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**Minutes of Nordic CC Board Convention Tele-Meeting on Thursday
24-06-2021 at 18.00 CET**

1. Opening of the Meeting

- Chairperson CC MD109 Þorkell Cýrusson opened the meeting and welcomed all to this CC board meeting.

2. Approval of Secretary of the Meeting

- NSR-OC Chairperson, PCC Jón Pálmason was elected secretary.

3. Presentation of participants

Participants introduced themselves.

MD 101 CCe Alf-Göran Andersson from LC Simrishamn, South Sweden, Skåne, VCCe Bengt Persson, LC Alvesta, also South Sweden but 200 km north from where CC Alf-Göran live.

MD 104 CCe Kjell Solstad, LC Finnsnes North Norway, 1500 km from Oslo. VCCe Yngve Lindgaard-Berntsen was not present

MD 106 CCe Jørn Due LC Solrød, close to Copenhagen, was DG 2016-17. VCCe Egon Bjørn Andersen, DG 2018-2019. He is from the middle of Jylland or "the darkest part Jylland". This year he has been DG substitute for 106B

MD 107 CCe Sanna Mustonen LC, Kirkkonummi-Kyrkslätt/Nice, 30km west from Helsinki and by the coast. VCCe Heikki Mäki was not connected at this moment.

MD 109 CCe Þorkell Cýrusson lives now in Hafnarfjörður, but has just moved from LC Buðardalur. He will join the LC Viðarr in Reykjavík 1st July. VCCe Kristófer A. Tómasson was not present
MD 109 PCC Jón Pálmason, was CC 2017-18, has been member of the OC group for three Years, and is now chairman of the OC group and member of LC Viðarr Reykjavík.

4. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved



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5. Short presentation from each MD by incoming CCs

- MD 101 CC Alf-Göran Andersson informed that MD101 has had the national convention in the MD with 40 at site participants. The activity plan and priorities for 2021-2022 were approved. The main plan is to increase the number of members, it is about survival of Lions. The Council of Governor and GAT will have a workshop about this July 9th -10th. Here focus will be on activity at the world Lions Day in beginning of October as well as LCIF and Sight First. The next membership activity will be close to the world Diabetes Day in November, where money will be collected for diabetes resources. Third membership day will be around World Environmental Day in June. The MD will also work on getting more Lions. MD 101 will give public information high priority with new marketing plan. Here focus will be on environmental items and on leadership development. Their intention is to give work in NSR more focus. All their working groups are in place. MD101 will also work on problems in the clubs regarding Corona.

- MD 104 CC Kjell Solstad informed that the National Convention had been held with 20 on site and 200 listening and with workshops for three days. The main activity this year will be collecting money by the Red-feather action and the goal is to raise 50 million NOK. The MD teams will concentrate on starting up Lions of Norway again, where most members have not been active the last 15 month. MD 104 has a new strategy for foreign help. They will start help villages with water, schools, agriculture healthcare and so on. The clubs can have their own project inside the MD framework. Other things he mentioned at the last CC meeting can be seen later in this document.

- MD 106 CC Jørn Due: MD 106 had a successful national convention, partly virtual and partly physical. 100 members attended in Vejle, at the convention day the meeting was streamed and there was voting virtually.

The vision is to show Lion Denmark as a visible and vigorous humanitarian organization and the main priority is to restart clubs after Covid 19 shot down. They will have strong focus on membership including LIS and on help – also unasked – to the clubs.

Greenland is still in their hearts and will be a top priority also next year.

They will keep on working on the modernization program for the national IT system. And off course we will have GAT as a cornerstone in our work and hopefully we will succeed in making our clubs understand the importance of the cooperation between GMT-GST-GLT, also at club level.

And Tour de France will start in Denmark. GST has a big task here

- MD 107 CC Sanna Mustonen:

MD 107 had national convention with about 900 official representatives. The meeting was published on YouTube channel. One of the big decisions made was that MD107 will start to make long term strategy work, lasting for two Years. How can we save Lions in Finland and get more members? Already this Year they will start one new Branch. CC Sannas goal for the Year is to make work in Lions more



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visually. Her idea is to show that Lions is doing the right thing. Being a Lions is easy, but we must marketing it better. We must improve our work, using social media and newspapers. They will have photo competition, showing what strong and good pictures can tell about work in Lions.

MD 107 will have themes by months of the year. In each month different items (subject area) will be discussed, like global courses, Finish Lions values discussed, and media will be used to make it easier. Environmental issues are a big thing, as well as diabetes, and children cancer. MD 107 has got a new home page, started two weeks ago, and they have a new general secretary.

- MD 109 CC Porkell Cýrusson:

The national convention was also a hybrid in Iceland and only with the leaders attending physically. Other participants were attending from home. It went very well. The hope is that Iceland will have a normal Lions Year, where Lions can meet physically because so many have been vaccinated. The focus will be on how the clubs are running after the covid, and the hope is they will be as before. The MD will try to help clubs, who have problems. We have also Red-feather action next spring, where we are going to raise money to 12-15 Blind-dogs in partnership with Blind Organization in Iceland. Porkell hope he will see you all in Reykjavik at NSR in January next Year.

6. Minutes from CC Board Tele-Meetings on 02-06-2021

- No remarks
- Minutes was approved.

7. Recommendations from NSR 2021 Seminars and Workshops – how to proceed.

The new CC group is concerned about the progress of the proposals from last NSR. After 6 months, nothing has happened. In the discussion at this meeting it was informed that these recommendations had not been discussed in the MDs. See further in the Miscellaneous decision of meeting in February and about the GAT team meetings.

The recommendations:

- 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.
It was decided that the CC take the proposal to the first national Council meeting, and then this proposal will be sent to the Nordic GST group in order to make it into a practical proposal.
- 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. Same as a.



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- c. Social Exclusion workshop: **Projects to help unemployed people to develop their skills.** For example: Instruct unemployed people in topics related to employment. Lions can help unemployed people that is outside the system by offering volunteer projects in order to help to find meaning in ones life..
Same as a.
- 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. We must talk to the Leos. DM 101 can support Leos coming to NSR, but in Denmark and Norway, the cubs must support them. The Leos are welcomed to NSR in Reykjavík.
Discussed was how Lions can help the Leos. CC group was asked to contact their Leos to find out if they were interested to come to NSR before September workshop. There must be Leos from some countries if it should be realized.
- 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. Lions in the MDs do partnership with some organizations and companies. Basically, on club level.
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.
CC Jørn; we may not forget that we are a humanitarian organization. This matter was sent to the IR group.
- 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. Matter sent to the GLT group.
- 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.

8. Renewal of NSR

PCC Jón told about the background of this renewal, from the PIDs.

- Three renewal areas from the comments received:



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1. Concentrating on essential matters – not using time for reporting.
 2. Restoring NSR as a respected partner among Lions in Europe
 3. Building the future through strong NSR cooperation.
 - Preliminary questionnaire prepared OC will meet July 20th to finalize them
 - Renewal ideas will be brainstormed at the September workshop 2021 for further action, CC Board discussion and decisions.
- The CC ask for a copy of the questionnaire when it is sent out to the members in the MDs.

9. NSR Finances

- Financial situation
- NSR have money in the bank, because of no international convention.
- Capital management.
- This money, 90.000 Euro, is administrative money that normally are used to run NSR and also for the common cost at international conventions. Last CC board asked the NSR accountant PCC Jari to come up with ideas. The CC board decision was to keep the money in the bank.

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

a. Orkester Norden

News from the last CC-board meeting is that the Orkester Norden will be virtual. PID Tapani has informed that students from the previous year will be invited to the virtual sessions. The sessions will be seminars. There will be no concerts.

b. Diabetes Youth Camp Tampere

- Camp 2022 update
- CC Sanna informed that planning is going smoothly, and the camp will be in Tampera. Application will be ready at Europa Forum in October.
- Camp 2023 hosting
- Iceland is ready to run the camp 2023 together with the diabetic organization in Iceland.
- Possible rotation system.
- This year we have to decide the rotation order of the camp.

c. Bike Rally

- PDG Preben Skiby has informed that there is no news from the Bike Relay group.



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d. NSR Web Page

PCC Jón informed that a demo web page has been made, and it is in need for some structure making and in getting information like minutes from meetings, information from NSR projects, and sharing of information about good projects in the MDs.

- Possible rotation of Working Group chairmanship. Iceland will find someone willing to take the chairmanship.

e. NSR OC

- Update on the OC work

We are now preparing the September workshop 18-19th of September. There will be VCC training, CC meeting and VCC meeting.

The CC group has to decide if the meeting shall be in Oslo or Copenhagen. The fly situation is better to Copenhagen, almost all of us can fly Saturday morning to Copenhagen and start meeting at 13.00 and meet in the morning Sunday until 14 and then fly home in the evening.

For Oslo some of us must fly Friday which will cost an extra night.

- Preparations for making the project roll-ups

OC is preparing roll-ups with info about previous projects. OC is waiting for information from the project leaders.

f. IR Committee

- Committee update

The MDs must see if there are proposals to IR projects and then inform about them to the MD IR chairperson. PCC Árni Friðriksson IR MD109 is the chairperson of the IR committee. We will promote him to start the work. But proposals are needed. IR committee must have proposal ready before CC-board meeting in November.

We could have an agenda for the next meeting if the IR committee can recommend more than one project.

g. Leadership Training

- GLT group should make a plan.

h. MD Legal Advisors

VCC Egon informed that he is in discussion with his contact persons in the MDs for discussing legal matters, like transfer of personal data to the International Lions office. The point is if it is legal to use MyLion. The EU court have decided that it is not legal to transfer private data to US.

It is legal to use an EU standard contract for transfer of data. But there is a lot of question and they do not know if it can be used for information



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form Lions. The Icelandic contact has not answered.

11. MD Conventions in 2021 and 2022

MD 101 Falun	27.-28.05. 2022
MD 104 Gardermoen	27.-29.05. 2022
MD 106 Nyborg	10.-12.06. 2022
MD 107 Kouvola	10.-12.06. 2022 can be changed
MD 109 Hveragerdi	13.-14.05. 2022

12. NSR 2022 in Iceland (MD 109)

- Info from MD 109.

PCC Jón informed about the program, see attachment.

CC Þorkell informed that the goal for the NSR is

“Endowment, how can we serve”.

13. NSR 2023 in Sweden (MD101)

- Info from MD 101

An active working group is planning it

Will be at Borås east of Gothenburg and Grand Hotel.

14. Updated Action List

- Latest version, updated 19.06.2021

It has been updated by PCC Benny Nissen Raun

It will be updated after this meeting and send out together with the minutes.

15. Miscellaneous

It was accepted that the CC group should have a virtual meeting one month after every NSR, if there are recommendations or proposals to put in progress. Today the CC group has to take action.

It was also accepted that the GAT groups should meet through the Year. I.e, group of GLT, group of GST and group of GMT. The call for meeting will come as usual from the NSR countries. They can share ideas and work with solutions to gather. Most countries have their first GC meeting late August, and there should be a description/agenda for this type of meeting, ready to be presented. The first meetings will be in September. The whole GAT group should meet a few times through the year to share ideas.

16. CC Board Meetings 2021-2022

- September workshop preferably on 18.-19.09.2021

- EF. Thessaloniki 7. – 9.10.2021



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- CC Board EF Meeting 2021 in Thessaloniki on 06.10.2021 at 16.15-17.45 local time.
- November meeting Sunday 28.11.2021 virtual.

17. Closing the meeting

- Chairperson, CC MD109 Þorkell Cýrusson

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