



Protocol from the Nordic Wrestling Association

**Time and place:** November 3th 2016, at Clarion Hotel, Arlanda Airport, 11:00-16:00

After thanking the Swedish Wrestling Federation for hosting the annual meeting, the meeting started according to the agenda.

**1. Welcome to Sweden and registration by name**

Sweden: Christer Person, Jan Kårström, Samuel Lund

Norway Anders Hestdalen, Tom Holden

Finland: Pertti Vehviläinen

Estonia: Vello Leitham

Lithuania: Laurynas Garmus

Denmark: Palle Nielsen

Latvia:

**2. Chairman and secretary of the meeting**

Tom Holden suggested Christer Person for Chairman and Samuel Lund for secretary.

Everyone agreed.

**3. Approval of last meeting's protocol, May 27<sup>th</sup> in Tallinn.**

No comments

**4. Status today in all Federations**

**Denmark**

They have a new training centre for wrestling which opened September 9<sup>th</sup> 2016.

Today, they have about 17-18 wrestlers at the training centre. It is all from cadet to senior. The Danish National Sports Confederation is about to develop a new economic structure. This will affect the wrestling money to some degree. But they do not know how it will be yet, but they think it is an exciting process.

**Lithuania**

They will open a new centre soon where they can organize training camps etc. It will also be changes in the board, probably a new general secretary and secretary.

## **Finland**

It happens a lot in sports in Finland. They're making a change throughout the sports movement. Jukka, who is the president of the Finnish Wrestling Federation, is likely to be elected to the NOC in Finland. Furthermore, Jukka will quit the board of UWW-Europe in 2017. He thinks that we should nominate someone else from the Nordic countries. This issue is addressed in point 5, the UWW. They have made clear with the new national team coach and they are looking for funding's to hire more coaches.

## **Estonia**

There will be changes in their board of directors at the next election. They have no national team coach at the moment. They're working to review the organization's national team with coach etc. They have a good economy and have developed good strategic plans for the new board. Big changes are in the air. Estonia collaborate a lot with Ukraine. Estonia invests more at female wrestling now than before.

## **Norway**

It is quite similar in Norway as in Finland, it is quite turbulent in the NOC and Norwegian Sports Confederation. But it is positive that the NOC in Norway is positive to wrestling because they were successful at the Olympics In Rio. Norway has two full-time coaches for the national team.

During the next four years, they will work with association development. They need to increase the number of licenses. Norway and Oslo are interested in organizing the World Champions in wrestling. Oslo city is willing to support them economically and support.

Anders talks about the new organization. They have recently made it clear with Lotta Andersson as full-time coach for the women's team. She will be responsible for Cadet - senior. On the men's side, they will keep the same coach, who also will work with development with clubs.

They have received a EUR 150 000 in project funding by the NOC over a 5-year period to seniors. NOC are positive to Wrestling

## **Sweden**

We are pleased with the Olympics in Rio. We're doing an organizational change and reviewing the organization around the national team. There is also an organization change in the NOC where they are looking on how to use their money in the best possible way. We will not get any support from them until June. We have got even better relationship with the Swedish Sports Confederation.

## **5. UWW- congress in Macon, France**

The UWW-congress was not good. It felt like UWW wanted to show as little as possible and there was not so much discussions about the future. The whole atmosphere was

poor. It was a bad voting system too. Jukka that we had advocating for entering the UWW, was not elected to the board.

We decided that we will nominate some people from our countries to the UWW and the various commissions.

Suggestions for the Nordic Wrestling Association to nominate for UWW-Commissions;

UWW – Women and sport - Ine Barlie, Norway

UWW - Europé - Erik Nyblom, Denmark

UWW - Refereeing – Katja Taavela, Sweden

UWW - Coaches – Lotta Andersson, Norge

UWW - Development - Samuel Lund, Sweden

UWW - Athletes - Sofia Matsson, Sweden

All countries voted for these people to be nominated. The next step in this will be that all countries have a nominee who will write a CV and letter that will then be sent to Erik Nyblom before December 15<sup>th</sup> 2016. Erik will then write a letter to UWW. It is suggested that the nominees may be invited to the next Nordic Wrestling Association meeting, so that we all speak the same language.

## **6. The nordic calender**

We went through the Nordic calendar and all approved it. It is important that all national team coaches follow the calendar.

It was discussed to create a Nordic youth series, we decided that Vello Leitham Estonia will continue working on this issue to the next meeting.

Every country reviewed/presented their priority tournaments and concerns.

A comment from Estonia's Wrestling Federation; At the meeting Vello forwarded Estonia's Wrestling Federation (EWF) dissatisfaction, that regardless of the „understanding“ at the Tallinn Nordic Meeting, Sweden moved without notification/consultation their Senior Klippan Cup tournament to the same weekend, as has traditionally been held the Kristjan Palusalu Memorial (KPM) . This of course undermined KPM and was not in the spirit of the Nordic meeting in Tallinn. Estonia have looked at the calendar and think of possibly moving to 1-week after Tallinn Open: this however clashes with Finland Senior tournament. So – no decision on this side whether to move or not.

Vello said they might change dates at the KPM cup in 2017, and Christer said it could be a good suggestion.

As a suggestion, all countries put a training camp in Lithuania after the senior Nordic Championship. More info about this comes from Lithuania later.

## **7. Nordic Wrestling Association Statues**

The following things should come forth in statues:

The present people at the meetings should be: President and General Secretary. If they can not attend, they fix a replacement from the federation.

We will have two meetings each year. One meeting should always be associated with the seniors Nordic Championships.

The host nation are responsible for local and food.

The meetings should be at the airport or nearby.

It should appear that we are working with the Anti-Doping

The next meeting should be determined immediately after the meeting concludes.

## **8. Open time for discussion**

Lithuania shows pictures of the arena where we will have a training camp after the Nordic Championship senior.

The Netherlands wants to be with the Nordic Championship. This issue is postponed to the next meeting.

We must think about what we want to achieve with these meetings. Should we develop this cooperation?

The next meeting is in Lithuania at the Nordic Championships, and then in Norway.

Sincerely

Samuel Lund, Federation and association developer, Swedish Wrestling Federation