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Nordic Fencing Union
Annual Congress 2008

13 June 2008
Reykjavik

Welcome Address
Gudjón Gestsson welcomed the representatives at 18:00

Participants (votes handled by names in *Italic*)
Denmark – *Jørgen Kjøller*
Island – *Gudjón Gestsson*, Nikolay Ivanov Mateev
Estonia – *Tõnis Kaasik*,
Sweden – *Christian Edling*
Finland – *Kimmo Pentikäinen*
Norway, Lithuania and Latvia were not represented. EFC Vice-President Kamuti and FIE President Roch were invited to participate to the congress.

1. Adoption of the agenda
The agenda was adopted.

2. Election of congress chair
Nikolay Ivanov Mateev was elected.

3. Election of congress secretary
Anna Karlsdóttir was elected.

4. Adoption of minutes from previous congress
The minutes were accepted.

5. Issues regarding membership
No issues were sited.

6. The annual report of the board
The report was given verbally by President Kaasik. During the assemblies of FIE and EFC the member federations had meetings. Especially before the FIE congress in Madrid. Jorgen Kjoller pointed that the Nordic Union should have more meetings and activity: “We could do more than we are doing at the moment. We are lacking media and we should solve those issues in cooperation together with Nordic countries. The situation is serious.”

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FIE President Roch stated that he has noticed remarkable activity at the Nordic countries. The training camp made in Island is a perfect example. Roch believes that fencing can be developed through larger competition events and wishes to have more fencers at the international level. FIE can organise more training camps for fencers, and coaches. There have been camps all over the Europe. Now the Nordic countries and Mediterrian countries have priority.

EFC Vice-President Jano Kamuti pointed out that it is difficult to make training camps without financing. Without fencing masters fencing will not exist. Kamuti wishes to thank the Icelandic Federation for the efforts they have made for the training camp. Kamuti is enthusiastic that EFC can financially support this training camp in Reykjavik. EFC is open to organize training camps in small countries.

FIE President Roch wishes to have good cooperation together with FIE and EFC and work together for the future of fencing. Roch believes that FIE can give in future financial help for the Sabre centre in
Reykjavik.

7. Accounts and economic report

Nothing to report.

8. Budget

It was agreed that there will be no budget in the following year.

9. Annual Report of the Education commission

No report.

10. **Annual Report of the Refereeing commission**

No report.

11. **Annual Report of the Competition commission**

No report.

12. Proposals

Finland and Estonian presented their proposal concerning umbrella program coordinating Nordic fencing development projects (see
attachment.)

Jörgen Kjöller was against the proposal. He believed that there is no

necessity for coordinating separate projects. Also representatives from Iceland did not see the benefits of the coordinating. Finland and Estonia withdraw their proposal.

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Kimmo Pentikäinen stated that Finland is committed to participate individual Nordic fencing projects with the conditions stated on the cooperative proposal made by Estonia and Finland. He said that Finland believes there cannot be truly cooperative development projects of fencing without cooperative model as presented in the proposal or that Nordic Fencing Union will take the full responsibility concerning the individual projects. Therefore at the present situation Finland will not participate to the foil project which Denmark is
independently organizing or sabre project and training centre which Iceland is independently organizing.

13. Annual Fee

No fee will be levied from the member federations in the following year.

14. Selection of Hosts for the Nordic Championships and the Nordic Championships two years ahead:

The congress in 2007 decided championships for 2009 and 2010. This congress decided championships for 2011:
Foil
Cad- FIN
Jun- FIN
Sen- FIN
Vet- FIN
Sabre
Cad- DEN
Jun- DEN
Sen- DEN
Vet- DEN
Epee
Cad- LAT (FIN)
Jun- LAT (FIN)
Sen- SWE
Vet- LAT (FIN)
Because the representatives from Latvia were not presented at the congress, it was agreed that if Latvia does not agree to organize the epee championship competitions in 2010, Finland will organise the competitions.

15. Elections

All members were elected for two years

15.1 The President
Jørgen Kjøller

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15.2 Substitutive Board Member
Tonis Kaasik EST
15.3 Two members of the refereeing commission
Björn Faye NOR
Peter Grönholm FIN
15.4 Substitute member of the refereeing commission
Norman Jörgensen
15.5 Two members of the education comission
Marja-Liisa Someroja
Karin Weberg
15.6 Substitute member of the education comission
Vladimir Viies
15.7 One member of the competition commission
Roope Takala FIN
15.8 One substitute member of the competition commission
Bård Vonen
15.9 Auditors
The federation has no budget and therefore no auditors were selected.

16. Selections of the hosts and the dates of the Congress for 2009-2010

The congress in 2007 decided that Tallinn will host the congress in 2009. This congress decided that Sweden will host the congress in 2010 and Latvia in 2011. Because the representatives from Latvia were not presented at the Congress, it was agreed that if Latvia does not agree to organize the congress in 2011 Finland will organise the congress 2011.

Closing 21:00