



Minutes of the NTF Congress, Upplands Väsby, Sweden, September 1, 2017

The Technical Conference took place at Hotel Scandic, Upplands Väsby, at 20.00 pm.

1. Opening of the conference, election of secretary for this congress

NTF's President Tryggve Duun welcomed the conference delegates and declared the conference for opened.

Trond Kvilhaug was elected as secretary for the congress.

Entitled to vote:

- Anders Bendix Nielsen, DEN
- Karoliina Lundahl, FIN
- Ingi Gunnar Olafsson, ISL
- Hilde Næss, NOR
- Patrik Helgesson, SWE

2. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved without any changes.

3. Adjustment of the protocol (minutes) from Hafnarfjordur October 2016

The protocol was approved without any adjustments.

4. Confirmation of the NTF Activity Report 2016, including financial and auditor's report

President Tryggve Duun asked for comments to the Activity Report 2016 and the departing General Secretary Håkan Johanson presented the Financial Report (page 8). Håkan Johanson explained the notes 1 – 3. A significant reduction in EWF's contribution took place in 2016 compared to 2015, but no further information from EWF was received.

The Auditor's report by Esa Lomma was approved and he was re-elected as auditor.

No comments appeared and the congress unanimously approved the Activity Report.

5. Elections

5.1 President, vice president

President: Tryggve Duun (Norway) was unanimously elected (re-election).

Vice president: Karoliina Lundahl (Finland) was proposed and unanimously elected (new).

5.2 General Secretary

The congress approved the election by e-mail of Trond Kvilhaug (Norway) as new general secretary.

5.3 Executive board

The presidents of the national federations constitutes NTF's executive board:

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- Erling Johansen, DEN
- Kimmo Kuukasjärvi, FIN
- Arni Björn Kristjánsson, ISL
- Hilde Næss, NOR
- Kjell – Åke Johansson, SWE

6. Nordic Senior Championships 2017, Upplands Väsby

6.1 Statement of the organizing committee

A statement was made by the organizer's chairman Bjørn Nilsson. He informed the congress about weigh-in facilities, transport to the competition venue including a corrected map of the walking way, time and place for lunch, the opening ceremony and the warm-up area (one platform per nation).

6.2 Confirmation of the starting list

Håkan Johanson read the corrections of athletes and categories and the groups of lifters were decided. Due to their travel plans, Denmark requested to move the +105 kg category into the first group on Sunday, i.e. together with the 85 kg category. The request of the DWF is not in accordance with the IWF technical and competition rules § 1.2.1. (IWF's technical and competition rules applies to all Nordic championships). The congress decided that category +105 kg should run as originally scheduled, but that the Danish competitor in +105 kg was allowed to compete together with 85 kg category if necessary.

6.3 Examination of referees

One proposal had come from Norway and the congress approved Hilde Næss for examination to International Category 2 referee.

6.4 Appointment of Technical Officials

Jury composition: Krister Kjellander (SWE), Tryggve Duun (NOR), Jonna Lomma (FIN) and Ahti Hämäläinen (FIN). Tryggve Duun and Håkan Johanson were appointed to organize the remaining technical officials as referees.

7. Proposals to the congress

7.1 Accommodation and competition fees at Nordic championships

The accommodation fee and competition fee were discussed. The delegates agreed upon having the fee(s) as low as possible. Combined or separate fees does not matter, the important thing is to keep the total costs as low as possible to enter full squads.

Unanimous decision: The entry fee has to be paid in order to compete. The organiser's accommodation fee has to be accepted by all and no reduction for coming late / leave early.

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7.2 Qualification results for the Nordic Elite Pin

On behalf of the Finnish WF Jarno Tianen presented new requirements for the Nordic Elite Pin. The proposal indicated an increase in results for women and a decrease in results for men, reflecting recent international trends.

It was decided to approve the new requirements for women, making them applicable from today's date (i.e. September 1, 2017).

Denmark proposed to recalculate the requirements for men according to previous procedure and let their representative present the new requirements at the next conference. The congress approved this proposal from Denmark.

8. NTF Honorary Medal and Elite Pin proposals

Honorary Medals: No proposals came in before the congress. President Tryggve Duun took the floor and nominated Håkan Johanson for the Honorary Medal Category 1 (with rim) for his great efforts as general secretary in NTF through many years. Tryggve Duun also presented a gift from NTF to Håkan.

Elite Pin: No proposals were presented at the congress itself. Due to the former GS Per Mattingsdal's tragic passing away (November 2016), the list were reviewed and proposals coordinated during the ongoing championships in Väsby. The following elite pins have been registered and sent to the national federations:

- No. 140: Rebekka Tao Jacobsen, Norway, 163 kg in category 53 kg at the Nordic Championships for Junior, October 29, 2016.
- No. 141: Pauliina Lagerkrans, Finland, 161 kg in category 53 kg at the Finnish National Championships, February 17 – 19, 2017.
- No. 142: Laura Liukkonen, Finland, 187 kg in category 58 kg at the Finnish National Championships, February 17 – 19, 2017.
- No. 143: Saara Leskinen, Finland, 191 kg in category 63 kg at the Finnish National Championships, February 17 – 19, 2017.
- No. 144: Andri Gunnarsson Iceland, 355 kg in category +105 kg at the European Senior Championships, April 8, 2017.
- No.145: Surya Sundqvist, Sweden, 147 kg in category 48 kg at the Eleiko Women Grand Prix, June 6, 2017.
This Elite Pin was awarded to her during day 2 of the championships in Vasby.
- No. 146: Emma Enberg, Sweden, 177 kg in category 58 kg at the Universiade, August 21, 2017.

9. Nordic Junior- and U17 Championships 2017 (Pori, Finland, October 28 - 29)

The preparations are going well and the organizers hope for many participants.

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10. Nordic Championships 2018

Iceland will arrange the Senior Championships in 2018.

Denmark will arrange the Youth and Junior Championships in 2018.

11. Any other business

11.1 Nordic records for the new women's 8th category; 75 kg/+75 kg and 90 kg/+90 kg.

Trond Kvilhaug showed an overview of the national records and/or national standards of the new categories for the respective countries. The highest records were a mixture of national standards and results performed before establishment of the 8th women categories. Denmark proposed that Nordic standards should be established, based on the highest national records dated in 2017. Finland argued that results obtained before 2017 should also be approved. A short break for discussion was taken before the voting of these two proposals.

Voting results: Denmark's proposal was approved with four (4) votes to two (2), including the vote of NTF President. The congress thereby approved that Nordic standards should be established as records in the new women categories as per September 1, 2017.

11.2. Nordic training camp in Rovaniemi

Jarno Tienen oriented about a planned Nordic training camp for youths, which will be organized by the Finnish WF in Rovaniemi (same venue as for the Nordic CWC in 2016, containing 20 platforms and full accommodation). Invitation will tentatively include 4-8 lifters per country at a cost of 70 euros per day and the camp will be scheduled for the 4th weekend in January 2018.

11.3. Closing remarks

Karoliina Lundahl (member of the Executive Committee of IWF) took the floor. Some key points from her talk:

- All organizations should focus on bringing forward good things in future and no "dirty laundry" about past times (will only enhance negative episodes).
- IWF has two working groups working on to modernize our sport. No concrete results yet.
- European delegates should work more closely to get higher European representation in IWF.

Tryggve Duun supported the point of views of Karoliina Lundahl. He finally thanked the delegates for good cooperation and discussions during the whole session and closed the conference.

Tryggve Duun
President Nordic WF

Trond Kvilhaug
General Secretary Nordic WF