

## Nordic Meeting Copenhagen, 02.10.2010

### Minutes - NMC

Chairman Mr. Jorgen Bitsch, Denmark  
Secretary Mr. Henrik F Kristensen, Denmark  
Delegate Mr. Sture Fredell, Sweden  
Delegate Mr. Per Westling, Sweden  
Delegate Mr. Juhanni Halne, Finland  
Delegate Mr. Kurt Ljungqvist, Finland  
Delegate Mr. Roy Øwre, Norway  
Delegate Mr. Kjetil Bredesen, Norway  
Delegate Mr. Roy Wetterstadt, Norway  
Delegate Mr. Karl Gunnlaugsson, Iceland  
Delegate Mr. Stefan Gunnarsson, Iceland

#### 1. Opening of the meeting

Mr. Jorgen Bitsch welcomed all to the Nordic Meeting 2010. A special welcome to the Icelandic delegates...  
The new NMC Logo was approved

#### 2. Election of Chairman

The group elected Mr. Jorgen Bitsch as Chairman for the meeting.

#### 3. Confirmation of Secretary

Mr Henrik F Kristensen was appointed as secretary of the meeting.

#### 4. General reports from the Nordic Federations

##### Iceland.

The Icelandic federation was founded In the year 2000. In 2006 they were recognized as fully member of the FIM. In Iceland there are 21 clubs and around 2.500 members. I 2010 they have had 5 national championships, and are now using the AMB system. The Icelandic federation are now in a position, where they will be able to send more and more riders to the continent to participate in international competitions.

The delegation are looking forward to be more active in international matters, in the future in FIM, UEM as well as in NMC.

##### Norway.

340 Clubs, 43.000 members, 10.500 drivers licences & 7.000 official licences

In Norway they have introduced a Basic Licence. The same price whether you are driving Speedway, MX or Road Racing. The Basic Licence is 2.200 Nkr. The Licence keeper has the possibility to buy extra insurance. That seems to be very popular.

The Norwegian elite project is based upon local and regional initiatives. NMF is using around 1mio Nkr a year in the project. They are reluctant when it comes to sending national teams to other countries.

NMF have established a commercial company. The company is producing TV, and is weekly broadcasting news and event. Furthermore the clubs have the possibility to buy consultancy from the company.

The Norwegian federation is working hard to find initiatives to deal with adult behaviour in children's sport.

Norway has purchased more than 100 (!!!) of the new micro Electric bikes for further promotion in Norway in schools.

In motocross there have been 2 tragic accidents during the year.

In international matters the chairman of the motorcycle section, Kjetil Bredesen will be representing Norway, in FIM, UEM and NMC together with Roy Wetterstadt.

### **Sweden.**

Svemo will take initiatives to increase the number of speedway riders in Sweden. They will try to get more children in to the micro speedway sport.

The Speedway clubs in the Swedish speedway league are, more or less, all in economical crises. Therefore Svemo have decided that in 2011 there will be no new clubs in the league, and no clubs are leaving the league.

The 8 clubs in the league will together with Svemo, find a solution before the league "opens" again for new clubs. This is an attempt to restrict the problem to just the 8 clubs.

Svemo have established a commercial company. All activities in marketing and activities in the Elite work will be managed from the company. The TV rights to the speedway league are sold to a TV company, for 3 mill. Skr pr year. The money will partly finance the commercial company.

Svemo will introduce an online system, where, rides and clubs, will be able to buy licenses, transponders, and will be able to subscribe for races.

In Svemo, there is a possibility to buy appendixes to the licence. This means, that the driver can buy better insurance if they want to.

Svemo had a tragic accident, where a 9 year old boy lost his life in MX. Svemo recommend to ensure all federations are having an emergency plan (press etc etc) for managing these cases.

Make sure that the club immediately, in case of a dead - or serious injuries - of a child, immediately inform the responsible persons in managing board and the office, to make sure, that they are informed, when the media asks questions in the matter.

The Swedish government has decided to give more money to elite sport. In a campaign called TopTalent, there will be new requirements for receiving the money. This will give Svemo a challenge.

Svemo will also implement a new organisation and voting system this year.

### **Denmark.**

The sporting results in Denmark have in 2010 been acceptable in Speedway but we are missing the top results in MX and RR. Nevertheless a high number of new talents are on their way including RR for the coming years.

The biggest challenge have been a significant drop in number of licensees for RR and no new licences within Speedway and more focus will be done on these areas.

DMU have been approved as a Green Federation and further initiatives will be taken in this area and include Social Responsibility.

The new organisation in DMU have now been in function since March this year and positive progress are in place – but it always take time to ensure the hole organisation understands and accept their responsibilities.

An questionnaire with 18 questions have been send to all clubs in September for various questions regarding the DMU, focus areas, how the organisation works etc and the result will be discussed with the clubs during a seminar in November. This will be the basis for the focus areas and priorities for DMU for the period 2011-2012.

DMU have initiated a campaign for Children and Sport with the focus on behaviour of the adults. Too many issues and "bad experiences" in 2010 have been the main reason for this and it will continue in 2011.

The 2mMax method and further improvement will still continue in the coming years.

## **5. International matters.**

### **5.1 UEM, status after the congress and Management Council meeting**

JB shortly updated on the process so far in the UEM and highlighted the intensive work that must be done in the coming period until the congress 2011.

The decision and clear message at the Congress in Porto have for sure given respect around Europe but a number of countries do not understand that Nordic are more "understanding a common European approach".

### **5.2 Further UEM activities.**

- There is a good representation of the Nordic countries in the new commissions
- JB will be responsible for developing the new UEM Statutes and UEM Strategy. A working Group will be established within UEM.

### 5.3 New Statutes.

The new Statutes have been submitted to all and FIM have received comments which indicate a "few outstanding issues":

- Approval of Budget
- Appointment of Director
- Authority of the CEO
- Costs for FMNs as a member of FIM
- Legal issue when/if name change for a CONU

All will be discussed at a Workshop on Monday afternoon in Macao before the voting on Tuesday.

### 5.4 Strategy of election of the FIM President

The strategy was agreed between all and further coordination will take place in Macao. We will make it official, but respond in a constructive way to any questions.

Iceland will participate – or their voting will be managed by one of the other participants.

The strategy for election of the Board Members was also agreed between all.

## 6. Proposals received to NMC.

### 6.1 Update on sound issues for RR – 2011 (S-DK-N)

### 6.2 Termination of the contract with promoter Mike Luff (N)

### 6.3 Disciplinary matter against RR promoter Mike Luff (N)

The representatives from the RR Commission were also present at this discussion and the conclusions were as follows:

1. A meeting will be organised with Mike Luff asap with Per Westling and Kurt Lungquist in order to discuss the incidents of behaviour and the general cooperation 2010. Based on the result and recommendations after this meeting a further decision for 2011 will be determined within the NMC Board. Minutes will be sent to all.
2. There must for sure be a clear agreements between ALL of the roles between the promoter and the FMN who is responsible for what during the Events.
3. In order to be able to organise Events in Sweden it is necessary to use the fly-by method in combination with the 2mMax method.
4. The fly-by will be used for identification of the rider – but he/she will not be taken out of the race, but measured after the race by using the 2mMax method. Based upon this result the driver may be dismissed.
5. *After the meeting we can inform that measurements have been taken and results are according to FIM and the 115dbA. Further information will follow.*
6. All riders can be measured on the 2mMax before the race
7. Further education must be initiated of the riders
8. Denmark will initiate the measurements and relation between 2mMax and the fly-by as fast as possible but do expect to follow the FIM of 115 dbA as the max level.

### 6.4 Cooperation for recruiting student to motorsport school in Norway (N)

Norway have launched a MX School and would like to have students from other Nordic countries supporting this initiative.

Roy Wetterstadt will send our more information of the school and how to apply for the participation.

### 6.5 Electrical motorcycles for children (N)

- The Norwegian federation have launched an electrical mx motorcycle to be used in schools etc. The price of the vehicle is 10.000 nkr including helmet and close. The motorcycle, and the whole idea was introduced to all the Nordic delegates in Plenum.

### 6.6 Rules for children's sport in the Nordic countries. (S)

- Swemo will take the initiative to work on a common strategi on this issue. The will in the near future call for a meeting, with this only subject at the agenda.

#### 6.7 Handling of protests and appeals (N)

- It was concluded that the appeal of a protest must be handled like current procedure by the organising FMN
- It is not intended that NMC should form or be involved in any of these event procedures and it was agreed that this should still be the situation and objectives of NMC.

#### 6.8 Nordic standardization of entry forms (N)

- Some are now using FIM or UEM entry form, when they enter a Nordic championship.
- It was decided that each country must use their own entry form.

#### 6.9 Marketing of Nordic championship events, effective information (N)

- There must be better promotion of the Nordic championships. All the websites of the Nordic countries must be improved on promoting Nordic championships.
- **All FMNs must ensure links and further information of the Nordic Championships are being available for ALL**

#### 6.10 Evaluation of the model of the NMC (F)

- The opinions of the meeting were positive but we need to ensure that "enough" time is given for the serious matters that may arise.
- The number of participants, delegates is increasing year after year – but we also need to ensure the anchoring across the disciplines.
- It was positive to realise that all meetings have been able to make minutes and ensure feedback in due time for further approvals by the MC.
- Further attention may need to be given to the disciplines and ensure an overall NMC Strategy that the disciplines "must follow". Today it is up to the individual discipline and some feedback is that it is "difficult" to implement ideas.
- Conclusion: All countries are to give these issues consideration and further discussions during the year and at the NMC Congress 2011.

### 7. Seminars.

For coordination, Svemo will send an updates schedule to all Nordic countries.

### 8. Forthcomming period.

All Nordic championships are to be coordinated **at the latest 1<sup>st</sup> December 2010**

### 9. Presentation of decisions and proposals from the discipline meetings.

#### • **ATV – QUAD.**

Proposed to establish a official NMC Working group to develop and harmonize rules to make possibilities for Nordic Classes of Quad Sport.

**Approved**

Proposed to communicate dates to the respective commissions in all Nordic countries in order to keep date free for this events.

**Approved**

Minutes approved.

#### • **Childrens sport.**

No proposals for the NMC.

Further work and coordination will be initiated and a meeting to be organised.

Minutes approved

#### • **Classic Road racing.**

No proposals for the NMC

Minutes approved

- **Drag Racing.**

Nordic Championship in 4 classes in 2011.

**Approved**

Common alcohol policy in the Nordic countries.

It was decided that the alcohol policy will start as of 8.00 in the morning of the day of the event and end 30 minutes after the official result have been approved. **This policy must count for all disciplines.**

*Swemo will Provide the NMC with a proposal regarding the alcohol matter in more details.*

Minutes approved

- **Enduro.**

No proposals for the NMC.

Minutes approved

- **Environmental matters.**

Recommend that NMC in the future to think in social, economical, and technical aspects when writing new regulations.

Minutes approved

- **MX / Supermoto.**

Problem: How to handle young riders, who goes abroad with an invalid licence. As an example "Swedish Golden Helmets" goes abroad to Finland and Denmark. They are not allowed and insured due to their young age. Proposal for the Management council to find a solution for the young riders going abroad. Free movement across the borders in all Nordic countries

**To be worked further on**

Nordic championship 85 cc with max 8 riders/teams from each country.

The Host country can fill up the Starting Grid.

**Approved**

Open Nordic Championship for Sidecars. Entry fee 500 s.kr. No Pricemoney. Practice Saturday afternoon and races on Sundays.

**Approved**

An working group, who will make the Time Tabel, Organizer, Dates, Rules. The deadline for the working Group will be the 1<sup>st</sup> December. The members will be; Peter, SVEMO, Sverre, NMF, Jesper DMU, NN, SML and Søren, DMU

**Approved**

Minutes approved

- **RR - Mini RR.**

The only proposal not withdrawn was "Down is out" rule. Down is now not out.

It was suggested that the NMC works to establish a Nordic branch of the licence academy.

Minutes approved

- **Snowmobile.**  
No Proposals for the NMC.

Minutes approved

- **Speedway.**  
**125/150 to replace 80cc:** DMU has in corporation with a dealer tested two machines, and it went out OK. Next step is to manage a switch from 80 to 125. Norway has a few bikes, but they can't be used in the ordinary classes. Do anyone know of FIM phasing out 80 and running in 125 in YGT. We put a question to the council and further to FIM on that.

**Nordic champ 80cc:** The last two meetings serious discussions on Nordic champ in 80cc. DK are still interested, and are considering a meeting where the level is not that high. Years back we arranged a team and individual champ during a weekend, and we could do that again. Participants are positive. Proposal come from DMU on some dates as fast as possible. Dates are not to be arranged right now, proposal should be in before 1. December.

Norway has around 6 riders. Is not sure that all riders are 12 years, try to harmonize the Norwegian regulations toward Swedish and Danish rules.

Name: Youth Nordic Cup

**Approved**

**New rules:** We want the FIM to wait running in new rules on icespeedway until the year after it is runned in ordinary speedway. Following the season for icespeedway. Should also be clarified on the council.

**Approved**

**Standard agreement** is very necessary, on economy, schedules and in similar dates on national champs. How do we start that on that, need to have a good agenda for the meeting. Suggest a one day meeting in airport hotel in Cph on 27<sup>th</sup> November with Poland and UK. DK make a proposal on invitation and send to SWEMO. Norway and Finland is supporting if necessary.

**Approved**

**Young riders:** How can we secure a continuous movement on our young riders? We have to find new ideas. We are not developing and cooperating, but more protecting ourselves. How do we develop joint riders moving around among the Nordic clubs? Try to keep Nordic riders in and to the Nordic clubs.

What do you think about a Nordic league? It is a league below the top level DSL and Elitserien. It could be good practice on the riders meeting on different tracks. As it is now the only way to develop riders is to send them to UK, but they don't get paid. What do we do?

**Meeting in Balakowo next year.** Russian union is fighting getting meetings to Russia, but there are too many problems getting there (economy, border control, visas and so). We are worried because of the things that have happened in 2010. We will make some notes to the management council.

We have a proposal ie. organized transport from the border to the track, cleared all about visa and border control, machine examination and papers.

**Request to the management council.** If there is a conflict on a Nordic meeting and a high level track racing meeting, it should be accepted that this discipline meeting could be held before, and they send a copy of their notes to the management council. The reason is to keep consistence on meetings.

**Approved (were already approved last year)**

Minutes approved

- **Trial.**  
Nordic Championship Trial veteran + 40 both for teams and individual.  
**Approved**

Minutes approved

#### **10. Miscellaneous**

NMC wants find out the possibilities to make a follow up, on the Eco Enduro race, which was held I Denmark I 2009. DMU will contact the organizer of 2009, and invite him together with the Nordic countries to a meeting in Copenhagen.

A Nordic championship must content of a number of participants from all countries.

It was decided that

- In summer sports at least 3 different Nordic countries have to participate
- In Winter sports at least 2 participant, Other wise it may be called Nordic Cup.

#### **11. Next Meeting.**

Next meeting will be in Helsinki Finland on the 1. October 2011.

In 2012 the meeting will take place in Iceland. The Icelandic national sports federation can celebrate the 100 years anniversary in 2012.

#### **12. Closing of meeting**

Mr. Jorgen Bitsch gave over the chairmanship of the NMC to Mr Juhanni Halne of SML.

Jorgen Bitsch thanked all for a very good and constructive meeting with good discussions and common conclusions.