Minutes of Meeting in NKU Rally Obedience Committee

Date and time: 5th August 2022, 17:00-19:08

Participants: Ida Lindgren (Sweden), Paul Lysholdt (Denmark), Tytti Lintenhofer (Finland) and Solveig Therese Zetterstrøm (Norway)

Absentees: None

Minutes: Paul Lysholdt

- 1. Opening of the meeting
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the last teams meetings
- 3. Approval of the agenda
- 4. Judging issues/ clarifications
- 5. Coming championships
- 6. Preparation for the meeting and training 3.2.-5.2.2023
- 7. Miscellaneous
- 8. Closing of the meeting

1. Opening of the meeting

Tytti opened the meeting.

2. Minutes from the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting 2nd June 2022 have been approved previously and are published here: <u>https://www.skk.se/en/NKU-home/about-the-nku/organisation/committees/rally-obedience-committee/meeting-minutes/2022/</u>

A meeting took place 16th June regarding the specifications. This meeting is considered a working meeting and the minutes will not be published.

3. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved.

4. Judging issues/ clarifications

Sidestep exercises.

In the sidestep exercises, if the dog moves backwards and then forwards again.	-1 lack of teamwork for askew position, if applies -3 lack of teamwork
If the dog moves the front and the behind sideways during the exercise.	-1 lack of teamwork for askew position, if applies
If the dog does not move its behind, but follows the handler nose first. The sidestep is not in a straight line	 -10 lack of teamwork - 3 handler's mistake if deviation is more than half and less than the length of the handler's foot - 10 handler's mistake if deviation is more than the length of the handler's foot

We discussed examples of specific judging situations where the guidelines are interpreted differently by judges. It was pointed out, that at the championships the chief judge has the final word in such matters.

The Facebook group Nordic Class Rally Obedience FAQ was discussed. It was agreed that official answers will be given by the NKU Rally Obedience Committee, the answer will start with: Answer from NKU Rally Obedience Committee. The members of the Committee are group administrators in the group. Solveig will make the necessary updates.

5. Coming championships

The plan is to host the Nordic championship at Nova Spectrum during the Oslo Dog Show probably in November 2023. Hopefully this will be clarified Monday 8th August 2022. Plan B (Stovner Hundeklubb) will be discussed if needed.

6. Preparation for the meeting and training 3.2.-5.2.2023

It has been agreed:

"The training weekend has been agreed to take place 4th-5th February 2023.

Number of participants will be 16 judges: 4 from Denmark, 3 from Finland, 3 from Norway and 6 from Sweden.

Ida will find 6-8 teams who can be part of the weekend.

Saturday morning, we will start with judging training.

It was agreed to arrange a meeting in the committee 3rd February afternoon/evening."

An agenda must be prepared. All judges must be invited to give input to the agenda with deadline start of December 2022.

7. Miscellaneous

The next meeting will take place Thursday 17th November 2022 17:00-19:00 CET as a Teams-meeting. Paul will invite.

The following meeting will take place Thursday 8th December 2022 17:00-19:00 CET as a Teams-meeting. Paul will invite.

8. Closing of the meeting

Tytti closed the meeting.