



**PASAF Executive Committee  
Minutes  
November 25, 2019  
Conference Call**

1. Meeting was called to **Order** at 1810 hours (ET) by Secretary General (USA).
2. **Present on the Call** – Secretary-General & VP Fred Hagedorn (USA), Treasurer & VP David Covo (CAN), VP Pat Bailey (ISV), VP John Bennett (BRA), VP Alberto Dana (MEX), VP Penny McIntyre (BAR) and VP Luis Velasco (ARG), Ricardo Navarro (BRA) – WS ITD for the 2023 Pan Am Games.

Regrets, Leo Dreyer, Host MNA Representative.

3. **MINUTES** There were no Minutes to approve as this was the first official meeting of the Executive Committee of this quad. It should be noted that those members available met in Paracas, Peru, a few evenings after the 2019 AGM, at which time John Bennett led a wide-ranging conversation about Panam Sailing, Panam Sports, and our challenges in the upcoming Quad. No decisions were taken.
4. **REPORT of the President** This is our first meeting without a person in the role of President, as John Bennett had previously resigned from this role due to the realities of the Start-up Business that he has been recruited to guide.
5. **Confirm Nominations** Shortly after being elected President, John Bennett had informed the Executive Committee of his nomination of VP Fred Hagedorn (USA) as Secretary General and of VP David Covo (CAN) as Treasurer. These nominations were unanimously **APPROVED**.
6. **Election of Bolivia as a Member MNA** Bolivia's MNA has requested acceptance as a member nation of Panam Sailing. Having been accepted as a MNA of World Sailing, it has met its final requirement to be elected to be a member. Bolivia was unanimously **APPROVED** as the 35<sup>th</sup> Member National Authority of Panam Sailing.
7. **Report of the Site Selection Review in Chile** Ricardo Navarro, ITD for the 2023 Panam Games for Sailing, Fred Hagedorn and Leo Dreyer visited the two recommended Yacht Clubs at Concón Higuierillas and Algarrobo and submitted a Report to the Executive Committee. The recommendation to Santiago 2023 and Panam Sports to hold the Sailing Events in Algarrobo was unanimously **APPROVED**.
8. **Equipment Decision-making Process for the 2023 Panam Games** The first step was for World Sailing to finalize its choices for the 2024 Games. This was done in November 2019 at the World Sailing Annual Conference in Bermuda. Next, the IOC needs to confirm the events for 2024 and Panam Sports needs to confirm both the number of Sailing Events as well as the number of Athletes for the 2023 Panam Games - Panam Sailing will advocate for 11 events and 168 athletes, matching what we had in Lima 2019. Once these next two steps are completed, Panam Sailing will be in a position to consider the balance between Olympic Country Qualification in as many events as possible for the 2024



Olympic Games with the need to preserve some events with strong Regional Equipment Classes. The timeframe for this is Fall or early winter of 2020/2021.

9. **2021 Junior Panam Games, Cali, Columbia** – As previously reported to the Executive Committee, Panam Sports has confirmed that Sailing will be one of the sports at the inaugural 2021 Junior Panam Games, with 64 athletes and 5 events. The events must be planned for BOTH the 2023 Panam Games and the 2024 Olympic Games, in all ways, including gender, format and equipment. The reason is that this event is designed by Panam Sports to be an Olympic Development Games and the winners will become Named Athletes, in addition to the Country Qualified entrants in those same events at the 2023 Panam Games, where those events will hopefully be Country Qualification events for the 2024 Olympic Games. It is important to note, firstly, that the 2021 Junior Panam Games will not be a country qualifier for the 2023 Panam Games, and secondly, that the 6 Named (invited) Athletes from the Junior Panam Games will not be counted in the Athlete Quota for the 2023 Panam Games.

To this end, the initial proposal of events to Panam Sports to get Sailing into the 2021 Junior Panam Games was unanimously **APPROVED** as follows:

- Single-handed Dinghy – Men – Laser – 16 athletes
- Single-handed Dinghy – Women – Laser Radial – 16 athletes
- Windsurfing – Men – iFoil – 8 athletes
- Windsurfing – Women – iFoil – 8 athletes
- Foiling Kites – Mixed – Formula Kite – 16 athletes (8 teams of 1 Man and 1 Woman)

Given that these events **MUST** be held as described in the 2023 Panam Games, these 5 events were also **APPROVED** unanimously as 5 of the events to be held at the 2023 Panam Games.

With less than 2 years to go until this event, it was agreed that we need to have a Technical Delegate named as soon as possible. Further, given that this is a Direct Qualification event to the 2023 Panam Games, the Executive Committee also agreed that it should be strongly recommended that this event have an International Technical Delegate (ITD). There are two (2) certified ITDs resident in the Americas, Pat Bailey and Ricardo Navarro, and both attended this meeting and indicated that if named, they would serve. Both names will be recommended by Panam Sailing to the World Sailing EAWP with the added comment that given the shortness of time and the relative lack of Race Management in Calima, COL, where sailing will be held, it would be good if both were named to attend. This approach was unanimously **APPROVED**, with Pat Bailey recusing himself from the vote.

10. **Filling the Role of President** With the resignation of John Bennett from the role of President, Panam Sailing is faced with the challenge of how to do this. There are 3 options to be considered:
- Call an Extraordinary AGM for the purpose of holding an Election (Constitution 7.4 II) between the current VPs to have one named as President (Constitution 7.5 VI);
  - Have the Executive Committee act under Constitution 8.13 to elect from among the VPs to have one serve as President (Constitution 7.5 VI);



- Have the Executive Committee determine that there is no acceptable way to hold an Extraordinary meeting of the AGM where enough Members may attend and that Constitution Article 8.13 does not really cover this circumstance, and so continue without an elected President, while having the Secretary General serving as the external face of Panam Sailing to ACODEPA, Panam Sports and World Sailing under the auspices of Constitution 8.13.

This situation has highlighted a scenario long-unrecognized by our Constitution. The Constitution will need to be amended to correct this oversight. The Executive Committee will draft an appropriate amendment in advance of the 2023 Ordinary AGM to address this.

In the meantime, it was unanimously **APPROVED** to name an Election Commission to lead Panam Sailing through this issue. It was also unanimously **APPROVED** to name David Covo (CAN) and Luis Velasco (ARG) to serve as this Election Commission, with Treasurer Covo serving as Chair.

The Election Commission expects to have a plan in place by the first week in December of 2019.

11. **Old Business** – Secretary General Hagedorn reported that the Athletes’ Commission had had an initial Conference Call to get to know one another and begin to think about the issues facing athletes at this time. They have set up their own WhatsApp group and are considering who they should elect both as President of the Commission and as Members of the Panam Sailing Executive Committee. It is believed that they will hold these elections in the near future.
12. **New Business** – None.

The Meeting was Adjourned at 2010 Hours (ET).