

Minutes from the NSK-meeting 1. – 3. September 2023

Houens Odde, Denmark

Country updates

Faroe Islands

New scarves have been designed and made for international events.

Membership numbers: 921 members all in all. Up from 836 last year. This includes a new group on Sandoy.

YMCA-scouts are turning 85 next year.

Still too many scouts are leaving scouting, when they move abroad to study. YMCA-scouts set out to comb through old patrol-books to find and reengage old scouts.

The Faroes had a total of 56 participants in the World Jamboree in South Korea.

The Faroese Scout Council has been looking into the possibility of full membership in both WAGGGS and WOSM. Faroese representatives were at both world conferences. Formal exploratory process starts this autumn.

Scouting in Faroes will turn 100 years in 2026, and the relevant group is looking into planning a large camp.

Norway

Speiderne

Speiderne has been reconstructed and has a new logo. It's not a formal organisation today, but cooperation has existed since 2003, it's good for risk management and allows for more and bigger events.

Help is provided by the Prospera foundation, whose report will map out the benefits of various forms of organization.

Roverway 2024

Will be held at Lundsneset in Stavanger. High interest in getting involved – both from Europe and internationally. Norway is looking for even more engagement, and registration opens Monday.

Speidernes landslejr

5. – 12. July 2025 in Gjøvik. 15.000 participants. This will be the first joint jamboree in Norway. Feedback from Norwegian associations has been positive.

Arendalsuka

Political festival. Third year together.

Allemansretten and founding for youth organizations along with networking and reputation.

Diversity, Inclusion and growth

Both organisations have made reports of the barriers and opportunities for scouting. 3,5 million krona was set aside for inclusion work.

Norway experienced a downward spiral in membership after covid and is trying to turn the trend around.

Denmark

Currently 70.000 scouts all in all.

Spejdernes Lejr

Spejdernes Lejr was a success. Participation was 33.000 with around 10 percent international scouts. There was a benefit from having it organized by municipalities.

WSJ 31

Denmark is bidding for the Jamboree in 2031. Bidding material has been sent in, and Denmark is now awaiting WOSM approval of bid, so campaigning can start.

YMCA

Has had partnership with Nepal. Used to have a partnership with Tunisia, but Tunisia has been replaced with Nepal. This is a long term partnership.

DDS

Looking into educational programs for adults. The goal is that every leader goes to some educational program every second year.

Babtist Scouts

Recruitment is the big issue. Looking ahead and discussing options.

Iceland

Renewed Program Framework

New material out, as groups did not pick up on the last material. New material is built around Icelandic folklore.

Government support inclusion program

Trying to reach children in schools for disabled children. Initiative has spread out. This fall looking for children from foreign backgrounds. Going through schools to advocate for scouting.

International internship at Úlfjórðsvatn

Renewed volunteer program at Úlfjórðsvatn scout centre. Last manager was at KISC, and he brought a lot of good habits and management from KISC to Úlfjórðsvatn.

National Jamboree

Will be held next year and will be positioned just before Roverway.

Finland

Small dip in membership numbers.

Key Development projects

Membership numbers are up. More than 80.000 now. Specifically targeting areas that don't have many scouts beforehand.

National Systems update

Skills for the Future

Volunteer resource strategy

Roadmap for immigrants in scouting

International Trainee – course 2024

No missed school days – project with Uganda has now been finished.

Roverway 2024: Contingent preparations are ongoing.

Moot 2025 preparation is starting in a few weeks

Development cooperation with Nepal.

Sweden

New communication framework: Raised by adventure.

Focus: Making it more accessible to be a leader. Program being restructured. Developing new strategy.

Making scouts become leaders to keep them in the organisation.

JOTA/JOTI

Hard to communicate meetings and with Nordic Puzzl. Not connected to the rest of the Nordic Cooperation.

JOTA/JOTI wants to be on the website and generally to be a bigger part of the NSK. Maybe to be included in the Action Plan/Virkksomhedsplan.

They should be brought to the conference.

JOTA/JOTI wants to be able to communicate with the NSK without actually having to know somebody within the NSK. One possibility would be to set up a meeting between the JOTA/JOTI – IC to determine what to do.

Alfred will contact them again to see what they need from the NSK. Alfred will contact the NSK list for whatever he needs.

WOSM update

New members

Two new members will be joining for the next conference: Congo and Antigua & Barbuda. More and more members joining WOSM.

In addition, WOSM has a new members portal: Treehouse.

GSAT

Global Support Assessment Tool has been updated.

Safe from Harm

New membership requirement. Going to be part of annual reporting – including self-assessment report.

Eight pilots have gone through the new requirements, and the feedback has been positive.

Netflix documentary to be released about the abuse cases in Boy Scouts of America. In light of this, WOSM has sent out a briefing letter.

Eurasia

Region is being phased out. Member countries split between Europe and Asia. This means six new members for Europe (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine).

WSJ Evaluation Panel

WOSM is putting down a WSJ evaluation Panel. The implication might be that the current bidding process is delayed. Panel conclusions are expected to be ready in January.

Next strategy for Scouting

Current strategy and vision is running out. Strategy is drafted and currently getting feedback until November.

WAGGGS

World Conference

Was held in Cyprus this summer. All items were voted through, including new strategy of WAGGGS.

WAGGGS Global

WAGGGS Global is going through challenges including structural and financial challenges. Does affect Europe Region, but not in the same place.

Other

Juliette Low/Helen Storrow seminar is coming up in 2023 and 2024.

Roverway is also coming up.

Asimut joint committee meeting every year. Members should check in because they do work on similar topics.

Academy is coming up. Will be held in Germany this year.

WAGGGS Europa is fully staffed, and members are encouraged to make use of staff.

Separate WOSM and WAGGGS meetings

No minutes were kept from the separate WAGGGS and WOSM meetings.