

## Summary of World Archery Nordic meeting, Idrættens Hus, Denmark - Feb. 18. – 19. 2017.

**Present:** Mr. Pyy Ekholm, Finland  
Cenneth Åhlund, Sweden  
Magnus Carlson, Sweden  
Ellinor Ryrå, Sweden  
Jan R. Skyttesæter, Norway  
Endre Vik-Larsen, Norway  
Jogvan Niclasen, Faroe Islands  
Jógvan Magnus "Eggaba" Andreassen, Faroe Islands  
Rolf Lind, Denmark  
Morten Holm, Denmark  
Margrét Einarsdóttir, Iceland

### Saturday

13.00 *Lunch*  
14.00 Start of the meeting:  
Present situation in each country  
Nordic 2016 - evaluation  
Nordic rules for NUM – any changes needed?  
16.00 *Coffee break*  
16.15 NUM in general, forthcoming competitions  
Open up for Baltic participants but not organizers?  
WAE Congress  
19.00 *Dinner*

### Sunday

9.00 World Archery Project  
10.00 *Coffee break*  
10.15 Possible future cooperation in the Nordic Area  
Other issues  
12.00 End of the meeting, lunch

After a short presentation of the participants, we turned to the agenda.

### The Faroe Islands

We have a lot of children in our clubs, but need adult volunteers both to train and help run the clubs.

We will try to recruit adults as archers and see whether their children follow suit.

Concerning the selection for the Ø-games, there will be a requirement of participation in competitions and a minimal point requirement.

We have three coaches who will visit the Faroe Islands to train our archers and instruct our own coaches. The three are Morten Bøe, who teaches Compound, and Søren and Benjamin Ipsen who will teach Recurve.

It is among other things because of these coaches that we are experiencing more successful results.

The number of memberships, however, has declined in the last 3-4 years.

The Faroe Islands have three clubs in total.

## **Sweden**

In Sweden we have passed 10.000 members, and we have had an increase in memberships since 2011.

More clubs have come to understand that they have to register all active members, and we have also, in the last couple of years, stressed from the side of the union the importance of members being registered.

We have an increase in the number of girls, we believe, because of the "Hollywood-effect".

We organize evening competitions and have quite a large number of attendants.

The self-same archers do not participate in weekend competitions, and probably would not have either way.

One of our new forms of archery is shooting from horse.

Currently we have 150 members spread across five clubs.

Each club make their own set of rules – there are no WA regulations for this category.

We experience problems in the regions where fewer children participate in competitions – and we have no idea as to why that is, perhaps because we lack coaches who want to take them.

We did not expect an increase in the number of participants from NUM 2015 to 2016, but we ended up with more.

Sweden has been given two international championships. In 2018 we will host the European Championships in field archery. In 2021 we will host the World Championships in 3D.

We are considering proposing a revision in the regulations concerning field competitions, so that barebow, as before, shoot unknown distances, while recurve and compound will shoot known distances.

We host a lot of conferences – junior, coaches, judges and board meetings. It provides us with a profitable dynamic and atmosphere during weekends.

We are short of volunteer hours and facilities in Sweden, and it does not follow the increase in memberships – we might have to consider Iceland's pay/shoot.

We have hosted a youth conference in order to figure out what they are thinking and that has given us a lot to work with. There were no agenda – they simply made it up as they went.

## **Norway:**

Morten Willmann sent his regards - he is now back at the office.

We have approximately 5000 members – we have grown over the last 4 years and now have 103 clubs.

During the last 4 years we have had a youth committee consisting of 3 members, who are chosen by election. They provide a lot of new ideas and initiatives and generally they deliver incredibly good work, which as a result has given us two members on the board under the age of 25.

We have a development consultant who travels the country in order to help the different clubs. He has visited multiple clubs during the last years, which has garnered a feeling among the clubs that the office is there to help.

We have coach training and education 1-2-3-4, where we especially see a lot of young participants, because our youth committee is good at motivating young members.

The youth committee is also in charge of the youth games, held in Lillehammer every other year with 50 different types of sport. The committee is likewise in charge of several activities leading up to NUM

## **Iceland**

We are currently 480 members spread across 8 clubs.

We have monthly beginner's courses that usually provide 3-5 new archers each.

The youth course is sent to the clubs, it is not from the union.

The union has a total of 5 board members.

We have a judge and coach

We have 4 coaches, but lack both coaches in general and coaches to take on a higher level of training.

We have hosted a judge's course – we hope that some of them will go on to be European judges.

A growing number of our members shoot in competitions and, in general they practice more often – we do not yet have an appointed national coach.

## **Finland**

We have started to host a beginner's course inspired by the Netherlands (1. arrow course)

You have to qualify in order to participate in the Finnish Championships.

We are now using lanseo – lanseo score keeper – at our competitions and we have therefore purchased smartphones – and it now runs through wifi.

Unfortunately we have fewer members shooting competitions – we do not know why.

We organize correspondence competitions – which are reported to a database.

We have held two televised championships indoor and outdoor.

We are very interested in whether we could arrange something concerning junior national team practice.

Finland now has a WAE in the field committee.

## **Denmark**

The number of memberships in Denmark is still increasing in addition we have had a few new clubs.

We have been cut back in financial support from Team Denmark, because of missed qualifications for the Olympics. Yet Team Denmark and DIF has accepted a deal for a 2-year project concerning young and talent development.

The regulations concerning the support we have been given from DIF is changed from 2018. In the future it will be the strategic setups you already have implemented, that can receive the support.

Allen Grønkjær has resigned as sports manager and left November 2.

We have instead hired Finn Trærup-Hansen who will start March 1.

Finn's previous position was as sports manager in Badminton Denmark.

We have developed a new educational system for our coaches, which is close to being finished.

In September we hosted the World Cup Finals in Odense with great success.

In connection with the World Cup Finals there was a School World Cup held on Funen. They had their own finals held Friday at the warm-up range at the World Cup Finals.

Here is a link to attachment E, concerning the instructions to approve of outdoor shooting ranges in Denmark. <http://bueskydningdanmark.dk/docs/lovudvalg/Tillaeg%20E%20baner.pdf>

## **NUM 2016**

Despite the weather we had a very successful event.

We have to consider that if many more decide to attend the event the days might become too long.

We might have to consider adding a day to the championship.

And the organizers of next years NUM will be wise to remember that young people have a good appetite.

For NUM 2017 in Finland Sweden has approximately 60 participants, Norway will bring around 50 and from Denmark we expect around 30 participants.

The national team: it is for every country to decide themselves how they wish to combine their team.

We have setup a new class of instinctive shooting, with the same distances as longbow.

No other countries will be invited to NUM

*Proposition to introduce NUM with 3D archery.*

There is, however, consensus that it should not replace target shooting every other year.

There is general agreement on the proposal to arrange a Nordic Championship in 3D that might include both junior and senior classes.

One of the challenges this year is the outdoor season, which is so short that all weekends at this point are filled out.

Norway is working on a questionnaire to examine the interest in a 3D championship – we are thus investigating the possibilities and will revisit the question next year.

## **World Archery Congress 2017**

There is no one from Scandinavia up for election at the congress.

We will meet as usual prior to the congress in Mexico.

If any one decides to run at the election we will inform each other by email.

There might be a proposition to expand a number of the committees - as some members are chosen solely because of the brand on their backs.

## **World Archery Europe**

The number of competitions is up for negotiation.

Junior cup - plenty of participants

Grand Prix – lacks participants

Club team – is not looking good, there are not enough participants.

It has been proposed to include Compound in the competition – but it has yet to be decided.

We believe, however, that it is a good idea, as it will bring more participants to the competition.

It is yet to be determined if archery will be part of the European Games. If that is the case we hope that compound will be represented as well.

## **Other business**

In Sweden there is a proposition to cancel the printed magazine – that is for the congress to decide. If the proposal is accepted more work has to be put into the homepage.

Following was a discussion of the use of social media.

Sweden has a member who is quite adept at explaining and working with target panic. He would like to share his knowledge with the other countries.

*Next meeting: February 24. – 25. 2018 in Oslo.*