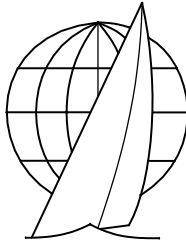


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MINUTES of meeting of the **Management Committee** held on 5th and 7th November 2005 in Singapore

- Present:** Bruno Finzi (Chairman)
Wolfgang Schaefer (Deputy Chairman)
Josè Frers
Vivian Rodriguez (Secretary)
- Consultants:** Sten Edholm
Paolo Massarini
- Apologies:** Don Genitempo (Deputy Chairman)
Gustavo Benavent absent only the 5th November

1. Minutes of previous meetings

The Minutes of previous meeting still in draft form were reviewed and approved.

2. AGM and EGM Preparation

The Management Committee reviewed the items on the EGM and AGM Agendas in order to ensure all papers would be ready for distribution.

3. Financial Report

Philip Tolhurst reported and presented a copy of the "Profit and Loss Summary" and Auditor's "Report and Accounts" year ended 30th September 2005" to be distributed for approval at the EGM.

He also distributed copy of his Memo regarding the Annual Accounts, copy of which will be given to Congress Members at the EGM.

The budgeted loss resulted to be less than expected after the several investments of last year, but in view of future new expenses it is up to the Congress to decide increasing the levies more than it was already agreed during last year's AGM.

A budget for 2006 will be presented to the Congress meeting.

4. Review of Council & Committee Membership

The situation of the current Congress membership as tabulated by Vivian was reviewed.

The renewal of nomination of three Congress Members is still pending. The Chairman will contact the relevant people/National Authorities before the AGM.

The Committee Membership was also reviewed and proposals from the Committee Chairmen were taken into account as follows:

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| ITC | Fabio Fossati to join the committee as research-associate |
| Measurement Committee | Per Boymo to replace Flemming Nielsen Tony Money to replace Mark Robinson |

Special Regulations Committee
Starting from 1st January 2006

Patrick Lindqvist as Chairman to replace Alan Green who will leave the Committee
Minoru Tomita and Sten Edholm as full members and not just co-opted

Offshore Classes & Event's Committee

Peter de Ridder nominated as Classes Deputy Chairman
Zoran Grubisa nominated as Events Deputy Chairman
Thomas Nilsson to replace Estanislao Duran

Promotion & Development Committee

Zoran Grubisa to replace Sven Christensen
Larry Bulman will leave the Committee

5. Submissions 2005

DSV 1 (only f) and SWS 1 (only 4)

The Committee does not support DSV 1 f) and SWS 1 4) according to the financial plan approved by Congress last year.

DSV 2

The Committee after consultation with ITC is not supporting this submission.

DSV 5

The Committee suggests to give both VELUM NG and ALTURA the title of ORC Official Scoring Software.

FIV 1

The Committee supports the sense of the submission and ask the ITC to find a possible definition of a new series date for boats built out of the same old mould but with different appendages or new performing materials. Therefore does not support the submission as it is, but would like to be able to set a new series date definition.

FIV 2

The Committee follows the recommendation of ITC but recommends that the new Level Classes will be allowed to get an IMS certificate with special dispensation for Regulation 305 and 310.

FIV 3

The Committee supports the submission but invites the Chief Measurer to revise the wording and the Regulation accordingly.

KNWV 1

The Committee supports the proposal of the Offshore Classes & Events Committee.

KNWV 3

The Committee is in line with the philosophy of this submission and will continue to explore ways of interfacing with other rating systems.

KNWV 4

The Club Working Group had concluded that the feasibility of combining different rating systems input sheets into a single universal input sheet would require considerable investigation outside the scope of their fall meetings; the item is carried over to the 2006 CWG Agenda. Management Committee would be guided by the CWG advise when it becomes available.

As the issue of IMS/ORC Club certificates is performed by ORC Rating Authorities and IRC certificates by a Club we are not actually in the position to make such arrangements.

ORC Classes & Events Committee 2

The Committee, while acknowledging the spirit of the submission, has decided to keep one single Committee but to award new resources and two Deputy Chairmen so that the increasing number of classes and events could be dealt with.

ORC Classes & Events Committee 3

The Committee supports the submission and will try to liaise with ISAF to amend RRS 78.2 accordingly.

SWE 1

The Committee is in agreement with the sense of the submission and has been working hard together with the ITC to cover the interest of that group of sailors. Research and design with ITC has been continuously developed specifically to protect cruiser/racers.

SWE 2

The Committee agree with the proposal of the Club Working Group.

SWE 3

The Committee agree with the proposal of the Club Working Group.

SWE 6

The Committee in general is in favour of the submission but will need to further investigate any possible copyright issue.

SWS 1 (1,2,3) and DSV 1 (a,b,c,d,e)

The Committee agrees with the proposal of the Club Working Group.

YAI 2

The Committee strongly supports the submission and has been already acting in this direction.

YCA 1

The submission proposes that Offshore Yachting Organizations other than a National Authority be authorized to issue rating certificates, subject to ORC review and approval. The Committee noted that the current Constitution limits membership and representation to National Authorities or bodies designated by National Authorities or to Affiliated Class Associations and that the ORC also issues certificates under its direct authority in some circumstances. It also noted that the ORC has absolute control over the administration of its handicapping rules.

While the Committee agreed with the general sense of the submission and recognized the interest of cruiser/racer organizations in ORC matters, it was felt that deviations from the traditional policy of working through, and in cooperation with National Authorities should be considered in special circumstances and that the general policy should be that organizations determined to be not in conflict with the interest of their National Authorities are welcome.

6. ISAF matters

Philip Tolhurst reported on ISAF matters: after the 2004 November meetings there is a different atmosphere in ISAF and its attitude has changed. ISAF's desire is to be proactive with the sailors doing as much as possible to promote but not manage the sport itself.

On the Special Regulations Philip Tolhurst reported that it is the intention of ISAF, among other things, to work on a shorter version of Category 4 to be widely distributed in Sailing events. The Committee fully agreed that this distributions should be officially made in conjunction with ORC.

7. Promotional Activities, Articles, newsletter, website development

Sten Edholm reported.

ORC first P&D Plan was produced and accepted by P&D and Management Committees early Feb 2005.

New website was up on 1st April and since then visitors have increased from 4.000 to 8.000/month. More than 60 news pieces have been put up with an average of two per week. Six Newsletters have been produced and 1-2 are additionally planned for 2005. The database for distribution of the Newsletter by email has been updated and increased to 1220 addresses.

At least seven pieces were published in Scuttlebutt during the first six months of 2005 and an ORC column in Seahorse is fed according to P&D Plan.

A Country Survey Plan for appropriate actions in 2006 is under development.

Power Point presentations have been produced about ;

- Why go for IMS ?
- IMS (technical structure and scoring principles)
- ORC (Organisation and working procedures)
- ORC Level Classes

These have been used at several seminars and presentations

Spanish version of IMS will shortly be available, has been translated unofficially to several languages by several ORC officers. Furthermore an ORC Club presentation is to be produced before end of 2005

Sten Edholm recommended to produce better material that is easier to understand

8. ORC new Level Classes

Paolo Massarini reported and updated the Committee on the development of the new Level Classes.

The work needs to be completed drafting a Measurement Certificate and a precise set of Measurement Instructions. The Chief Measurer was asked to do this, and he agreed to work on it with Paolo Massarini. Some more people are needed to coordinate promotion, measurement and interpretation issues for the 3 classes, and this will be done in due course.

The special Grand Prix section of the website will have to be extended, providing a separate section for each of the classes, and is intended to be the place where to publish and revise as needed important communications as the racing calendar to be agreed with Owners, interpretations on the Rule and any other relevant topic.

The Committee suggests to unify the racing program for the GP 42 and GP 33 Classes for 2006.

9. Mini Maxi, Wally, IMA and TP52 Classes

The Chairman reported on the Med Circuit of the TP 52 Class, presenting the preliminary calendar for the Class for 2006. No application for recognition of the Class has been submitted neither to ISAF nor to the ORC. Don Genitempo will maintain contact with the Class Executive Director Tom Pollack.

Regarding the Mini Maxi, a new division of IMA including boats between 18m and 23.99m which already indicated IMS/ORC Club as their preferred handicap system, the Committee suggested the Chairman to write a letter offering all the ORC support for the new class.

A proposal to affiliate the Wally Class has been developed, pending a final decision of the Class Owners at the end of the month. The Committee suggests to ask the Congress a support for the affiliation, in case of a positive answer from the Owners.

10. ITC Report

Manolo Ruiz de Elvira reported:

Wingkeels : Several bulb and wing keel configurations have been investigated with CFD tools. The result is that keels which in the past have been handled as wing keels will be handicapped much more favourable. Herewith a long termed unfairness could be eliminated. The investigations also have shown that for normal bulb configurations some smaller corrections in regard of effective draft might be reasonable. ITC will investigate this further and come up with possible corrections in November 2006.

Overhangs: Since long ITC was looking for a better handicapping of overhang variations. ITC corrected the hydrodynamic model such that now the model will better represent the Froude Number related overhang effect. In

addition the crew position, which effects the longitudinal trim of a yacht, is moved further forward in calculating the sailing trim. The change in crew position does better represent the trimming of modern yachts. Both changes will give more favourable handicaps to boats with short overhangs (typically light displacement boats) and it will discourage the often seen stern down trimming for measurement.

ITC had hoped that the wind tunnel tests which were done over the last months at Milan wind tunnel would result in fairer handicapping of large mainsail roaches and jib overlap.

Although the results show some promising trends ITC felt not confident to recommend changes for 2006. This matter also will be investigated further and changes will be recommended for 2007.

The ITC Chairman then presented and discussed the future projects of the ITC with the Management Committee. He explained as well the proposals of the ITC regarding the submissions assigned to them as reported in the ITC minutes.

11. Rolex Sponsorship and ORC Publications

Rolex confirmed the sponsorship for the research and publications. Sten Edholm has been appointed to coordinate the finalization and distribution of the new publications next year.

12. Any other Business

Editorial corrections to the IMS Rule Book:

It was noted that after 30 years of amending the IOR/ IMS inconsistencies in the references to Rating Authorities had developed. These would be standardized to the single term "ORC Rating Authority" or simply "Rating Authority". At the same time it will be made clear that the ORC itself is authorized to issue certificates directly as has been the case for many years.

13. Next meeting

The next Management Committee meeting will take place on 26th to 28th January 2006 at the Real Federacion Espanola de Vela, Madrid, Spain

7th November 2005

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