

**MEETING DURING NORDIC CHAMPIONSHIP UWR OSLO 2004
FEB. 28TH 2004**

Present

Sweden: Christian Nedlund and Fredrik Åström

Denmark: Jørn Christoffersen

Finland: Riku Riikonen and Tomi Suomalainen

Norway: Eirin Roaldsen Nyhus and, Aud-Ingrid Krefting

1. Opening

2. Discussion about game schedule

Eirin: Should we arrange NC for Juniors and Seniors at same time/place?

Riku: Could be difficult because some players attend both teams.

Eirin: Could also be difficult because of tight game schedule

Conclusion: Attendants at the meeting discuss this on a national level.

Jørn: According to the Danish template, teams drawn as A shall always wear BLUE suits. No games starts before 12 o'clock saturday – earlier OK if all teams have arrived and can start earlier.

Agreement:

- *Invitation to NCs should be sent teams at least 8 weeks before tournament.*
- *Last day to announce participation: 4 weeks before tournament.*
- *Game schedule set 3 weeks before tournament.*
- *Use of e-mail and telephone OK on above.*

3. Senior Nordic Championship schedule

Christian: The Swedish want one singel series and a final.

Riku: Finland want double series.

Christian: The men's teams should have double series if only 3 teams.

Riku/Jørn: Same opinion as Christian.

Agreement:

- *If only 3 teams, play double series. NC is a good training opportunity.*

4. Referees – international

Norway: 3 persons

Sweden: 3 persons

Denmark: 3 persons (+1?)

Finland: 3 persons (+ 1 coming)

Proposal: Use Nordic Championship to educate new international referees. The local/national federations shall decide training-/schoolingprogramme.

Christian: Raised question about the problem players face at international tournaments because of disagreements among the referees on understanding/practise of rules. Change of practise/understanding of the rules within one and same tournament causes trouble for the players.

Riku: Wants referees to discuss the rules nationally before an international discussion/proposal of how the rules are to be practised.

Eirin: We should give the referees more time to meet/discuss rules before and during international tournaments.

Agreement:

• *New understanding//practice of rules should be announced minimum 2 weeks before the tournament.*

Proposal: Write a letter to the referees, explain the problems and state that changed practise of rules must be announced to the players at least 2 weeks before an international tournament.

(Who should write this letter?)

5. International tournaments: Dates

Oslo cup: September 11th 2004

Felix cup: December 4th 2004

Prague: Denmark (Jørn) check this and send e-mail.

Rixu, Finland: January 8th 2005

Divarecup, Tampere: First week of November – 6th and 7th. (Teams in 1st division).

Finland arranges next SR Nordic Championship UWR.

Junior NC:

3rd weekend of November – the 20th in Norway. This could be in a small pool. Participants at meeting agrees on small pool. Norway has now cleared that JR NC will be arranged in Oslo.

Riku: Germany has many JR-teams, why not arrange an open JR NC every year?

Agreement: Norway arrange JR NC 2004, and every JR NC should be an open tournament. Jørn (DK) contacts Søren Neubert to ask if Germany want to arrange a JR NC.

Senior NC:

- Time: Last weekend of February – February 26th and 27th 2005
- Place: Finland, same pool as last EC.
- Ladies' teams: A. Finland – B. Norway – C. Denmark – D. Sweden
- Mens' teams: A. Finland – B. Norway – C. Denmark – D. Sweden
- JR – teams: Same as SR Mens' teams.
- Look at Danish Template to see which teams are to start.

Riku: Should Russia participate in NC?

Christian: Yes, since Iceland is “Nordic” in finswimming

Jørn: Open SR NC every 2nd year at even numbers (2006 – 2008 – 2010...)? Just Russia, or other teams also?

Riku agrees to make game schedule of NC 2005.

EC

Riku: “Pretty sure” Finland shall arrange EC 2005, in Turkku, Helsinki or Kupio (neat Russian border). Russia participates (same as finswimming). Turkey also?

WC – where?

Sweden, Colombia or USA?

Christian ask Colombia

Jørn asks USA (Karen Rose)

Christian: Sweden arrange if USA/Colombia doesn't.

Champion's Cup

CC is a CMAS-tournament, but not officially (?) – problem: Costs a lot of money to use CMAS-logo, but pays rather poorly off...

IDEA: Let the host-nation/club participate even if it didn't win national series.

6. Template

Proposal: Set scoreboard as a demand + programme with picture of the players from all teams.

August 4th 2004 – Aud-Ingrid Krefthing