

NORDIC MEETING HELSINKI 4-5.2.2012

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Place: Helsingin Kiipeilykeskus (Climbing Centre)/Tapanilan Urheilutalo (Sporthouse), Erätie 3, 00730 Helsinki

(<http://www.tapanilanurheilu.fi/eng>, <http://www.kiipeilykeskus.com/eng>)

Participants

Kari Vanebo, Norway (office)

Ole Morten Olsen, Norway (board)

Niels Staun, Denmark (board)

Rikke Halskov Vestergaard, Denmark (office)

Carsten Lau Isaksen, Denmark (office)

Björn Höft, Sweden (competition committee), only saturday

Madeleine Lidmalm (board)

Jonas Paulsson, Sweden (office)

Kaisa Rajala, Finland (competition committee)

Jari Koski, Finland (office)

Minutes of the Meeting

Saturday 4.2.

12:00 Lunch at Tapanilan Urheilutalo

13:00 Meeting

1. Competition co-operation, Nordic Championships (NC; Adults lead and boulder, Youth lead and boulder):

a) Timetable

Kaisa explains the Finnish situation: due to lack of resources it's not possible to arrange several Nordic championships on a single year (boulder and lead both adults and youth). She thinks that youth and adults should be organized by different countries and not at the same occasion.

Nils/Denmark told about the history of NC-competitions and decisions in the past. He thinks that if adults and youth compete at the same time, it will save expenses, and because there usually are so few competitors in the adults lead class, it is better to have both classes at the same time.

Norway/Kari made a proposition; adults NC should not be held every year.

Long discussion of the proposition, lead to an idea, that adult lead and adult boulder will be held every other year; one year lead and next year boulder. Benefits: not so many comps to arrange (saving resources), the status and value of adult comps can be raised when they're not held every year, and most likely it's easier to have all the best climbers from the Nordic countries to attend. Many of them compete in both disciplines. Youth NC (lead and boulder) will be held every year as previously. After a discussion all agreed that it's worth trying.

Agreed: Adult NC boulder and lead every other year. New timetable was made. New system starts from 2013.

	Boulder junior	Lead Adult	Boulder Adult	Lead Junior	Nordic Meeting
2013	Norway	xxx	Sweden	Finland	Denmark
2014	Denmark	Norway	xxx	Sweden	Finland
2015	Finland	xxx	Denmark	Norway	Sweden
2016	Sweden	Finland	xxx	Denmark	Norway

There was talk about how national team athletes are supported in respective country countries. Kaisa told about the new Finnish system: part of competition expenses (fly, accommodation etc.) is paid according to how athletes place in competitions. Federation makes a contract with every national team member at the beginning of each year. Norway and Sweden also have a contract with national team climbers, Denmark does not have.

b) competition/age classes/invitations

Agreed: from 2013 age classes as IFSC rules only. In invitations: "according to international rules".

Invitations sent to the chairman of each competition committee, to be checked before publishing.

15:00 Coffee break and conversation

16:00 Meeting continues

c) Competition rules

Agreed: Finals; adult according to IFSC rules and youth EY-rules, changes can be made by competition committee. Organizer can decide to have a group qualification.

2. International competitions

a) Common coach (junior comp.)

Agreed: coaches can co-operate, when needed.

3. Elite climbing co-operation, training

Agreed: national coaches can be in contact with each other and discuss this issue. Norway is working on coaches training system. Nordic countries will co-operate on this issue.

4. Judge and routesetter courses

Agreed:

4.1. Judging: Nordic competitions can be judged by Nordic level judges. (Don't have to be IFSC international judge). National judges can judge in national level. Each country will list the names of old system Nordic judges.

4.2. Routesetters: Nordic competitions can be routesetted by a Nordic level routesetter. Nordic routesetters course will be arranged in Nordic countries.

Norway will create a site for Nordic information (judges, routesetters, minutes from Nordic meeting, Nordic trainers, Nordic championship schedule, outside events, general contact sheets etc.)

5. Nordic Youth Camp

These days camps are more of a social meetings for youth than related to competition climbing.

Agreed: these camps are youth activity, not competition activity. Federation youth committees will eventually arrange these.

6. Lead- and top rope cards/certificates (each country accepts others cards?)

Finland is going to have top rope- and lead cards. Finland asked other countries to send the information on the requirements needed for their cards.

7. Climbing facilities

Denmark wants to help schools etc. to build climbing walls.

8. Accidents

Norway has a database of accidents. Norwegian law requires reports on accidents in an organized form. Info is found on their website.

Denmark has no system of reporting.

Sweden is building a new database.

Finland has a database.

9. Nordic meeting for climbers

Norway has a climbing meeting in Flatanger this summer, they will send an invitation.

In future, if the national meetings has space, other Nordic countries will be invited.

Part of the group went to climb and Sauna, rest started the social program early.

19:00 Dinner at Sport Center's restaurant

Sunday 5.2.

10:00

10. Access-work

a) Finnish access group (Miika Mustonen, chairman of Finnish access group)

Miika did a presentation of Finnish climbing and access-work.

b) Other countries access-work

Carsten, Jonas, Miika and Jari built a group to discuss access-issues.

Talk about; contracts, databases, info-signs, local problems etc.

Talk about different countries contacts and financing from government and other officials.

Sweden and Denmark receive funding to access-work from national outdoor organizations.

Jonas is a corresponding member of UIAA:s access-group.

Rest of the group talked more about climbing facilities and building up new ones. Countries have different systems. In Norway federation gives recommendations almost without exception. In Finland commercial halls decide on their own and don't usually seek advice. In Denmark halls are mostly club owned.

c) Everyman's right

Explanation of the meaning of the law and whether it is the same for foreigners?

It is in Finland and Sweden. Denmark doesn't have everyman's right.

d) Local laws concerning training and clubmeetings in another Nordic country

(for example; Finnish club has an ice climbing course in Norway, and an accident happens) Norwegian law: every group (organized by club or with payment) must have insurance and competence etc. in given activity.

There is a checklist about the requirements. Guidelines are found in Norwegian federation's website.

Agreed: meetings must be arranged according to the local law.

Sweden will eventually later send info about Swedish laws concerning this issue

11. Training

a) RCI and Ice-climbing instructor level

Norway; instructor system is not approved by UIAA. Different organisations train different level instructors. They have a separate ice-climbing instructor level, as has Finland and Sweden.

Agreed: if an instructor has an UIAA approved level, it will be accepted in other countries.

13:00 Lunch

12. Other forms of co-operation

a) (UIAA, IFSC) Nordic representation in the international climbing organizations

Agreed: if a country can't send a representative, they can send a proxy to another country who is participating in the meeting. This was agreed between Finland, Sweden and Denmark.

b) Climbing magazines: (exchange of articles and pictures)

Sweden and Finland have a federation run magazine. Norway and Denmark don't. Jonas will be in contact with the Swedish editor and talk about co-operation. Sweden is considering to stop printing the magazine and maybe only have it as a web-magazine.

How to prevent loss of members, was not really discussed.

13. Future and situation of the Nordic Meet, name of the body?

Agreed: will be arranged January-February each year as two day meeting. It is advised, that each country sends at least one from the office and one from the board. Depending on the agenda, other people with special knowledge can also attend. Host will suggest the days of the meeting. We will not form an official body. Nordic meeting 2013 is going to be in Denmark.

Note: All contact informations should always be checked and updated at the Nordic meeting

15:00 End and travel home