



03.02.2021

**Minutes of Virtual NSR Council Discussion Meeting: Saturday 16-01-2021 at 16.00 CET
and Council Decision Meeting Sunday 17-01-2021 at 14.30 CET**

1. Opening the meeting –

CC Board Chairperson Matti Reijonen, MD 107 opened the meeting.

2. Election of chairperson and secretary –

CC Matti proposed, OC Chairperson PID Tapani Rahko as meeting chairperson and OC Secretary PCC Jón Pálmason as secretary. **Delegate voting: Accepted unanimously.**

3. Election of persons to verify the minutes –

PID Tapani proposed that CC Matti Reijonen and VCC Þorkell Cýrusson will be responsible for verifying the minutes. **Delegate voting: Accepted unanimously.**

4. Determining the list of voters (a total of 50 votes) - according to members 30-06-2020

According to NSR Constitution, voting on NSR Constitution and Finance shall be CC 5/0 voting.

By way of derogation from NSR Constitution, delegate voting shall be by 50 votes.

– MD 101 Sweden 10 votes

– MD 104 Norway 10 votes

– MD 106 Denmark 7 votes

– MD 107 Finland 19 votes

– MD 109 Iceland 4 votes

Voting delegate list given by the MDs in advance.

Accepted unanimously with 5/0 CC votes.

5. Notification of other matters - No other matters.

6. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved. **Delegate voting: Accepted unanimously.**

7. Follow up matters from previous NSR meetings

There were no matters to follow up.

8. Financial Statement and Audit Report

8.1 Approval of the NSR accounts 2019-2020 (CC 5/0 voting)

Attachment 8.1

NSR Accountant, PCC Jari Rytönen presented NSR Financial Statement 2019-2020, showing surplus of 7.140,26 Euros. NSR accounts 2019-2020 were **approved unanimously 5/0.**

8.2 Audit report and adoption of the audited accounts (CC 5/0 voting)

Attachment 8.2

Clear audit report, given by Accounting Office Iso-Erkki Oy, was presented by the accountant.

Audited accounts were **approved unanimously, 5/0.**

8.3 Report from the cancelled Convention 2020 Singapore (delegate voting)

Attachment 8.3

NSR Convention Coordinator, PDG Björn Hägerstrand informed that there were no expenses by the cancelled event convention in Singapore. The report was **approved unanimously by 43 votes.**

8.4 Current financial status 2020-2021 (for information)

Attachment 8.4

NSR Accountant presented a report on current financial status. There is about 95.700 Euro on bank account. Expenses until now are about 4000 Euro. Surplus for the fiscal Year is estimated to be 39.551 Euro.

9. Granting of discharge to 2019-2020 NSR Executive Officers (CC 5/0 voting)**Approved unanimously, 5/0.****10. Approval of 2021-2022 NSR Budget****10.1 Coordinator Budget Convention 2021-2022 in Montreal** (CC 5/0 voting)

Attachment 10.1

NSR Accountant presented the convention budget for Convention 2021-2022. The budget is for coordinator and his assistant's travel to Montreal, the Events at Convention, transport of flags for the parade, room for CC meeting and Hospitality room. Total cost of Convention 26.883 Euro. Travel of Coordinator to NSR Reykjavik 1.230 Euro. Convention budget is similar as last year.

Approved unanimously 5/0.**10.2 Total NSR Budget 2021-2022** (CC 5/0 voting)

Attachment 10.2

NSR Accountant, PCC Jari Rytönen presented the NSR Budget. Changes from last year in ID costs are due to the fact that neither of two IDs lives in NSR 2022 host country. There are also changes because the CC Board November meeting is planned virtual and September workshop is planned physical together with the OC. Deficit is -42.513 Euro because it is proposed that there will be no administration fee from the MDs next year. **Approved unanimously 5/0.**

11. NSR Cooperation Projects and Working Groups (for information)**11.1 Report on Plans to Build a Pediatric Ward at Heri Village Hospital, MD 106**

Attachment 11.1

PCC Søren Stensgård MD106 presented the report. Projects are the flagship of NSR cooperation. This is a new project still under planning. It will start July 1st 2021. There are concerns about the Corona situation, as well as the budget due to decreasing membership in the Nordic countries. In the area, there is already a hospital and the plan is to build a Pediatric ward. In the area, there are about 300.000 refugees. There is a Nursing collage connected to the hospital, which is very important for education of people in the area. NSR budget will cover the building project as well as medical equipment.

11.2 Final Report on Forgotten Children in Lebanon – by Lions Aid Norway, MD 104 (delegate voting)

Attachment 11.2

PID Svein Berntsen presented Final Report on Forgotten Children in Lebanon, which was a 4-year project. The background of the project is that in Lebanon there have been both political and social problems with hundreds of children out of school. Then came 4,5 million refugees from Syria into Lebanon. Recently they had this big explosion in Beirut and now they are also dealing with Covid-19. It was very important for the project to cooperate with local Lions and authorities. Now the school is running in northern Lebanon for 800 students. It was important to mobilize the people in the community, parents, teachers and local leaders for cooperation of taking both Syrian and Lebanese children into the school. The installations are up and running and the project was a success, due to the funds from NSR and 250.000 US\$ from LCIF. The project is not finished but MD104 will cover the extra cost. Further reports are approved by MD104 and LCIF. As NSR project, the project is completed. **Approved with 43 unanimous votes.**

11.3 Project Report on Forgotten Children in Turkey, MD 101

Attachment 11.3

PCC Mattias Öberg presented the report on Forgotten Children in Turkey. The situation was very special because of so many refugee children. Swedish Lions have built 96 school modules in which 9000 children go to school every day. In the area there are 80 thousand children at school age. The children have also a lot of trauma problems. We in NSR have built 7 trauma units, where they help 300 children

every week. It is also important to involve the parents. We Lions in the Nordic countries can be proud of what we have been doing in this area. The Budget is 2 268 405 SEK and there is 244 000 SEK left, which are waiting on the covid-19 situation to be better.

11.4 Report on Orkester Norden

Attachment 11.4

PID Tapani Rahko Orkester Norden NSR Coordinator presented the report for 2021. Basic funding of ON is from Nordic Council of Ministers, 134.000 Euro, remaining part comes from funds and sponsors, about 50.000 Euro. Last year courses were cancelled due to the pandemic. Summer 2021 has been planned and applications for musicians have to be sent in before February 17th for summer courses. Conductor will be Eivind Gullberg Jensen from Norway. Budget is close to 200.000 Euro. NSR budget is not used for ON, but the local Lions clubs can help the musicians with travel costs. The Steering committee consists of Lions and members from the host city. Artistic director is from Sinfonia Lahti. MD107 are responsible for the finances and MD107 makes an agreement with the Council of Ministers every year. Final report from last year will be completed in one month.

11.5 Report on Plans of a Bike Relay Campaign

Attachment 11.5

PID Tapani Rahko presented a report for planning of a Bike Relay Campaign. The plan is to make a bicycle ride from all Nordic MD's down to Croatia and raise funds for Clean Water. The ride will go through some other countries. Possible resolution is proposed to be presented at Europa Forum next autumn and it might be sent in the spring. The resolution on cooperation with European MDs along the cycling route needs to be worked out and accepted and sent by the MDs.

11.6 Report from NSR Web Site Working Group

Attachment 11.6

PDG Ilkka Siissalo, chairperson of the NSR Web group presented the report from the web group. Nordic cooperation in IT started in 2011 and there have been separate websites for each NSR, but no permanent website for NSR. For about one year a working group was formed and now there is a demo website up and running on www.lionsnsr.org and the system is ready for the content. Formal owner of the domain is now MD107. The MDs have been asked to propose some persons from each country to be editors on this website. The cost is about 200 Euro per year for the domain and hosting.

12. Proposals to be voted

Attachment 12

12.1 Continuation of Orkester Norden (delegate voting)

PID Tapani Rahko presented the background of ON, see further in attachment 12. The proposal is:

Proposal: NSR Coordinators are pleased to report that the problems encountered in 2018, during ON transfer from MD 106 Denmark have been overcome already in 2019. The coordinators propose that after the hosting period in MD 107 Finland, Orkester Norden will be continued as an NSR project according to the five-year rotation system. After MD 107 Finland, the hosting goes to MD 109 Iceland.

Voting result: 39 Yes, 1 No and 3 Abstention. The proposal was approved.

12.2 Extension of Orkester Norden Hosting Period - MD 107 (delegate voting)

Because of the cancellation of Orkester Norden last year the Coordinators propose that:

MD 107 Finland proposes to extend Orkester Norden (ON) hosting period in Lahti Finland by one year, until the end of 2024.

Voting result: 42 Yes and 1 Abstention. The proposal was approved.

12.3 Extension of NSR Convention Coordinator Coordination Period (delegate voting)

CC Matti Reijonen presented:

MD 107 Finland proposes to extend current NSR Coordinator, PDG Björn Hägerstrand's coordination period by one year. Accordingly, it is proposed to postpone future coordination shifts by one year in the rotation list of NSR By-Laws.

As the International Convention 2020 was cancelled due to COVID19, the next Convention 2021

will give current coordinator the opportunity to gain experience in organizing Scandinavian events before instructing his successor.

According to the proposal, Convention 2021 events would be coordinated and assisted by MD 107 Finland. In 2022, the coordinator would come from MD 107 Finland and the assistant from MD 109 Iceland.

Voting result: 42 Yes and 1 Abstention. The proposal was approved.

12.4 Finland to host the first NSR Diabetes Youth Camp in 2022 (delegate voting)

CC Matti Reijonen presented:

NSR CC Board has tasked Nordic YCEC Group to start a new annual Nordic Youth project, Nordic Diabetes Youth Camp.

MD 107 Finland proposes the first Diabetes Youth Camp to be organized in Finland in summer 2022. This schedule enables proper planning and gives time to get funding. MD 107 will organize a camp management team. Contact person is VCC Sanna Mustonen.

Camp rotation within the Nordic MDs will be decided later.

Voting result: 41 Yes, 1 No and 1 Abstention. The proposal was approved.

13. Recommendations from the seminars/workshops (for information)

Recommendations from the seminars/workshops were presented at the decisions meeting and they will be forwarded to the CC Board for further actions. Following is short overview:

Item	Seminar name	Recommendations	Moderator
13.1	Keynote Address and Climate Change workshop	The Lions Forest The biggest forest in the Nordics including NSR role and detailed Club level instructions in the project.	Explorer Pata Degerman
13.2	UN Sustainable Development Goals workshops	Collect the 10 best practices of how to help the Nordic environment within the Nordic Lions Clubs	Executive Director Helena Laukko
13.3	Social Exclusion workshop	Develop service activity to help unemployed people to build their skills.	Researcher Teija Hammar
13.4	NSR Lions Youth Engagement workshop	Invite Leos in NSR cooperation. Improve services for youth and increase awareness of these services.	PID Tapani Rahko
13.5	Lions and External Partners	Partnership should be one of the key themes in the NSR meeting in Iceland 2022. Build Nordic partnerships around joint Lions activities.	ED Maarit Kuikka
13.6	IR Projects workshop	Next IR project could be selected e.g. from the area of sustainability, water projects and tree planting projects. Joint Red Feather might be considered in about five years.	ID Heimo Potinkara
13.7	GAT/GLT seminar	The MD GLT group in NSR work together to arrange local institutes like ALLI or FDI if LCI cannot arrange them."	PCC Hilde Straumsheim
13.8	LCIF workshop	In the future LCIF Workshop should not be shorter than two hours.	PIP Guðrún Yngvadóttir

Further details in the Attachment 13.

14. Proposals from the seminars/workshops (to be voted on next year)

There were no proposals from the seminars/workshops.

15. NSR Constitution and By-Laws Revision

PID Tapani Rahko presented the new Constitution and By-laws, the OC-group and the CC board had worked on all through last year. CC Ole Tamlag and PCC Aarne Kivioja pointed out that there are still some points to be clarified, e.g. if an MD leaves NSR and then reapplies, the voting cannot be 5/0 because there are only four MDs left to vote. PID Tapani pointed out that in existing Constitution and By-laws there is a mismatch between these two documents regarding voting procedure. CC Karl Jakobsen asked what has been changed since last CC Board meeting two days ago. If there is something still missing it can be corrected this year. The proposals were sent for voting.

15.1 Constitution (CC 5/0 voting)

Attachment 15.1.

Approved unanimously, 5/0

15.2 By-Laws (CC 5/0 voting)

Attachment 15.2.

Approved unanimously, 5/0

16. Presentation of Candidates

16.1 PCC Mats Granath, MD 101 Sweden, Candidate for International Director

Attachment 16.1

PCC Mats Granath presented himself. PCC Mats comes from Lions Club Tyresö, is a former principal for a music school. He also told us about his wife, Irma Granath, and their two children. He talked about the pandemic and all the challenges it has given to Lions membership.

16.2 PID Svein Berntsen, MD 104 Norway, Candidate for International 3rd Vice President

Attachment 16.2

CC Ole Tamlag started by presenting PID Svein, and stated that he is a very powerful leader. PID Svein talked about systematic goals setting and that the world needs Lions, specially the children and youth.

17. Presentation of NSR 2022 in MD 109 Iceland

Attachment 17

Host Committee chairperson PCC Halldór Kristjánsson shared information on NSR 2022, on January 21.-22. 2022 in Iceland. The venue is Grand Hotel Reykjavík. Preliminary program follows the guidelines of previous NSR weekends. Estimated total cost per person is 296 €.

18. Miscellaneous

18.1 Presentation on Convention 2021 in Montreal

Attachment 18.1

PDG Björn Hägerstrand MD 107 presented the Convention plans. The Hotel, where most of the Scandinavians will stay, is The Queen Elisabeth which is 600m from the Convention hall. He is looking for a place outside the hotel for Get together party. The plan is to have 5-10 roll ups for information about NSR projects at the Scandinavian Hospitality room, which is planned for 1000 guests.

18.2 Any other items

No other Items.

19. Closing the Meeting

Meeting chairperson, PID Tapani closed the meeting and CC Matti Reijonen thanked PID Tapani Rahko for good operation of the meeting.

Accepted by:

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PID Tapani Rahko
Council Meeting Chairperson

PCC Jón Pálmason
Council Meeting Secretary

Verified by:

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Matti Reijonen
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