



NORDIC CYCLING

MINUTES

Nordic Cycling Annual meeting 2024 in Compostela de Santiago, Spain

16.03.24 at 14:00-16:00

Hotel OCA Puerta del Camino

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| Voting delegates: | Jakob Knudsen (Denmark), Raivo Rand (Estonia), Katariina Laakkonen (Finland), Bjarni Már Svarvarsson (Iceland), Thomas Backteman (Sweden) |
| UCI-UEC representative: | Henrik Jess Jensen |
| Invited guests: | Enrico Della Casa, UEC President |
| Participants: | Jarmo Lindberg (Finland), Leif Karlsson (Sweden), Björgvin Jónsson (Iceland) |
| Executive Committee: | Henrik Jess Jensen (Denmark), Raivo Rand (Estonia), Thomas Backteman (Sweden) |
| Coordinator: | Estonia |

Agenda

1. Opening of the Meeting by the Chair of the Board

Raivo Rand welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Welcoming UEC president Mr. Enrico della Casa. Update since last UEC Congress, Mr. Enrico Della Casa

Raivo Rand welcomed UEC president Enrico della Casa to Nordic Cycling meeting and gave him the floor. Enrico thanked everyone for having him, first time he was able to attend Nordic Cycling meeting was in Glasgow in 2023.

PRESENTATION (Enrico della Casa): On sporting side 2023 was very active for UEC. We gave out 217 European champions titles, what is a new record. Nordic Cycling had also good results and was represented in the UEC's medal table. In 2024 and 2025 Sweden is hosting MTB European youth championships and in 2026 and 2027 Denmark will be the organizer.

2023 was also financially good year for UEC, we managed to increase our reserve. We are still working on increasing it more as we want to help our national federations more.

In 2024 Solidarity Program we will help Baltic Road Championships held in Võru, Estonia with 15 000 euros. This event is a great example of UEC's philosophy to put nations together. We are also organizing training programs during the European Championships for commissaires and coaches. In European Championships

Mixed TT different countries have a possibility to combine teams. We distributed tires from our sponsor Vittoria and in 2024 are planning to distribute 6000 tires more.

QUESTION (H. J. Jensen): *Can we propose Nordic Cycling project to Solidarity Program?*

ANSWER (E. D. Casa): *The Solidarity Program is mostly meant for national federations in group 3 and 4, but all Confederations are able to promote their projects as well. We are able to help if you put together a project regardless of what group you are in.*

Regarding Ukraine situation, we received 11 requests from neutral athletes to compete in track championships in Nederland. We decided to ask for local government's approval. Their answer for us were that they will not be very well welcomed so we decided not to give them approval for competing. Our way to work is not to make noise, but to do it correctly.

COMMENT (T. Backtemann): *We all received a letter from Ukraine federation regarding some of Russian cycling persons attending a certain funeral.*

COMMENT (E. D. Casa): *We can not interfere on local matters. Letter said that their behavior was against UEC rules, but this is not true. We also asked them not to do propaganda through UEC.*

QUESTION (T. Backtemann): *Do we have any Russian or Belarussian delegates here?*

ANSWER (E. D. Casa): *No, we didn't invite them. Two committee members self-suspended themselves in 2022 and we don't have any contact with them.*

COMMENT (T. Backtemann): *UCI situation is different. They could be attending UCI congress. Are you planning to raise our concerns on that? It is important to us that our position is known. On behalf of Nordic Cycling, we would like you to be clear on our view regardless if UCI changes theirs.*

COMMENT (E. D. Casa): *I have talked to UCI president and our position is known. I have also raised concerns about the neutral list, it is not clear how the list is composed.*

COMMENT (H. J. Jensen): *I have been very clear in UCI's meetings. We don't have the majority, but we will still try. In solidarity UEC has to agree with UCI and IOC.*

3. Confirmation of voting delegates

Voting delegates for Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland and Sweden were confirmed. Faroe Island, Latvia, Lithuania and Norway delegates were not present.

4. Deciding on a Chair for the Annual General Meeting

Raivo Rand was elected as the Chair and Evelin Idarand as recording secretary.

5. The Board's Annual Report for the past operating year

Annual report is attached to the minutes as Annex 1.

DECISION:

- NC coordinator will send an email to cyclo-cross commission to find whether this commission is necessary and if members would like to continue.
- NC coordinator will send Road commission's guidelines to other commissions so they can put together their own.

- The board confirmed the annual report.

6. The Board's Accounts for the past operating year

Board's Accounts for the past operating year is attached to the minutes as Annex 2.

DECISION: The board confirmed accounts for the past operating year.

7. Auditor's Report

Katariina Laakkonen and Sandis Akis were elected as auditors for Nordic Cycling accounts. They looked through the accounts, Katariina asked treasurer to send bank statements to see if the bank balance is the same as in accounts.

DECISION: All submitted accounts were true and approved by auditors.

8. Decision on NC membership fees for the following fiscal year

Proposal from the treasurer Henrik Jess Jensen for 2024: No fee in 2024 - since we all struggle with the financial situation due to different circumstances. And in respect for we have a common account with reserves.

COMMENT (H. J. Jenssen): *There is a possibility for us to get finances from UEC Solidarity Program for our meetings and seminars. Solidarity Program application is due in September.*

COMMENT (T. Backtemann): *We should decide what to put forward in that application, whether it be seminars for commissaires, coaches, mechanics and so on.*

COMMENT (H. J. Jenssen): *I have some ideas and inspiration, but we should look in a 4-year term. Application needs to be done every year though.*

DECISION: It was decided not to have membership fees for 2024.

9. Decision on fixed compensation of coordinators expenses

Chair of Executive committee Raivo Rand asked the board to confirm a fixed compensation for NC coordinator up to 1000€ a year for travel and accommodation expenses while attending Nordic Cycling meetings. Expenses will be presented with expense report based on the actual cost and will not be compensated more than 1000€ a year.

DECISION: The board decided to confirm a fixed compensation of 1000€ a year for the coordinating country.

10. Nordic Championships

a. Approval of the Nordic Championships

- Gravel (Valga, Estonia) 08.06.2024
- MTB Downhill (Ruka, Kuusamo, Finland) 25-26.07.2024
- BMX Racing (Sviland, Norway) 17-18.08.2024
- MTB marathon (Mjøndalsskauen, Norway) 14-15.09.2024
- MTB Olympic cross-country (Halden, Norway) 21-22.09.2024

- Track (Norway) date TBD 2024
- Gravel (Halmstad, Sweden) date TBD 2025

DECISION: The board approved and confirmed Nordic Championships for 2024 and gravel for 2025.

b. Nordic Championships medals for 2024

Estonia presented new championships medals design for the board to approve:



DECISION: The new design for the medals were approved. NC coordinator will order and ship medals to organizers.

c. Decision on championship events Nordic Cycling “calendar” registration fees for 2025 and participant fee

There were two proposals presented for 2025:

- 1) Event registration fee from 50€ to 200€ depending on the discipline + participant fee 1€
- 2) the organizer must have the costs of the medals for “own event”. Approx. 12-14 euros pr. medal incl. delivery.

COMMENT (K. Laakkonen): BMX challenge classes had lots of participants this year, maybe we could give out medals for challenge classes also.

COMMENT (J. Knudsen): Regarding the budget there is also two options either to have memberships fees or championship fees. We could make a calculation how much revenue championships fees will bring.

DECISION: It was decided to go with option 1: event registration fee from 50€ to 200€ depending on the discipline + participant fee 1€. This fee will take effect for 2025 championships. NC coordinator will make a calculation how much revenue championships fees will bring.

11. Establishing the budget for the following fiscal year

The 2024 proposal of the Executive Committee:

| Expenses | Euros |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| 300 medals (production+shipping) | 3.500 |
| Web-page | 150 |
| Coordination, adm.costs, etc. | 1.000 |

TOTAL 4.650 euros

Income

Income from Competitions 0
Revenues from Nordic Cycling bank-account 4.650

TOTAL 4.650 euros

DECISION: The board confirmed the budget for 2024.

12. Nordic Cycling coordination

a. Sequence of coordinators after Estonia

PROPOSAL: Sweden 2026-2028; Latvia or Finland 2028-2030

DECISION: Sweden was approved a next coordinator. Coordinator after Sweden will be decided in 2026.

b. Coordination time period and time of the change (spring/autumn)

PROPOSAL: Coordination time period 2 years, time of the change in March.

DECISION: Coordination time period 2 years, time of the change in March was approved.

13. Decision on the time and place for the next Annual General Meeting

PROPOSAL:

Next meeting in Zurich during UCI Road World Championships.

Next annual meeting in Budapest during UEC congress.

DECISION: Next meeting times were approved. Henrik Jess Jensen will find room and a possible date for Zurich meeting.

14. Choosing and voting for new executive committee members

PROPOSAL: Executive committee members could be: coordinator, next coordinator, accounts keeper + one member country:

- 1) Estonia, Raivo Rand (coordinator)
- 2) Sweden, Thomas Backtemann (next coordinator)
- 3) Denmark, Henrik Jess Jensen (treasurer)
- 4) Proposal: Finland, Katariina Laakkonen (member country)

DECISION: Executive committee members were approved.