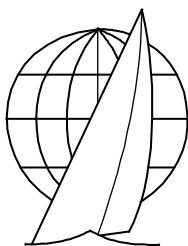


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MINUTES of the **Management Committee** of the Offshore Racing Council held on 6th and 7th November at Le Meridien Hotel , Barcelona, Spain

Present:	Bruno Finzi	(Chairman)
	Don Genitempo	(Deputy Chairman)
	Wolfgang Schaefer	(Deputy Chairman)
	Philip Tolhurst	(Honorary Treasurer)
	Josè Frers	
	Vivian Rodriguez	(Secretary)

Guest: Miguel Rosa

1. Minutes of previous meetings

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Management Committee of 27th and 28th September were approved as circulated.

2. Arrangements for the week

Annual Dinner

Arrangements for the Annual Dinner made by the Secretariat were explained. And everything was confirmed.

3. Preparation of the AGM and EGM

EGM

The Management Committee went through all the items put on the EGM Agenda in order to review all of them especially regarding the Constitution Amendments and the financial report.

The updated version of the Constitution amendments will be provided by Philip to the Secretariat for delivery at the meeting.

The Management Committee went through also the financial report and some clarifications were given by Ken and Tolhurst. The Man. Com. asked Philip Tolhurst to contact the Auditors to find out the possibility of presenting a more understandable report, with one off change, in order to be able to easier explain it to the Councillors and Members.

Don Genitempo set out a vision of the future of ORC and in particular how it should relate to the creation of a new Grand Prix Rule, it was unanimously agreed that there should be a rebranded simple scoring rule and at production Grand Prix Boats, with ORC Club targeting the cruiser/racer fleet.

4. ISAF matters

The relationship with ISAF was discussed and it was agreed to ask ISAF the following as an exchange for the change of our name:

- Signature of Special Regulations Agreement
- be affiliated as an ACO member as we were before the merger
- stop calling us the IMS Group
- to be nominated the custodian of the ISAF Offshore Team Worlds from next year's edition
- to have a permanent seat in ISAF's Council for the ORC representative
- to apply strict the criteria for the definition of International Handicap Rules
- hold and extend the discussion of the Offshore Forum to more people making part of the Offshore World
- Change Paragraph 18.7 of the ISAF Regulation to include Team Event with guarantee to maintain this regulation for the future

Philip Tolhurst reported on his various meetings and conversations with Arve Sundheim, whose reaction was fine to the change of name and who confirmed that the signature of the License Agreement for the special regulations is on the Executive Committee's Agenda to be held next day.

The version of the agreement to be signed, including the amendments made in the month of July, was checked by Bruno and Philip.

It was decided to have a meeting with Paul Henderson and/or David Kellett, if possible, before the EGM in order to know exactly what to tell to our Council at the EGM foreseen on Sunday 9th.

Discussions regarding the ORC representative in the ISAF Council were made and Hans Zuiderbaan, who is nominated until next year, was invited to join the meeting to discuss the matter with him. It was agreed that Hans Zuiderbaan, not being able to be in Barcelona the last days of the Council and not being able to join the mid-year meeting will nominate Bruno Finzi, as Chairman of ORC, as his alternate.

5. Submissions

The Management Committee reviewed all the submissions assigned to the Committee:

- **IMS 50' 4 – ITC Guidance and decisions by September**
The Management Committee is already working with the ITC in this direction
- **KNWV 3 – Publishing of certificates on internet**
The Management Committee strongly recommends the National Authorities to publish them but leaves it up to each N.A.
- **FIV 7 – Halyard locks**
Submission accepted
- **FIV 8 – Permitted Materials**
Submission accepted
- **FIV 11 – IMS 700 Class**
The Management Committee strongly recommends the Offshore Classes & Events Committee to move ahead with this proposal but suggests the change of the name in order to have it as simple as possible (ex.: ORC Sportsboat Class)
- **FIV 12 – IMS 600 Class**
The Management Committee recommends the Offshore Classes & Events Committee to downgrade the Class restrictions and to have category 1 Driver.
- **RFEV 3 – Tighten the requirements to comply with IMS Regulations Part. 4**
The Management Committee is in favour of the philosophy of the submission but leaves the decision to the ITC.

- **RFEV 6 – Tank testing of the most common strut drives**
Already performed in Madrid.
- **RFEV 7 - Rule interpretation procedure**
The Management Committee supports the submission
- **RFEV 8 – To define a clear working system**
The Management Committee supports the submission
- **RFEV 9 – New IMS 670 Class**
The Management Committee encourages the creation of this new Class.
- **RFEV 14 – Allow the use of lifelines with sleeving**
The Management Committee supports the submission

6. Councillors situation

Vivian presented the updated list of Councillors entitled for the 2003 meetings in Barcelona.
The updated list will be distributed at the EGM.

7. Committee Membership

Suggestions on new nominations for the various committees were made by the Management Committee.
Vivian will prepare an updated list of the composition of the various Committees and Bruno will discuss it with the Chairman of each of this Committees. Final list will be presented at the AGM.

8. Grand Prix Rule

The Chairman informed again the Members on the amount ORC is now committed to pay for this first stage within next year, which amounts to 30% of the actual ORC reserves and it was unanimously agreed to continue moving on within that commitment.

9. Any other Business

- The Chairman reported on his discussion with Gerardo Pombo regarding the substitution of Luis Saenz de Mariscal and Miguel Rosa's situation in the Management Committee.
A meeting with Gerardo Pombo and members of the Management Committee will take place to clarify these matters with the RFEV.

- It was remarked several times the necessity of having a good promotion and also the need to come out, after the Barcelona meetings, with some new projects for the forthcoming year informing the Offshore World, by any possible means, the goals of the revitalized ORC:

- product tuned up with the market (IMS modified Rule)
- simplified scoring system

It is suggested to involve Giovanni Iannucci or somebody from his Committee on this target, who together with Jeremy Tolhurst, could possibly come up with various solutions including the change of rule name and, Ecky von der Mosel for what concerns the simplified scoring system.

Giovanni Iannucci was convoked and the wishes and needs for the better promotion, as already stated in a letter submitted last year by Iannucci to the Management Committee, were discussed with him:

- better communication
- monthly newsletter
- link of ORC with the designers
- link with yards building IMS cruising yachts
- advertising of simplified scoring system
- implementation of press releases and coordination of articles
- information abroad of the ITC works

- Discussion with Hans Zuiderbaan regarding IRC recognition as International Handicap Rule was made, as well as for what concerns the Offshore Forum and Ken Ellis revised structure. The proposal is opposed by both the Italian and the Spanish Federations. A revised solution was discussed and recommended to Hans Zuiderbaan.
- With concerns to the IMS Rule, the necessity to make an amendment to Paragraph 101 of these rules was discussed. Philip Tolhurst will draft this amendment so that it states that interpretations issued by the ORC Chief Measurer can be overruled by the Management Committee or by the decisions of the Congress. It will also provide for rule changes by email vote.
- The renewal of the contract for the Scoring Software "Altura 2000" was agreed for a period of 4 years. Philip Tolhurst will refer the contract wording to another lawyer, and will then send it for the signature. It was remarked the need of having 2 programs of scoring software and therefore same promotional level will be given to both "Altura 2000" and "VELUM" (German scoring software).
- The Management Committee determined that there is an urgent need for the position of General Manager of the Company and will be interviewing some people shortly.

9. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held in the beginning of 2004. Dates and venue to be decided.