

Nordic Meeting

24-25 February 2018, Thon Hotel Gardermoen Airport, Norway

Present:	Finland	Petteri Alahuhta
	Danmark	Morten Holm Nielsen Eva Kartholm
	Island	Haraldur Gustafsson
	Sverige	Cenneth Åhlund Ellinor Ryrå Jessica Larsson Zara Marthén
	Færøyene	Jogvan Magnus Andreassen Jastrid Mathea Tein Jensen
	Norge	Morten Wilmann Endre Vik Larsen Jan R Skyttesæter Robert Enger Vigdis Gjone

1) News from the associations:

Finland;

Working on making the management more efficient and have a new Secretary General, a new club developer and a new person on finances.

Main focus areas are: improving tournaments and coaches education (and have now 50 new coaches on club level), developing an elite program, trying to get a cooperation with bowhunting groups (which in Finland consist of approx. 15000 people – as hunting with bow and arrows are legal) and developing the clubs.

At present using engaged coaches, part time, for target archery.
Would like to develop “archery tag” (more fun for young people).

Denmark;

Denmark; (Ca 4000 members)

Almost the whole board has been recently changed, and a primary goal is to make the organisation more transparent and among other things the board members should be more visible at tournaments and speak with archers/answering questions.

A new Sport Manager is engaged and is putting everything in system – look promising. Coach education is important and would like to have some more female coaches to involve more girls. Their 3D archers have a part time head coach.

DBSF has participated in a big school program (one of 6 different sports) and with 2500 participants and good followed up by TV and media.

Iceland;

In Iceland they still have an archery committee under their NOC. Based on a “split” in their organization, things seem to be more organized than before.

They have approx. 800 members and 9 clubs. Coaches education is important and they follow the set up from World Archery. They get funding from their NOC for coaches to visit clubs.

At present their most important area of competition is the Small islands games, where achievements are more easy to reach.

Sweden;

Ca. 9800 members and a good increase in membership during the latest years (65% increase). A bit concern, though, about the fact that approx. 20% of the young people between 13-16 years disappear. What to do?

New strategy 2018- 2025

- Well educated and active coaches (looking a bit to the Norwegian model).
- Coaches of both gender for all national teams.
- More females in the board, and for the upcoming Congress they may have more females than men in the board. All the board members will have their own working areas and may chose people for their sub-committees.
- One of their co-workers (Gullimar Åkerlund) will resign in March 2019 and will not be replaced. The funding will be used to pay or contributed to coaches.
- Their magazine, Bågskytten, will be shut down to save money.

They have concern re the use of alcohol, as WADA has taken it off the prohibited list. Even if WA has kept it in their rules, the Swedish Antidoping agency is not willing to do tests on alcohol.

Faroe Islands;

No major changes since last time.

Has engaged coaches for their archers: Morten Bøe fra Norge for compound, 2 danske trenere til recurve.

New email address: bskf@mail.fo

- Some changes in the board has made the communication better, both internally and towards their members.
- Positive development in respect of interest in general; more people want to try archery.
- Coaches are now more on one line in their messages in order to keep continuation.
- Approximately 90 members, average of 25 people compete.

Faroe Islands have a money distribution from the association down to clubs, contrary to the other Nordic Countries.

Norway;

After employing a responsible person for development (of clubs and education), we may sum up like this:

- 23 new clubs during the last 3 years
- Totally 108 clubs pr to-day
- Increase from 500+ competitive archers to 1150 archers in that period

Developed a coaching education system in cooperation with Norges Idrettsforbund

- Ca. 130 educated coaches 1 og 2 according to the new model.
- Ca. 30 awaiting authorisation – as they need practice of 45 hours
- Development coach 3 archery part together with Johan Weiss from Danmark

- We have approx. 250 competitions a year
- Developing clubs to make the facilities better for new archers in the learning process.
- Based on the fact that we lack top results within recurve, we do not get any funding from our NOC, so we work from our funding from tipping/lotto, then some sponsorships through our cooperation with 15 other sports and some bingo activities.
- We still have our magazine Buestikka, which is obligatory for all households within our federation and at present we have in this way 1750 subscribers; 9-10 numbers a year.
- The Secretary General (Morten Wilmann) is resigning in this capacity after 37 years in the position, being replaced by Mr. Jan R. Skyttesæter. The change takes place on the 5th March 2018.

During the presentations above there was also a lot of information/suggestions and talks about the financing of the federations. Obviously the situations and procedures varies a lot. Sweden was especially concerned about the relative reductions in funding from their NOC over the years. Norway is relatively well off in this respect, based on a distribution agreement within the Confederation of Sports. However, there is also in Norway a certain pressure to change in favour of the larger sports, so here is a political work very important.

Denmark and Finland is also “struggling” in getting enough funding for the basic needs and plans.

2) NUM (Nordic Youth Championships).

The Organizing club, Larvik Bueskyttere, showed a short ppt on the field situation and the boarding place.

Relevant questions were made and the final invitation will be distributed soon.

Especially mentioned in the meeting was the need of younger judges, emphasizing that each nation should bring along at least one young judge. The OC will provide identification shirts for the judges.

There was a general discussion on NUM as the event is now been extreme large, giving very (too) long day on Saturday. It seems to be an understanding that we should go to a three (two and a half) days event for future NUM's, giving the youth more time for socialization and may even give a possibility for fun.

3) WAE Congress 26/8-18

Most of the Nordic countries intend to participate, and if any of them will not participate, please inform and make it possible to create some proxy votes.

4) European 3D championships in Gothenburg

- The main hotel is Scandic 25 – approx 250m from the main railway station in Gothenburg.
- Training facilities may be in the hotel next door (not yet fixed)
- Mads Inge Smørddal (experienced international archer) will be responsible for the courses of elimination and finals.
- QR and ER will take place at the Bohus Festning in Kungsälv, while the finals will take place in Trädgårdsforeningen, approx. 10 min. from the hotel.
- The WA lanseo team is hired to take care of the results.
- Expectations approx. 200+ participants
- There will be shuttle buses to and from the fields

- Lindome Archery Club's training facilities will be open during the whole period.
- The invitation will be published in the middle of March

According to questions, the OC will check the possibilities of parking for individuals and teams.

5) Coaches education.

Sweden is organizing a high level coach education (step 3) in 2018 – and if this step is organized, the topic will be barebow, instinctive and longbow archery.

In general it is a tendency now to have more cooperation re coaches than before within the Nordic Area, which might be more profitable than getting people from “far away”, and in the areas mentioned there is capacity in Sweden that might be used.

6) Nordic Judge Conference.

The experience from previous Nordic Judge Conferences seem to have been good. May be it would be a good idea to do it for younger judges, and a combination of having a conference connected to NUM seems to be smart. The participant might also act as judges during the event.

Larvik BS will check out the more practical possibilities before further steps are taken.

7) lanseo seminar.

Sweden is organizing an lanseo seminar, with people from WA who made the system, in the middle of April.

The seminar aim at a higher level of using the program and possibilities in the system. Both Norway and Finland have already booked some places.

8) Rules.

The following update of our rules for NUM was accepted:

All compound classes at NUM will shoot on center target – with rings from 5 to 10.

Cenneth Åhlund will make the update (and may also look for needs of further updates, as the last one was in 2012).

9) Quiz

The entertainment of the meeting was a quiz on Saturday evening (may be most fun for the person who made the questions).

Anyway we got the following results: Congratulations to all teams.

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| 1) Iceland/Sweden | 31 p. |
| 2) Denmark/Faroe Islands | 26 p. |
| 3) Finland/Norway | 25 p. |

10) Junior events

During the meeting there were also general discussions on how to make our sport more interesting to young people, and the topics were “competitions”, “variations” and “new ideas”.

There were no conclusions, but some thoughts may be interesting for the various associations to follow up.

11) Next meeting

The next meeting takes place on Faroe Islands – February 2019.

Their representatives recommended to check prices with Atlantic Airways long time in advance due to prices.

Protocol by:

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