



Minutes of meetings NSK meeting 22th May 2016

Preparation for EGSC 17. - 22. juni 2016 in Norway

Spejdercenter Holmen, Arsenalvej 10, 1436 København K
Danmark

Present:

Finland: Anniina Markkula (IC WOSM), Maija Santalahti (Deputy IC WAGGGS), Juho Toivola (Candidate WOSM Europe, Heidi Jokinen (WAGGGS World)

Norway: Henrik Vagle Dalsgaard (IC WOSM), Tone Ødegaard (IC WAGGGS), Eline Marie Groeholt (Candidate WAGGGS Europe)

Sweden: Martin Persson (IC WOSM)

Iceland: Jón Þór Gunnarsson (IC WOSM/WAGGGS), Fríður Finna Sigurðardóttir (dep. Scout chief/dep. IC WAGGGS), Hulda Sólrún Guðmundsdóttir (WOSM Europe)

Denmark: Torben Mølby (outgoing IC WOSM), Monica Barrera Lyby (IC WAGGGS), Kristian Kvist (incoming IC, WOSM), Jørgen Guldborg (WOSM), Anne Lintrup (DK steering group), Merete Emcken (DK steering group)

Minutes of meeting:

1. Welcome v/NSK chairmen

Welcome by Torben and Monica.

2. The agenda send out in beforehand is adopted.

3. Briefing om EGSC (www.en15egsc.europak-online.net) v/Norge

Henrik presented a video from Oslo fjord Convention Centre, and informed that all information is uploaded on the conference website.

Currently 430 persons have made registration, and almost all MOs and NSOs are represented.

The final deadline for registration is on 1st of June.

About the content:

- Key note speaker is Jan Egeland – former United Nations Undersecretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator from 2003 to 2006.
- There will be time for meditation every morning.
- Some young guides and scouts from Norway will be present to explain their view on different topics. It is the ambition that the young Norwegians are involved in as many ways as possible during the conference.

- International evening: The conference is a non-alcoholic event, which also includes the international evening. It will be possible to store food for the event in refrigerators in the cottages. All delegations will get at table for free for the international evening, and it is possible to hire a bigger stand.
- The venue provides possibilities for different activities and some shopping.
- The Norwegian evening will focus on history and Vikings from the area. It will be possible to sail on a Viking-ship on the return to the Conference Center. There will be a limited number of seats in the boats.
- Henrik inform, that the planning committee are very attentive to secure sufficient internet during the conference. There will be a challenge to get internet in the cottages.

Information from NSK:

- WOSM expects all European NSOs to be represented at the conference, and have provided economical support to some NSOs.
- Iceland recalls that the opening day also is Iceland's National Day.

4. Specific focus areas for the joint part – all:

The 4 documents for the joint conference are available on the conference web-site.

When will the Nordic countries arrive at the conference?

- Iceland arrives on Thursday the 16th of June.
- Finland: The participants will arrive on different times before the conference but most will arrive Friday morning.
- Sweden: The participants will arrive on different times. The first ones will arrive on Thursday the 16th of June. Martin will arrive on 17th of June.
- Denmark: Most of the participants will arrive on Friday the 17th of June in the morning.
- Norway: Most people will arrive on Thursday the 16th of June.

Conference Programme:

Friday:

Preparatory Sessions: for persons with different tasks at the Conference and meeting for first-time participants. Norway seeks experienced persons to carry out meetings and networking sessions.

Saturday

Joint Session:

Bids to host next Conference. Malta and Croatia,

Croatia: Cheapest proposal due to plain accommodation and conference facilities, not a MO of WAGGGS.

Malta: More expensive and better conference facilities. MO of WAGGGS and NSO of WOSM

Presentation of candidates.

We had an open debate.

It is very important, that we do not use the phrase "Nordic Candidates", but speak about four different candidates from four different Nordic countries. We are not a bombastic block.

NSK see four strong candidates from the Nordic countries with clear ambitions and visions. It is important to remember to positively name-drop the candidates when possible and remember to inform our candidates about positive and negative impressions or information heard at the conference.

Finland will initiate a Skype meeting on WAGGGS candidates. Torben initiates a Skype meeting on WOSM candidates.

Recommendations

Despite a paperless conference, one copy of the proposed recommendations will be handed out to each delegation.

Joint Program continues Tuesday with voting on recommendations.

Referendum of understanding:

No surprises but small changes to make the cooperation smoother.

A new bullet about Social Responsibility to underline an area, where WAGGGS and WOSM can work closer together.

There is a formulation on cooperation on branding and sharing of networks when relevant.

From a Nordic point of view, this is already implemented.

No recommendations are expected from the Nordic countries.

Hulda concluded that there is progress in the cooperation between WAGGGS – WOSM and everybody has been satisfied with the joint preparations for the Joint Conference.

5. Special focus areas for WAGGGS v/WAGGGS IC's

We have two strong candidates from the Nordic countries.

The constellation of many new members in the committee can give challenges also in connection with appointing a chair. The main point is that the person appointed can cooperate and have the competence to chair.

Motion from Denmark: WAGGGS program material should be targeted a broader group than girls-only organisations. The content of the material is good and relevant for other types of organisations, so more flexibility would be fine.

In a WAGGGS context worldwide, it might be seen as a European issue due to our ways of working with program material.

There is a common concern about how the restructuring of WAGGGS Europe, announced in Document 6 for the Conference, will influence on our flexibility and self-governance in Europe. We would like to put focus on this at the Conference and discuss it with MOs, who might not be aware of the changes. An idea could be to support the documents, but put forward a motion about our concern, that the region will lose importance. Anniina will arrange a skype call, where we can decide on our way forward.

6. Special focus areas for the WOSM v/WOSM IC's

Four candidates (now reduced to three) from the Committee are willing to be re-elected. Hulda prefers that three are re-elected which gives room for three new members and succession planning in general for future work in the Committee.

There are ten candidates (now 8 candidates), and it seems like most of them have an ambition to chair the Committee. Delegates will have to consider carefully which kind of leadership and profile they prefer. Besides branding, it is important that candidates together also cover management- and finance skills.

Martin said that it is important to be aware of which priorities and in which direction we want the Committee to work for the next triennium.

Resolutions etc.:

Proposed constitutional changes were discussed and the conclusion is that among the members of NSK there are slightly different views. However there is agreement to steer the Committee to work more strategically, rather than all members from the Committee participating in all events.

Before writing a resolution it is important to read carefully into the scout plan, to be sure the area is not covered already. In that case it is better to work for to get your issues included in the scout plan rather ending up with too many appendixes.

Anniina finds the scout plan very complex and difficult to work with, and find a lack of structure and priorities.

Hulda explained, that there are three main topics forming the foundation of the whole plan which has been developed due to inputs from many NSO's. Remember the plan is for WOSM Europa and not for the single NSO. The task for new committee is to make it operation able.

Finland might write an amendment and Torben proposed a Skypemeeting for further discussion. Torben will arrange this meeting.

7. NSK at the Conference

Torben introduced Daniel Berthelsen as the new co-chair instead of Claus Rantzau and there was an acceptance of Daniel participating in the conference.

Support from Steering Group during the Conference

The steering group has a task to arrange all practical details in relation to Nordic events during the conference.

Nordic meetings agreed:

1. Friday at 17:30 to 18:30 (before Official opening).
A meeting for all Nordic participants. Candidates will be presented.
2. At Midnight between Sunday and Monday. Nordic participants + friends.
Outdoor and campfire at the beach - if possible. NSK Chairman will write at list of Guests we would like to invite to this event.
3. NSK will meet at Saturday at 10:30 to 11:00 (sharing the atmosphere and news from the two conferences).

4. NSK will meet at Monday 16:00 to 16:30 (clearing before voting)

The contents of the meetings can be changed in relation to the development of the conference.

Daniel from the steering group will in corporation with the NSK-Chairmen make the relevant decisions and inform you about where the meetings will take place as soon as he knows.

Facilitate coordination during the conference

Prior to the Conference to make a list over Nordic participants including: name, country, MO/NSO, role in MO/NSO, role at Conference, mail addresses, mobile numbers etc.

The Conference coordinator in Norway can draw the elaborated data, and as soon the list is made it will be forwarded to NSK.

Contact: Conference Coordinator: elise.kjelling@speiding.no

Establish a Facebook group where we can share resolutions, amendments, news about candidates and elections, voting issues and “what’s up” a.s.a.p.

Book meeting rooms in cooperation with NSK-Chairmen.

8. Status of the Nordic Cooperation since last Conference v/Steering Group

Anne made a status of the activities in the “Virksomhedsplan”. Those responsible for the various activities complemented with latest updates.

All seems to be in progress more or less according to when the activity will be carried out. There was also good feedback to the work done so far by the DK steering group.

All are kindly asked to remember to look through the description on the activity descriptions and report ongoing to the steering group to NSK@spejderne.dk

Please be careful on the evaluation report so future activities can benefit from that.

The steering group will revise an update the descriptions and upload the latest version at speidereinorden.org.

There were following remarks to the “Virksomhedsplan”:

The working group on values of Guiding and Scouting

The expectations to the outcome of the working group are unclear, so Anne asked the participants to mail additional descriptions of the tasks to her. The steering group will in cooperation with the NSK-chairs prepare a proposal to NSK for its meeting in September.

Sweden had already held the **Meeting for Secretary Generals** with 35 participants from all Nordic countries. A high number, which can be explained by a vague description of the participant profile. The meeting is intended only for top-level staff. Despite the differentials in management levels and areas it was a successful meeting.

The Chief Commissioners meeting will take place in Iceland at the same weekend as the next NSK meeting in September.

Finland will soon start preparing the **Nordic Forum for Programme and Training** and will, according to the agreement made in Iceland, asks the other Nordic countries to hand in names of potential members with knowledge of training and programme.

Reimbursement for traveling costs for this NSK meeting:

Anne urged the participants to use the reimbursement document from our website and mail/ordinary mail it before 1st of June – or as soon as possible.

Please find reimbursement form at <http://speidereinorden.org>

NSK has received funds from NORDBUK for operation of NSK, and another application has been handed in for funds to run “Værdien I spejderarbejdet” and “Nordjamb20xx”.

A mailinglist for NSK has been organised. Please use nsklist@spejderne.dk when you need to send messages to all in NSK.

Please remember to send any changes in information about NSK-members to nsk@spejderne.dk which is the address only to the steering group.

9. Closure v/NSK Chair

Monica and Torben thanked for a good and inspiring meeting and wished everyone a safe trip home.

See you soon in Norway ☺