



THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
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Nordic CC Board

Minutes of Nordic CC Board Tele-Meeting on Thursday 01-10-2020 at 18.00 (Swedish time)

1. Opening of the Meeting

Chairperson, CC Matti Reijonen opened the meeting.

2. Approval of Secretary of the Meeting

NSR-OC Chairperson, PID Tapani Rahko was elected secretary.

3. Participants

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| - MD 101 CC Anna Maria Bernstein | VCC Alf-Göran Andersson |
| - MD 104 CC Ole Tamlag | |
| - MD 106 | VCC Jørn Due |
| - MD 107 CC Matti Reijonen | VCC Sanna Mustonen |
| - MD 109 CC Björn Guðmundsson | VCC Þorkell Cýrusson |
| - MD 107 PID Tapani Rahko (secretary). | |

4. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

5. Minutes from CC Board Tele-Meetings on 25-06-2020 and Extra Tele-Meeting on 12-13-09-2020

Minutes from CC Board Tele-Meeting in June and Extra Tele-Meeting on September were approved.

6. Information and Status from NSR OC

Minutes from the OC Tele-Meeting 28.9.2020 were distributed to the participants before this CC Board Meeting. Items from the OC Meeting will all be discussed in later points of this agenda. Next OC Meetings are scheduled as follows

- OC Tele-Meeting 5.11.2020 at 18 (Swedish time)
- Tele-Meeting in early January 2021
- OC Tele-Meeting during week 2 January before NSR 2021
- OC Tele-Meetings in the spring of 2021.



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7. NSR Constitution and By-Laws Revision Update

Comments from the MDs, the Accountant and the Coordinator had been requested by 24.9.2020. Comment and proposals received had been included in the latest NSR Constitution and By-Laws Drafts.

MD 104 Norway had proposed in the response by 24.9.2020

- for a clarification in NSR structure to show the central role of the CC Board in decision making and the assisting role of the OC

- that all MDs discuss and give comments on revised Constitution and By-laws by late November and

- an external Ad Hoc Group of three people should be nominated to review the comments from the MDs.

After receiving the comments and proposals by 24.9.2020 the OC had deleted the structural drawing of NSR parties from the Constitution in order to avoid confusion and emphasized the role of the CC Board by adding following text both into the Constitution and By-Laws: *The CC Board is central in decision making, however, both CC Board and OC need the information on NSR operations, e.g. from committees, working groups, and assignments.* These clarifications satisfied the CC Board and will make it easier to give the comments in late October.

Other items to be discussed, from the **Constitution**

- In the draft documents, voting on constitution and financial matters has been changed from 5/0 voting to 2/3 majority voting in order to increase democracy. In the existing system, every MD can have a veto. MD 106 Denmark has reminded that in the 2/3 majority vote, only MD 107 Finland can have a veto as Finland alone has more than 1/3 of the votes due to its large membership. In the latest Constitution Draft, an exception from democracy has been made by adding in Poin 2.2: *One individual Multiple district cannot make a decision.* It was also commented that the voting procedure in the CC Board should be described more clearly. Comments on the voting system will included in the responses from the MDs in Late October.

- Following text added in the draft was accepted unanimously: *Voting by proxy (power of attorney) is not permitted.* This has never been used, but now it is also described in the text, point 2.2.

From the **By-Laws**:

- MD 104 Norway asked, in point 2.7. if it is too early to decide the theme of the year one year before the NSR Convention. It was discussed that it is good to have the theme because the Host Committee is building the event and the seminars around this theme. It was agreed to add a text that in case of essential changes in the service environment, the theme can be changed.

- The idea of Annual Planning by the VCC Group has been added as point 3.4.4. The basic idea was approved by the CC Board. Yet, the annual plan made by the



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VCCs should be only presented at the NSR Convention, not accepted by the Council Meeting.

- Nordic IDs have proposed to change the new term “*NSR Convention*” back to “*NSR Meeting*”. NSR Convention was seen a better term by the CC Board. However, MD 104 Norway is considering to propose a third term in their response late November

- Nordic IDs had propose to delete the new sentence from point 3.7.1: *Possible ID candidates can be discussed within the NSR*. The text was deleted unanimously.

- Allowing Lions to attend NSR Convention on low cost NSR and to the Council Meeting free of charge or on low cost, in point 4.1. It was agreed that the host committees should be encouraged to split the event registration in different packages in order to enable attending only some of the events on low cost. If the delegate participates only the Council Meeting, the actual meeting costs can be charged i.e. attending is possible on low cost, not totally free or charge.

- It was agreed unanimously, that the OC Chairperson serving as CC Board Secretary can be reimbursed in all CC Board Meetings, including partial reimbursement to the Europa Forum and the International Convention, Point 4.3. 2020

- All the other proposed changes compared to the previous versions were accepted unanimously.

- Tables will be updated according to the CC Board decisions

It was agreed unanimously that all Nordic MDs review and discuss revised Constitution and By-Laws are reviewed and discussed within the MDs and that the MDs give their comments and proposals to CC Board Chairperson and secretary by 30.10.2020. An external Ad Hoc Group was not anymore seen necessary and it was agreed that the OC in its assisting role will combine the comments and proposals.

Latest versions, updated on 28.9. / 4.10.2020

Attachments

8. NSR Budgeting

NSR Accountant has informed that the claims for invoicing NSR administrative fee have been made but not yet sent. Due to cancellations because of COVID19 Pandemic, there will be further cost savings. The estimate is that after this fiscal year there will be even 80 000 to 90 000 Euros in NSR Bank Account.

The Accountant and the OC have proposed making the next budget to show deficit. CC Board is in favor of a budget deficit for 2021-2022, due to good financial status of the accounts. The Accountant and the Coordinator are instructed to make a preliminary budget 2021-2022 on about the same level as the budget 2020-2021. Next year, the administrative fee from the MDs would be lower than before.



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9. Information from the International Board of Directors

ID Heimo Potinkara and ID Bent Jespersen had informed that there are no significant matters to be reported after their previous report in September. The next ID report will be given to the CC Board November Meeting.

10. Information on Conventions

MD 104 Norway informs that the parade vests delivered and used in Milan 2019 International Convention have not yet been invoiced from the MDs and proposes that the vests from 2019 will be invoiced together with the vests used in 2021. This plan was accepted by the CC Board.

The CC Board reminds NSR Convention Coordinator that there are still 398 new parade vests in the stock in Norway. There is a valid decision that these vests will be used first before considering new outfit for the parades.

MD 107 will send a proposal to revise NSR Convention Coordinator rotation list due to International Convention 2019 cancellation. Convention 2020 will give current coordinator experience in organizing the Scandinavian events so that he can train his successor properly. All NSR Convention Coordinator posts would be postponed by one year in the rotation list.

11. Information on Europa Forums – EF Virtual Symposium

On request from the EF Virtual Symposium organizers, CC Matti has registered NSR Co-operation for the Virtual Symposium on short notice in order to show the latest NSR IR project from each MD and files made by ID Bent Jespersen to describe NSR Co-operation in general. Start page and Finnish Solar Cooker report had already been uploaded to the system. One source of information has been the web site of NSR 2020 in Denmark.

CC Board accepted unanimously that IR project reports from all MDs can be uploaded in the system and that email contact info of all Nordic CCs can be included. CCs thanked CC Matti for his efforts in making NSR participation in EF Virtual Symposium possible.

12. NSR 2021 in Finland (MD 107)

NSR 2021 Host Committee had given Virtual NSR preliminary plan and budget, including proposals for the program, technical system and voting system. GoToWebinar system would be extended up to 1,000 participants. Parallel 7



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sessions can have 150 participants each. Voting system would be OpaVote online system. Pre-nominated voters need to be registered in advance for allowing secret ballot. Virtual event would be free of charge for the delegates. Preliminary budget by the Host Committee is 7,100 € in total. In addition, the OC proposes adding 10 to 15 % for unexpected costs. Early Bird registration fees, already paid, will be refunded. Virtual NSR costs are proposed to be covered from NSR Administrational Budget. (Item # 67 in the Action List)

Due to COVID19 Pandemic situation, CC Board unanimously approved organizing Virtual NSR 2021. Instead of Friday and Saturday 15.-16.1.2021 the meeting days will be Saturday and Sunday 16.-17.1.2021. The Host Committee is free to plan a full virtual event including meetings, seminars, presentations and videos. However, the CC Board sees that there is no need for an extra keynote speaker although proposed by the Host Committee. Decision meetings must be on fixed time so that the delegates know the timings. NSR Administrational Budget will cover the Virtual NSR 2021 costs up to 8,000 €. Cancellation of International Convention 2020 has resulted in savings of more than 29,000 € which makes it possible to direct funding to Virtual NSR. In original NSR 2020-2021 Budget NSR 2021 costs are 6,660 €.

The Host Committee is requested to make a detailed Virtual NSR plan by 30.10.2020.

CC Board accepted number of voting delegates at the NSR 2021 Council Meeting, based on membership figures on June 30, 2020. Numbers of voting delegates: MD 101 Sweden – 10 votes, MD 104 Norway – 10 votes, MD 106 Denmark – 7 votes, MD 107 Finland – 19 votes and MD 109 Iceland – 4 votes, making 50 votes in total.

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13. NSR 2022 in Iceland (MD 109)

PCC Halldór Kristjánsson serves as the chairperson of the Host Committee. The team is aiming to have Reykjavik as a meeting place. Planning is focused on three hotels, i.e. Hotel Saga, Hotel Natura and Grand Hotel. The hotels are located near Reykjavik city center and the meeting room capacity allows having all NSR 2022 events at the same place. Because of the financial situation caused by COVID19 Pandemic, the hotels are not willing to give fixed prices for rooms and other facilities for 2022. Information on prices will hopefully be available by CC Board November Meeting.

The theme of NSR 2022 will be connected to environment, the aspects depending also on the choice of the keynote speaker. Keynote speaker budget is



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proposed to be at the same level as in current NSR Budget.

The NSR meetings are often scheduled for the third weekend of January. In 2022, the January the 1st is Saturday. MD 109 proposes organizing the event on 21.-23.1.2022, instead of 14.-16.1.2022.

The CC Board approved planning NSR 2022 for 21.-23.1.2022 and having current level of 2,000 € for the keynote speaker budget in 2022.

14. Update from the Working Groups

- a. **NSR joint Web page** Ad Hoc Working Group report was discussed earlier at September workshop on the basis of a PowerPoint summary made by PID Tapani. As a response to these discussions, MD 104 Norway had sent following proposals which are in line with the Ad Hoc Group report: 1.) *"We believe that there is no need for a login function for selected people. The main target audience for the site should be regular Lions members and non-Lions. If we use the Dropbox, it will be able to provide access to information that is intended for smaller target groups. A login system on the website will probably require more work and give somewhat higher costs."* 2.) *"If there is to be a discussion forum on the website, this should be moderated continuously, so that we avoid offensive posts. We are in favor of creating an NSR page on Facebook, but then the same need for moderation applies."* 3.) *"We are against the creation of an online store on NSR's website. First, it will present challenges related to data security. Secondly, it will give an unwanted competition to the individual MD's online stores."*
The CC Board instructs the Ad Hoc Group to proceed following the project report and the proposals above. (item # 54 in the Action List)
- b. **Nordic YCEC Group** is working on the proposal to organize a Nordic Diabetes Youth Camp. Finland is showing interest on organizing the first camp. VCC Sanna Mustonen will take part in the planning process. Planning, acquisition of sponsors and organizing the camp itself needs time for more than a year. The first camp would be organized in 2022.
The Youth Exchange Group is expected to send a proposal on the first camp in 2022 and the camp rotation system to CC Board November Meeting to be voted at NSR 2021. Normally, NSR rotations follow the MD numerical order. (item # 63 in the Action List)
- c. **IR Committee** has started collecting the next NSR IR project proposals within the MDs. Each MD can send its project proposal in the autumn of 2021.



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Status report of the Swedish project in Turkey, a follow up report of the Norwegian project in Lebanon and planning details of the Danish project in Tanzania are all expected at the NSR 2021, including financial information. MD 106 Norway will deliver the final project report, the timing depending on the security situation in Lebanon. 2022.

- d. **Orkester Norden** 2020 was canceled due to COVID19. Norwegian conductor Eivind Gullberg Jensen has informed that he is available for 2021. This means that Orkester Norden future plans will be postponed by one year. MD 107 Finland will send a proposal for extending the hosting in Lahti Finland by one year, until 2024.

The Future of Orkester Norden will be discussed by ON Coordinators and a proposal for continuing according to the rotation system will be sent to the CC Board. MD 104 Norway has proposed developing ON marketing for younger musicians for whom it is more important to get the training and the experience of playing in a big symphony orchestra. (item # 7 in the Action List)

- e. The Bike Relay Campaign will be postponed to 2022 (item # 52 in the Action List)
- f. Nordic MDs are encouraged to share information on NSR co-operation within the MDs. (item # OC-077 in the Action List)

15. MD Conventions in 2021

MD 101 Borås	07. - 09.05. 2021
MD 104 Gardermoen	21. - 22.05. 2021
MD 106 Vejle	11. - 13.06. 2021
MD 107 Turku (boat)	11. - 13.06. 2021
MD 109 Akureyri	13. - 15.05. 2021

16. Action List of the CC Board and the OC, As of: 2020-09-13 Version No. 4

The Action List has been updated and distributed after September Workshop. The list will be revised by the OC after the CC Board decisions in this meeting. (Version No. 5 as of 2020-10-06) **Attachment**

17. Miscellaneous



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MD 106 Denmark proposes exchanging the contact information of MD Legal Advisors. The Legal Advisor in Denmark is willing to open discussions on mutual legal matters within the Nordic MDs.

18. CC Board Meetings 2020-2021

It was agreed that for future CC Board meetings, the agendas will be sent two weeks before the meetings.

It was decided to have the CC Board November Meeting on 21.-22.11. 2020 as a Tele-Meeting. MD 106 Denmark will cancel the hotel reservations. The meeting will preferably be organized as a one-day meeting on 21.11.2020.

An extra Tele-Meeting will be organized in the beginning of January 2021, if needed.

Virtual NSR 2021 CC Board Tele-Meeting will be organized on previous Thursday 14.1.2020 at 18.00 CET.

CC Board Tele-Meetings will be organized during the spring of 2021.

19. Closing the meeting

Chairperson, CC Matti Reijonen closed the meeting.

CC Matti Reijonen
Chairperson

PID Tapani Rahko
Secretary

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