

**MINUTES of the  
Ordinary General Assembly of the  
Pan Am Sailing Federation  
August 2, 2019**

1. The Meeting was called to order by President John Bennett (BRA) at 1735 hrs.

At this point, Mr. Bennett asked Fred Hagedorn (USA), Secretary General, to take over the management of the meeting.

2. Mr. Hagedorn started with a roll call of the MNAs and Executive Committee Members in attendance:

MNAs (21 voting delegates):

South America - ARG, BRA, CHI, ECU, PAR, PER, URU, VEN;

Central America – ESA, GUA, MEX, NCA;

Caribbean and Bermuda – ANT, BAR, CAY, CUB, DOM, PUR, ISV;

North America – CAN, USA.

Ex Com Members, not also serving as MNA Delegates (4 voting Ex Com members):

David Covo (CAN), Hector Duval (DOM), Fred Hagedorn (USA), and Pablo Masseroni (ARG).

Other Ex Com Members:

John Bennett (BRA), Alberto Dana (MEX), Coco Barreda (PER).

Guest: Kim Andersen, President of World Sailing.

3. The Minutes of the 2015 Ordinary General Assembly were moved, seconded and approved by unanimous vote.
4. A number of Regulations approved over the past 4 years by the Executive Committee were placed on the table by the Executive Committee for Ratification by the General Assembly.
  - a. It was moved and seconded to ratify the Regulation permitting Electronic Voting via Tele/Video Conference, E-Mail, or Voting App. Approved unanimously.
  - b. It was moved and seconded to ratify the creation of an Athletes Commission and Statute. Approved unanimously.
  - c. It was moved and seconded to ratify a Regulation putting in place an Election Protocol for this meeting. Hector Duval (DOM) raised some concerns with the regulation as proposed by the Executive Committee. William Canfield (ISV) asked if the regulation was consistent with World Sailing procedures for the selection of delegates to Council. Kim Andersen, President of World Sailing, and several others present provided additional comments. After some discussion, the vote was called. The regulation was ratified by a vote of 20-5-0 (yea's-no's-abstentions)

5. President's Report Mr. Bennett thanked the Executive Committee Members for their service over the past 4 years. Jorge Barreda (PER) was especially thanked for all of his efforts on behalf of these Pan Am Games. The work of Secretary General Hagedorn and Treasurer, David Covo (CAN) was also acknowledged, with appreciation. Mr. Bennett then commented on PASAF's growth in country participation from 20 MNAs in 2015 to 26 in these Games, on the addition of the 11<sup>th</sup> medal, on the addition of 20 athletes to the athlete quota and on the increase from 4 to 10 in the number of Olympic Country Qualifiers.
6. Financial Report: Mr. Covo shared the Preliminary Report of our Quadrennial Financial Position at 2 August 2019. With the additional revenues associated with the use of Support Boats at the 2019 Games, we will be enjoying a net revenue over 4 years of approximately \$4800. Copies of the Preliminary Report were made available at the meeting.
7. Member Subscriptions: As of the start of this meeting, 24 of the 34 MNAs had paid their Quadrennial Subscriptions of US \$200 each.
8. Applications for Membership: In the past 4 years we have received one formal application from Bolivia. Unfortunately, this MNA is not as yet recognized by World Sailing, a requirement for membership in PASAF. We will continue to work with Bolivia, Nicaragua, Haiti and other Pan Am countries interested in building MNAs and joining the PASAF/World Sailing family.
9. Lima 2019 Games Update: We have 168 athletes from 26 countries competing in 11 events. We will be allocating 10 country qualification slots for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics in 5 events – Men's Dinghy, Women's Dinghy, and Continental Qualification in the Men's Skiff, Women's Skiff and the Mixed Multihull. Our Race Committee and volunteers are ready to put on a great event beginning on 3 August 2019.
10. Amendments to the Constitution: These proposals require a minimum 2/3 majority. With 25 votes, this means that a minimum of 17 votes are needed to adopt an amendment to the Constitution at this meeting.
  - a. It was moved and seconded to adopt an amendment to the Constitution that would change the effective date of the election of the President and Vice Presidents to be at the conclusion of the Pan Am Games. This amendment, effective immediately, was approved by a vote of 23-0-1.
  - b. It was moved and seconded to adopt an amendment revising the Constitution to change our use name to Panam Sailing, to reorganize selected sections for clarity, to incorporate the ratified regulations, and to add two athletes to the Executive Committee (one male, one female) and selected by the Athletes Commission.

These amendments, effective at the end of the 2019 Pan Am Games, were approved by a vote of 22-0-1.

11. General Secretary's Report: Mr. Hagedorn thanked the Assembly for their approval of all of the efforts of the Executive Committee over the past 4 years. He also re-emphasized the impact of our having 26 Countries competing in Sailing. The only 2 sports that have more country participation are Athletics (41) and Aquatics (37). WE need to see how we can first get all of our members (33) competing to participate in the Pan Am Games, and then how to get the remaining counties in Panam Sports (8) to become sailing nations.

12. Elections:

- a. The Assembly broke up into the 4 Regions and elected their Vice President(s):
  - i. North America elected David Covo (CAN) and Fred Hagedorn (USA)
  - ii. Caribbean & Bermuda elected "Pat" Bailey (ISV) and Penny McIntyre (BAR)
  - iii. Central America and Mexico elected Alberto Dana (MEX)
  - iv. South America elected John Bennett (BRA) and Louis Velasco (ARG)
- b. After introducing the 7 Vice Presidents to the Assembly, Nominations were taken from the Assembly as to which Vice President will be the President from 2019-2023. Mr. John Bennett was nominated, seconded and elected by acclamation by the Assembly.

13. New Business:

Mr. Kim Andersen, President of World Sailing, addressed the assembly. He provided an update on current initiatives underway at World Sailing, commenting, among other things, on the need to increase our media presence. He reassured the assembly that Sailing remains a core Olympic sport and congratulated PASAF on having been able to integrate more Olympic events in the Pan Am Games program without sacrificing key Pan Am development events.

Mr. Gustavo Coll (URU). President of the South American Sailing Association, announced the creation of a South American Championship in multiple Equipment Classes to be held Easter Week in 2020 in Uruguay.

Mr. Hagedorn returned the gavel to Mr. Bennett. Mr. Bennet adjourned the meeting at 1945 hours.