

NSK meeting 10th May 2018 in Helsingør, Denmark

Present:

Finland: Anniina Markkula (IC WOSM), Maija Santalahti (IC WAGGGS),

Norway: Mats Brunsvik (WOSM IC) (participated partly), Anne-Line Dahlen (Deputy WAGGGS IC), Martin Grønfjell (Deputy WOSM IC)

Iceland: Liljar Már Þorbjörnsson (IC WOSM/WAGGGS), Dagmar Olafsdóttir (Dep. IC), Hulda Solrun Gudmundsdóttir (ECS WOSM)

Sweden: Linda Walberg (WAGGGS IC) and Oliva Solman (WOSM Vice-IC)

Faroe Islands: Elsa Nielsen (WAGGGS IC)

Denmark: Monica Barrera Lyby (IC WAGGGS), Kristian Kvist (IC WOSM), Daniel Berthelsen and Anne Lintrup (Steering Group), Jørgen Guldborg (ex Officio), Esben Holager (President of the presidio at the NSL-Conference 2018).

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Warm welcome to old and new NSK-members

Approval of the meeting agenda: Question about if and when we will discuss current issues in WAGGGS and WOSM. The presidency explains that this NSK meeting will focus only on Nordic matters, and that WAGGGS and WOSM will be on the agenda for the ordinary NSK meeting in September. If NSK wishes to discuss WAGGGS and WOSM in detail during the conference, there will be a chance to do so during the IC gathering Friday evening. The meeting agenda is approved.

Approval of minutes from the NSK meeting in November - Approved

2. Updates on NSK budget + upcoming NSK events fall 2018

After several applications we have succeeded and received funding in April 2018 from NORDBUK (Nordic Culture Fund). The NSK conference and especially the visit at the Youth Island has been used and approved as a project and as aim to get the funds. This means that we can reimburse travel costs for all who participate in this meeting. *Please use the new reimbursement-form which has been revised.*

Anne presented a new budget for 2018 after NSK has received funding from NORDBUK. No comments and the new budget was approved.

Nordic Adventure Race (Faroe Islands):

Only 15 participants have signed up for the event (the aim was 150). All participants have been asked to evaluate if they still want to participate.

The hosting country, Faroe Islands, asks NSK for explanations and reflections on the poor number of participants. NSK discusses the issue. Possible explanations might be: The lack of clarity regarding the leader-role at the event. The leaders are expected to be responsible for a contingent of scouts and guides, who they barely know, and this can be a heavy responsibility to have.

The Faroe Islands also calling for better support from the different countries. The Faroe Islands asks if NSK wants to have events of this kind in the future and if so, what should be done differently?

NSK answers to these questions:

Island stated, that they find, that the invitation and dates were distributed very late, and that event is at the same time and for the same age group as another event at the Faroe Islands (Mini Jamb for smaller countries).

Sweden has pushed the event hard, but due to the short application-period, it was too difficult to arrange for leaders and participants.

Norway had managed to find 8 scouts/guides and leaders. Norway have now decided not to participate due to the few numbers of participants. This will probably mean that the event will be cancelled.

Finland thought the information was out too late and had great difficulty in finding leaders that would take responsibility for mixed groups of scouts from different countries. They didn't feel comfortable to take that kind of responsibility. Sweden believes that an event like this should be announced at least a year in advance to ensure that the participants can raise funds.

The feedback from **Denmark** is, that the adult leaders would have preferred reduced price due to the responsibility and work they were expected to do during the event.

If the NSK-conference decides to have this project in the next triennium we should discuss all the details carefully on the NSK-meeting in August-September 2018.

Chief Scout meeting (Faroe Islands):

The Faroe Islands had planned a meeting for the chief scouts today in Denmark, but the meeting unfortunately was cancelled due to a very few numbers of registrations in beforehand. The Faroe Islands has decided to maintain the plan, and will have the meeting in fall at the Faroe Islands. The Chief Scouts plan to meet informal during the NSK Conference.

NSK recommend that the dates for the meeting will be decided at the Chief Scouts meeting at the conference.

Nordisk Lederskapsprogram (Sweden):

Due to changes in the organisation the event has been postponed. A new manager and a new secretary generals in position and the organisation is running again. The work to find recruiting a team is running, and more information about content, team and date will be ready for the next NSK-meeting in August-September.

Young Spokesperson (Norway)

A planning team has been put together and they have started the planning. The event will take place in the autumn 2018. The coordinator is participating at the conference. She has experience from similar events and the planning team are working on an Erasmus fund application. At the moment, it is not quite clear who the target group is.

3. Updates Schedule for the Conference

The program for the conference is presented in detail by Monica and Kristian.

4. The political process and the role of NSK and the presidium during the conference

Monica went through the programme and the process in order to get everybody ready for the conference.

Documents have been sent out in beforehand, and there has been time to discuss the contents in beforehand.

Each delegation is asked to provide a member for the writing-group who will be working on the virksomhetsplan on Saturday afternoon and evening.

Jakob and Anders who have planned the participatory workshops on the new virksomhetsplan present the process of “Påvirkningstorget” which takes place Saturday morning. Jakob urge all delegations to put new proposals forward as soon as possible to give the best possibilities to discuss issues of the new ideas. The debate will be an open discussion on different stations matching the structure of the “Samarbejdsgrundlag”. Each station will be managed by 2-3 moderators. There will be post-it’s for comments to the different proposals and some small coloured stickers to vote on the different proposals. Please have in mind that all voting-stickers and post-it comments are on behalf on your country - not each individual. Please remember to write your name and country on all post-it and proposals when you put it forward (to avoid mistakes and correct misunderstandings as well as making it clear who the sender).

It is important to be very concrete when writing proposals. The experience after the NSK conference in 2015 is that it was a great challenge to actually “interpret/translate” the underlying meaning into activity plans.

The moderators/facilitators will take notes on what has been **said**, what they have **observed** and what the overall **feeling** have been (was it popular. Who liked it).

All inputs will be handed over to the writing-group, who will work on a proposal for a new virksomhetsplan for 2019-2021. The plan will be presented to the Presidium, who is in charge to discuss and decide the new plan.

5. Discussion and input for draft Virksamhetsplan

SPEJDER MÖTER SCOUT

Forandringsagenter:

Island tells about a great event, which contains the possibility to give young guides and scouts an insight in the Nordic Scout and Guide cooperation. The event strengthened the interest for scouting and guiding in Norden and can inspire them to an engagement in international scouting and guiding. Comments from NSK:

Finland: It is at good event to send people to because the age of the target group is 18+ who can travel on their own and take responsibility for themselves. It is important to make it clear how many participants each nation can sent. The point is to find the balance between giving as many as possible an opportunity to participate and not making the event too big. It is important that all get to know each other. May be the next hosting country should consider whether matured young people under 18

should be given the possibility to participate?

It is important to remember that the event is planned and carried out by volunteers and that the task doing this must be practicable. Another comment is to keep the focus on international guiding and scouting and second (but also) on fun.

Suggestion on potential themes for the coming “forandringsagenter” event: UN Global Development Goals, with the focus on making change, related to WAGGGS/WOSM programme, making understanding of change work - FN resolution 2050. Networking - get to know each other.

Nordic Adventure Race:

In general people wants events like this.

The planned event in 2018 has had its challenges on timing and on the question on resources. It is up to Faroe Islands to decide the future of the project for 2018.

Finland suggest that if some of the events from the 2016-2018 not is to be continued in the coming plan, this should be one of them. Finland also states, that it is important to have in mind, that none of the events for the coming period should cost too many resources in and from the host country.

Denmark: In Denmark there is at great and positive interest, but unfortunately it has been difficult to mobilize people due to short time for planning this year.

Comments of more general interest on the events:

We have two types of events in NSKs work and cooperation: Some are characterized by experiences, fun and meeting new people across the Nordic countries, and are aimed at younger guides and scouts. Other events have an educational aim and impact and the target group are rover/rangers and leaders who are already involved or have shown interest in taking a role of responsibility in national and international guiding and scouting.

We must face, that there is an economical question to address as well. Some of the associations are more willing to support education instead of experiences and fun, which means that the latter to a greater extend need should be implemented without a subsidy from NSK. Of course, the host country on their own can apply for funding as much they can to reduce the fee for participating, but maybe it also will be more difficult to raise external funds on events where the aim is more experience and fun than education.

A suggest is to consider whether two or more countries could cooperate on an event? The idea is that it may be is easier to fundraise when the organizing team is trans-nordic/bilaterally?

It is indeed important to send detail on the event (dates, aim, target group, participant profile, price, expectations in general) out in sufficient time for the participating associations to find the right participans for the event. It is also important to define the expected number of participants form the different countries, and that these numbers can be different for one country to another due to number of members in the Nordic countries.

Iceland would like to see a Nordic Adventure Race completed before NSK starts to evaluate how it works in praxis. This is still new territory, and the discussions rests on hypotheses.

Nordisk Lederskapsprogram:

Nordisk Lederskapsprogram is also a new activity in the current triennium. In **Sweden** who are going to host the event in fall 2018, there has been discussions on who the event should benefit - who is the target group? It is still unclear for all involved. The idea originally came from a Trefoil-Gilwell course that was held in Denmark in 2014. The upcoming event in Sweden will be some kind of a leader

training event for experienced leaders/leader trainers.

It is important to ask and discuss the question on what will NSK like the purpose to be in the future? It is very important that NSK decide whether it should be a leader training course (Gilwell) or a training for trainers.

Nordic friendship award (Nordisk venskabsmærke):

A new idea which came up at the NSK-meeting in November. **Norway** is concerned that it can be hard to get funding. We should consider how the idea can be organized, and suggest that maybe it will be convenient if the project has a primary responsibility country. **Finland** is worried that they don't have the resources to support this project.

NSK discusses whether the idea is to work back home with Nordic topics and though these activities be able to gain the badge or do the guides/scouts have to travel to the other Nordic countries and do some specific activities to gain the badge? Another question is whether you can work on the badge as an individual or you can/must participate as a team/patrol?

Hulda mentions that there previously has been a Nordic friendship badge. It is worth considering if an activity of this kind will be attractive for young people of today.

FORBUND MØDER KORPS

General secretary meeting and network (generalsekretær møde og netværk)

The General Secretaries are expected to organize the meeting themselves if they need to meet. NSKs role is to make sure to keep them in the loop and make them aware, so the meeting is in the budgets. The feedback from the general secretaries is positive on the meetings held until now.

Chief scout meeting and network (Spejderchef møde og netværk)

The meetings in Iceland 2016 and Finland 2017 has been successfully, and the chief scouts expresses that they gain form the meetings.

Iceland will urge all countries to send 2 representatives.

There is a proposal to have the meeting held together with the yearly NSK-meeting in autumn. The idea is still two separate meetings and agendas, but with social time together.

Nordic Forum for program and training

Iceland has benefited a lot from the training in Finland 2017.

The event builds on the earlier (before 2015) activity called "Norpolk". A trans/cross Nordic planning team could be very beneficial. There should be a main topic for the event. If possible, the topic could be decided be on the NSK Conference (more and stronger inputs).

NSK need to have a general discussion on funding in NSK to be able facilitate cross-Nordic workgroups.

SKÁTUN MÖTER SAMFUNN

Young Spokespersons:

NSK had a discussion on the content of the event. Should it be an extension to the WOSM YSP, or is it a programme for new or experienced YSPs or is it an event to exchange experiences?

NSK did not an answer to these questions, and doubt that this is an event that should be offered in the Virksamhetsplan for 2019-2021.

Questions raised in the debate:

- How can we scale the event to reach more young guides and scouts to be educated to influence in relevant places and medias?
- In Norden we must remember to merge WAGGGS advocacy frame work (AFW) and WOSM young Spokesperson programme (YSP) as we have a strong cooperation between members of the two world associations.
- The profile of the participants must be clear, and it must be clear whether the event is an add on to the different countries own YSP/AFW? I this case it is important to clarify whether all countries provide YSP/AFW training. Not all countries in NSK provides the program from WOSM/WAGGGS.
- Island would prefer if NSK provides more varied activities/events for young guides/scouts. There are many young guides/scouts who have other interest than advocacy work e.g. burns for the Nordic cooperation and culture.
- More countries already provide training as YPP/AFW. As far as NSK know, WAGGGS and WOSM's have not developed some kind of "YSP/AFW level 2", which can be used in an education provided by an association/a country in Norden.
- Another issue to be discussed is the age and profile of the target group for the event.

Go global

A new idea which came up at the NSK-meeting in November. The idea is to provide a forum for training of young scouts and guides who have an interest in international guiding and scouting and who wants prepare to take on a role of responsibility in the international guiding and scouting world. During the NSK meeting in November we discussed that the idea was to strengthen the political profile of our countries and to make the participants more capable in representing associations and countries internationally. The level of experience for the participants must should be defined to gain the best result of the event. An attitude mentioned was that the participants must have some kind of experience and interest on international scouting and guiding and must desire to develop these skills. **Sweden** would prefer that the event is more inspiring for guides/scouts who just have an interest but have not been involved further, and that it should a more social- or event-based approach. It would be convenient if the event takes place just before big WAGGGS and WOSM conferences (half to one year in beforehand). The aim should then be to prepare new upcoming delegates to be ready for the coming Europe or World conference.

NSK can see two different target groups: One is already engaged in international guiding and scouting and needs to be better prepared for their assignment. The other group is young scouts and guides who need introduction to the international work in guiding and scouting in Norden, Europe and the world.

Hulda informs, that the Europe conference in the future will be arranged to take place AFTER the world conferences. This will probably also have an impact on the timing of the NSK conference.

NorJamb 20xx

NSK is asking whether we really need another international jamboree? A survey round the table reveals that no country for the time being is willing to take responsibility for running a working group on the project. A suggestion is that we should be better at promoting national jamborees held in the other Nordic countries, instead of using resources on a joint Nordic jamboree. The the camp-schedules in the different countries is filled with national and international jamborees for the next five years+.

NSK recommend not to take the idea further.

6. Discussion and input for draft Mission, Vision and Samarbeidsgrundlag

The NSK chairs suggest to discuss two topics: Changing the name and logo and to re-address the funding issue. The name-change to Nordisk Spejderkomité (same abbreviation NSK) and updated logo (see head of this minutes 😊) are both approved and will be set for adoption in the Presidium. KFUM-Spejderne, Denmark has suggested that the samarbeidsgrundlag should be revisited during the coming triennium. It's important that NSK reflects on who should be in the workgroup and how it should be funded.

7. Plan for NSK meetings during the conference

Norway call for a meeting for ICs during the conference regarding WOSM and WAGGGS. The meeting will take place at 18:30 on Friday at the conference.

8. Any other business

Sweden and Finland announce that they are planning a Gilwell training together.