NMC Minutes

Octobre 2014 Stockholm

1. **Håkan Leeman, Svemo president, welcomed all the Nordic federations to the meeting**. A special welcome to the three Baltic countries that visited the Nordic Meeting for the first time.

Håkan Leeman also welcomed the “sister organisations” the road riders organisation that held their first Nordic meeting arranged by SMC, at the same time and spot as the sports organisations.

1. **Håkan Leeman was appointed as chairman for the meeting.**
2. **Status report from present countries in short facts and figures:**

**DMU**

Celebrated their 100 years anniversary 2014. An extraordinary year in many aspects. But some black moments in Motocross with death accidents. New system of monitoring tracks and accidents and a new start of a strategic work with focus 2020.

Motorcycling “for fun” is growing, demanding easy access, no complicated rules and a new way of acting from the DMU. The BMX section is growing.

Focus now: Sport for children and young. New Web platform for social media.

Needs: E- learning system.

Licenses: Nearly 5 000. A small growth 2014, mostly BMX.

Clubs: 103

Office: 7 employees. Located in Bröndby, just outside Copenhagen

**SML**

In Finland the market of new bikes have decreased with nearly 85% giving a visible effect on the activities in SML. Same time a major change in the governmental driver’s license system which could threaten the SML license system partly due to the insurances.

There is also a clear trend of growing interest for Classic racing.

Focus now: Motorcycling for fun and 30+ riders is growing and the situation will have to be handled in a new way.

Needs: E-learning system. Race administrative system might be changed.

Licenses: 2 800 Stabile from 2013

Clubs: 218

Office 6 employees Located in Helsinki

**NMF**

NMF is a (con) federation consisting of several sports, motorcycle, speedboats, cars and radio controlled cars. 75% of the NMF consists of motorcycle sport. Processes now to increase the number of cars in NMF. There is a growing special culture of “strong and loud” persons with little understanding of the organisation of a sports federation that look upon taking part as a way of buying services instead of taking part in a common club. This is causing a lot of problems in many areas.

Focus now: Developing of the Motor Sports Academy and new educational systems and implementation of the new RA (TA) race administrative system. 100 years anniversary 2016.

Needs: New e-learning system, exchange in the higher educations, more cooperation in the academy/education work.

Licenses: 12 000 whereof more than 75% motorcycle riders.

Clubs: 290 Divided in 6 regions

Office: 20 employees Located in Drammen 50 km south of Oslo

**Svemo**

After biannual meeting in April the board have the task to perform a new strategic work in a very broad way, overlooking all parts in the organisation. 2014 was a pointed a year to develop new models for the educational system in Svemo. A paradigm shift in the environmental work was the Enduro world championship where the club was able to get subsidies from the EU for their contributions to the environment by arranging a race that increased the biodiversity in the area, just by racing in the nature.

Focus now: Complete the work with the Svemo TA (RA) system and “update” the general IT systems. Major changes in the rules to adapt them to the new demands for “racing for fun” and 30+ riders.

Needs: New good systems for education (example; e- learning system).

Licenses: 10 000 decreased for some years but now stabilised. 75% MX and Enduro

Clubs: 420

Office: 16 employees Located in Norrköping 170 km south of Stockholm

Baltic federations visited the NMC meetings for the first time and made a short presentation of their federations in figures.

**Estonia , EMF**

Newly reorganized. Main focus now regaining trust from the members.

Clubs: 90

Licenses: 600

Disciplines: 10 Whereof Motocross is the biggest

Tracks: 150

Office: 2 employees

Board: 5 members

**Latvia, LaMSF**

This year LaMSF celebrated its 90 years anniversary. Latvia has strong motorsports traditions, especially for motocross. This year LaMSF organized 1) Motocross of Nations, 2) Speedway Grand Prix, 3) World Sidecars Championship 4) European motocross championship 65cc, 85cc 5) European Quadcross championship and more than 90 national level competitions in many kind of motorsports disciplines. LaMSF in not a member of the Latvian Olympic Committee. Office is located in Riga. LaMSF home page [www.lamsf.lv](http://www.lamsf.lv) contains everything necessary to plan for an active season in Latvia, information in the English language for international participants. LaMSF is very interested to attract more Scandinavian riders to Baltic un Latvian championships, especially for motocross, enduro, trial and speedway.

Clubs: 92

Licenses: 600 (whereof more than 50% motocross riders)

Disciplines: 8, Motocross and Enduro biggest

Tracks: 40 where of 15 licensed

Office: 4 employees

Board: 9 members

**Lithuania, LMFS**

Now on the way to be a member in the Lithuanian Olympic Committee. Facing some problems of getting good trainers. Handling board meetings via internet.

Clubs: 47

Licenses: 443

Disciplines: 10

Tracks: 12, race tracks

Office: 3 employees

1. **Minutes from the NMC meeting 2013 was approved.**
2. **Proposals from the members**
* Svemo brought up the foreseen problems regarding international calendar and licenses/insurance. The Nordic federations have the same opinion about this and Per Westling, as being a member of the working group for International Calendar, will try to gather some of the bigger federations in Europe to discuss the matter and try to find a solution.
* The problem of young riders (kids) racing in other countries was discussed. The conclusion was that the FMN are always responsible to inform the young riders/families about the rules. The rules for at what age the rider must have to go abroad to race shall be sent between all the Nordic countries, making it possible to show the young riders and their parents, who set the rule, why and the consequences if they are not followed. The rules shall be printed on all licenses used by young riders/kids.
* The matter of arranging races in other countries was discussed. Today we see some raising problems in especially the fields of safety and environment. The NMC took a decision that an organiser arranging an event in another country must always follow the rules regarding safety and environment that is set in the country and on the track. There shall be no exceptions from this.
* SML discussed the situation for the Nordic championships in general. The federation all agreed that the interest of taking part in those championships is sinking, and NMC must look into other possibilities to arrange those events in the future. SML, Kurt Ljungqvist where given the task to create a suggestion for a new framework for the Nordic championships. Under this point a new idea was presented, called Nordic Race weekend. The NMC agreed this could be a very interesting new way of arranging the Nordic championship. One weekend, all sports, same place. NMC gave Svemo the task to present an extended idea about this and bring up this for further discussion.
* NMF presented the program and the work Norway does with the Top Sport School, Setesdal Folkhögskole, and invited the Nordic federations to send riders there. Under this point education in general was discussed, especially new forms of IT- educational platform. A tool for this is of great interest for all the federations and it might be possible to develop it together. All federations where given the task to look for possible solutions, and costs to find

a good tool.

1. **Harmonizing of the Nordic rules.**

The minutes from the different working groups where presented. Different questions in the minutes where discussed and clarified.

**Road Racing**

Minutes approved.

**Drag Racing/ Drag bike**

Minutes approved. Concerning the question of creating a travel agency, the NMC is not prepared to start the project.

**Motocross**

Minutes approved. Concerning first proposal from DMU /Nils Frode Solvsteen regarding Quad – Cross. This suggestion was not approved.

**Track Racing**

Minutes approved.

**Supermoto**

Minutes approved. The meeting missed representatives from DMU and SML

**Minimoto**

Minutes approved

**Enduro**

Minutes approved

**Road Racing Classic**

Minutes approved

**Trial**

The Trial meeting was not held in accordance with the decision of the NMC. In the future Trial shall have their meetings at the time and place decided by the NMC. Minutes approved.

1. **Time schedule Nordic championship 2015**

Dates for the championships shall be applied for at latest 15 January and must be set latest 1 February 2015 and sent out from organizing federation/club to all NMC members latest 1 week in February.

**Trial** 8-9 August Randers Denmark/DMU

**Minimoto** 7-9 August Katrineholm Sweden/Svemo

**Enduro** Gotland/GGN Sweden/Svemo

**Road Racing** 15-17 May Falkenberg

 5-7 June Botnia Ring

 12-14 June Våler

 10-12 July Mo I Rana

 31/7 – 2/8 Linköping

 28-30 August Gelleråsen

 12-13 September Jyllandsringen

**Supermoto** August Södertälje Sweden/Svemo TBA

**Track Racing** TBA /low interest

**Drag Bike** TBA/February

**Motocross** TBA

1. **Long time schedule for Nordic championships**

Just a few commissions/meeting had discussed the matter. See attached.

1. **Miscellaneous**
* The current situation regarding FIM and FIM E where discussed. Jörgen Bitch and Juhani Halme gave a picture of how the work in respective organisation runs and what questions are in top of the agenda. NMC discussed the political situation and forthcoming elections. Jörgen Bitch was giving the task to follow up the previous letter to the FIM president, important subject is the possibility to enable the FMNs to see the parts in the promotor contracts that shows the obligations for the FMNs. Foreseen problems with the calendar fee shall also be pointed out. Most important is the following up of the decisions made in the strategic plan and lack of information/communication in this subject.
* Forms for future NMC meetings where discussed. It was decided this form with all meetings at same time and place shall be kept. All discipline meetings shall be kept same time only Snow cross/snowmobile can have their meeting at another time.
* It was discussed and decided that the Baltic countries shall have the possibilities to take part in the NMC meetings if they wish even if they are not full members of the NMC. Likewise the Baltic countries shall have the possibility to join the discipline meetings. It was agreed this possibility to exchange information and ideas gave benefit for all.
1. **The Chairman Håkan Leeman thanked present federations for interesting and useful discussions and good decisions. The chairmanship for the NMC was handed over to Jörgen Bitch, DMU, and Denmark for the coming year.**

Per Westling