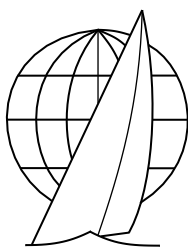


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Minutes of the Meeting of the **Management Committee** of the Offshore Racing Congress held on 6th and 8th November 2008 in Madrid, Spain

Present:

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

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of previous meeting were reviewed and approved as circulated by the Secretariat.

2. ISAF regulations and ORC

The text of the submissions 033 and 034 from ISAF's Executive Committee to be presented at the November meetings was reviewed by the Management Committee and a draft text was agreed correcting the fundamental errors of definitions regarding ORC assets and Rules present in the original text of the submissions. Bruno Finzi will discuss the new text with David Irish. The new text of the submissions will be circulated by Monday 10. The Chairman emphasizes that it is important the new text is agreed and distributed by ISAF before the ORC Congress. After the talks with ISAF, ISAF agreed to review submission 34 according to ORC's text and to dismiss submission 33.

ORC will present a Power Point Presentation about Stability and Hydrostatic Data Sheet as calculated by ORC to the Offshore Committee.

ISAF submissions 035, 124 and 125 were also discussed by the ManCom.

3. Preparation for the Week

Vivian reported on the organization of the week (Meetings and Annual Dinner organization and attendance).

4. AGM and EGM Preparation

The Management Committee checked again the EGM and AGM agendas and both were approved.

5. Financial Report

The Audited Accounts for 2007 were sent to all Congress Members. Final approval will be requested at the EGM scheduled for 11th November.

The Treasurer presented the accounts at the end of September of this year. It was noted that some invoices had not yet been received.

The Treasurer suggested to propose to the Congress the following increase to the levies

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ORC int.	60 Euro
ORC Club	45 Euro
IOR	45 Euro and an ORC Club for free

6. Fleet Statistics & Update on Levy payments & Invoicing

Vivian updated on Levy Payments & invoicing. Zoran Grubisa is still collecting the numbers to update the Fleet Statistics as of 1st November 2008. These statistics will be presented to Congress for evaluation.

7. ITC Report

(See ITC Minutes).

The stability certificate is ready for delivery to the constituency. Within the ITC there were some concerns regarding eventual consequences of responsibility for ORC. The ManCom therefore decided to list in the certificate only major data and call it "ORC Stability and Hydrostatic Data Sheet". This will keep ORC safe from possible liabilities.

It was also decided to form a Working Group within the ITC to rewrite and define completely accommodation for cruiser/racers. ORC will announce that the revision will be made and will be ready for 2010 as well as the intention to separate cruiser from racers getting rid of racers minimum regulations. It is pointed out the fact that then it will be impossible for these boats to be scored.

The downgraded accommodation regulations of the racing division from the present status to the level of our GP Classes will be done with immediate effect. Feedback from MNAs will be asked by ORC to find out if the 2010 review plan is well received.

8. Review of Congress and Committee Membership

- Congress Membership

The situation of the current Congress membership as prepared by the secretary was reviewed. The secretariat is still awaiting the renewal of the Congress Member from New Zealand whose term is expiring this year.

The substitution of the ISAF's second representative in the ORC Congress, whose term expires this year, will be received after the nomination of the new ISAF's Executive Committee.

The nomination of one Congress member in representation of Chile and Portugal is still to be received.

- Management Committee

Philip Tolhurst reported that in view of his new charge in ISAF Constitutional Committee the time available for day to day involvement with ORC will diminish and therefore he is happy to continue with the charge of Treasurer of ORC Ltd., but will not be attending the meetings.

It is unanimously agreed to invite George Andreadis to be a member of the Management Committee.

- Measurement Committee

Tony Mooney and Timo Sarainmaa are no longer members of the Committee.

9. Submissions 2008

DSV 3 - ORC SPORTBOAT INTERIOR VOLUME

The ManCom supports the submission.

DSV 4 - ORC SPORTBOAT OSR CATEGORY

The ManCom supports the submission.

DSV 6 - CREW WEIGHT CALCULATION

The ManCom supports the submission.

FIV 6 - CREW WEIGHT EFFECT

The ManCom supports the submission.

RFEV 2 - CREW WEIGHT

The ManCom supports the submission.

DSV 13 – NATIONAL ONE DESIGN FILES

The ManCom supports the submission.

DSV 14 - ON-LINE CERTIFICATE DATABASE

The ManCom supports the submission while keeping the privacy of the owners.

FIV 1 - ACCOMMODATION REGULATIONS

The ManCom supports the idea.

FIV 2 - ACCOMMODATION REGULATIONS – RACING DIVISION

The ManCom supports the submission.

FSF 1 - TACK PENNANT LIMITATION

The Committee supports the submission with the following amendment of the wording:

Old wording

208.4 - Where the asymmetric spinnaker is tacked on the centerline, it shall be tacked as close as possible to the deck level or its forward extension and sheeted on the same side as the boom, except when gybing or maneuvering. A single tack pennant not longer than 0.762m may be used, but shall not be adjustable except for hoisting, lowering and gybing the spinnaker.

New wording

208.4 - Where the asymmetric spinnaker is tacked on the centerline, tack pennants of whatever length could be used and it should be sheeted on the same side as the boom, except when gybing or maneuvering. In any case it will be prohibited to move on the windward side the tack of the spinnaker with the help of after guys and outriggers.

FSF 2 - SPINNAKER RATED AREA

The ManCom supports the concept of removing the default areas.

HSF 1 - MEASUREMENT PROTESTS

The ManCom does not support the submission.

KNW3 - SAIL MEASUREMENTS

The ManCom supports the submission.

MANCOM 1 - GP 33 CREW WEIGHT

The ManCom supports the submission.

ORCAN 1 - DESIGNERS HULL DATA

The ManCom does not support the submission.

SWE 2 - NEW NAME FOR ORC CLUB

The ManCom does not support the submission.

10. Updating on ORC rating offices

New ORC Software is in use by all rating officers with constant support from the ORC Team. Some of the changes asked by several submissions are already implemented, and ORC Tech team is continually working on the new features to be ready for 2009 version. First draft of Sail plan and Stability certificates are done and it is expected to have them ready together for the AGM

11. ORC staff and consultants reports, ORC staff review for 2009 and assignment of duties

- Vivian will now overtake the job of the accounts from 1st January. She will prepare the monthly accounts to be checked by Jeremy at least for the first 6 months.
A new smaller company of Auditors will be appointed, Philip will come with suggestions. After decision is taken a meeting with the new Auditors, Philip Tolhurst, Jeremy Tolhurst and Vivian will be organized to understand how the new Auditors would like to receive the monthly or quarterly accounts.
- Thomas Nilsson will continue his involvement but only dealing on special projects approved and assigned to him by the ManCom. The fee for each of these projects will be agreed between the ManCom and Nilsson for every single project.
- Focusing on the new ORC products and software it is agreed the need for additional technical staff member responsible for issuing certificates for the ORC Central Rating Office covering all areas world wide where there is no National Rating Office as well as cleaning and updating offsets database in close co-operation with other Tech Staff members. The name of Quique Molinelli was agreed. The ManCom will interview Molinelli during the week to investigate his availability and costs.
- A common feeling is that apart from Dobbs, ORC needs to invest in the media market having a journalist in different areas that could organize media coverage for our main events. The Chairman has had a contact with Emanuela Di Mundo at this purpose and decision will be taken in the near future by the ManCom.

During the last ManCom meeting held last October in Luneburg it was agreed to look for another person to work in conjunction with Dobbs that could travel with him with the goal of coordinating the target fleets with ORC reaching a criteria of half technical and half marketing. The name of Buddy Brown was proposed by Don Genitempo. Genitempo has already contacted him as he is available to do the job. The ManCom will coordinate with Dobbs his future schedule to agree where Brown can join him. In the beginning his main task should be to follow up the US fleet.

- Regarding the discussion of the ManCom during its last meeting in Luneburg about the P&D, due to the fact that most of the work is now being done by the Staff, the Chairman will approach Sten Edhom, Chairman of the P&D Committee to explain him the situation and to understand how this Committee will act in the future coordinating with the staff. For the Race Management Committee, Ecky von der Mosel, Chairman of the Committee, will come up with future terms of reference to be discussed with the ManCom.

12. Promotional Activities, Articles, Newsletter and Website

Many positive ORC articles have been published since Dobbs Davis was appointed, particularly interview with Syd Fischer with help of Wolfgang. Number of visits on the ORC webpage is satisfactory and it was decided that there is no need for the newsletter as all the news are posted daily on the web. When there is any major news on the website, an e-mail may be sent to the ORC mailing list subscribers

13. ORC Publications

A new Year Book with a new format will be developed by Dobbs Davis through Sea Horse. Details of costs, image and distribution are being discussed and finalized with the ManCom.

14. Update on the Australian situation

Some Australian Owners have been very vocal in requesting a return of the ORC Rules for their races, being unsatisfied with the IRC. Dobbs Davis has traveled there in September and had a successful presentation of the ORC with many people present. Nicola is arranging a trip for a week at the end of November to instruct measurers and help presenting the system to the users.

15. Review on some particular MNA situation (Japan, Spain and France)

Some meetings with the representatives of Japan, Spain and France will take place during the week of meetings to review the situation of these countries.

16. Venue for AGM 2009

The 2009 Annual General meeting will take place in Busan, Korea. Dates to be confirmed but prior to ISAF as usual.

17. Time schedule of 2009 Committee meetings

N° 3 ITC Minutes will take place in 2009. Venue and Dates to be confirmed by the Committee Chairman.

The Management Committee will meet twice (April and September). Final dates and venue to be confirmed.

The Technical staff will meet in Milan in December and another meeting with Grubisa, Sironi and the secretariat will be scheduled in January.