



Present:

Håvard Okstad (Norska Kennel Klubben)

Carolina Lindström (Finska Kennel Klubben)

Yvonne Inez Glesner (Danska Kennel Klubben)

Karina Andreassen (Svenska Kennel Klubben)

1. Opening of the meeting
Karina Andreassen opens the meeting and welcomes to the first meeting in the NKU Sled Dog committee.
2. Presentation of the agenda
The agenda was approved with no further comments.
3. Election of the meeting secretary
Nobody was keen to take the role. It was decided that Karina write the minutes for this very first meeting
4. Introduction of the committee members
All members gave a short description of themselves, including breed and years of experience of the breed/breeds, a short description of experience within different kind of dog sports as well as experience within different clubs and organizations. When everything was summed up we could conclude that the group together has a great experience in working breeds within different activities like canicross, scooter, sprint-, middle- and longdistance competitions. Some of the committee members even own and breed more than just one of our working breeds.
5. Purpose and priority objectives of the committee
The committee tried to get an overview of the regulations for working test and championships connected to the working test in each of the our countries and it became very clear that the regulations differ quite a lot. In Sweden, Norway and Finland the regulations are locked in 5-year periods. Finland has just started a new 5 year period, but in Norway and Sweden the regulations are under revision and the proposals are being processed by the national kennel clubs. Denmark do not have any regulations for working tests at the moment, but the Danish Polar Dog Club are working on some suggestions.
In order to continue the work, we need to read, understand and analyze the various national regulations in order to possibly be able to come up with a proposal for a possible Nordic Working Certificate or a Nordic Working Championship in the future.

6. Other business
 - a) There was a short discussion about how we feel about the Jakuskaja Lajka being handled differently in our national kennel clubs. In some countries the breed is considered beeing sled dogs in other countries they are considered as hunting dogs. Can these differences affect our work in the Sled dog committee?
 - b) We also briefly touched the situation of mixing Greenland dogs and Canadian Eskimo Dogs and how even that perhpas can affect the committee's work in the future.
 - c) The committee fully agreed that the discussion about DNA testing within the Siberian Husky cannot be attributed to the purpose or work of the this committee.
 - d) The question arose whether the Icelandic Kennel Club has been asked about to have a representative on the committee.
7. Next meeting
June 3, 2026 at 19.30 via Teams
8. Closing of the meeting
Karina thanked for a pleasent first and introductory meeting and ended the meeting of the evening.

Secretary: Karina Andreassen