

## **Minutes of meeting NKU Rally Obedience Committee, 2020-02-12**

The meeting was held at Svenska Kennelklubben, Rotebro, Sweden.

The meeting started at 09:00 and ended at 15:42 CET.

### **Present:**

Iris Harju, Finland

Paul Lysholdt, Denmark

Beatrice Palm, Sweden

Solveig Zetterstrøm, Norway

### **1. Opening of the meeting and election of secretary**

Paul Lysholdt opened the meeting and Beatrice Palm was elected as secretary for this meeting.

### **2. Election of a new chairman for the committee**

The present chairman, Paul Lysholdt, wishes to resign as chairman. The meeting chose Beatrice Palm as new chairman.

### **3. Election of a vice chairman**

Iris Harju was chosen as vice chairman for the committee. The committee now has the following composition:

Beatrice Palm, chairman

Iris Harju, vice chairman

Solveig Zetterstrøm, secretary

Paul Lysholdt

### **4. Status of next championship**

We still don't have an official decision about the next championship. Despite this, the preparations for a championship in Sweden 2020 are underway and we hope for an official decision from NKU at their March meeting.

### **5. Information about preparations for championship 2020 in each country**

Nothing new to report since our last meeting. Paul Lysholdt mentioned that out of 11 Danish judges only two were interested in training to be Nordic judges.

### **6. Status on specification for the organisation for the Nordic Rally Obedience Championships**

Paul Lysholdt has made a draft and will present a proposal by the end of March.

### **7. Updated version of the regulations**

Iris Harju has sent the updated version of the regulations to FKK, who will make sure they are on the agenda for the NKU March meeting.

## **8. Updated version of the exercises/signs and descriptions (including videos)**

We went through all old and new exercises and placed them in levels 1, 2, 3 and 4. We removed one exercise, both spin apart, since this could cause troubles for some handlers. We also decided to skip the stand symbol in the signs.

We now have 22 exercises at level 1, 22 at level 2, 20 at level 3 and 20 at level four. Our regulations say that a Nordic class must contain at least five exercises from level 3 and seven from level 4.

Solveig Zetterstrøm will update the document “Descriptions of the Nordic Class exercises” as soon as possible and will film the new exercises, change some old ones and update the order in the video within the next months.

## **9. Update of guidelines**

We went through the existing guidelines and Iris Harju made necessary updates.

- We now only have three deductions, lack of teamwork, handler’s mistake and incorrectly performed exercise. Lack of teamwork and handler’s mistake can give 1, 3, 5 or 10 point deductions, incorrectly performed exercise always gives a 10 point deduction.

- For a helping step (forwards, backwards or sideways) to cause a 3 point deduction the step needs to be at least a footlength.

- Since we have skipped the recall sign and replaced the sign with a cone, the descriptions of the recall signs need to be updated. Solveig Zetterstrøm will do that.

- We need to add a drawing of the exercise area at the cone for the recall exercises. We also need a drawing of the exercise area for exercises who are performed after the sign.

- We had a long discussion about aligned and askew and decided to think this through at home and continue our discussions in our facebook group.

## **10. Next meeting**

Our next meeting will be held in Norway, September 19<sup>th</sup>, at a hotel near the airport. Dogs are welcome.

## **11. AOB**

We decided to appoint the following secretaries for the next championship:

Karin Holst, Sweden

Pia Heikkinen, Finland

Merete Kristensen, Norway

Helle Gadeberg, Denmark

## **Action list:**

- Beatrice and Solveig will make necessary changes/updates of the “Descriptions of the Nordic Class exercises”. They should be read and commented by everyone no later than the end of February.
- Paul writes the specifications for the organisation for the Nordic Rally Obedience Championships and will have them ready no later than the end of March.
- Solveig remakes some old videos and makes new ones during the next months.
- Guidelines and signs/descriptions will be published in March.
- We should only publish PDF documents under “Files” in our facebook group. Every one of us goes through the files that we have published and takes away duplicates, makes PDF out of word documents and so on.
- Beatrice contacts Annika Klang at SKK, who is in charge of information published on the NKU web site, and asks her to publish info about the NKU rally committee, our meeting minutes and so on.