA)
Central America and Mexico	Ralph Nelles (MEX)
Caribbean (2)	Eric Tulla (PUR) and Hector Duval (DOM)
South America (2)	John Bennett (BRA) and Pablo Masseroni (ARG)

Lima, Peru, will appoint the 8th member.
- 6) Elections for President were held which were won by John Bennett (BRA) who will serve for the next 4 years until the Lima 2019 Pan American Games.
- 7) President John Bennett took the chair, thanking past President Scott Perry for his leadership of PASAF over the last quadrennial, and outgoing vice-presidents Elizabeth Filter, Coco Barreda and Cor van Aanholt for their many contributions to PASAF and the Pan Am Games in the same period. He also thanked outgoing vice-president Peter Hall in particular for the crucial role that he has played - as PASAF liaison with the senior administration of TO2015 - at every step along the way in the planning for the 2015 Games.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8pm.

The PASAF Executive Committee