

NSK meeting 1st-2nd September 2018 in Copenhagen

Present:

- Finland:** Anniina Markkula (IC WOSM), Maija Santalahti (IC WAGGGS), Heidi Jokinen (WAGGGS World Committee)
- Norway:** Anne-Line Evenstad Dahlen (IC WAGGGS), Mats Brunsvik (IC WOSM), Eline Marie Grøholt (WAGGGS Europe Committee), Håvard Laache Otto (New Secretariat) and Knut Slettebak (New Secretariat)
- Iceland:** Liljar Márorbjörnsson (IC), Þórey Lovísa (deputy-IC) and Hulda Sólrún Guðmundsdóttir (WOSM Europe Committee)
- Sweden:** Martin Persson (IC WOSM), Linda Walberg (IC WAGGGS), Julius Kramer (WOSM Youth Advisor)
- Faroe Islands:** Elsa Nielsen (IC WAGGGS), Sigurd Leifsson Lamhauge (IC WOSM)
- Denmark:** Monica Barrera Lyby (IC WAGGGS), Kristian Kvist (IC WOSM), Jørgen Guldborg (ex Officio), Daniel Berthelsen (Steering Group) and Anne Lintrup (Steering Group).

Minutes of the Meeting

Saturday 1st of September 2018

1. Warm welcome to old and new NSK-members

Approval of the meeting agenda - Approved

Approval of minutes from the NSK meeting in May - Approved

2. Updates

News from each country

Norway: Around 30.000 members in total. This summer we had a national jamboree. It went really well. 4.400 participants and a lot of international guests. Working on putting together a secretary for the NSK. 3 Håvard and Knut from the

new secretariat is present and introduces themselves. Bjørn Lohmann is the third member. We are still looking for a fourth member.

Several upcoming events: "Operation Dagsværk" - cooperation between scouts and schools, supporting projects in Pakistan.

The General Assembly will be held in November, where a new board will be elected as well as the IC-positions.

The next Explorer Belt will be going to Andorra. National championship in scouting. Preparing for World Jamboree in USA (in 2019).

Iceland: 1.592 members. We have been busy. We have changed the setup for the national jamboree, so rather than having one big camp we had one for each age group. All of them went well despite pouring rain on each of them. It was nice to try this model with smaller

We have been restructuring the office. Hiring two employees who will work locally developing the groups. This is a new approach.

Euro mini-camp on Faroe Iceland went well.

Big national jamboree in 2020 8-14. July (two weeks before the Euro-camp in Poland). Age 11+. All of you are invited.

Sweden: We are 70.024 members. Continues growth for the past 5 years (+5% annually). Growth seems to continue. A lot of local camps this year. National fire ban has given a lot of challenges to camps, not being able to cook as we are used to and areas being evacuated. In the end only two camps were cancelled.

A lot of wildfires. Local scouts have participated in helping out. We are currently collecting experiences from these "events" to learn from this (both with regards to having camps and helping out with the fire-fighting).

General Assembly this autumn in November. This is where we will decide the plan for the next two years and elect the new board, which also includes the IC-positions- We have started the preparations for the next national jamboree in 2021.

Faroe Iceland: Around 1000 members. The numbers are stable. The biggest challenge we have is to recruit leaders. We are running a Gilwell-Trefoil training course. It has now been transformed to look more like the Danish course. It is an important issue to keep training new leaders as we are in short supply.

We had Euro mini-jamb with 120 participants from different European countries (Gibraltar, Monaco, Iceland og Faroe Islands). It was held at the scout center with excursions into the surroundings. Many fun activities (sailing, dancing, campfire).

This years three national honor certificate from the government was all given to young scouts. KFUK leader received the award for her work with "Free Being Me2.

We are looking much forward to hosting the Nordic Adventure Race in the upcoming triennium.

Finland: 59.101 members (55.000 have paid). The growth have stopped. We had two big district camps this summer. Big Rover-event this weekend. The General Assembly will be in November. Election for the national board and development of the new strategy for the next 4 years. Hopefully we will carry on in the same direction. Some changes to our laws to open up for new groups. Working the change the local organisation into trio's as inspired by Iceland. We will be hosting an event were the experiences will be discussed. You are all welcome to come and learn from our experiences. An invitation will come out later. Working group have been working with the values of scouting and guiding. Next focus will be to involve the members more. Spiritual belief has been a major issue that we will be working with in the future.

Discussing Constitution and scout promise for decision probably next year. Last spring we applied for funding for a 3-year project with Uganda. Have applied for funding through the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Denmark: In total around 70.000 members. We are continuing the development of the shared organization "Spejderne". We have decided to carry on with the joint National Jamboree (Spejdernes Lejr) in 2022. A board to lead this work has been created.

Youth Island ("Ungdommens Ø") is expected to open next summer (2019). Only parts of it will be ready for activities. The work with restoring the remaining parts will continue for many years.

Both the Danish Scout Council and the The Joint Committee of Girl Guides in Denmark has, independent of each other, decided to start on a "new strategy" process. Both focus on the role and objectives of each institution. The processes was not coordinated in the beginning, but now there are talks between the two bodies.

More MO's have decided to share administrative headquarters. Recently the Baptist Guide and Scout Association has moved in with KFUM spejderne. The Green Girl Guides are currently sharing administrative headquarter with The Danish Guide and Scout Association.

Sarah and Ana Maria has recently been in Denmark to have a meeting with Princess Benedikte. The three Danish WAGGGS IC's also had an opportunity to meet with them separately and have some interesting talks.

Denmark had a contingency for Roverway. It was very hard to put together as only few had committed to it, and at some point we were almost giving up, but in the end we managed to put together a group. We need to be better at advertising this in the future as it is a great event.

For the European Jamboree Denmark has found a contingency-leader (Katja). She has been in contact with Sweden and hopes to be able to collaborate

DDS have started a cooperation with Unicef. We are very interested if any other have been working with them. Anne is coordinating this. So please provide her with contact information.

Updates from WAGGGS and WOSM by committee/board members

WAGGGS World (Heidi):

A in Copenhagen recently. The participants were HRH Princess Benedikte, Vibeke Riemer, WB chair Ana Maria and CEO Sarah Nanchollas.

A very interesting meeting is happening today between WAGGGS and WOSM. We want to extend the cooperation to include training and program.

WAGGGS world board is still recruiting for the last seat for the young member under 30 years. Currently we have 20-30 applications. The next World Board meeting will be in late September in London. We have managed to fill some of the vacant places in the administration.

A lot of staff have been replaced with new competent people at the World Headquarter. A new accounting system is being implemented. We expect big improvements.

The theme for “Think Day 2019” will be Leadership.

South to South project is a success with many new members on the African continent. Norway has a huge impact on the project and has also raised a large amount of money for the project.

WAGGGS Europe (Eline): Roverway was this summer. The planning team worked well. It’s a really strong concept and it gets better each time.

There is currently a call for interested countries to host the next Roverway.

“We will have a growth?” event in January.

Preparing for the European conference next year.

Working on leadership even next year - primarily for Girls-only organisations.

WOSM World (Julius): Right now committee meeting in Geneva.

One year into the new triennium. Working on the new growth-objective (to reach the goal of 100 mio. worldwide benefiting from scouting).

1. success: New service platform (WOSM Service) directed NSO’s to gain support in the different areas. Another aspect is to train consultants to support NSOs.

The platform went live in June. You can “order/request” help through this platform. The support will come in many different forms: online meeting, webinars, personal meetings, courses, written material, etc.

2. success: Good work on the new registration fee system. Be present to vote for the recommendation in Egypt in 2020. One suggestion is if a country has reached 5% of the target group, they will not have to pay for new member above the 5% line. We have also created a tool where you can work with the new payment model.
see: scout.org/fees

3. Success: SDGs (world goals)

Better World Framework alignment. Youth programme toolkit for NSO's. In terms of advocacy and partnership we will be working together with UN and participate in the upcoming General Assembly.

World Scout Educational Congress will be held in Brazil.

On the governance level, we will be working on Gender Mainstreaming.

Challenges: Wrong membership-figures in certain part of the world (significantly lower than was officially reported). The numbers have been revised to more realistic level.

WOSM Europe (Hulda): Since the Nordic conference we had 3 big events. All of them quite successful. One of them on communication. Good feedback from participants. A committee meeting was held in June. Events has been postponed due to few participants. It will be held in the spring. Probably in April or May 2019.

We will propose a shorter term for the next WOSM Europe board.

The aim is to have the European Conference after the World Conference. This to be more aligned with the World level and many of the other regions.

We had an excellent WOSM-team working the Roverway. Not as big as the WAGGGS-team, but they did a great work. We seriously hope that the countries will consider hosting the next Roverway.

A survey regarding the cooperation between WAGGGS and WOSM Europe is out. Please respond and share the link. We really need your inputs for this.

Event in November we will start the discussion on a new strategy and it is the hope to have members from all NSO's involved. A Symposium will be held in the first week of April in connection to the European committee meeting.

The Academy will be taking place again this year. We need more countries interested in hosting it.

Refugee event (reaching out) in Belgium in December.

The two committees will meet in November 2018 and again in March 2019. Please announce ideas and comments for the committees to consider to Hulda or Eline.

FOSE (Jørgen G): FOSE has 830 members which results in a good economical support to Scouting in Eastern Europe. In total, we have been supporting with 15.000 Swiss franc to projects in eastern Europe the previous year. In the coming months, we will have activities in Iceland, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

3. Updates on upcoming NSK events 2018 (Norway, Sweden, Faroe Island) (Denmark)

Norway: “Unge Talspersoner” (Young spokesperson) is planned to be on 5-7. October 2018 in Oslo. Currently 2 participant from Denmark, Sweden, Faroe Iceland and Finland. We hope for more participants. There will be room for sending more persons from each NSO. The current low number is worrying the planning-team. Registration deadline is today, but will most likely be extended. Some concern that the price is for the event is quite high (3500 NOK). The registration is still open. Norway will get back with a new deadline, participant price and details on Monday.

Sweden: “Nordisk Lederskabsprogram” (Nordic Leadership programme). The event is planned for the weekend May 30 till June 2, 2019. Registration opened in June. Only a few participants so far. Deadline for registration is October 31st. Please put forward as many applicants as you like. The planning team will decide who will be allowed to participate.

Faroe Island: Chief Scout meeting on 28-30 September. Invitation sent yesterday. Denmark notes that the Danish Chief Scouts will not be able to participate as they are all participating of the YMCA General Assembly. They sent their warmest regards. They support the idea strongly and hope to be able to participate in next year’s meeting.

4. Presentation of provisional accounts 2018 (Denmark)

We haven’t finished the accounts, but it looks good both with regard to the conference and the general NSK economy. We still have some open accounts with regards to travel refunds for this meeting and the meeting in May. We kindly urge you to send your receipts no later than October 1st. 2018.

We also urge you to provide input for the yearly report for Nordbuk in January as

soon as you can. This include number of members and important event and activities in the past year.

5. Highlights from the Nordic Guide and Scout Conference (Denmark)

Monica presented a short video to recall memories from the conference.

Daniel presented the result of the survey after the conference.

Short summary: 43 out of 104 participants (41%) answered the survey, with a majority being first-time participants. The participants were very satisfied with the event and the venue. Positive reactions on opening ceremony and the workshop-sessions on Friday afternoon.

Also positive feedback on the political process Saturday (Påvirkningstorvet), where input and discussions the activity plan (Aktivitetsplanen) was conducted. Still there a room for improvement when it comes to communicating the process before the conference. Also it would have been beneficial to introduce participants with similar roles to each other in order to facilitate a better dialog. Overall the participants were very satisfied with the political process and the outcome (Samarbejdsgrundlaget & Aktivitetsplanen).

The visit to the Youth Island was very popular although the dinner and subsequent Nordic Desserts came under time pressure. Still 6 out of 10 thought that it was a good way of including the Nordic cultures in the event. The delay also meant that the planned campfire on the Island was cancelled.

Suggestions for next conference:

- More organized talks between participants with similar roles
- Prioritizing of the Nordic language
- All practical and Ad hoc announcements (Household calls) should also be posted on the homepage as they occur.
- The aim of Fridays program was unclear.
- A big united campfire on Saturday is important

Further suggestions are noted down individually on Post-it, read aloud and handed over to Norway.

6. Virksamhetsplan 2019-2021 (Norge)

Go through Virksamhetsplan 2019-2021

Discuss the following details: target group, themes and scope for each activity in the plan. Three workshop groups discussing one activity in each: "Go global and forandringsagenterne" (1), "Nofus" (2), "Nordic Adventure Race and Nordisk lederskapsprogram" (3).

Norway was leading this on this part of the agenda including retrieving the inputs and documentation they need to run NSK's work virksomhedsplanerne.

NOFUS

The group had a good discussion regarding the concept of NOFUS. It is important that it is a compliment current WAGGGS and WOSM activities. Besides that it should be up to the host country to define form and relevant target group. The theme of the event should be the guideline for defining the target group. Not the other way around. It's important to find participants who can bring something to the table and who will benefit from participating. Two ideas for themes: "SDG" and "Supporting growth to local groups".

As with all the other activities the host country should aim to announce dates and participant-profile well in advance to increase the possibility of a strong participation.

Go Global

Could be aimed very broad with regards to age. The host country should define the target age for this event. They also need to consider the timing of the event with consideration to the regional and world conferences, as Go Global! is meant as a preparation for these events. It should separate itself from Forandringsagenterne and have a clear focus on developing new skills and strengthen the international engagement. Length and form is still up for discussion.

Forandringsagenterne

It is decided to have this event twice in the next triennium. E.g. in the first and third year. It should have a specific theme somewhat connected to "Change". This should be decided by the planning team. This seminar/event is not aiming particularly at promoting international engagement (that is for "Go Global"). The host country should decide upon age profile and participant profile for the event.

Nordic Adventure Race

Still a new event that need to find a sustainable form. Different rules/procedures in each country when traveling with persons under 18 years should be considered. There are different expectations and traditions in each country that need to be addressed in for such an event if all should be able to participate. It is therefore crucial to have a dialog within the IC-group if the target age is below 18 years. For many countries, it is not an option to send underage young people away to a foreign country on their own.

When aiming for a younger target group it should be handled as an international event with a national contingency. The recommendation is that the event is scheduled for the last part of the next triennium, thus allowing time to sort out all questions and practical details.

Another area that needs to be discussed further is how to combine rules on national teams, competitions and the ambition of an inter-nordic cultural exchange.

It is also important to hold on the original idea/vision behind the event as described in the 2016-2018 plan.

Nordisk lederskabsprogram/Nordic Trefoil Gilwell course

Interesting discussions. Different traditions in each country. The course should adapt to the economic opportunities and wishes there are and the guidelines for WAGGGS and WOSM for the Trefoil and Gilwell courses.

Several nordic countries (Finland, Norge og Sverige) already has Trefoil-Gilwell courses, and inspiration can be drawn from the description of these courses.

Discussion of activities and interest in hosting

The activity plan is opened for discussion and the countries presents their thoughts and possible bid for the planned activities. This marks the opening of this discussion which we aim to finalize tomorrow.

Denmark are willing to host Nordic Adventure Race (if possible and convenient in cooperation with Faroe Islands), Go Global and Forandringsagenter. We could also host a Secretary General and Chief Scout/Guide meeting.

Iceland will like to host Go Global, could also take a Secretary General or Chief Scout meeting.

Faroe Island wants to host Nordic Adventure Race.

Sweden wants to host the Nordic Trefoil Gilwell course.

Finland will be happy to host Go Global and maybe Forandringsagenterne either next year or in 2021.

Norway will be handling the NSK economy, Presidency and the NSK Conference in 2021.

NOFUS has no bidders currently. Denmark urge all countries to consider to host it before tomorrow's meeting. As it is in the plan we are committed to make it happen. So rather than forcing it on to a country it would be better if someone could step forward.

7. Current matters in WAGGGS and WOSM.

Status in general

NSK discussed upcoming European conference, including relevant topics, vacant board positions and the scheduling of the conferences.

8. FOSE Reception

*****Meeting adjourned*****

Sunday September 2nd - 2018

9. Host for Activities (Norway)

Discussion on Virksomhedsplan and who will host what events. Timing and ideas for concept is discussed.

Anne-Line presented a summary showing the wishes from the countries from Saturday. The summary was shared and discussed.

Forandringsagenter:

Danmark will host in 2019. Sweden will host in 2021.

Nordic Trefoil-Gilwell training:

Sweden is happy to host the event in 2020. They will also be hosting a nordic leadership training in 2019 (postponed from the previous triennium)

Nordic Adventure Race:

Both Faroe Island and Denmark is very interested in hosting the event and each present their ideas for the event.

It is decided that Faroe Island will get a new change at hosting their previously cancelled attempt from this summer (2018) in 2019 instead. It is stressed that the information about the event is announced as soon as possible. Preferably this autumn (2018).

The expectation is for each country to send around 15 participants to this event in 2019.

This event is regarded as a postponed event from the current triennium (2016-2018)

Denmark will host the concurring Nordic Adventure Race in 2021.

Secretary General meeting & network:

Unsure if it should be in the plan. We should ask the Secretary Generals to decide where to have the meetings in 2020 and 2021.

Go Global:

Finland, Denmark and Iceland are willing to host it. All are very excited and enthusiastic about it.

Iceland will host it and will invite the other countries to participate in the planning and shaping of the event.

NOFUS:

A new event - the NSK members were a little hesitating to take the event. The ambitions of the event are very high. Iceland stepped up to the challenge. Iceland suggest to put in the event in autumn of 2021 - after the NSK conference, to take themes from the conference in consideration for the NOFUS-event.

Activity	2019	2020	2021
Spejder möter scout			
Forandringsagenter	DK		SE
Nordisk Trekløver-Gillwell		SE	
Nordic Adventurerace	FO*		DK
Forbund möter korps			
Generalsekretærmøde og -netværk	FI	()**	()**
Spejderchefmøde og -netværk	FO	FI	SE
NOFUS			IS
Skátun möter samfunn			
Go Global	IS	IS	IS
Øvrigt			
Økonomisk model	NO	NO	NO
Nordisk Spejderkonference 2021			NO
NSK møde	FO	FI	SE

*Event postponed from 2018 due to operational circumstances

** Will be decided upon by the general secretaries

10. NSK Secretariat & Presidency 2019-2021 (Norway)

Expectations for upcoming presidency. How should the secretariat follow up on activities?
How and when should dates and events be announced?

It is suggested that each country to put up a time plan for the events and sent it to the secretariat. The deadline is by the end of the year. Everybody agrees that it is important to deliver a short evaluation of the event with the basic facts, concept and lessons learned.

Use the homepage and post relevant information there. Remember that the host country is responsible for the funding and economy of each project. It is important to have a joint understanding on how long time is needed in advance to allow other countries to plan their attendance. Half a year is the minimum - Preferable a year in advance. It would be good to announce the approximate date for an event as soon as possible.

Norway will take over the webpage with the same webmaster as Denmark (Birgir).

The mail-lists will be revised for the upcoming presidency. It is important that it is clear who is part of the list to know what can of information that can be shared. The IC-list should only be for IC's. The NSK-list will include the secretariat and other relevant persons.

It is important to have clear guidelines regarding how to get travel costs refunded (and what the deadline is for this).



Discussion on how to communicate on social media. The Facebook-group can be used to post events and spread the message of the work in NSK. We should continue with the WhatsApp group for internal communication, but also create a separate group where the secretariat is included.

Norway will carry on with something very similar to the Danish budget and will also start the work on funding very soon (with inputs from Denmark).

A great source for funding besides Norbuk and Erasmus+ is "Leadership Training Fund" (WAGGGS/WOSM).

11. Any other businesses (Norway)

Setting dates for the upcoming NSK-meeting.

- IC Forum is 22-24. February
- Pre Europe-conference meeting on June 29th 2019 in Copenhagen (hosted by Denmark). One-day meeting.
- It is decided to move the ordinary NSK-meeting to September 27-29th 2019 in Faroe Islands.
- WAGGGS and WOSM IC's will be decide separate dates for relevant Skype-meetings.

12. Final Remarks (Norway)

Denmark thanks for the presidency and wishes Norway the best of luck ahead.

