

## **Minutes of the meeting of the NKU Rally Obedience Commission 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023**

The meeting took place on Skype 31<sup>st</sup> August 18:00 – 20:40.

### **Present**

Ida Lindgren, Sweden  
Brian Binnerup, Denmark  
Tytti Lintenhofer, Finland  
Solveig Zetterstrøm, Norway, from 18.50.

### **Absent**

No one

### **1. Opening of the meeting**

Tytti Lintenhofer opened the meeting and welcomed the delegates.

### **2. Approval of the minutes of the last teams meeting**

The minutes were approved.

### **3. Approval of the agenda**

The agenda were approved.

### **4. Update of the Rally Obedience Guidelines according to the Nordic judging meeting.**

An updated guidelines document based on inputs from the judges meeting in February has been immediately approved. Changes to the document about how to design a Nordic Course still needs some minor adjustments, and will be approved in the Facebook group after these adjustments, within a few days.

A revised guideline document with yellow markings of the changes will be made available to the judges immediately, and the final document will be finalized and sent to the Kennel Clubs.

### **5. Rally Obedience Championship 2023 updates**

Solveig put forward some minor technical clearing questions from the organizers, which were discussed for Solveig to be able to answer these.

The arranging committee is having a meeting regarding a request from Denmark to adjust the program for Sunday, to be able to get home with the ferries on Sunday, to avoid having to stay in Norway until Monday. Solveig will be following up in the Facebook group regarding their findings.

The judges and secretaries for the 2023 championship have already earlier been approved to be:

Judge Norway: Roger Fredriksen  
Secretary Norge: Ghita Fossum  
Judge Sweden: Linda Pentila  
Secretary Sweden: Beatrice Palm  
Judge Finland: Pia Heikkinen

Secretary Finland: Tiia Hämäläinen  
Judge Denmark: Paul Lysholdt  
Secretary Denmark: Brian Binnerup

## **6. Rally Obedience Championship 2024**

Ida mentions that due to internal decisions from the arranging parties, there is no date available yet. Today is the last day for the arranging parties to return with details, and it is there expected that the information is close. Ida will get back to the other members as soon as possible, and the date will be approved through the Facebook group.

It was discussed if we needed a recommendation or requirement on when the date for a championship should be available. It was decided to work on an invitation to the arranging country well in advance with information and deadlines, where the date of the championship had a deadline of 18 months. In case such deadline would not be met, it would be up to the committee to decide how to handle the situation, and include the NKU for guidance if needed.

## **7. Rally Obedience Championship 2025**

The FCI guidelines recommends the World Championship is around the first full weekend of October, which means that it potentially could be a week before or a week after this.

Based on feedback retrieved since the last meeting, combined with opinions in the committee, it was decided that the minimum time between the World Championship should be at least four full weekends between, considering that the World Championship could be a week before or a week after the first full weekend of October.

For the championship in 2025, the committee will respectfully ask the Danish committee for a different date, based on the fact that it would be too close to the World Championship. Brian will discuss this with Helle Gadeberg, chairman of the Danish committee.

## **8. NKU Nordic Committee meeting 18.11.-19.11.2023 Norway**

The Nordic Commission will have a physical meeting at the Championship, which also gives the committee members a chance to see the direction of Rally Obedience in the Nordics.

Solveig have reserved rooms for the committee members.

The Nordic Committee would love to see the members of the FCI committee, and will invite and them to the Championship (at their cost/cost of their Kennel Clubs), giving them a chance to see the progress of Rally Obedience in the Nordics, which have many similarities to the upcoming FCI rules.

## **9. Implementation of the international rules**

It is the intention that the Nordic Championship in 2024 will follow the FCI rules, depending on how the FCI rules progresses.

## **10. Miscellaneous**

There was nothing for miscellaneous.

## **11. Closing of the meeting**

Tytti thanked all of the members for a good meeting.