

**Skandinavisk Seilforbund - ISAF Group G
Spring Meeting - 3rd April 2009
Sandic Hotel Copenhagen (same as EUROSAF meeting)**

MINUTES

Delegates

Estonia	Ott Kallas (OT)
Denmark	Carl Gerström (CG) Dan Ibsen (DI)
Finland	Kurt Lönquist (KL) Sarah Antila (SA) Marianne Pentti (MP)
Iceland	Ulfur Hrobartsson (UH)
Norway	Stig Hvide Smith (SHS) Peter Larsen (PL) Vibeche Schøyen (VS)
Sweden	Stefan Rahm (SF) Annika Ekman (AE)

1. Minutes from Annual Meeting 2008

As there are no changes from the report presented at the annual meeting in October, the financial report was approved.
The fee from the Nordic Folkboat was received after October 1st 2008.

2. Nordic Championships 2009

2.1 Listing of NOM's in each Country

Denmark:

29er

RS:X

505

Formula Windsurfing

Norway:

JNOM – Arendal

Soling – Arendal

2,4 mR - Tønsberg

Sweden

CB 66

OK dinghy

Finland

(input from FSF ???)

Estonia

Match Racing Open

Collision between RSX events in DEN and NOR

Lack of information for Laser and Europe. Further championships can be recognised by the secretariat (Denmark)

SKSF also accept that NOM could be organised together with national championships or other existing regattas, if requested.

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Nordic Junior Championships

List of classes according to the regulations:

Junior – Optimist, RS Feva, Zoom 8

Youth – Laser Radial, Europe, 29er, 420, 470, RS:X

There is a possibility for a country to split it into two events/organisers.

Concerning the Techno 390 all MNAs is asked to report to the October meeting about the activity and spread in their country.

Nordic Keelboat Championship

An idea from Sweden was discussed – if an organiser have 6 boats, they could organise “speed racing” in small fleets.

Sweden and Denmark today have championships like “Master of the Masters”

3. European matters

3.1 European Sailing Federation (EUROSAF)

DI reported on the work of EUROSAF.

VP's for election is:

- Oleg Ilyin - RUS
- Marco Predieri - ITA
- Dorith Stierler - ISR

SKSF decided to support Oleg Ilyin and Marco Predieri.

There might be a possibility for Kjell Borking, SWE as the next EUROSAF President to be elected in March 2010 – this will be discussed in Sweden. Other countries will support the candidacy.

3.2 European Boating Association (EBA)

CG: EBA has organised a meeting onca a year with countries around the Baltic Sea, incl. CA, DSV K, DS, SXX, KNS, NJK; Discussions is about cruising matters, environmental matters, regulations etc.

Each party should exchange info to other interested parties in their respective country.

CG noted that it is a problem that nothing happens between the meetings.

The situation is in principle the same with Nordic Boat Council.

NSF + KNBF joined into a Norsk Båtråd, in order to cooperate more in the future.

There is a similar organisation in Sweden, but not so good communication.

SWE is pressing for special rules in the Baltic area – that could really harm sailing in the region.

4. ISAF matters

4.1 Report from Group G Council members

SHS: informed that there is very much information from ISAF. As Councillor he has received nothing about what is happening in ISAF since the Novembe meeting. There is no severe submission for the Mid-Year meeting. SHS will try to arrange a meting with Göran before the Midyear meeting. If necessary there should be a meeting before the midyear meeting.

4.2 Womens Match racing

DI: Informed about the Sailing World Cup and match racing boats to be used.

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There was a discussion about having some regattas in our area when the different countries have received the ordered Elliott 6 M.

4.3 Sailing World Cup

DU have a status of the Cup and the discussions within ISAF on the future of the cup. Most countries cannot afford to send sailors around to overseas regattas, and therefore only few sailors compete in all regattas.

4.4 Other items

KL: pointed out that group G should have a discussion about, how we should act in ISAF in the future. The power in ISAF is changing away from the more traditional sailing nations, and we must secure to be a part of this. We should discuss, how we build a good platform and network. It is expected that the new Executive Committee will focus on Constitution and governance....

Group G should try to push positive matters in sailing in ISAF in order to build a network. It is a good way to work positively; we should soon discuss our goals and advantages for both bigger and smaller countries. Group G should try to be a driving force within ISAF in order to move the sport forward. We must define a strategy for our priorities and work in the coming years.

Decision:

- To form a WP consisting of SHS, KL, SR, OK & DI – responsible SHS.
- The WP should present a draft at the annual meeting in October

5. Other Scandinavian matters

5.1 Nordic Folkboat – building fee

Decision:

- New retail price 295.000 DKR was fixed - current level concerning building fee plaque 250.000 DKR

5.2 Nordic Racer/Cruiser

Time is not right. Not feedback from several countries.
Project is dropped at the moment.

5.3 Nordic Children & Youth Conference in Iceland

UH informed that the group plan to meet again in FIN in autumn 2009.

Focus – how do we keep the children in our sport.

- A number of ideas came out of the second meeting:
- Nordic Junior Sailing camps – before the JNOM
- Change the JNOM into a camp – and not so competitive
- Database for sharing info in books, info, etc. with regard to sailing
- Club exchange programme – stay for 1-2 weeks in other sailing clubs

MP will plan that the meeting is organised at least 3-4 weeks before the annual meeting, and secure that there will be draft proposals sent out before the annual meeting.

5.4 SKSF website

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SWE mentioned a possibility for working groups, which is planned in the SSF. It could give SKSF a possibility for a new website. SR will inform the group when SSF has finished their new site.

6. Future meeting schedule

Decision:

- 23.-24. October 2009 - Copenhagen
- 23.-24. April 2010 - Iceland
- 22.-23. October 2010 - Copenhagen

7. Any other matters

7.1 **Champion of Championships**

SWE have for 3 years arranged such a competition in Sweden.

All official Swedish Champions have a slot.

Supplied boats should normally be a boat without a Swedish Championship

There is 6 boats at the starting line, and there is a television production every year.

The possibility could be to use October weekends for an event in each country → with finals in one Country.

NOR will have such 9.-11. October, also CB 66

DEN have had such an event for the past 2 years.

FIN had it last year

Decision:

- SR makes a suggestion for a format of the "Nordic Champion of Champions"

7.2 **Emperical handicap system - cooperation**

SWE have changed their system and NOR-SWE is now cooperating. Communication and cooperation is the key issues. Technical platform one thing – numbers is another thing.

Discussion about cooperation – meeting with the federations and the technician.

DEN will be observer.

SWE will arrange meeting in Gothenburg and send invitations to the other countries.

7.3 **Kiteboarding**

NOR: Kiteboarding is now a part of the sailing association.

There will be future national championships

There should be a cooperation about rules between the Nordic countries.

There have already been contact between NOR + DEN

FIN: have icesailing + kites + icesurfing; There are problems with the insurance companies concerning both third party liability and accident insurance.

DEN: Third party liability insurance is accepted for Kiteboarding (on the water), as it is governed by the norla rules for preventing collisions at sea.

Safety and education is issues being discussed.

Kiteboarding Denmark has been accepted as a member club in DEN, and several windsurfing clubs are now also having Kiteboarding activities.

SWE: not any organised activity yet.

7.4 **NOR**

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NOR have decided to introduce a licence system for all sailing boats. There will be a price difference between youth/dinghy/boards and keelboats. A WP works on the issue. The licence is connected to an insurance. The system is planned to be implemented in 2010.

NOR have also raised the membership fee from 45 to 60 Nkr.

It is planned to change the regions within the next couple of years from today 17 kretser down to only 7 regions.

SWE: have 17 regions, but only 2-3 is working efficiently which is not good. SSF would like only 4 regions in the future. Still believe in that there should be some regions and decentral work.

ISL also wish to change to fewer regions.

FIN have no official regions defined in the COstitutions; The Calender is divided into regions; The Council should in the future be more involved in order to secure a link between FSF and the clubs.

EST have only 1 region with 32 club members.

DEN is in the middle of a discussion; Earlier the Council consisted of 14 members, 13 from regions plus the president elected by the GA.; In 2004 the system changed and only 5 persons are elected from regions and 3 is elected at the GA. The regions have not much to do. Discussion on electing all Council members directly at the GA. The Youth area use the region for different practical purposes.

7.5 New dinghies

DEN informed about the different programmes with new boats for the youth; During the past three years DEN has introduced the RS Feva (2-person), RS Terra (1-person dinghy) and the Techno 390 with two rigs.

Meeting finished at 14:30

Protocol: Danish Sailing Association, Dan Ibsen 2009-07-07