

Minutes of Meeting

NKU Rally-obedience Committee


Friday 13th July 2018 9:00-15:35, DKK, Parkvej 1, 2680 Solrød Strand, Denmark

Participants:	Beatrice Palm (Sweden), Iiris Harju (Finland), Solveig Therese Zetterstrøm (Norway) and Paul Lysholdt (Denmark)
Absentees:	None
Minutes:	Paul Lysholdt

Agenda:



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		Action:
1.	Welcome and presentation of participants	
	This was the first meeting in the NKU Rally-obedience Committee, so the four participants made a short presentation of themselves, their dogs and their experience in rally.	
2.	Introduction to rally in each of the four countries.	
	<p>Before the meeting the participants had forwarded an overview of rally in their respective countries, see pages 4-25 in attached file:</p>  <p>20180713 Rally Nordic Overview - M</p> <p>The overview shows signs in all classes, rules for passing classes and moving to higher classes, how judging takes place, the judging sheets and examples of courses in each class.</p> <p>We had lively discussions to understand the rules and the differences between the countries. A few differences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Norway you are disqualified if you don't make an exercise correctly (you have a number of extra tries). In Sweden you're not allowed to make an extra attempt to make an exercise correct, in Denmark and Finland you are allowed. • In Sweden you start when entering the ring, in the other countries when you pass the start sign. • Sending to cone, in Norway the handler stays and recalls the dog, in Sweden the handler takes the dog with when passing it, and in Finland/Denmark the handler recalls the dog from a specific sign. <p>This underlined the assumption, that aligning the rules in the four countries would be close to mission impossible.</p>	
3.	Nordic championship in Rally	



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4.	<p>It was agreed to work to establish a Nordic class. Rules, signs etc. will be in English.</p> <p>Based on a comparison of all the signs in the Nordics countries 85 signs were chosen to be included in the Nordic Class (pages 37-52 in above attachment). No new signs will be introduced.</p> <p>Solveig will draft the new signs, using colours differing from the colours in the existing Nordic signs. Maybe green as used in England: https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/media/352541/level_1_signs_with_explanations_a4.compressed.pdf https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/media/352549/level_3_signs_with_explanations_a4.compressed.pdf</p> <p>The rules will use the Swedish rules as starting point, with necessary adjustments. The exercise area will be 1m x 1m (Danish) before the sign</p> <p>Beatrice will translate the Swedish rules for deduction when Solveig has designed the signs. The Swedish (and Norwegian) model with deductions of 1, 3, 5 and 10 will be used, and must include abbreviations.</p> <p>Description of signs could be at a level as described in the Norwegian rules.</p> <p>Solveig will film all the signs and how to execute them.</p> <p>Iris will write proposal for qualification to and execution of the championship.</p> <p>A first championship could take place September/October 2019, hosted by DKK, with 4 judges (Iris, Solveig, Beatrice, Paul) and with each judge bringing own secretary.</p> <p>It could be announced 1st January 2019, which could enable to use the national championships in each country as qualification. It was agreed that each country must decide on their own how qualification takes place. Unregistered dogs may not participate.</p> <p>The duration of the event (1 vs. 2 days) and number of participants was discussed vs. 4 judges judging a maximum of around 60 dogs per day.</p> <p>Some scenarios:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 participants (10 per country), one competition for all day 1, and one for all day 2. • 28 participants (7 per country), one competition for all day 1 morning, and one for all day 1 afternoon. • 40 participants (10 per country), one competition for all day 1 morning, and one for top 20 day 1 afternoon. <p>It was agreed that each of us make a mini-survey to get some opinions on this.</p> <p>It was discussed how to separate participants with the same number of points – even though the risk of this being small with 4 judges and a calculation of average as the result. It was agreed that in case of equal points in top 3, an extra course should be performed (same as the second) by the contestants with equal points. Only if the position after that was still equal, the sum of time for the 3 courses should be considered, and the fastest time be the winner.</p> <p>Approval process The process for approval of above was discussed, and Jens Glavind consulted. The process is that NKU by approval of the Minutes of the meeting, approves that the work continues as proposed.</p>	<p>STZ</p> <p>BP</p> <p>STZ</p> <p>IH</p> <p>All</p>
	Other topics	

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	<p>Rules regarding which class you should start in in the other Nordic countries. In Finland the rules are: "If rally obedience is an official trial in the handler's home country, the dog is entered in to the corresponding class in Finland." In the other countries the handler must start from the lowest class.</p> <p>It was agreed, that the rules ought to be the same in all countries. Even though there are many differences between the countries, the setup is fundamentally the same. Beatrice, Solveig and Paul, will do whatever is needed to get the changes in place in their respective countries.</p> <p>Obtaining champion titles In the Finnish, Norwegian and Swedish rules it is stated, that if the dog is already a champion in one of the Nordic countries, only one champion level result (as defined in the rules of a specific country) is required to become a champion in another Nordic country as well. Paul should try to get this included in the Danish rules.</p>	<p>BP, STZ, PL</p> <p>PL</p>
5.	Next meeting	
	<p>It was agreed that next meeting should take place 2nd October 2018 in DKK. Paul will make sure that an official invitation is send.</p>	PL

