

(Date 01-02-2020)

## Minutes of NSR Council Meeting 18-01-2020 in Glostrup, Copenhagen

### 1. Opening of the meeting

CC Board Chairperson, CC Lisbeth Andreasen MD 106 opened the meeting.

### 2. Election of chairperson and secretary

2.1 Proposal for Council Meeting Chairperson

NSR OC Chairperson, PCC Benny Nissen Raun MD 106 was elected NSR Council meeting chairperson.

2.2 Proposal for Secretary

NSR OC Secretary, PID Tapani Rahko MD 107 was elected secretary.

Chairperson introduced NSR OC Members PCC Finn Bangsgaard MD 101, PCC Tove Gulliksrud MD 104, PCC Benny Nissen Raun MD 106, PID Tapani Rahko MD 107 and PCC Jón Pálmason MD 109.

### 3. Election of persons to verify the minutes

CC Lisbeth Andreasen MD 106 and VCC Matti Reijonen MD 107 were elected persons to verify the minutes.

### 4. Determining the list of voters (a total of 51 votes) - according to the membership on 30-06-2019

	Voting delegates	(Max votes according to the By-laws)
– MD 101 Sweden	10 votes	(10 votes)
– MD 104 Norway	10 votes	(10 votes)
– MD 106 Denmark	7 votes	(7 votes)
– MD 107 Finland	12 votes	(20 votes)
– MD 109 Iceland	<u>4 votes</u>	<u>(4 votes)</u>
Together	43 votes	(51 votes)

The list of voters was accepted.

### 5. Notification other matters

No other matters proposed.

### 6. Approval of the agenda (majority voting)

In point 12.2 Gat Chairperson was changed to Gat Coordinators. The agenda was **unanimously approved**.

### 7. Follow up matters from previous NSR meetings

No follow up matters.

### 8. Financial statements and audit report

8.1 Approval of the NSR accounts 2018-2019 (CC voting) Attachment 8.1

NSR Accountant, PCC Jari Rytönen presented NSR Financial Statement 2018-2019, showing surplus of 18,231.15 euros. NSR accounts 2018-2019 were **approved unanimously, 5/0**.

8.2 Audit report and adoption of the audited accounts (CC voting) Attachment 8.2

Clear audit report, given by Accounting Office Iso-Erkki Oy, was presented by the accountant. Audited accounts were **approved unanimously, 5/0**.

8.3 Report from Convention 2019 Milan, Italy (CC voting) Attachment 8.3

NSR Convention Coordinator, IPDG Björn Hägerstrand presented the report from Milan 2019 Convention. The report was **approved unanimously, 5/0**.

8.4 Current financial status 2019-2020

Attachment 8.4

NSR Accountant presented a report on current financial status. Economic forecast is estimating zero result for this fiscal year.

9. **Granting of discharge to 2018-2019 NSR Executive Officers (CC voting)**

Discharge to NSR Officers 2018-2019 was **unanimously granted, 5/0**.

10. **Approval of 2020–2021 NSR budget**

10.1 Coordinator budget Convention 2020-2021 in Singapore (CC voting)

Attachment 10.1

NSR Coordinator presented coordinator budget 2020-2021, including Singapore Convention. Coordinator budget is about 9,300 euros lower than this fiscal year's estimated costs. The budget was **approved unanimously, 5/0**.

10.2 Total NSR Budget 2020-2021 (CC voting)

Attachment 10.2

The accountant presented the NSR total budget of 43,623 euros. The budget was **approved unanimously, 5/0**.

11. **NSR-cooperation projects**

11.1 New NSR project 2021-2023 (CC voting)

Attachment 11.1

**MD106: Build a Pediatric Ward at Hera Village Hospital in Tanzania.**

*Proposals.* Five projects were originally put forward to the IR Committee. One of them was withdrawn, leaving 4 projects to be assessed. The initial project proposals were

- MD 101 Sweden: Support/Partnership with Panzi Hospital & Foundation in Democratic Republic of the Congo.
- MD 104 Norway: A Mobile eye clinic in Georgia. (Withdrawn)
- MD 106 Denmark: Build a Pediatric ward at Hera Village Hospital in Tanzania
- MD 107 Finland: Expanding the Solar Cooker project in Africa
- MD107 Finland: Continuous education for teachers and students 'Lions Water Training'.

*Recommended project.* All project proposals have been available for review to the CCs. Based on evaluation, MD 106 Pediatric Ward project was recommended unanimously by the IR Committee and endorsed unanimously by the CC Board. IR Committee Chairperson, IPCC Søren Stensgaard introduced members of the IR Committee and presented the recommended project to the Council. Danish Lions already have experience from Tanzania. The budget is conservative, estimating 10 % reduction from current figures. PDG Knud Løkkegaard thanked for the good work in preparing the project.

*Voting.* According to the CC Board decision, the project was voted as a majority CC vote. MD 104 CC Bjørn Zarbell commented that majority of 51 votes would have been more powerful, and that there was quite short time to give the project proposals in the process. IR Committee Chairperson reminded that everything has been made according to the time lines. Chairperson of the Council meeting informed that in future project decisions, project proposals will be requested well in advance and the description of project voting procedure will be clarified and harmonized within NSR Constitution and By-laws. The Danish project of building a Pediatric Ward in Tanzania was **approved unanimously, 5/0** for the next NSR Project in 2021-2023.

11.2 Final Report on Solar Cookers in Africa - by PID Tapani Rahko MD 107

Attachment 11.2

PID Tapani Rahko gave the final report on Solar Cooker project in Kenya 2015-2017. Altogether 1600 cookers were produced and donated. Training system for solar cooking was set up and all recipients have been trained to use the cookers. A Solar Cook book was published as a user guide. Total budget of the project was 202,092 euros, including LCIF International Assistance Grant of USD 30 000. The project affects directly the lives of more than 10,000 people. Environmental values multiply the number of beneficiaries. After the official two years' follow up period 2017-2019, Solar Cookers to Africa was officially closed as an

NSR project. It will continue in Finland as a Club project supported mainly by a private donation of 75 000 euros. More funds will be raised in Finland for this Club project.

#### 11.3 Report on Forgotten Children in Lebanon - by Lions Aid Norway, Leader or Project Leader.

PID Svein Bernsten gave a report on NSR project 2017-2018 and 2019-2020 Forgotten Children in Lebanon. Four project years had been given to two similar projects by the NSR Council and both of them had NSR funding every second year. This is the final project year and two follow up years will be 2020-2022. Public School for Lebanese and Syrian children has been built. There are two toilets for boys and girls and a playground. School opening was planned for October 2019 but it is not safe in the northern region of Lebanon. Total project budget was 430,000 euros, including LCIF Grant of 250,000 euros. Written report did not include financial information and it will be sent to the CC Board later. LCIF final report will also be given later.

#### 11.4 Report on Forgotten Children in Turkey - by PCC Annica Nordell and PCC Mattias Öberg, MD 101.

PCC Annica Nordell and CC Thorbjörn Bengtsson gave a report on Forgotten Children in Turkey and showed project photos. 350,000 Syrian refugees live in the project area. Two buildings have been built in the Refugee Safe Center. More than 10,000 parents' counselling, small events, therapy sessions and handicraft workshops have been organized in the center. Final project year will be 2020-2021. Two follow up years will be 2021-2023. In addition to NSR funding, the budget so far consists of a loan and a grant from Lions.

#### 11.5 Report on Orkester Norden - by Orkester Norden Coordinator, PID Tapani Rahko MD 107.

Orkester Norden NSR Coordinator, PID Tapani Rahko gave a report on Orkester Norden (ON). ON is a joint NSR youth project, a symphony orchestra for young musicians between the age of 15 to 26. Hosting rotates between the Nordic Countries in five-year periods. 2020 is the second year in Finland. All funding comes from outside the NSR Budget. Almost half of the budget of about 300,000 euros comes annually from the Nordic Council of Ministers. The other half is applied from funds, foundations and sponsors.

ON is a highly qualified orchestra trained by professional instructors from the Nordic countries and lead by world class conductors. The conductor 2019 was Eva Ollikainen from Finland and in 2020 the conductor will be Norwegian Eivind Gullberg Jensen. Demanding program changes annually. In 2020 the concert tour ends in Young Euro Classic Youth Orchestra Festival in Berlin.

Lions involvement comes from appointed ON coordinators, the host organization and local Lions. In the host organization, MD 107 Finland takes care of the ON administration and finance. City of Lahti runs the operations based on a service contract. ON Country coordinators can help in marketing and in helping the applicants in their countries. Local Lions can provide a travel grant to their local students, help organizing concerts, sell and donate concert tickets, and serve e.g. by organizing social program for the students during the training camp. Proposals for Nordic concert venues and local Lions involvement are welcomed. The last year in Finland will be 2023. Preparations for the transfer to Iceland will start in 2021.

## 12. GMT/GLT Committee

### 12.1 Information from the GMT/GLT Committee - by CC Lisbeth Andreasen

No information from the Committee. CC Lisbeth Andreasen informed that GMT/GLT Committee has had no meeting this year and not for many years.

### 12.2 Future of NSR GMT/GLT Committee (*CC voting*)

CC Board has proposed the NSR GMT/GLT Committee be closed. GMT/GLT work is replaced by the work of GAT coordinators. Corresponding revisions are to be made into the NSR Constitution, By-laws and related appendices. The proposal was **approved unanimously, 5/0**.

### 12.3 Joint Nordic Training Curriculum

CC Board has decided that future housekeeping amendments to the Nordic Training Curriculum can be made outside NSR Council Meeting. The CC Board shall be informed and approve the changes.

### 13. NSR in the Future Committee

#### 13.1 The Committee Report 19-11-2019

NSR in the Future Ad Hoc Committee's report has been accepted by the CC Board. NSR seminar NSR in the Future was based on this report. Committee report will be refined, including financial aspects. Final report will be forwarded to the CC Board. CC Bjørn Zarbell asked about closure of NSR in the Future Ad Hoc Committee. CC Board makes this decision.

#### 13.2 From the Committee Report 19-11-2019 following proposals to be voted:

- a. A common NSR website for all NSR countries, as described in the Committee report (*CC voting*)  
Setting up a common NSR website was **approved unanimously, 5/0**.
- b. If point a. above is approved, the CC Board establish a working group to develop the mentioned website, and to see it in operation for NSR 2021. (*majority voting*)  
Setting up an Ad Hoc Working group by the CC Board for developing common NSR website to be operational for NSR 2021 was **approved unanimously**.
- c. A future NSR Archivist/Secretary, as described in the Committee report (*CC voting*)  
Proposal for a future task of NSR Archivist/Secretary **was not adopted (4/1 abstention/0)**. This proposal would have required 5/0 vote to be adopted, since it is a proposed change to the organizational structure in the NSR Constitution. General Secretary Hroar Thorsen reminded that the proposal had been prepared properly. The OC and the CC Board will look for possible ways ahead in the future.
- d. If point c. above is approved, CC Board establish a working group to develop a job description. This job description - as well as the consequent necessary changes in NSR Constitution, By-Laws and related appendices, among others, such as how NSR Archivist/Secretary candidates apply for the post, undergo a job interview, and be in the post for a 5 year period - to be voted on at NSR 2021. (*majority vote*)  
Since the post of NSR Archivist/Secretary was not approved, the proposal of the Ad Hoc working group was not voted and the **working group was not established**.

### 14. Recommendations from the seminars/workshops

#### **GAT Seminar recommends**

1. The Nordic Countries will cooperate finding participants for a locally arranged Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI) in September 2020. ALLI is recommended for 2nd VDGs, but is also open for members who have participated in the Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI).

2. Zone Chairpersons in this current Fiscal Year are an active part of Global Action Team (GAT). They will have an important role conveying GAT information to the clubs in their zone. MDs are recommended to look closely at the Zone Chairpersons training to make sure that the Zone Chairpersons are empowered to train and inform clubs about GAT.

#### **NSR in the Future Seminar recommends**

1. What's going to happen to the Future committee? The decision needs to be taken.

2. Seminars at the NSR from noon Saturday until noon Sunday for our leaders

- Continuity: every year VDG, GLT, GST, GMT, Youth exchange etc., a frame that shouldn't be changed
- The groups can continue all year around when they know each other
- One big topic for all the groups every year

3. A certain NSR group or a committee needs to decide the program of NSR each year – the arranging country would arrange other things than the program

4. Council meeting: discussion on Friday and voting on Saturday morning

5. Urgent need to inform all Lions members in all the countries what NSR means and what we are doing in the NSR cooperation. Start with MD and District boards.

**IR Seminar recommends**

1. One longer seminar to be able to establish more extensive dialogues on the topics, not two identical, consecutive seminars. Advance registration to the seminars could be considered as a tool for preparing the content for the audience.

2. Regarding the establishment of Future Nordic Mini Project Catalogue (working title not reflecting the entire scope) the IR Committee will work on establishing the scope for such a potential Catalogue. NSR Countries have different traditions in handling smaller International Projects and initial seminar findings indicate that the Danish project concept for Mini Projects cannot just be scaled up to a Nordic level. Also, areas like mapping all existing International Projects in the Nordic Countries can be in the scope. Areas like governance structure, anchoring, fundraising outside Lions, GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) and potential funding issues, e.g. Know Your Customer and cross-border fundraising, need to be assessed and embedded in the scope.

**15. Proposals from the seminars/workshops (to be voted on next year)**

*15.1 From seminars*

No proposals from the seminars.

*15.2 From workshops*

No proposals from the workshops.

**16. Other proposals for projects/activities**

Approval of changes to NSR By-Laws: (CC voting)

- a. To be added at the end of point 7.2: "As a helping tool the Action List for CC Board shall be kept updated according to decisions made by CC Board."
- b. To be added a new subparagraph 7.3: "If a CC cannot attend a CC Board meeting, this CC either 1) appoints his/her VCC or a PCC to attend, 2) attends the meeting via e.g. Skype, or 3) seeks the CC Board meeting date changed."
- c. To be added a new subparagraph 10-7: "Receipts/invoices must be sent to the NSR accountant within a reasonable time after the costs are incurred. NSR Financial documents are maintained on paper or electronically. NSR receipts are saved for a minimum of 5 years, and NSR accounts and budgets for a minimum of 10 years."

Revisions a, b and c to the NSR By-Laws were **accepted unanimously, 5/0**.

**17. Presentation of candidates to the international Board of Directors and the Executive Officers**

a. MD 101 International Director Candidate 2020-2022, PCC Mats Granath (spouse Ylva) ID Candidate, PCC Mats Granath introduced himself and spouse Ylva. PCC Mats comes from Lions Club Tyresö and works as a music school director. His theme is "Leadership with dialog and transparency". Granath's son and daughter are civil engineers. PCC Mats is looking forward to serve as a role model and listen to the members in order to make membership and club life more interesting and let the Nordic voice to be heard.

b. MD 104 3rd Vice International President Candidate PID Svein Berntsen (spouse Hanne) Candidate for 3rd International Vice President, PID Svein Bernsten introduced himself. He was asked one year ago to become a candidate. He is not running for himself but he is full of energy. PID Svein is married to Hanne. They have children and grandchildren. PID Svein has three educations and both

administrational and business careers. He wants to be one of the initiative takers to transfer LCI from US to global organization. PID Svein sees that the common causes should be translated into service actions for future generation e.g. in promoting environmental values.

**18. Presentation of NSR 2021 in Helsinki, MD 107 Finland & Åland Islands**

*Short video presentation (max. 5 minutes) - Hand over takes place during Closing Ceremony*

Chairperson of the NSR 2021 Host Committee, Lion Antti Forsell showed a video on Helsinki and a PowerPoint presentation on NSR 2021 in Helsinki city center on 15.-17.01.2021 in Hotel Presidentti. The theme is "Lion roars on Nature & Sustainable Development". More information can be seen at <https://www.facebook.com/Lions.NSR> and as soon as possible the official NSR 2021 website will be activated. The program will be based on "The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" by the UN. Key note speaker will be Patrick "Pata" Degerman. The program will include e.g. art workshop on recycling and on Sunday, art and cultural tour to Amos Rex Museum. Early bird package prices are available until early summer 2020.

**19. Miscellaneous**

17.1 Short presentation on Convention 2020 in Singapore by Coordinator, PDG Björn Hägerstrand MD 107 NSR Convention Coordinator, IPDG Björn Hägerstrand gave information on Nordic events at Lions International Convention 2020 in Singapore. Nordic Get together Party will be on Thursday, June 25, 2020 in Stella. Price level will be about 50 euros. Parade start number is two. New parade attire might be prepared for next year. Best possible Hospitality Room will be organized with the budget given although the price level in Singapore is high. More Convention information can be found at <https://lclion.lionsclubs.org> and <https://www.facebook.com/nsrlions>.

17.2 Any other items

No other items.

**20. Closing of the meeting**

Closing of Council meeting - by NSR OC Chairperson PCC Benny Nissen Raun MD 106.  
NSR OC Chairperson, PCC Benny Nissen Raun closed the meeting at 16.45.

Accepted by:

Benny Nissen Raun  
Chairperson

Verified by:

Lisbeth Andreasen  
CC MD 106

Accepted by:

Tapani Rahko  
Secretary

Verified by:

Matti Reijonen  
VCC MD 107

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