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**Nordic CC Board**

**Draft minutes of Nordic CC Board November hybrid meeting, Wednesday  
28-11-2021 10.00 Finnish time, 09.00 Swedish time and 08.00 Iceland time.**

**1. Opening of the Meeting**

- Chairperson CC MD109 Þorkell Cýrusson opened the meeting from Iceland

**2. Approval of Secretary of the Meeting**

- NSR-OC PCC Jón Pálmason was accepted as a secretary.

**3. Participants**

- MD 101 CC Alf-Göran Andersson      VCC Bengt Persson (na)
- MD 104 CC Kjell Solstad              VCC Yngve Lindgaard-Berntsen(na)
- MD 106 CC Jørn Due                    VCC Egon Bjørn Andersen
- MD 107 CC Sanna Mustonen          VCC Heikki Mäki(na)
- MD 109 CC Þorkell Cýrusson          VCC Kristófer Tómasson
- ID Mats Granath                        ID Bent Jespersen
- NSR-Coordinator Björn Hägerstrand    NSR Accountant: PCC Jari Rytönen
- OC PCC Jón Pálmason (secretary).

**4. Approval of the Agenda**

- Proposal for agenda point 7 was added.
- Agenda was approved

**5. Short status remarks from each MD by CCs**

- MD 101 CC Alf-Göran Andersson

MD 101 was visited by Lions IP Douglas X. Alexander November 10 – 15. It was a fantastic visit, planned by ID Mats Granath and CC Alf-Göran. They visited Upsala University Hospital to be informed about their research on the causes of diabetes and they also visited The Special Olympics. The IP was also informed about different activities by a number of responsible Lions in MD101. This visit was his first out of office visit.

MD 101 has now got funding from LCI to carry out a very urgent membership and public relation campaign that will run for next half Year. Budget is 140.000 SEK. CC Alf Göran is now working on creating partnerships with a number of organizations to calibrate with MD101 to support for example, Special Olympics and Marine knowledge centre in Malmö. The pandemic has had big influence on our business, but we are on our way back. Several of our clubs have gone back to the same level of activities as before. We also know there are some clubs, especially small clubs, that are not able to come back. The MDs committees are currently working on what has been decided and is in our business plan.



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- MD 104 CC Kjell Solstad

This week MD104 formally started the Red Feather Campaign, which will run until 20<sup>th</sup> of March where there will be a special ceremony. Lions in Norway are slowly starting up again in Uganda and Malawi, with villages development. They have officially stopped that NSR project in Lebanon and a report shall be presented at NSR in January by PID Svein Bernsen. Leaving Lebanon is not easy, and Lion AiD in Norway have been pleaded to go on helping there. They have foreseen some more projects there.

- MD 106 CC Jørn Due

MD106 did not have any visit of the international president this time. They have had a MD GAT meeting after the EF to discuss all the new things that are coming on the Global Membership Approx. (GMA). MD 106 has got new funding, about 100.000 DKK for local membership activities. They recently had the second Council meeting. They worked on getting all their clubs "up to speed" and it looks like most of the clubs are back. There are some Covid restrictions coming but he is looking forward to the next coming Year.

- MD 107 CC Sanna Mustonen

They had a Council of governor meeting the day before this meeting, a good meeting with seminars. The Covid situation has been better, but now more restrictions are coming. They probably have to cancel some big meetings and concerts. They had a lot of good visibility, they have been working with parents and children to improve the safe use of the Internet. They have had a one week advertisement in TV about that matter and there will be visibility in tv right before Christmas with a partner University Hospital Pediatric Clinic Sponsors. MD107 have run the theme of the month, and this will continue also next Year. MD107 have started to discuss strategies for Lions until 2030. CC Sanna would like to hear if the other MDs are working with their strategy. MD107 has a three-part activity photo competition this year and the first winner has already been chosen.

- MD 109 CC Þorkell Cýrusson

Iceland was visited by the International President, he came from Sweden 15. October and stayed for three days. The visit was successful, and we showed him projects clubs have been working on. They also visited the president of Iceland. They showed him a project of LC Vestmannaeyjar that have together with LCIF, build up a remote eye clinic in Vestmannaeyjar. The eye doctors are sitting in Reykjavík and can remotely help their patients that else had to drive from home a long way to Reykjavik. They have started the Red feather campaign. They are collecting blind dogs together with the Icelandic Association of the Visually Impaired. The campaign will run until



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April next Year. There was a Council meeting the day before this meeting. The meeting was virtual and with good attendance. The meeting was good. Information was shared about the clubs and most of them have started their work and meet but there are still some that have not. We hope covid will not stop this again.

**6. Minutes from CC Board Tele-Meetings on 19-09-2021 and 6-10-2021**

Minutes from both meetings were accepted

**7. Proposal for virtual NSR meeting 2022.**

The council of Governors have had a meeting regarding this and, the proposal from MD101 is that the NSR will be changed to a virtual meeting.

There was a proposal from MD106 to postpone the meeting for about one month to see if the situation will change. The host committee had checked the hotel one month later and at those dates the hotel is booked. The other CC informed that their schedule was fully booked in February and Mars. ID Mats asked if there will be a place in the schedule for an ID report and it will be in the Sunday morning.

The decision was to run a virtual meeting.

**8. Information from the Nordic IDs**

- ID Bent Jespersen:

The last Board meeting was virtual, due to restrictions. A report has already been distributed to the CC. There was nothing special for Nordic countries. ID Bent is ready to answer questions from the CC group.

-ID Mats Granath:

The Board are working on new Lions strategic plan. The plan will be carried out for next fiscal Year and it will be introduced at next EF. This plan will be a good input for our MDs and Districts regarding strategic questions.

The New Voices title is removed from the international protocol now. The program is not canceled but the responsible will not be called to Conventions, Forums or Areas-meetings. It can be run locally

The marketing committee will ask for more money for next year. All 400.000 \$ are used. The MD106 did not get money for their PR campaign.

ID Mats also informed about the visit of IP Douglas X. Alexander to Sweden and Iceland and he hoped that he will also come to the other countries.

The convention committee is planning for an in person International Convention in Montreal. In February the final decision will be made about an in person or live meeting.

ID Mats asked if the MDs translate the summary from the board meetings to put on the website. Sweden does.

ID Mats is a key person for resolution and info's on EF in Zagreb next Year. He would like to improve EF for every Year. If there are proposals to workshops or seminars, he can be contacted.



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**9. Recommendations from NSR 2021 Seminars and Workshops**

GST, GMT GLT have had meetings

Hopefully there will be some report before NSR

There was a note from the GAT team from Denmark that they would like better planning of this Year's meetings. So that they have them in the calendar for the Year. The groups have to decide by themselves how many meetings they are going to have.

**10. Renewal of NSR**

OC is preparing a report of the decision from the September meeting. This report will be submitted to the CC board in January. Then it will be presented at the Council meeting at NSR. After NSR OC is prepared to work further on this matter. So, there will be a proposal for the end of this fiscal year.

**11. NSR Finances**

Accountant Jari showed that the Balance of this fiscal Year is about 92 thousand Euro. Accountant Jari showed Budget 2022-2023, which is for NSR in Sweden.

There is a figure for Country Coordinators of Orkestra Norden to meet about future of ON. Then the future of ON can be discussed at the Council meeting.

Now CC board have decided to run NSR virtually from Iceland and Iceland ask for similar budget as Finland got last Year, which was 8.000 Euro, Accountant pointed out that we need to have receipts for all costs. The Lions office Iceland will administrate the bills.

NSR webserver is about 120 Euro

In the budget is a calculation of division of costs between the MDs according to number of members.

Only comment from the auditor is that there is an unnecessary amount of money on the bank account. It is accountant Jaris' proposal that the administration fee will not be billed in the beginning of this next Year. The next CC-board can then decide if the administration fee will be billed in the beginning of 2023. It is necessary to have money on the bank account to pay for the costs of one convention. The hole budget for 2022-2023 includes the coordinator budget.

Coordinator budget, similar budget as last Year.

The budget of 8000 Euro for virtual NSR in Iceland was accepted.

The proposal for an ON meeting was accepted.

It was agreed that the budget Jari had presented will be presented at NSR.

**12. NSR Coordinator**

Lions convention in Montreal. (See attachment)

The Scandinavian delegation hotel is still Fairmont Queen Elizabeth, as this hotel is close to all places. The Get to Gather location is still open, will be confirmed in beginning of next Year. The date for the Get to Gather party was discussed, and proposed to be June 22. Coordinator Björn will update the Convention Schedule



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according to the new plan on the Lions Convention website. He will send it out and it can be confirmed via e-mails. Final decision can be done at NSR CC board meeting in January.

Coordinator Björn was asked if he had a Plan B if the convention will be virtual. Like the parade and other things. We could have a virtual Scandinavian Get to Gather party.

**13. Coffee break**

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

**a. Orkester Norden**

- PCC Jón informed about the stress that has been between Foreningen Orkestra Norden (FON) and Finnish Orkester Norden host organization. FON was made when ON was ran in Denmark. See further in the ON report. Orkester Norden steering group proposes that the CC Board will give Orkester Norden steering group permission to prepare a draft of a new cooperation agreement between NSR and this Danish FON. This proposal was accepted.

**b. Diabetes Youth Camp Tampere**

- Camp 2022 update,  
CC Sanna informed that the planning is ongoing.

**c. Bike Relay**

- New Chairperson. CC Keld asked PCC Bjørn Zarbell if he sees some possibilities in this project.  
After discussion about the interests for the Bike Relay and consultation with PCC Bjørn it was decided to cancel this project.

**d. NSR Web Page**

- Update.  
No news

**e. NSR OC**

- Update on the OC work  
OC had a meeting the 15-11-2021 and OC has been through the drafts submitted to the CC board.

**f. IR Committee**

- Committee update  
The IR committee got three following proposals for IR projects:



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- MD 101 Sweden:  
A future for the Children – Providing a new start for Survivors of sexual violence. DR Congo.

- MD 104 Norway:  
Creating Opportunities through Sustainable Agriculture

- MD 107 Finland:  
Expanding the solar Cooker project in Africa.

The committee has analysed the projects and it was established that all 3 projects are prudent and of a quality to be the next project. But the committee could not get to a unanimous result. Three voted for the project from MD 104 and one for each of the other.

CC board discussed this, and the result is that all projects will be presented at the Council meeting and voted on by majority voting.

**g. Leadership Training**

- GLT group  
No news from the GLT group.

**h. MD Legal Advisors**

- Information from MD Legal Advisors.  
VCC Egon Bjørn informed that the rules in EU countries, how the MD is submitting members information to LCI office in the US, are illegal. There is a committee chaired by Frank Gerlinger from Germany, working on new contract based to EU committee standard. Frank thinks Lions can sign the contract next Year. The Nordic Legal Advisor group, will wait for the new rules

**i. Nordic GMT, GLT, GST teams.**

GST, GMT and GLT meetings have started.  
Better planning was discussed earlier.  
ID Mats informed from the Marketing committee at the Board, that a Marketing Lead will be a position that has been proposed to be added to the GAT teams at all levels.  
CC Alf-Göran informed about the Nordic Environmental Committee with all the Nordic MD environmental chairpersons. This group will be asked to give a report to NSR.

**j. VCC planning for next Year**

PCC Jón: There is a report from VCC Bengt, next years chairperson for CC group, that he has got very little response from his VCC group when he has



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asked for a meeting. There will be no business plan for next Year to be presented at NSR 2022. See included report from VCC Bengt. PCC Jón informed that OC is ready to help. The VCC think it is a good idea that OC help them to start. PCC Jón will coordinate a meeting with the VCC together with PCC Finn.

**15. Agenda to the Council meeting at NSR in Reykjavík**

See attachments.

There is a proposal of agenda that has already been submitted to the CCs

4. First is the number of votes each country has.

7. There were no proposals from last Year, so there is nothing to vote on. Last Year there were some recommendations which are in progress in the Nordic GAT teams.

8. There is the financial statements already done in point 11.

9. To move the responsibility from the officers from last Year.

10. Approval of Budget,

11. Status information from the projects.

- The Project in Lebanon from Norway is closing and we need a final report for voting.

- We need an update of the Swedish project in Turkey.

- Denmark have to give a status report of the current project in Tanzania.

- There is report from Orkestra Norden.

- Report of the Bike relay project. We have to tell that it is cancelled.

- Web

- The renewal of NSR project status

- Report from the GAT teams and the Environmental group.

12. Proposal to be voted on

If there is an unanimous agreement from the IR group for one project, which the CC group accept, only that project will be presented. But if there is no agreement from the IR group we have to present all the projects, get recommendation from IR group and then a majority voting at the decision meeting Sunday.

13. Recommendations from the seminars

14. If there arrive some proposals from the workshops, they have to be mentioned at the decision meeting and voted for next Year.

15. No changes

16. Presentation of candidates

- PCC Pirkko Vihavainen candidate to an ID 2022-2024

- PID Svein Berntsen, MD 104 Norway as a candidate to 3<sup>rd</sup> VIP. He will inform when we shall endorse him, when his time comes, and it is the MDs that endorse him.

17. Presentation of NSR 2023

18. Miscellaneous, presentation from Coordinator Björn of LICon Montreal.

19. Closing.

See also points under nr. 17.



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**16. 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
MD 109 Hveragerdi	13.-14.05. 2022

**17. NSR 2022 in Iceland (MD 109)**

- Info from MD 109.

The Organisation Committee propose to move the NSR one day from January 21-22 to 22-23 so it will be in the weekend. It was accepted by the CC board.

A CC board meeting was accepted to be on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> at 17.00 CET. It was accepted that the IDs and OC are invited to this meeting.

The OC meeting will be one day before.

Program is like this for Saturday 22:

After the opening ceremony, which will start at 10 CET, there will be a GMA seminar.

PCC Hilde Straumsheim will be leader of this seminar.

In the afternoon there will be a council meeting for discussion.

Program for Sunday 23:

The Keynote speaker will be from Meteorological Institution of Iceland, then there will be different seminars/workshops.

There will be no spouse program.

The meeting will most probably be run on Zoom.

There will be run a voting system and you CC must inform organization committee about the voters. The list of voters should be submitted to us one week before the NSR.

PCC Jón informed that chairperson of the organization committee has been in contact with the Finnish committee from last Year to get their experience of the systems they used last Year.

ID Bent asked for the VCC training that has been running previous Years. The VCC training this fiscal year was at the September workshop and made by OC. An idea is to have a meeting with the IDs and the VCCs to share information about LCI.

**18. NSR 2023 in Sweden (MD101)**

- MD 101 the team is working very well.

CC Alf-Göran informed that the Planning committee are working vell. The Quality Hotel Grand Borås. They have a preliminary budget. He will send us information about the date of NSR 2023.





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**19. Updated Action List**

- Latest version, updated 24.11.2021
- PCC Jón will update the action list and send it out.

**20. Miscellaneous**

- There has to be made a video of the handover of the NSR Viking. Sweden has to send information where to the viking shall be handed over in Sweden. CC Thorkell has to make one where he hands it over to VCC Bengt and VCC Bengt has to make another video where he takes it over and promises a good NSR in 2023.

Coordinator Björn informed that normally a coordinator has three conventions, one where he learns to do his work, one where he is alone with his spouse and one where he is training the next coordinator. If there will be no live Convention in Montreal the new coordinator does not get the training. He hopes we can extend his work for one Year to keep the knowledge. CC Thorkell informed that this will be considered.

**21. CC Board Meetings 2021-2022**

- The CC board meeting at NSR Friday 21st at 16.00 CET virtual.
- The OC will meet one week before.
- The CC board meeting NSR February 21<sup>st</sup> 2022 at 18 CET

**22. Closing the meeting**

- Chairperson, CC MD109 Þorkell Cýrusson

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