



NBU

Herning, June 29th 2024

MINUTES OF THE NBU ORDINARY CONGRESS (OC)

Participants:

Finn Wardi NBU Chairperson (Finland)

Hulda Nyberg NBU Secretary (Finland)

Tarjei Eck Hansen (Norway)

Matthias Imsland (Iceland)

Åse Langeland (Norway)

Suzanne Lemborn (Sweden)

Oluf Müller (Faroe Islands)

Nis Rasmussen (Denmark)

Helle Simon Elbro (Denmark)

1. Welcome by NBU President, Finn Wardi
NBU's chairperson Finn Wardi welcomed all to NBU ordinary congress and opened the meeting at 10:04.
2. Electing chair and referent of the congress
Finn Wardi was selected as the chair of the meeting. Hulda Nyberg was elected as the referent.
3. Approval of notice and agenda
The agenda was approved.
4. Deciding use of language for The meeting
Meeting decided to use English.
5. Nordic Team Championships 2025 Iceland
Meeting decided that the next Nordic Team Championships (open and women) will be held in **Iceland** in a smaller town approximately one hour drive from Reykjavik.
Dates are 5.-8.6.2025.
Matthias Imsland will send more info to NBU's.
The next NBU ORDINARY CONGRESS will also be arranged in connection with the event.
6. The NBU-administrative meeting (Last held in Sweden 2024)
It was decided that next NAM – meeting will be arranged **2026 (probably in February)**. Suzanne will suggest the exact time after EBL has confirmed the dates of the next EBL Conference.
The meeting discussed about the possibility of having the administrative meeting in a more convenient location for the participants to travel to. All capitals were mentioned. Copenhagen seems to be the easiest location for all. Sweden will revert with a suggestion regarding the location.

The meeting also agreed to have a face-to-face meeting in connection with the EBL officers conference. It was decided that all will arrive one day earlier than the program starts.

7. Nordic Team Championships for seniors in RealBridge

It was decided to start **an annual seniors Nordic Teams Internet Championships**. It will be on RealBridge. Norway hosts the first tournament to be played in **November-December 2024**. NBU countries will decide the exact dates later via email after Norway reverts with a suggestion. All NBO's are free to send suggestions to Norway.

Norway will also suggest format and regulations.

It was decided to have **six teams, one from all NBU NBO's** for the first year.

The meeting discussed about the possibility of arranging mixed championships too but decided to postpone the start of this until later (gathered experience from the Seniors event).

8. NBU website

Sweden will translate the already existing website that they have on their website(into English). All materials will be gathered there. During the NC-there will be a link to the event's own website. Suzanne Lemborn will send the link to the website, when Sweden gets the base ready.

The meeting thanked Sweden for their assistance.

9. International events

The meeting discussed the need to know dates and destinations of the bigger events well in advance.

NBU has earlier sent some letters to EBL and WBF about this.

The meeting decided that Finn Wardi will make a draft of a letter talking letter expressing NBU's deep concern about the increasing number of tournaments and not knowing about the locations nor the dates early enough. The letter will be approved via email.

The meeting also raised the issue of the geographical location of the WBF tournaments i.e. the ongoing way is to arrange them in parts of the world where only a few NBO's are located and the majority has to travel there making it quite expensive and time consuming; this is not considered very optimal. All participants agreed to this but noted that existing WBF regulations probably makes it impossible to do changes to that here and now. The meeting decided that Finn Wardi will make draft to suggest a change to this. This will also be approved via email.

10. Juniors in NBU

In the future Nordic Junior Team Championships will be arranged biannually.

Two classes will be played **U26 and U21**.

Rotation will be **2025 Denmark, 2027 Norway, 2029 Sweden**, 2031 Denmark, 2033 Norway, 2035 Sweden.

This will be a live event. The responsible NBO is asked to settle the dates as early as possible.

Nordic Bridge Camps are no longer arranged. Instead, all NBO's invite each other's juniors to participate their own junior camps. All publications are published on the NBU-website. Each NBO is responsible to send their invitations to Sweden.

11. EBL meeting – new candidates – need for united front?

The meeting discussed about the vote in the coming EBL meeting 30th of June 2024.

12. Letter to EBL about more fair play judging in large events

The meeting discussed the idea the idea of anonymous judging in large EBL events. All NBO's favored the idea of handling the tournament directors' decisions anonymously.

The TD, who goes to table, will represent the case the case to the four TD's, who then make their decision, without knowing whom it concerns. This will further support the EBL's Fair Play agenda.

Mathias Imsland will make the draft of this letter. It will be approved via email.

13. Electing NBU Chairman for 2025-2026 (or decision to continue 2025 to get to “normal” rhythm)
The meeting decided to postpone the election till next year in Iceland to get to “normal” rhythm and continue with **Finn Wardi as a Chairperson of NBU** for the year 2025.
14. Electing NBU Secretary
Hulda Nyberg was selected to continue as the secretary of the NBU also year 2025.
15. Other issues
Olov Müller will be added to all e-mails concerning NBU matters in the future.
16. End of the meeting
Finn Wardi thanked everybody attending and closed the meeting 11:15.

