



THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
LIONS CLUBS
Nordic CC Board

Minutes of Nordic CC Board Handover Tele-Meeting on Thursday 02-06-2021 at 17.30 CET

1. Opening of the Meeting

Chairperson, CC MD107 Matti Reijonen opened the meeting.

2. Approval of Secretary of the Meeting

NSR-OC Chairperson, PID Tapani Rahko was elected secretary.

3. Participants

MD 101 CC Anna Maria Bernstein	VCC Alf-Göran Andersson
MD 104 CC Ole Tamlag	VCC Kjell Solstad
MD 106 CC Karl Jakobsen	(VCC Jørn Due, no)
MD 107 CC Matti Reijonen	(VCC Sanna Mustonen, no)
MD 109 CC Björn Guðmundsson	VCC Þorkell Cýrusson
MD 107 PID Tapani Rahko (secretary)	
MD 109 PCC Jón Palmason (incoming secretary).	

4. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

5. Short presentation from each MD by the CCs

Conclusions from 2020-2021 by the CCs.

MD 101 Sweden. CC Anna Maria Bernstein informed that until November the events were physical and after that virtual. Clubs have been creative. Catastrophe funds have been granted to Lebanon, Croatia and Somalia. Lions MD Charity Center has delivered 250 rescue tents and other equipment to the island of Lesbos, Greece. MD project Water means Life has continued and finished bore hole no 2 in Somalia and continues. Environmental projects have been implemented nationally.

MD 104 Norway. CC Ole Tamlag told that despite various restrictions some clubs have worked as usual. Hybrid MD convention was changed to mostly virtual. Service has included African projects, foster children and distant learning. Lebanon received safety shelter after the explosion. Lions Charity Center in Lebanon was a joint Norwegian and Swedish project. Nationally, funds were raised for LCIF and 150 Lions Quest classes were organized. Land slide victims have been helped and local service have been given.



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MD 106 Denmark. CC Karl Jakobsen reported despite the pandemic that there will be 100 participants at the MD convention in Vejle. We have held a GAT day for coordinators from the 3 districts for the GAT effort in the coming Lions years. Despite having almost closed down in DK, we have largely reached our goals for the year. Next year, work is still being done on possible IT improvements. An upcoming Net auction - profits will be used for the benefit of Special Olympic.

MD 107 Finland. CC Matti Reijonen thanked for the cooperation in organizing EF virtual stand presenting NSR activities. Finland organized virtual NSR that had many participants even from countries outside the NSR. A joint video for the Convention parade was made on short notice. Nationally, virtual trainings and meetings have been organized. Clubs have organized local skiing competitions in cooperation with the ski clubs. Redistricting plan will be voted at the MD Convention since seven districts are below 1250 members. There is a future membership program in two districts. MD General Secretary resigned from her job and a new one is being selected.

MD 109 Iceland. CC Björn Guðmundsson informed that due to the restrictions physical events could not be organized since last summer. There were no diabetes screenings like normally. Funds have been raised for LCIF and parties have been organized online. LCIF team is working well and there are 11 model clubs in Campaign 100. GAT has worked and GLT has organized online classes. MD is focusing to help the clubs in the autumn.

Plans for 2021-2022 by the VCCs.

MD 101 Sweden. VCC Alf-Göran Andersson informed that an activity plan and priorities have been approved by the DGs and MD Convention. The plan is to increase the number of members or stay at least at current level, make the clubs stronger and support New voices and Leo programs. Internal and external PR and communication support the new marketing plan. ICT is used for fund raising and the clubs are supported by digital tools. The activities utilize local partnerships and membership resources and expertise. Recruitment of members is in the focus while LCIF and Sight First will be supported. Diabetes day is for fund raising. Leo Day will be notified. Theme of the World Environmental Day water around the world. Council of Governors and GAT theme will finalize and complete the plans.

MD 104 Norway. VCC Kjell Solstad said that the focus is on two main activities and the goal is to raise 50 million NOK. New clubs are chartered and new members invited.



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MD 106 Denmark. CC Karl Jakobsen reported that the focus will be in supporting the clubs to restart in the autumn after the pandemic. Current membership level is maintained and membership program “Lions in Big Cities” continues. ICT system will be modernized. Trainings continue and GST is working. Tour de France will start from Denmark.

MD 107 Finland. CC Matti Reijonen informed that the MD long-term strategy will be revised. Brand image project continues. Finnish Lions Day will be organized on 14.8.2021 to increase visibility. Membership program continues. The average age is now 65. Diabetes walk will be organized in the autumn and Diabetes youth camp planning continues.

MD 109 Iceland. VCC Þorkell Cýrusson said that the MD is focusing on the Clubs and membership after the pandemic. NSR 2022 will be planned and organized. Work of the GAT continues. Red Feather Campaign will raise funds for the blind and guide dogs in cooperation with the visually impaired organization. Other service areas are diabetes and childhood cancer.

6. Minutes from CC Board Tele-Meetings on 14-01-2021

Minutes from the CC Board Tele-Meeting in January were approved.

7. Recommendations from NSR 2021 Seminars and Workshops

How to proceed

- a. Keynote Address Climate Change workshop: **Project to make a Lions forest - the biggest in the Nordics.** For example: Provide educational videos, plant trees, and provide seeds. The workshop gave ideas to be sent to Lions Clubs in the Nordic countries.
The CC Board forwards the ideas to the next CC Board. Possible destinations needs to be chosen. Forests could be local and there might also be a City Forest. Not necessarily a big Lions forest.
- b. UN Sustainable Development Goals workshop: **Project to collect 10 best practices how Lions clubs can help Nordic environment.** For example: Change focus, look north, think bigger.
The CC Board forwards the ideas to the next CC Board. Sustainability is appealing for young lions and leos and they could be involved. The focus could be wider, not only in the north.
- c. Social Exclusion workshop: **Projects to help unemployed people to develop their skills.** Instruct unemployed people in topics related to employment, e.g. to develop job search skills.
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providing the assistance and the target group of unemployed people need to be planned. Service idea can be served to local clubs.

d. NSR Lions Youth Engagement workshop: **Leos in NSR cooperation, and joint projects, and improve NSR cooperation for youth.**

The CC Board forwards the idea of inviting Leos to NSR 2022 to the Host Committee of the next NSR meeting.

e. Lions and External Partners workshop: **Partnership as key theme and workshop at NSR 2022.** Building Nordic partnerships mutually by mobilizing all 50,000 Lions.

The CC Board forwards the idea to NSR 2022 Host Committee. How to mobilize all Nordic Lions to promote partnerships has been proposed as one of the key themes at NSR 2022. The idea will be discussed further at the host committee.

f. IR Projects workshop: **Sustainability projects.** For example: Projects focusing on sustainability, water, and tree planting. All Lions subject areas to be involved in IR cooperation. Possible joint Red Feather Campaign in 2025?

CC Board forwards to the IR Committee the idea of preferring sustainability projects for the next NSR IR Project. And the idea for the next joint Red Feather Campaign is forwarded to the incoming CC Boards. 2025 is too early because e.g. Norway has the Red Feather Campaign every five years and the next one is in 2022.

g. GAT/GLT seminar: **Nordic ALLI or FDI.** Work together to arrange ALLI (Advanced Lions Leadership Institute) or FDI (Faculty Development Institute) if LCI cannot arrange them.

The CC Board forwards the idea to the next CC Board. Nordic institutes could be tried again next year since this year's institutes had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. LCI should be encouraged to organize enough classes to cover the needs of the Nordic Lions. Information on the institutes must be shared to the Nordic lions.

h. LCIF workshop: **Scope of LCIF seminar at NSR.** LCIF seminar at NSR should not be shorter than two hours, and LCIF Coordinators from all Nordic countries are encouraged to attend.

The CC Board forwards the recommendation to NSR 2022 Host Committee.



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8. Renewal of NSR

Three main renewal areas have been identified from the views received: 1. Concentrating on essential matters – not using time for reporting. 2. Restoring NSR as a respected partner among Lions of Europe 3. Building the future through strong NSR cooperation. In addition, Virtual NSR 2021 feedback has been analyzed. Partial virtual content is proposed also for live NSR meetings.

CC Board has tasked the OC to prepare the matter for further discussions at September Workshop. Preliminary questionnaire on the renewal items has been prepared. The plan is to distribute it in early autumn. Renewal ideas will be brainstormed at September workshop 2021 for further action and CC Board decisions.

CC Board tasked the OC to make a list what kind of NSR cooperation has been cancelled in recent years. In which subject areas NSR worked together in the past when NSR was still strong? These areas used to be e.g. membership, leadership and youth. Many more subject areas could meet virtually throughout the year.

9. NSR Finances

There have been cost savings due to the pandemic and funds have accumulated in the bank account. Although the administrative fee will not be charged in 2021-2022, a significant part of the previous surplus remains. The banks have proposed to the accountant to consider investments. The accountant has forwarded a question of possible ways of capital management.

The CC Board informed that there are examples of investments in the Nordic MDs. E.g. in Norway, the MD has invested funds from a substantial donation. The Fund is for children and youth with special needs. In NSR, possible period for investments might be too short for having significant return with low risk since the administrative funds will be used in the future. In earlier meetings a goal has been discussed to maintain the asset on about the level of one annual budget.

The CC Board lined up that the account should discuss the matter with professionals. The accountant is requested to come with a proposal after discussing e.g. with PCC Christian Johansen from Norway who is responsible for one investment program in MD 104. The proposal must include alternative options, a review of suggested arrangements in NSR capital management and existing regulations involved in possible investments. If new arrangements are proposed, the item must be decided by the NSR Council, after the directions by the CC Board.



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10. Update from the Programs, Projects, Working Groups, Committees and Subject Areas

a. Orkester Norden

70 musicians had been elected to the orchestra. The arrangements and the program were planned and ready.

Final name list of the participants and the final budget will be given to the MDs always after they have been finalized and confirmed.

(After the CC Board Meeting, Orkester Norden 2021 has been changed to virtual event due to the pandemic. Couple of days of virtual content, including presentations, seminars and networking, will be organized in the end of July, on week 30. After that, few days of individual training sessions will be given to the musicians by the Nordic instructors. Final budget can be given after the virtual event has been fully planned. The name list can be given after the event when it can be seen who joint the virtual event online.)

Diabetes Youth Camp

The first Nordic Diabetes Youth Camp will be organized on 16.-24.7.2022 by MD 107 Finland either in Kisakallio, Lohja or in Varala, Tampere. Target group is 20 participants at the age of 17-19 years, including 10 participants from the Nordic countries and 10 from other European countries.

Working group consists of eight persons from four districts. Experience from the pilot cam are being utilized. Grant application has been sent to LCIF on 30.4.2021 and answers have been given to the questions on 1.6.2021. Marketing will start in the autumn. Information will be shared at the EF and through European Diabetes Associations.

MD 109 Iceland is willing to organize the next Diabetes camp in 2023. The age limit is considered to be 18 years. Negotiations with the Diabetes Association have been carried out and health care people will be involved. CC Board accepted MD 109 Iceland for the next camp host country after Finland.

CC Board decided that the rotation system of hosting the Nordic Diabetes Youth Camps will be decided during fiscal year 2021-2022. CC Ole Tamslag informed that MD 104 Convention had approved a proposal which



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makes is more flexible to decide if there will be a Diabetes Youth Camp also in Norway in the future.

b. Bike Relay

Summary of the original Bike Relay initiative had been received from the relay contact persons and delivered to the CC Board. CC Karl Jakobsen informed about the responses and comments given by the MDs.

As MD 104 Norway will not participate in the joint Nordic Bike Relay in 2022, the CC Board decided to organize it with the other four Nordic MDs, MD 101 Sweden, MD 106 Denmark, MD 107 Finland and MD 109 Iceland in the autumn of 2022. MD 104 Norway will consider joining possible relay later in 2023.

The relay is planned to include local outdoor activities in four Nordic MDs, and Nordic relay events that would end at the Danish German border, and to continue as possible joint event at the EF 2023 in Croatia.

CC Karl informed that the Danish relay contact person PDG Preben Skiby Poulsen will contact the nominated contact persons in Sweden, Finland and Iceland. He will make project plan and suggest for a project group for further decisions. As one of the goals of the relay is to raise funds for LCIF, MD 107 Finland suggests to involve LCIF MD and District Coordinators in the MD working groups.

c. NSR Web Page

Possible rotation of the chairmanship in the Web Page Working group has been discussed. As the next NSR host country, MD 109 is considering to take the chairmanship and will inform of the decision in the next CC Board Meeting. Production of the web site content and the hosting of the NSR Dropbox will be addressed after that.

d. NSR OC

OC Chairperson, PID Tapani gave an update on OC work. Virtual NSR info session has been organized for the VCCs. The OC has continued preparations for making the project roll-ups. Two answers have been received about the roll-ups of NSR cooperation and Solar Cooker project. Photos and small texts are expected from the two projects for Forgotten Children and the Pediatric Ward.

CC Karl informed that IPDG Benny Hansen will be the new OC Member from MD 106 Denmark. OC Handover Tele-Meeting is on 17.06.2021.



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e. IR Committee

IR Committee Chairperson, ID Heimo has reported that the committee will start working with the next IR project proposals in August. No proposals have been received so far.

CC Anna Maria informed that MD 101 Sweden will have a new IR Chairperson in the committee.

f. Leadership Training

All Nordic institutes were cancelled in 2020-2021. New plans are coming.

g. MD Legal Advisors

No current topics.

11. MD Conventions in 2021 and 2022

MD 101 Virtual	07. - 09.05. 2021
MD 104 Gardermoen	28. - 29.05. 2021
MD 106 Vejle	11. - 13.06. 2021
MD 107 Virtual	12. - 13.06. 2021
MD 109 Akureyri	13. - 15.05. 2021
MD 101 Falun	27.-28.05. 2022
MD 104 to be confirmed	27.-29.05. 2022
MD 106 Nyborg	10.-12.06. 2022
MD 107 Kouvola	10.-12.06. 2022
MD 109 Hveragerdi	13.-14.05. 2022

12. NSR 2022 in Iceland (MD 109)

MD 109 is working on the plans and hopes for a physical NRS. E.g. environmental issues will be addressed. More info will be given at the next meeting.

13. Updated Action List

Latest version is updated in 12.04.2021. The OC will make an update according to the decisions made at this meeting.

14. Miscellaneous

MD 109 Iceland has elected PCC Björg Bára Halldórsdóttir for the next NSR Convention Coordinator 2022-2024. 2022

All MDs are informed to send the incoming VCC info to the secretary.



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15. CC Board Meetings 2021-2022

- CC Board (Convention) tele-meeting e.g. on Thursday 24.6.2021 18 CET. All countries send the incoming VCC info to the secretary.
- September workshop for CCs and VCCs on 18.-19.09.2021 – The OC will prepare a live or virtual session. MD 104 and MD 106 have been requested to send hotel info. Reimbursement for the VCCs will be checked.
- CC Board EF Meeting 2021 in Thessaloniki on 06.10.2021 at 16.15-17.45 local time.

16. Closing the meeting

Chairperson, CC MD107 Matti Reijonen closed the meeting and thanked for good cooperation in 2020-2021.

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