

NKU Obedience Commission Meeting 1/2023

Time: November 12 – 13th, 2023

Place: Upplands-Väsby, Scandic Hotel

Participants:	Carina Savander-Ranne	(chair)	FIN
	Palle Bergsø		DK
	Martha Landin	(secr.)	SE
	Stein O. Nergaard		NOR

1. Opening of meeting

The president of the commission Carina Savander-Ranne welcomed all the representatives to the meeting.

2. Secretary

Martha Landin, Sweden

3. Approval / complementing of the agenda.

OK.

4. Minutes from the NKU 2022 Obedience commission meeting

Carina will check if we can have the Nordic Championship as an international (CACIOB) competition. World championship 2022: Carina's travelling expenses have not been covered by Danish Kennel Club even though she represented the commission and was appointed as an advisor for the competition organization and the DKK office and FCI delegate were well aware of this. Palle Bergsø is aware of this and will check this with the Danish Kennel Club and try to correct this.

5. NKU Obedience commission 2023-2024

- Members, contact information:
For contact persons see Appendix 1.
Norway does not know who their delegate will be, maybe Bjørn Ivar Svendsen.
- Responsibilities for arranging the meetings and time:
Meetings of the NKU obedience committee should preferably be held prior to meetings of the FCI obedience committee for the Nordic region to try to stand as united as possible in matters raised.
- The NKU meeting can be connected to Nordic Championship.
- Secretary:
The country that is hosting the meeting brings along a secretary for the meeting. This is preferable so that the delegates can concentrate on the issues at hand.
- Active participation in the commission works
It's important that we are active.

6. Arranging Nordic Championship competitions

Each country reimburses their competitors for their travelling costs to the Nordic Championship differently.

Maybe each country should pay the organizer 100 euro/participant to the organization arranging the NordM competition.

We discussed new ways of implementation Nordic Championship. Check with each home country for suggestions before we change anything.

Suggestions we discussed in the committee:

- We could have the same layout as at WWCh, qualifiers and finals.
- Two (2) rings and 2 judges in each ring, 4 exercises in each ring. Group exercises with all four (4) judges.
- Ten (10) 10 participants from each country.
- Saturday is the team competition and qualification for the finals on Sunday.
- Each country nominates its team. This will be 6 competitors and 1 reserve. The rest of the competitors can compete for the individual championship but are not included in the team results.

Who continues to the finals. Several ways to do this:

- Altogether the 20 best according to rank order.
- The five (5) best from each country may continue to the finals.
- Three best /or two best / from each country and then the rest according to rank order.
- Or.....
- Add up the points from the qualifier (Saturday) and the final (Sunday).
- The best from qualifier and the final wins the Nordic Championship.
- Some questions:
 - In the finals all four judges give their grade. Should we drop the highest and lowest and take the average of the middle ones or take the average of them all?
 - Should we invite the Baltic countries?

7. Comments on the past Nordic Championship competition

2022 Sandfjord, Norway Good arrangement.

2023 Upplands-Väsby, Stockholm Simple arrangements in the rings, but well-functioning.
The judges were scattered in the ring.

It was discussed what the handlers should know beforehand?

8. Future Nordic Championships

- 2024 Danmark, 8.-9.11.2024 DKK Hundcenter
- 2025 Finland, no date set yet.

9. Obedience champion in the Nordic countries

Denmark, Norway and Finland have a national obedience champion title in class 2. Denmark has had it since for several decades. In Finland and Norway this is a recent decision. Hopefully Sweden will also get it soon.

The Nordic Obedience Champion title should only be awarded for results in class 3. The class 2 champion title should only be a national title.

10. Cooperation with the Baltic countries

We don't have much cooperation with the Baltic countries. We think it's good if we can have more cooperation with them. If we work together, we can become stronger in the FCI committee.

A suggestion is that we can have an international match between the countries, like "Talangtruppen" have between Norway and Sweden. You can also invite an instructor. Not more than 5 participants from each country.

11. FCI rules and guidelines: questions & discussion

See notes from the executive group of the FCI.

12. Judges' meetings in the future

- Judge meeting, Milano January 2024: Carina has no answer from Valentina about the arrangements. It will probably be cancelled.
- Sweden wondered if we could have a Nordic judges' meeting again.
- Palle will check if Denmark can have FCI judge meeting 2024-2025.

13. Other forms of cooperation

See point 11.

14. Miscellaneous

15. Date and place of the next meeting, 2024

Palle Bergsø will inform us of the date later on. NordM will be 8.-9.11.2024.

16. End of meeting

The President thanked the delegates for active participation and ended the meeting at approximately 2 pm.

Carina Savander-Ranne, chair

Martha Landin, secr.

Palle Bergsø, examiner of minutes