Minutes of Meeting

NKU Rally-obedience Committee Monday 3rd March 2021 19:30-21:00, Teams

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

Absentees: None

Minutes: Solveig Zetterstrøm

1 Opening of the meeting

The chairman, Beatrice, opened the meeting.

2. Status of our new regulations

Beatrice has been in contact with Ulf Uddman, SKK, regarding the regulations. SKK will make sure that the regulations will be on the agenda at the NKU board meeting on April 21.

3. The Nordic Championship

According to Ulf Uddman it is still not possible to say if there will be any Nordic championships this year. We do not know this until early summer. In the meantime, we have to focus as if we are going to have a Nordic championship.

We have agreed that we want a plan B for the Nordic championships in case of that Stockholm hundmässa can't be arranged. We decided that we should contact our kennel clubs and mention this. Plan B is to arrange the competition in a smaller venue and with a limited number of spectators somewhere in the Stockholm area.

4. Judging form

The judging form has been updated by Paul since our last meeting. Paul posted the updated version in our Facebook-group and we all had a look at it. It looks very good. Paul makes changes as Beatrice suggested.

5. Competition drawing

Solveig has asked Ina Eriksen for help to make some changes in the Power Point document for drawing Nordic courses. It now looks OK.

6. Judging issues

We have solved everything that has come up except for the -10 deductions. Today we can only deduct -10 once per exercise. Our national rules are as follows:

In Finland you get one -10 per exercise, unless it is the handler who touches the dog, touches the equipment, etc. Then you get minus 10 for this as well.

Denmark is quite similar to Finland. Norway doesn't have a -10 deduction. Many of the -10 faults in the Nordic class lead to disqualification in Norway.

In Sweden you can get -10 for incorrectly performed exercise once per exercise. But you can get other -10 deductions for the same exercise, for handler's mistake or for lack of teamwork. After a discussion we decided that Tytti and Solveig will make one or more suggestions on how to deduct for -10 and post them in our facebook group.

7. How to build courses

Tytti has had a look at the Swedish course drawing document. There is a lot we can copy from that document. We decided to have a look at this later on. Tytti will update the existing document and post the updated version in our facebook group.

8. Where should we publish our Nordic course drawing document so that everyone can reach it? Should we place it on the NKU website?

We all agreed that each country already has it's own location for the Nordic rally obedience documents and that this also should be published there. We will post the links in our facebook group so that Tytti can add the national links to the How to build courses document.

9. Guidelines

We need to make an update in the guidelines when we have decided about how many -10 we can deduct per exercise. Paul will make these changes when its time for it. And also add the extra -3 and -5 deductions we discussed last meeting.

It is important that we don't go public about the changes in the Guidelines until we have finished the work with the document. When everything is done, we agree that "from now on" it is public.

10. Next meeting

Wednesday 26th of May 19.30. Teams. Solveig makes an invitation.