



## **Minutes of the NTF Congress November 25, 2020**

The congress was held on Teams digital video platform at 19:00 pm. 21 persons participated.

### **1. Opening of the congress, election of secretary and appointment of voters**

NTF's President Karoliina Lundahl welcomed the delegates and declared the congress for opened. She emphasised that we all should do our best to make the coming Nordic Championships as good as possible in these odd times, with focus on good solutions.

General secretary Trond Kvilhaug was elected as secretary for the congress.

Entitled to vote on behalf of their Member Federations (MF) were:

- DEN: Dorthe Lauridzen
- FIN: Tarmo Kuusisto
- ISL: Magnus B. Thordarson
- NOR: Stian Grimseth
- SWE: Joakim Eriksson

### **2. Approval of the agenda**

Two items were added at item 11. Any other business: i) Short information about IWF Development Funds by Karoliina Lundahl and ii) A message from DVF president Erling Johansen. The agenda was then approved without any other changes.

### **3. Adjustment of the protocol from the congress at Sundsvall, November 15 2019**

The protocol was approved without any adjustments.

### **4. Confirmation of the NTF Activity Report 2019, including financial and auditor's report**

Karoliina Lundahl presented the Activity Report 2019 and asked for questions and comments. Trond Kvilhaug briefly presented the main sources of income and expenses in the Financial Report. In the absence of auditor Esa Lomma (could not participate) Karoliina Lundahl then read the Auditor Report, approving a net profit of NOK 29 985 for 2019, and "the members of the board can be granted discharge under above period".

No comments were put forward and the congress approved unanimously the Activity Report.

### **5. Confirmation of the Nordic Records**

A few records were known after the publication of Nordic records as per November 15. A lot of new records have been set in the Youth categories (girls; 23 – boys; 37), which is very pleasant and promising.

### **6. Nordic Senior Championships 2020 - Online**

#### *6.1 Statement of the organizing committee*

Tryggve Duun had written a competition manual for holding the event online and reviewed the manual's most important items. He had also carried out separate meetings with all TOs. To ensure best possible competitions a rehearsal on Friday at 17:00 (one day before competition) will be held.



The competitions will be streamed and the NTF President will send an email with the link to IWF. The infection control rules are different in the Nordic countries and it is of course very important to follow them. Karoliina Lundahl will talk about the infection control rules in her opening speech and the competition speaker will make reminders when appropriate.

## *6.2 Confirmation of the starting list*

Patrik Helgesson sorted out the incoming changes of the start lists. Seven groups in total were decided, four groups were scheduled for Saturday and three groups for Sunday. Due to small groups (5 – 7 athletes) it was decided to postpone the start of the competitions from 10:00 to 11:00 both days (Norwegian time - Finland +1 hr and Iceland -1 hr). Weigh-in from 09:00 – 10:00.

## *6.3 Appointment of Technical Officials (TO)*

There will be four referees in each group. Referee no. 4 will act as a “one person jury” as described in the competition manual. A few positions were missing and Karoliina Lundahl, Patrik Helgesson and Trond Kvilhaug were appointed to invite and organize the remaining TOs.

## **7. Proposals to the congress**

### *7.1 NTF Annual membership fee*

The annual fee as per today is 600 Euros per national federation. Due to the last years' profit it was unanimously decided to keep the annual fee unchanged.

## **8. NTF Honorary Medal and Elite Pin proposals – orientation to the congress**

### *8.1 NTF Honorary Medals (HM)*

NTF's general secretary had received the following proposals for the HM Category 2: From STF: 5 candidates. From NVF: 6 candidates. The candidates will be evaluated on NTF's upcoming board meeting on December 3. The other MFs should send their list of candidates within November 30.

### *8.2 NTF Elite Pin*

No athletes have been reported to have achieved the requirements for the Elite Pin.

## **9. Nordic Junior- and U17 Championships 2020; December 18 - 20**

The deadline of final entries is November 27. The Nordic Junior- and U17 Championships will also be online events, using most of the same staff with newly gained experience from the Nordic Senior Championships. Unfortunately Sweden is not allowed to participate here either due to the current Swedish corona restrictions.

## **10. Nordic Championships 2021**

Denmark had to cancel the arrangement of this year's Nordic Senior Championships but will be interested to arrange it next year, when it is Finland's turn. Rotation and time schedule for future Nordic Championships will be on the agenda of the NTF Congress for the Nordic Junior and U17 Championships in December 2020.

## **11. Any other business**

### *11.1 IWF Development Funds*

IWF has responded positively on NTF's application for Development Funds. The IWF's support will be used to pay the costs for the Norwegian “Zoom – team” at both Nordic Championships (which are extraordinary costs for the Norwegian WF).



## *11.2 Message from DVF president Erling Johanssen*

DVF's President Erling Johansen has sent a message to NTF's President and two central officials in European weightlifting regarding the current situation of our sport. No reply has been received from the two others as per now. This issue will be put on the agenda of the NTF Board meeting on December 3. Erling Johanssen didn't participate at the congress but the Danish representative said she is happy with this and will inform the DVF President.

No further issues were presented. Karoliina Lundahl finally thanked the delegates for interesting discussions. She also expressed excitement and positive feedback to all people who have worked to realize the online Nordic competitions; a nice example of good Nordic cooperation.

Karoliina Lundahl  
President NTF

Patrik Helgesson  
Vice - President NTF

Trond Kvilhaug  
General Secretary NTF