



NKU agility commission meeting, August 17th, 2024, Roskilde

Place and date

Roskilde, Denmark 2024-08-17

Participants

Thomas Thiesen, Norway (Chairman, Secretary of the Meeting)
Bonnik Berthelsen, Denmark
Anders Virtanen, Finland
Thomas Juréhn, Sweden

Opening

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 21:00.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting

The minutes from the NKU Agility meeting held on December 2nd, 2023, were previously approved remotely.

Updates Regarding NAC 2025 (Norway)

The Chairman corrected the event date, which had been incorrectly recorded in the previous minutes. The correct dates are August 16th and 17th.

An online voting process was conducted to elect the international judge, with the following nominees: A. Beltran, A. Brandl, J. Manno, P. Pupik, I. Stefi, and D. Walz. Petr Pupik was elected as the international judge, and the Norwegian Kennel Club extended an invitation to Jan Egil Eide to serve as the national judge. Both judges have accepted their respective invitations.

Although the venue for the event was initially confirmed, recent developments have introduced uncertainty. The Chairman committed to providing a definitive update on the venue as soon as possible.

The Finnish delegate requested that provisions be made for a spectator stand to allow supporters to sit together, rather than only offering space for individual chairs.

Changes to the NAC Working Document

With the new rules now approved by the NKU main board, there is an urgent need to update the working document. Each kennel club is responsible for reviewing the current document and suggesting revisions. The deadline for these suggestions is October 1st. The Finnish delegate will compile a summary of the changes proposed by each kennel club by November 1st. The committee will then collaborate to finalize the document.

Co-operation within FCI

The committee reiterated the importance of improved communication regarding issues that each country wishes to address with the FCI, to ensure unified positions within NKU. This also applies to the nomination of judges for various championships, to prevent the Nordic countries from nominating the judges to the same championship and potentially losing up to three additional votes.

Other Matters

The Swedish delegate announced that the dates for the Nordic Championship 2026 will be August 15th and 16th, with the venue to be determined.

The Norwegian Kennel Club has nominated C. Faltner to judge JO AWC 2026, while the Finnish Kennel Club has nominated J. Suomalainen to judge AWC 2025.

The committee discussed aligning NAC with AWC by nominating two reserve competitors instead of just one. There is a wish to adopt this practice moving forward, while maintaining the current deadline and not permitting any new dogs to be added after the deadline. As this is a change in the rules, it will be addressed to the NKU Main Board.

There have been inconsistencies in how organizers have interpreted the rule regarding the ranking of competitors with one disqualification. This issue will need to be clarified in the working document.

The committee also debated whether the qualifications for the finals should be more closely aligned with the national final qualifications in the four countries and the European Open. However, since this would involve a rule change, the question arose whether all rule changes must be approved by the NKU main board. The committee agreed that any changes with financial implications should be approved by the main board, but changes related to competition elements, such as qualification criteria for the final or judging procedures, should be within the purview of the agility committee. The Chairman will contact the Norwegian Kennel Club to raise this issue.

Closing the Meeting

The Chairman expressed gratitude to the Danish Kennel Club for their excellent hospitality and adjourned the meeting at 00:35.