

Minutes of Meeting in NKU Rally Obedience Committee

Date and time: 8th December 2022, CET 17:05-19:05

Participants: Ida Lindgren (Sweden), Paul Lysholdt (Denmark), Tytti Lintenhofer (Finland) and Solveig Therese Zetterstrøm (Norway)

Absentees: None

Minutes: Paul Lysholdt

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Approval of the minutes of the meetings 17th November and 25th November 2022
3. Approval of the agenda
4. Preparation for the meeting and training 3rd February – 5th February 2023
5. Rally Obedience Championship 2022 updates
6. Rally Obedience Championship 2023
7. Miscellaneous
8. Closing of the meeting

1. Opening of the meeting

Tytti opened the meeting.

2. Minutes from the last meetings

The minutes of the meeting 17th November 2022 have been approved previously and will be published here: <https://www.skk.se/en/NKU-home/about-the-nku/organisation/committees/rally-obedience-committee/meeting-minutes/2022/>

Friday 25th November Paul Lysholdt wrote to the committee:

“Hi Tytti and all,

Thank you for raising this in our Facebook group:

“Norways judge Maria got unfortunately sick and is not able to participate the Championship. I kindly would ask you to formally approve the changes of the Norwegian judge and secretary Judge Norway Roger Fredriksen and Secretary Solveig Therese Malme Zetterstrøm. The organiser asked Solveig if she could act as the secretary.”

Solveig has approved but I see her as incompetent in this matter.

Ida has approved: “I don't know what education he has received, but that's ok for me, he can rely on Solveig if he needs to, I think. so, i approve it”.

No matter how well qualified Roger maybe he must be approved by the NKU Committee and approval until now also has included that a judge has acted as secretary at a championship before being approved to judge.

I officially protest against Roger judging on behalf of DKK.

I suggest that Solveig is appointed judge and Roger secretary then all formalities will be in place.

If you disagree, please discuss at your judge meeting later today. Helle Gadeberg will be representing me, as I want to focus on my dog and myself the coming time."

This was discussed at a meeting 25th November. The Minutes were published 1st December and have been approved and will be published.

Paul has responded to the Minutes 3rd of December:

"If Roger had been approved by our committee beforehand, then the procedure described – letting the secretary replace the judge - would have been correct. But he hasn't.

The regulations states:

"3.1 Judges and judging

The judging team at Nordic Championships consists of four (4) judges, one from each country: Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden. The judges are appointed by the NKU Committee for Rally Obedience."

From the minutes of our meeting 30.1.2022: "Helle Gadeberg (DK), Tytti Lintenhofer (FI), Maria Syltebø Opstad (NO) and Karin Holst (SE). Secretaries: Liv Elmark-Fich (DK), Pia Heikkinen (FI) and Merete Kristensen (NO). No Swedish secretary has been appointed yet."

From the minutes of our meeting 14.3.2022: "Karin Holst will be the Swedish judge at the Championship 2022 with Ida Lindgren as secretary."

Roger has never been mentioned and has therefore not been approved."

We consider the case closed.

3. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved.

4. Preparation for the meeting and training 3.2.-5.2.2023

The judging meeting was scheduled. The weekend is about education and clarification "How to prepare for the next championship".

Saturday 4.2.2023

09:00 Welcome

09:15 Course building (the document "How to design a Nordic class course" will be updated afterwards, and necessary updates in the Guidelines made)

10:15 Specific judging:

- Physical contact (Leaning, dog on handlers' path) – Solveig will find examples
- Hesitation
- Delay (1-10)
- Wrong position vs. hesitation or delay in response

12:00 Lunch

13:00 Video judging

16:40 Reflection of the day

17:00 Day ends

19:00 Dinner at a restaurant (self-payment)

Sunday 5.2.2023

09:00 Welcome

09:15 Judging two different courses

10:45 Going through the judging and small issues

12:00 Lunch

13:00 Discussion and review of films and judging.

14:15 Overview

15:00 Thank you

Ida will talk with Annika from SKK regarding economy (payment for facilities).
Other costs will be shared by the participants.

5. Rally Obedience Championship 2022 updates

We consider the 2022 Championship a success, based on a lot of positive feedback from participants, judges and other officials. Specifically, it is apparent, that the alignment of judging, which has been a focus area, has succeeded.

At our next meeting we will discuss the summaries made by the organisers and by the judges & secretaries. Tytti will send the summaries when she receives them.

We are all aligned regarding ideas to move activities from Saturday to Friday (opening ceremony, draw of teams and individuals, building the first course), so the competition can start early Saturday. We will prioritize this as changes must be approved by NKU/AU.

6. Rally Obedience Championship 2023

The following judges/secretaries have been appointed for the 2023 Championship:

Denmark: Paul Lysholdt/Brian Binnerup

Sweden: Linda Penttilä/not decided

Finland: Pia Heikkinen/Tiia Hämäläinen.

Norway: Roger Fredriksen/not decided

7. Miscellaneous

Paul informed that he would have his last day as chairman of the DKK Rally Obedience Committee the 31st March 2023. He will simultaneously stop as member of the NKU Rally Obedience Committee and the FCI Rally Obedience Commission.

The next meeting will take place Thursday 12th January 2022 17:00-19:00 CET as a Teams-meeting. Paul has invited.

8. Closing of the meeting

Tytti closed the meeting.