



## Minutes of the NTF Congress November 26, 2021

The Congress took place in Stavernhallen at 20:00 Norwegian time. 18 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. Trond Kvilhaug was elected as secretary for the Congress.

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

- DVF (DEN): David Havmand
- SPNL (FIN): Taisto Kuoppala
- LSI (ISL): Sigurdur Darri Rafnasson
- NVF (NOR): Stian Grimseth
- STF (SWE): Patrik Helgesson

### 2. Approval of the Agenda

Item 5.2 was done in an Online Technical Meeting two days earlier, i.e. on November 24. The agenda was approved without any changes.

### 3. Adjustment of the Protocol from the NTF Online Congress on November 10, 2021

The protocol was unanimously approved without any adjustments.

### 4. Confirmation of new Nordic Records

The Nordic records as per November 10 had been sent to the MF. One new Nordic record was set at the Nordics Senior in Copenhagen, November 13: Saara Retulainen Snatch 91 kg in the 59 kg category.

### 5. Nordic Youth and Junior Championships 2021 in Stavern

#### 5.1 Statement of the Organizing Committee

The head of the local organizer Jostein Frøyd took the floor: Weigh-in takes place at the venue and saunas are also available there. There is only 10 minutes' walk from the competition hotel to the venue. The time schedule of the competitions is based on the thumb rule of 7 lifters per hour. Presentation of next group and medal ceremonies take place in the break between the groups. The banquet will take place at Hotel Wassilioff. The competitions will be streamed and the Norwegian WF had already distributed the livestream link; [www.Livestream.com/NVF](http://www.Livestream.com/NVF).

#### 5.2 Confirmation of the starting list

This was done at an Online Technical meeting 2 days before this Congress (i.e. on November 24). 18 persons also participated at that meeting:

NTF Vice President Patrik Helgesson sorted out the incoming changes of the start lists. Nine groups in total were decided, six groups were scheduled for Saturday (all U17 and one JW group) and three junior groups for Sunday. Due to the high number of participants the start of the competitions were expedited from 10:00 to 09:00 both days. Weigh-in from 07:00 – 08:00.

#### 5.3 Appointment of Technical Officials

Pandemic-related absence caused only seven ITO to be present and it was not possible to compose a jury. Trond Kvilhaug (NOR) was therefore appointed as Competition Director.



Two referee groups were established:

- i) Elisabeth Hagman (SWE), Hilde Næss (NOR) and Taisto Kuoppala (FIN).
- ii) Erna Hedinsdottir (ISL), Patrik Helgesson (SWE) and Tor Steinar Herikstad (NOR).

## 6. Proposals to the Congress

### 6.1 IWF Development Funds

NTF has less than 10 MF so the annual development grants from IWF is maximum USD 6000. Due to the pandemic it is unrealistic to hold the youth camp which NTF applied IWF Development Funds for. Karoliina Lundahl has asked IWF for approval that NTF use the 2021 funds to arranging the first Athletes' Commission meeting, and to hold the meeting in January 2022. IWF is positive to this and has extended the deadline to use the funds of 2021 until end of February 2022.

Stian Grimseth (NOR) suggested that an Athletes' Commission meeting could be combined with a Nordic training camp before the European Seniors 2022 in Sofia. The discussion continued later in the Congress, see item 8.1.

### 6.2 Organize the U17 Championships as a separate event

Due to the high numbers of athletes registered for Stavern the following two alternatives were raised at the previous congress regarding future accomplishment of the Nordic U17 and Junior Championships:

- i) Split the age categories and arrange Nordic U17 as a separate event (i.e. a 3rd Nordic event)
- ii) Keep these championships together as now - and prepare for 3 competitions days.

These alternatives were brought back to the MF for consideration and the voting resulted unanimously in: Alternative ii) Keep the championships together - and use three competitions days if necessary.

### 6.3 Time schedule for future Nordic Championships

The Faeroe Islands has applied to become an Associate Member of NTF, see Item 8.3, and indicated that they will be very interested to arrange a Nordic event in 2024. On this background and the decision of Item 6.2 above the following Organizing MF for the next two years were decided:

Year	Senior Nordics	Youth & Junior Nordics
2022	FIN	ISL
2023	SWE	FIN

## 7. NTF Honorary Medal and Elite Pin proposals – orientation to the Congress

Such proposals are not subject to the Congress (proposals can be send to NTF at any time). However, the Congress is traditionally informed. Two female athletes have achieved the requirements for the Elite Pin since the previous congress:

- No. 163: Line Ravn Gude (DEN), with a total of 207 kg and winning the 71 kg category at the Nordic Senior Championships in Copenhagen, November 13.
- No. 164: Ida Ingalill Rönn (SWE), with a total of 214 kg and winning the 76 kg category at the Nordic Senior Championships in Copenhagen, November 13.



## **8. Any other business**

### *8.1. Athletes' Commission (AC)*

As mentioned in Item 6.1 IWF is positive to allocate support to NTF's Athletes' Commission. The AC start-up meeting should take place as a physical meeting with all ten AC members (one female and one male from each of the five MF) present. Later meetings will mostly be online meetings. A letter addressing the founding of the Athletes' Commission will be sent by NTF President in January 2022. It is very important to establish an in-person Athletes' Commission early next year.

It will be checked if an AC meeting could be combined with a Nordic training camp, preferably at Eleiko's premises in Halmstad, as preparation to the ECH 2022. The MF head coaches should discuss and agree on dates. Eleiko will be contacted for available time slots and possible support.

### *8.2. Discussion about the NTF website*

As discussed at the previous congress the NTF internet platform will not be free after 2022. A large archive has been built by the former NTF General Secretary Håkan Johansson and it is important to keep the archive. STF, who have the rights to the website platform has not made any decision yet. If desired SPNL in Finland may be capable of embedding a NTF website. There is still good time to make a decision, and good ideas are welcome.

### *8.3. Application of Membership in NTF from Faroe Islands*

NTF has received an application from The Faroese Strength Sport Association (Føroya Styrkisamband) for the admittance of the Faroe Islands as a Sport Country in the NTF. Frank Petersen (DEN) has been an active initiator and helper and gave an orientation about the relevant activities on the Faroe Islands, before the application was voted on.

The voting resulted unanimously in admission of the Faroe Islands as a Sport Country of NTF.

The recently revised NTF Constitution opens for this, but goes into effect on January 1, 2022. The Congress accepted the membership *in principle* and decided to call for an Online Extraordinary Congress in 2022 within 90 days from now (i.e. before February 26, 2022). On the agenda will be the finalization of the Faroese membership and other matters pertaining to this addition.

### *8.4. Nordic records for seniors*

A proposal regarding senior Nordic records was postponed from the last congress; whether new records should only be possible at national level competitions or higher. Iceland by Ásgeir Bjarnason had argued for keeping it the way it is.

By voting it was unanimously decided to keep it as present, i.e. that Nordic records for seniors can be set (as for juniors and youths) at all events where a MF national record can be set. NTF's record form will in 2022 include space for the ADAMS number, which must be filled in for new senior records.

Karoliina Lundahl finally thanked all the delegates for smooth cooperation and good discussions during the Congress. It is very positive that this year's Championships have so many participants despite the pandemic.

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President NTF

Patrik Helgesson  
Vice President NTF

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