



INTERNATIONAL GP42 ASSOCIATION

November 25th 2007

A **GP42 Steering Committee Meeting** has been held on November 8th 2007 at 14.00 hours in the Real Club Nautico de Barcelona with the following "AGENDA"

- 1) 2008 Racing Circuit: final dates and venues (+Abu Dhabi)
- 2) Class Sponsor / Economical Support from Organizers. Preliminary document
- 3) Media Coverage: Panorama, press agent, web master, photographer
- 4) Class Association official constitution
- 5) 2007 Accounts
- 6) Class Entry Fees for 2008
- 7) Economical Commitments from owners
- 8) Measurers & Technical Committee for 2008
- 9) ORC involvement
- 10) Miscellanea (web site, banners, replies, new boats, etc.).

Presents: Filippo Faruffini (FF), Jan Santana (JS), Gonzalo Esteves (GE), Vittorio Urbinati (VU), Paolo Massarini (PM) and Javier Goizueta (JG).

All items of the mentioned Agenda have been dealt during the very long meeting.

The 2008 Cup has been confirmed but the second event in Porto Rotondo or St Tropez.

PM has met the relevant responsables and it is not sure yet which is the best choice for the Association.

Also for the Trofeo Manrique 2007 owners are not fully satisfied and they would like to wait until the final formal commitment from the organizers will come.

For this reason, PM has contacted Daniel Calero and they agreed on the attached document to be sent to all owners with these minutes. **It is still pending a final decision about where the ship should start from as the owners are asking that she should leave from Galicia or North Portugal and not from Portimao, 400 miles away from where the International fleet will probably be.** PM is suggesting to wait and see where and when the final Spanish Circuit will take place.

All other venues have confirmed their commitment to cover some of the foreseen costs and requests coming from the Association and PM will continue his job of finding the best solution for the owners.

The final deals will have to be signed by all parties, organizing clubs and association.

A lot of time has been spent on the **Abu Dhabi** proposal. During a conference call the organization's responsible has confirmed the intention to support economically the GP42 during the 2008 circuit if some boats will participate to the ADGP42 2008.

This matter has been discussed and the presents decided to confirm the commitment only if the accommodations, meals, freights, flight tickets and all technical expenses will be covered as well as the Association/circuit sponsorship.

Please find attached the FINAL proposal arrived. We should give them a final answer.

The final "**Sponsorship Document**", formed by a Power Point (or PDF) presentation, a collection of the 2006-2007 press clips and a video, has been delivered by JG. The plan is to circulate this presentation over a selected number of Spanish, Italian and International companies.

JG and PM are taking the responsibility to do this action.

Of course, other conversations are in place with different companies and hopefully some of them will succeed.

FYI, after the meeting I have received the call from Pedro Campos who has announced the interest of AUDI to sponsor the GP42 **World Championship** in Sanxenxo.

PM announced that, during the ISAF/ORC meetings in Estoril he attended, the recognition of the Association and the relevant authorization to run a World Championship has been postponed to **2009**.



Of course the decision of running an “official” and “classic” championship will be decided by the association member during the 2008 season.

The Class will be finally and officially constituted once the funds will be present.

The 2007 balance has been presented and has been noted that still the Botin&Carkeek fine has not been paid. I have contacted again Shaun Carkeek on Monday the 12th and he assured that they would respect the obligation shortly.

The 2008 Class Association fee has been fixed to be € 2.000,00.

PROPOSAL:

On the table the decision about the possibility of asking to owners a “commitment fee” to participate to the GP42 2008 CUP or a contribution, possibly temporary, to assure a decent life to the Association and to the GP42 2008 CUP itself if the hunt to a sponsor will be taking too long or will be unsuccessful.

The details and the final decision will be taken soon after we will receive also your opinions.

A “**Technical Committee**” to deal with all matter related to the rule and its interpretations have been proposed: Umberto Felci and Pat Shaughnessy will be contacted by PM. Other suggestions are welcome.

Measurers: It has been agreed that the majority of the 2007 season came from measurement issues. PM suggests (NOW) involving a responsible for each country to be in charge of being present in any GP42 2008 CUP event as GP42 measurer ONLY.

These ones could be: **Pierdomenico Muzi, Jean Luis Conti and, Jorge Flethes.**

Zoran Grubisa will be the responsible of the ORC to issue certificates, to coordinate for their payments to ORC and to solve their problems if any.

Banners: the 2007 season have seen the first banners appearing on the www.GP42.net web site coming from Latini Marine/Filippo Faruffini. Publication fee has been temporarily fixed on € 1.000,00/banner.

The proposal for the future is the following:

Owners and members: **€ 1.500,00/year**

Others: **€ 2.000,00/year**

The Web site is running well and I am waiting for the 2007 statistics.

The idea is to include also a “for sale” section with the possibility of including info about GP42 for sale under a standard format. The cost will be € 1.000,00/banner/year.

ORC Involvement: Bruno Finzi, ORC Chairman, has proposed to PM, during the recent ISAF/ORC Annual General Meeting held in Estoril, to enter as ORC representative in the Association. The Steering Committee has decided to welcome him as an “Honorary Member”.

New projects: PM denounced the very bad percentage of reply he has from owners. The situation anyway for the 2008 season seems satisfactory with at least four new boats two of them from Italy.

Meeting with Vicente Robles (VR) and with Nicolas Terry (NT): both of them have proposed an agreement with the Association. VR has proposed a complete package for the TV production of the GP42 2008 CUP and Spanish Circuit. He has brought his quotation and proposal.

NT has presented his proposal of sponsorship and management of the Spanish events of the GP42.

A brief conversation developed but PM understanding, even if there wasn't a final decision and statement, is that we should wait and see what happens with other possibilities like Abu Dhabi.

If VR is doing everything for free, selling spaces and finding sponsors for his own programs fine but with NO EXCLUSIVITY.

The common decision is that the Association needs a real **Public Relation person** to take care of all relationship with owners, sponsor, media, etc.

A special thanks to Jan Santana that has organized an extraordinary hospitality and a perfect meeting arrangements.

The meeting ended at 11.00, after dinner.