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WA Nordic meeting - Summary

Date: 04. feb. 2024

Attending:

Denmark; Eva Kartholm, Jan Jager, Kenn Romme (ref)

Norway; Enya Skamsar, Morten Sigvartsen, Odin Sjøtun

Sweden; Rolf Volungholen, Johanna Gullroos, Samuel Lovén

Iceland; Gummi Gudjonsson, Vala Einars

Finland; Aleksandra Ruuskanen

Faroe Islands: NA

12:00 PM - Welcome and updates since last time

Brief presentation round for all participants.

Later, Mr. Jens Fudge will join the meeting and will give a short presentation of NUM 2024 in Denmark (Odense).

Brief news from the Nordic countries:

Finland: We are working on our goal to increase our number of participants at NUM compared to 2023.

Otherwise, no significant news.

Norway: Morten is newly employed in the association, and we also have a new full-time coach hired.

Thus, we are at full capacity. Norwegian clubs wish to bid for the 2026 Master World Championship! – They are still in the planning stage. It will be presented at the Norwegian Association Meeting in April 2024.

Iceland: Increased funding from several fronts for Iceland. The association is working on creating good organization and is very focused on being broadly present at activities. The meeting participants accepted that Iceland will send an annual survey to the Nordic community.

Sweden: Now 3 full-time employees in the association. There is work towards increased funding, aimed at the Sweden OC. We have a very active board and focus on recovering from the Covid epidemic.

Unfortunately, everything is a bit slower than before Covid. A Swedish survey of Swedish elite athletes' living standards has been conducted, showing that many live below the poverty line and struggle to maintain a dual career (sports career and education/work). Swedish Archery participates in SM-Vecka and gets TV time from this.

Denmark: We are in the same situation in Denmark. We find that athletes struggle to secure funding, not only for international events but just to be full-time athletes and maintain a normal life. We had applied to host the VM2027, but the event was awarded to Columbia. It was a big disappointment for

everyone involved in the bid, so now we are evaluating the work and deciding what to do next. We are also working on creating more children and youth members, which is a backlog from the Covid epidemic. We participate in DM-Ugen 2024, after a great success for us at our first event at DM-Ugen 2023. DM-ugen is similar to what we know from SM-Veckan.

1:00 PM - Welcome to the NUM 2024 Host, Arcus

To be decided:

Discussion of shooting times (national or international) during NUM 2024

U15 class – will the Nordic countries use the U15 class, that was adopted in Berlin?

It was recommended at the Congress in 2023 that everyone should give young people the opportunity to shoot at the same distance and according to the same time rules. Many countries do not have their own rules for U15, so here WA sets some guidelines. There will be no international shooting for the U15 category.

(https://extranet.worldarchery.sport/documents/index.php/Events/Congress/2023_Berlin/Motions_proposals_and_amendments/12_Youth_age_category_U15.pdf)

Finland uses the U15 category and follows WA rules.

Iceland, Norway, and Sweden use the U16 category (Sweden is considering introducing U15 in 2025, following the Berlin adoption).

Denmark has committed in its federation legislation to follow WA rules.

Conclusion: We will keep the rules as they currently stand for U15, so it remains the U16 category for NUM2024.

We will retain the 40-second-per-arrow format (30 seconds are only for World Ranking events).

Shooting distance: Proposal presented by Rolf (change on Recurve & Compound). We will include the proposal in the invitation so that distances comply with WA rules.

Presentation of NUM 2024 by Jens Fudge – Arcus Archery:

- Presentation of the Mascot (Odd) – The NUM2024 is held in the City of Odense, the hometown of the historic Danish poet and writer, Hans Christian Andersen.
- Detailed schedule presentation (working on streaming from the event)
- The venue is located in the center of the city with space for approximately 60 targets. Light rail provides easy travel to the Central Train station, connected to Copenhagen. There is a small parking lot near the Sports Complex, also capable of accommodating bus parking.
- Accommodation and meals are located at the Sports complex. Additionally, parents/spectators are able to book meals at the NUM24 dining hall.

- We will have an info-teaser prepared to present NUM2024 (although some details are not final).

Denmark did comment on the plans for streaming since DIF (Danish Sports Confederation) is advising against streaming children and youth. WA Denmark has to keep up with those advises, and therefore there cannot be streaming – only the U21-archers.

2:00 PM - WAE Congress 2024 by Iceland

The congress will be held in May in conjunction with the European Championships 2024. We are experiencing a lack of communication and initiative from WAE, and we wish to address this. It is important for us that WAE has a strong figure, and ideally, we as the Nordic community should point to a Nordic or Northern European board member..

2:15 PM - Nordic Senior Championship Host 2025 by Iceland

The ambition is for the championship to be held every 4 years, the year following the Olympics. Currently, we have no bids for hosting. The proposal is that it should be an open championship, and include a Master Category to meet participant interest. The Nordic Championship may not necessarily be of interest to shooters at the national team level. Gummi will prepare a written proposal for the framework and execution.

2:30 PM - Any other business

Rolf suggests a meeting solely regarding our position/strategy and what specific things we want changed in WAE. Rolf and Gummi will invite to a meeting. There are no motions from the Nordic countries.

Appendix

- Distances Archery WAN x 2
- 12_Youth_age_category_U15
- NUMPresentation