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1) Present situation in each country

Faroe Islands: Loosing members. Small population and few big sports dominating, especially football. Archery is not always included in Island Games, which is a problem.

Sweden: 75 years last year. Still growing, around 9500 archers (550 more). There are big clubs that have met their limits of growth, not enough new clubs. New members 50/50 female and male, girls more active in competing. Problems in Stockholm area where young juniors have stopped competing. Congress weekends with other events to get more people to attend. 450 archers two weeks ago in Swedesh Championships in Falun, good TV-time on Sunday. Sweden is going to use WA Event Toolbox in the future. Bidding for 2018 3D Europeans (Gothenburg). The board has 4 face-to-face meetings and phone meetings when needed. Budget around 5 000 000 SEK. Money collected from membership fees (6 euros adults, 4 euros juniors) and licenses (30/18 euros) goes roughly to national team costs. Additional costs for magazine 2 euros, maximum 320 euros per club. Horseback archers joining the association from the beginning of this year. Ianseo team around 10 persons, national rules allows competitors to use their own mobile phone for results.

Iceland: No government funding, still a committee, not an association yet although planned to be. As a committee, it is not possible to get any money from clubs, so money comes at the moment only from competitions. Reykjavik International Games every year, archery involved even it is expensive. Archery still growing but no elite coaches. Hoping to get more people to club boards so same persons don't need to be involved in many clubs or club and committee. 9 persons in the board (committee), some of them competing archers, which is not optimal situation. More face-to-face meetings and less Skype meetings. Problems with police regarding archery equipment as weapons and too strict safety regulations in outdoor practise facilities.

Denmark: Biggest archery World Championships ever last year, which was a big challenge but successful event. Excellent TV-coverage during the event, first days with WA Event Toolbox. Now media is asking opinions and writing much more about archery. Around 3200 members, growing around 10-12%. Recurve archers didn't get places to Rio, too much pressure. Funding depends a lot on Olympic places. World Cup final 2016 very likely in Denmark (asked by WA), budget 3 200 000 DKK. Good profit from the World Championships. Accommodation was seen critical and Denmark had one person only dealing with accommodation issues. Some sudden problems with electricity and countries not having credit cards for hotels etc. but everything was solved.

Norway: Things going well. 2 employees, other concentrating only for club development. 14 new clubs last year, more than 1000 competing archers, more than 4000 members. Budget around 5 700 000 NOK. Using lanseo as a score system but also for announcing events. 15 smaller sports in a pool, getting funding for two streaming. 4 national championships, outdoor nowadays 3 days. Cooperation with some other sports for example in coaches' education. Indoor practice facilities as a challenge, some clubs can't grow because of that. Other challenge is to get cities etc. in cooperation.

Finland: Two bigger events with TV-coverage. Finnish championship week for the first time in Finland a week ago, 22 sports, 1500 athletes, around 5000 spectators on site. 13 hours live TV, 1 hour for archery. Positive feedback and good media coverage. Finnish Outdoor Championship finals were organized last summer in the middle of Helsinki city at Senaatintori. 1 h 10 min TV broadcast, free entrance, good media coverage. The bid for 2018 World Field Championships was not successful against Italy (and the US). A lot of cooperation with shooting, golf, curling and bowling especially in coaches' courses and development. Beginners course concept adopted from the Netherlands. Now two employees plus two part-time coaches. Amount of archers slowly increasing. This year more effort to communications, also club development program and junior development program beginning. Plans for result system based on lanseo. Environment is changing and in the future it is possible that some mergers will be seen among sports associations.

2) Nordic rules for NUM – changes

New team rules were agreed and some small changes made to dress regulations. From now on, all countries can decide whether they register archers representing a club or their country. Archers without a team goes to Nordic teams that can consist also from only two members. Teams are not nominated before the competition, best 3 archers will be a team. Only one archer can be changed after qualification round. Exact rule is written on the Nordic document.

Countries are preparing own shooting shirts for NUM but it is allowed to continue shooting in a club shirt. Camo equipment (not clothing) is allowed in NUM.

FITA Cadets (16-17 years) will shoot 50 meters in compound category.

NUM organizers wish to have judges from participating countries. Denmark would like to know beforehand how many judges will be coming from other countries next summer.

New name World Archery Nordic (WAN) was agreed for NBU.

3) NUM in general, forthcoming competitions - Open up for Baltic participants but not organizers?

Possibility of Baltic participants was discussed but no changes were proposed or decided.

4) WAE Congress

Norway and Faroe Islands will not send their representative to the congress, Finland may be in the same situation. Norway and Faroe Islands will give their proxy to Sweden and Denmark. If there is nobody from Finland participating, Finland will give a proxy to Iceland.

There was a short discussion about Board member elections. Rolf Lind from Denmark is willing to continue, and it would be good to have members from Great Britain or the Netherlands, for instance.

There is also a need for experienced new persons to 3D & Field Committee.

5) Recurve archers in 3D

Countries have recurve archers in their national 3D competitions. However, there are not so many recurve archers shooting 3D yet, so a motion for a rule change in European or World level is not considered at the moment.

In Sweden recurve archers shoot from the blue peg.

6) World Archery Project

The World Archery Good Governance project was introduced. A committee developing good governance issues in WA would need a member preferably from Nordic countries. It was decided that Finland will find a suitable person and announce his/her name to Morten Willman next week.

7) Possible future cooperation in the Nordic Area

Finland will organize a mid-level lanseo seminar in autumn. Other Nordic countries could join. Finland will send more information about the seminar later.

Rule seminar for coaches is planned probably in 2017. Sweden presented an idea of organizing education for team officials during field and 3D competitions where they are only standing and waiting.

8) Other issues

There could be more cooperation with Nordic countries if we remember to keep others informed. For instance, when a national competition calendar is ready, it would be a good idea to send the link to other countries and point out the most interesting competitions.

Sweden is going to organize a field training camp in Brattön before the competition in spring. Other countries may participate.

NUM competitions will be added to WA calendar from now on.

9) Future meetings etc.

In 2016 NUM will be in Denmark, 2017 in Finland and 2018 in Norway. The next meeting will be 18.-19.2.2017 in Copenhagen, Denmark. In 2018 the host will be Norway, 2019 Faroe Islands, 2020 Sweden, 2021 Iceland and 2022 Finland again.