

MINUTES OF NORDIC FENCING UNION CONGRESS 2020



Date: Friday 16.10.2020 at 18:00 (Finnish time)
Place: Microsoft Teams
Host: Finnish Fencing and Pentathlon Association

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MINUTES

1. Validation of present member federations and proxies

All member federations present.

2. Approval of the agenda

Approved.

3. Issues regarding membership

None



4. The annual report of the board

NFU President Erika Aze's report for the Congress:

- We live in a difficult time right now (Covid - 19). For athletes it is very difficult not only physically, but also psychologically.
- International competitions in FIE and Europe have been cancelled till January 2021. The Nordic championships were also cancelled. Thank you everyone who prepared for the competitions!
- The Nordic camp in Haapsalu was also planned, but cancelled (with the support of the Foundation For the Future of Fencing). However, there has been good cooperation and we intend to continue it.
- The representatives from the Foundation For the Future of Fencing also talked about financial support for veterans who are sick. If such assistance is needed, the federation must write to the foundation. After evaluating the application, it will be possible to cover the costs in whole or in part. In my opinion, in this difficult Covid - 19 time, it's a good boost for veterans.
- I'm happy with our physiotherapist project. I think that should be continued. I'll be happy to hear your comments on the progress of this project. It's great for athletes!
- I wish us all good health, patience and creativity next year!

5. Proposals

None

6. Selection of the hosts of the Nordic Championships two years ahead.

2021:

- *Epee senior and veteran Malmö (SWE), June 2021*
- *Epee junior and cadet Espoo (FIN), October 2021*
- *Sabre Espoo (FIN), October 2021*
- *Foil (together with FIE sat) Copenhagen (DEN), TBC*

The exact dates for the Nordic Championships to be informed asap.

2022

- *Nordic Festival 2021 Haapsalu, "Fencing and more" . All categories and weapons.*
- *Erasmus+ Sport application, situation?*

or

- *Epee senior and veteran Lithuania (1st priority), Malmö (SWE) (2nd priority)*
- *Epee junior and cadet Denmark (1st priority), Estonia (2nd priority)*
- *Sabre and foil Latvia (1st priority), Denmark (2nd priority)*



7. Elections: The presidents of the member federations are members of the board ex officio. Among the board members the Congress shall elect a President and a Vice President.

- 2021: Mrs. Erika Aze, President and Jan Sylvest Jensen, Vice President

8. Designation of the host for the Congress and decision on the date of the Congress two years ahead

- 2021: Finland, Friday before the Nordic Championships
- 2022: open (Estonia / Denmark)

9. Miscellaneous

Open issues from last congress:

- Approval of NFU statutes: NFU Congress 2019 agreed to change of veteran age categories according to new European Veteran Circuit rules. Finland will prepare updated NFU Statutes for approval.
- Order of NFU medals. Agreed at last Congress:
 - o Mr. Junjie Cao will find out the details about the design and make a proposal
 - o NFU agrees to find the best price with the same quality of the medals.

Agreement with Hans von der Osten:

Use of design free, attribution to Hans von der Osten

Opportunity for Hans to offer medals, match possible other offers

Final choice is for the NFU Congress

Junije will prepare a agreement for Hans and Erika to sign

Offer for new medals:

New offer from Hans was accepted (details from Junjie)

Minimum amount 2600 pcs, split per country as agreed in 2019

Price as presented incl. VAT and shipping to Denmark

All countries should confirm amounts ordered to Jan by 31.10.2020.

Jan /Denmark will make the order to Hans.

- Nordic Physiotherapy at future ECH/WCH Championships.
 - Senior ECH Plovdiv, June 2021 (exact dates to be confirmed)
 - How to find available persons and how to select the person?
 - Possible candidates to Jan by the end of 2020, decision by the NFU board
 - Nikolay will ask for local Bulgarian physio
- Developing NFU webpage
 - o Jan pays for the NFU domain
 - o Joonas will set up an new webpage before x-mas
 - o guidelines for webpage?
- Guidelines for the NFU FB-page
 - o Klinta will draft ideas for activities on NFU fb, Ana will help with the draft for the board to decide. Ana will also check editorial rights for each federation.
 - o Mr. Vyautas Polujanskas will produce the guidelines in the near future



- Possibilities for NFU cooperation 2020-2021 if travel restrictions allow; camps and competitions:
 - current situation too unsure for any plans
- EFC/FIE elections 2020 ->2021, NFU candidates
To be discussed in August (Teams meeting , invitation by FIN) , before the EFC Sochi Congress

Meeting ended at 19:27. Thank you!

