

Minutes - NSK-møte Island 2.-4. September 2022

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The secretariat gave a brief update. The secretariat has had some initial technical problems, such as no updated mailing list. Looking into finding new tech-support.

Unfortunately no external funding was secured for NSK meeting this time.

Progress is being made on the Nordic Scout Conference, and main venue + hotel have been booked. The venue will be the Nordic House in Tórshavn, and Hotel Hilton Garden Inn has been booked, which is very close to the venue.

Country updates:

Finland:

- Doing quite well post-covid. Not seeing as much growth, as they would like, but there is growth and good membership retention.
- Finland has a number of projects going on, including Carbon Neutral Scouting in 2030 and Widening the Norm of being a Scout.
- Successfully held the national jamboree this summer. Over 13.000 participants. Emotional welfare was a focus point on the jamboree.
- Arrangements for Go Global are moving forwards, and registration is open.
- Development cooperation with Nepal. Focused on peace education.
- Other topics in Finland:
 - The Finnish model
 - Board elections in November
 - World Scout Jamboree ongoing. Over 900 participants from Finland

Iceland:

- New Priorities: Focus on training volunteers – staff and leaders.
- Safe from Harm
- More roundtables
- More Ranger and Rover
- New Scouting foundation – new explorer badges for oldest age, new hiking badges inspired by Denmark.
- Summer camps have been this summer for all age groups.
- National jamboree in 2024 – 12-19th July.
- 120 participants for World Jamboree.

Denmark

- Groups are starting to emerge again in Greenland after a few years of inactivity.
- Slight increase in membership in 2021 numbers. Did not lose members during Covid. Status quo in 2020, rise in 2021 in between 5 and 10 percent in all age groups.
- During covid camping became more prevalent in Denmark. This had a positive effect on scouting. Downside is that there is a change in volunteering. There are more children in scouting, but less young people for leader positions. Sense is that they are less likely to take on longer obligations and prefer shorter and lesser obligations.
- National jamboree held this summer, was a huge success. Fewer participants than anticipated, around 30.000 people. 3,500 international participants. 1,3 million Euro in funding. Getting companies to fund specific activities seemed to work.
- Spejderne: How can international work be structured better?
Spejderne had a fund reach out to provide funding for underprivileged children, because Spejderne as an organisation is more transparent and easier for outsider to become aware of.

- Looking towards Roverway in 2024.
- 470 Danes in Jamboree contingent.
- Spejderne discussing whether to bid for Jamboree in 2031.

Sweden

- Sweden currently has 76500 guides and scouts and is seeing a growth for the 8th consecutive year.
- First time receiving money from the state budget. 20 million. Distributed to local troops.
- Decrease of leadership and education, so this is a new focus. Preparing for new strategy in 2025.
- Projects: Campfire – support for volunteers. Find framework that can help in volunteer travel. Lighting a fire to prepare for travel, keep the flame alive.
- National Camp: Over 11.000 participants. Difficulties finding volunteers. Adults switched to volunteers.
- National Jamboree in 2025.
- Local initiatives for Ukraine. Sending medical supplies, having Ukrainian guests at national camp.
- Safe from Harm:
 - 2.000 Swedish participants to Jamboree. Need to find leaders for all these participants.
 - Explorer belts is popular, however leaders are difficult to find.
 - Ung I Norden is coming up, preparations are in full swing.

Norway

- Focus:
 - Development of children and youth
 - More inclusivity
 - More visibility
- National jamboree 3.500 participants this summer. Successful but wet.
- More cooperation between the associations.
 - Arendalsuka
 - Working on common profile on how to look together.
 - Common webpage with activities and events.
- Changed name to Spejderne I Norge from Speidernes Fællesorganisation
- New reality program with scouts is airing this fall. Hopefully this will be good publicity
- This year in Norway is the year of the volunteers. Arrangements all year, 23. April was leader-party.
- Joint jamboree in 2025 with Sweden. Finding campsite and finding project-leader camp chief.
- Roverway 2024, 22 July – 2 August, Stavanger area, hoping for 5.000 participants

Faroe Islands

Membership numbers: Small but steady growth.

- KFUK/WAGGGS
 - New agegroup - Familjespejder – 3-5 år.
 - Nye Hike opgaver udviklet under Corona, opgaver sendes med mail pr. 3km, aktiverer ældre/gamle spejdere.
 - Kveiking, inspiration for kvindelige spejderledere. Tema: India.

- WOSM/FS
 - Leadertraining.
 - Senior and roverwork. What happens after you stop being a small child? Expectation of being a leader, but they need to have something to do themselves. More boy scout activities even though they have stopped being boy scouts.
 - Brain drain -
 - World environment badge
 - Explorer belt – cooperation with English team

- KFUK:
 - New cub material
 - Renovating the scout centre. Has been a big challenge, initial project too big.

Faroese scouting is still on the national budget

One new group this year

1. Juli krav um børneattest.

Nordic Adventure Race was held this summer – summary will follow later.

76 participants on Spejdernes Lejr

56 participants in the Danish Jamboree Contingent

WOSM Update:

Pia, Wosm World Scout Committee:

- Africa scout conference: Good to see Africa region coming back together. Four years since last conference. 38 out of 40 NSO's, success.
 - From Nordic perspective: interesting resolutions. Quotas for young people in delegations. World scout conference has been tested in Africa.
 - 2 out of 6 have to be young people under 26.
- World scout committee meeting later this month. Can share report after that.
- NSO town hall recently. Safe From Harm is on right now. Safe From Harm is becoming a membership requirement. Next year probably some format some

indication of implementation of safe from harm. Compliance requirement, but support is already available. Good idea to have sneak peek into that.

- Team forum for next strategy. Vision 2023 will run out next conference. Long term strategic plan.
- Jamboree: Heads of contingent meeting in Korea recently. Preparations are delayed, but confident that we will catch up. WOSM has put resources into this.
- Preparations for moot in Portugal 2025. Going well and smooth. World event later in this triennium.
- New leadership in the Africa regions. Committee selection was good, a lot of candidates. Unfortunately, gender diversity was not good. There were female candidates, but few. Only 1 female in the actual committee. New Chairperson has three years' experience.

WAGGGS Update

Heidi Jokinen, Chair of WAGGGS World Board

Intense regional conference season. Africa region just finished. Expecting later next week Arab region conference will be starting in Abu Dhabi.

Heavy burden to have all the regional conferences at same time/back to back.

Keep the old cycle of conferences, WAGGGS conference will be next year. Not sure of dates, but around this time next year.

Regional conferences are taking place just before.

Should regional conferences come before or after? And then it just happened that they take place before. Leads to being slightly in haste.

Governance wise: In a limbo. Only know that regional conferences are still taking place, and world board will meet at end of September in London. Then start pooling together best strategy.

WAGGGS has 12-year vision, current one is for 2032, and under which are 6-year strategies. New strategy next year – Compass 32.

World Board meeting will be packed with massive agenda items. Thinking about governance motions for conference.

Two important program events:

1. World Thinking Day 2023 material has come out. Currently running a three-year focus on climate and environment with World Thinking Day activity. Theme for next year: Our world, our Peaceful Future.

What does climate change actually mean, and what impact does it have on our opportunities for a peaceful future.

2. October – 16 days of activism around international day of the girl. Theme: Girls speak out. In Finland: Girls worse off than boys, as they are not doing well mentally and health-wise. “Speak up” is one way of addressing these feelings.

WAGGGS Europe:

Signe Gertz and Olivia Solam

Incoming mail on fundraising.

Sharing best practices and hoping to see Nordic participants. Webinars.

November: Academy. Registry is open. Email will be out shortly. Deadline is 1. October. Academy is a shared event directed at volunteers. “How to fail as a board member,” “how to run a youth organisation.”

Theme: Opening portals. 2nd 6th November Lithuania.

Operational side: Surf smart. Internet safety for youth. Funds for implementing this.

Webinar for IC’s. Run by Mocha team. No date set but will come soon.

WAGGGS has recently received a grant.

Ukraine fond: Seems to be a slowing out of needs for that fund. WAGGGS global is not seeing the same interest anymore.

Plenary session: Events:

NAR Evaluation:

Nordic Adventure Race 27. juni - 4. july, Faroe Islands.

- 50 participants from Nordic countries.
- Mixed patrols. Tarpaulin and walking sticks for everyone.
- Fishing competition on sloop – Westward Ho. The catch was dinner.
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- Too few registrations
- Postponed several times, both from low participant numbers and corona.
- Spejdernes Lejr was at same summer, and some did not want to spend entire summer on camping
- No participants from Iceland

- Challenges with substitutions in the planning committee.

- Ambitious plans with use of media, but participants had problems connecting to the internet, and NAR was held in the midst of summer holiday season for national media corporation.
- Participants were mainly 13 to 16 years, but some were 17 and 18 because the event had been postponed.
- Challenges with route because of weather. Ending on highest mountain in Faroes was cancelled. Fog, rain and windy conditions.

- Successcriteria:
 - Participation from nearly all Nordic countries, except Iceland and Greenland
 - Event was covered by several different media
 - Budgeting and funding:
 - Support from Clara Lachmann foundation
 - Faroese funding from a local government and private business
 - Funding for food and drink
 - The books have not been finished yet

- What did we learn for next time?
 - Internet connectivity for all participants is a must
 - More planners
 - Flexibility in regards to weather. Not sufficient with Plan B, must also include Plan C and D
 - Better follow-up with information and registration
 - Badges must be ordered in good time

Function Based Network Meeting

Go Global

Invites have gone out.

A question was raised regarding strictness of age restrictions. The age restrictions are not strict.

Ung I Norden

Reminder has been sent to member countries. Plans are going well and it was hosted together with general assembly.

Gilwell:

Gilwell is in the Action plan for 2023, but as things stand, the event is postponed to 2024.

NSK 2023

Denmark will be applying Clara Lachmann fond for NSK meeting 2023.

Plenary Session: Topics for discussion

Framework for NSK Meetings

- Would it be possible to have more than 2 IC from every country. Denmark and Norway wants 1 more for the next weekend. Broad agreement was on it being fine if the NSO is footing the bill.
- A good idea would be to have a pre-meeting to go over the agenda. IC's know what is going on, and the Secretariat could give input on what makes sense. Maybe an hour over the internet.
- Use of Sundays are good, but it all depends on the accessibility and number of flights.

Ukrainian refugees and Nordic Scouting

Separate organisations on national level and with local groups. Material, financial aid, educating on how to deal with crisis situations.

Finland:

donated 5000 euros for a Ukraine fund, teamed up with Red Cross, emphasis on communicating with children and youth in their organisations on the war and its implication.

Organised a camp in the summer for Ukrainian children and youths, all expenses paid.

Focus on peace education and spread awareness.

In hindsight – could have donated other than money, e.g., medical supplies and food.

Sweden:

'Donated money through Waggs/wosm fund

Grassroot level volunteering – mostly donating medical supplies with local groups fundraising

Invited refugees to national jamboree for free

Information on scouting in Ukrainian

Iceland:

Donated money

Communication difficulties with board so unclear what was to be done – waiting on the board to make a decision on integration

No specific preparation for local groups to welcome Ukrainian children, but there were some individuals who teamed up with other youthgroups and companies to lend a helping hand.

Denmark:

Funding from Danish Youth Council to Ukraine related stuff. Denmark was quickly of the mark to get in on the action.

WOSM and WAGGGS acting quickly and with agility.

WAGGGS had a fond for Ukraine aid - for national application. Hosted by WAGGGS World but coordinated by Europe region.

Separate WAGGGS and WOSM discussions:

WAGGGS discussion NSK meeting 2022

Looking back:

Have you done the evaluation of the conference?

The new committee will look into making the next conference more available, mainly in relation to the limitations of the delegation size.

Both Nordic candidates were elected, and this was due to the good cooperation between all the Nordic countries.

There was voted a motion about the committee creating and supporting a crisis support network in Europe.

Further there was two motions on Our Cabana, the one voted through was in relation to informing the world board, that we support our cabana, and we wish as clear information as possible from them.

The ICs were missing a more informal meeting between them.

It is a recommendation to find a hotel where all the Nordic delegations can stay, and to arrive a day ahead of the opening of the conference. Sweden will look into finding a place.

There will be a preconference meeting in Copenhagen next year. It was suggested that it would be with the entire delegation and not just the ICs.

The 10th of June is the preliminary date for the preconference meeting, in case the conference is moved to September another date is chosen.

Denmark has a candidate for the World Conference in Cyprus.

Joint conference:

There haven't been any cooperation between WAGGGS and WOSM Europe in the last triennium. We have agreed to a new MOU and hope the next triennium will deliver more joint work.

JLS

Could be a good idea to create a connection between the Nordic participants, now that it is virtual.

WSJ

2031 potential Danish bid will be determined by October.

We know the US want to do a new bid together with a country of each region.

Go Global

The fee is for the activities and not the accommodation and travels, however Sweden will cover the accommodation of their participants, and suggest that we do pre bookings for all members and the Mos organize the accommodation.

Ung I Norden

We have more than enough potential participants in DK.

Change in ICs

DK: Tenna stops as IC, Christine has already stepped down, Emilie have taken over, Emma is stepping down and Regitze is taking over.

Norge: Ane steps down in November and there will be an election for a new one after that.

Committee emails:

There will be shared Signe and Olivias new emails:

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Sweden has a motion on whether to have all members in WOSM, so that female members are super SAGNOs

Volunteers:

Europe Region volunteer call will come during the fall 2022.

World three year volunteers will be available in spring 2023.

