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NEZ Council (NC)

**NEZ Council - Minutes NC 02/12**

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Scandic Hotel, Copenhagen, Denmark

Host of the meeting: DENMARK

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**§ 1 The meeting starts**

The chairman Mr. Johan Carlstedt started the meeting by wishing all the attendants a warm welcome to Denmark and the 21<sup>st</sup> NEZ Council meeting. Mr. Johan Carlstedt thanked Denmark for hosting nice meetings and dinner on Saturday. The meeting carried on with a short presentation of all the attendants (see appendix 01). All members of the Council attended the meeting but Russia.

**§ 2 Agenda for the meeting**

Mr. Johan Carlstedt asked if the proposed agenda could be approved.

Decision: The agenda was approved with some small adjustments.

**§ 3 Approval of minutes from previous meeting**

**a) NEZ Council meeting in Copenhagen 25<sup>th</sup> of March 2012**

Mr. Johan Carlstedt asked if the minutes NC 01/12 could be approved.

Decision: The minutes were approved and will be attached to the minutes from this meeting.

**b) NEZ Council Working Groups telephone meeting, the 4<sup>th</sup> of September 2012**

Mr. Johan Carlstedt asked if the minutes NCWG 03/12 could be approved.

Decision: The minutes were approved and will be attached to the minutes from this meeting.

**c) NEZ Council Working Groups telephone meeting, the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2012**

Mr. Johan Carlstedt asked if the minutes NCWG 04/12 could be approved.

Decision: The minutes were approved and will be attached to the minutes from this meeting.

#### § 4 FIA matters

There is no new information from FIA. They are still working with what to do with the zones and it seems like they are looking into the matter again regarding the international sporting code article 18. The NEZ Karting commission informed that they are working together with CIK to find a solution with the boarder agreements for the Scandinavian and the Baltic countries.

#### § 5 Reports from NEZ Sporting Commissions & working group

##### a) Racing

Mr. Claes Elofsson, a member of the commission, informed about their commission meeting.

The meeting started up with a detailed information about the new Formula Renault 1,6 given by Mr. Rudy Thomann, Renault Sport and Mr. Lionel Chevalier, Signatech, the constructor of the car. Renault Sport has an ongoing negotiation with STCC AB as a promoter for the car within Sweden in principal and within the NEZ in general. As STCC AB already is dealing with the Renault Clio (JTCC) the target is to involve Renault Nordic in a deeper perspective to support the project. STCC AB are also negotiating the possibility for drivers and teams to lease the new Formula Renault 1,6.

The NEZ Formula Ford Championship-event at Karlskoga (Sweden) was quite a success with 26 participants but with a low number of spectators.

The NEZ Championship for Formula Renault 2.0, Camaro Cup and Legends were cancelled due to lack of participants.

The commission also discussed the tracks:

- Estonia: Pärnu will be ready in May 2013 and will be graded FIA Grade 2.
- Finland: will have five new tracks aiming to get one international track with high FIA-grading.
- Denmark: plans for one new track in Roskilde.
- Norway: rebuilt and extended track at Rudskogen.
- Sweden: temporary tracks at the airfield in Östersund and Solvalla horsetrack. The Swedish Championship finals were this year arranged at Solvalla horsetrack.
- Latvia: future plans for rebuilding track in Bikernieki

The wish for 2013 is to run one single NEZ-event for Formula Ford and legends for 2013. The commission is investigating a single NEZ-event for Camaro Cup and therefore the commission will contact the Camaro team organizations in Denmark, Sweden and Finland This also concerns GT which is intended to be run in Finland, Latvia and Estonia. More information will follow when the commission has received more information from each country.

Decision: Racing will have a championship in Formula Ford and Legends in 2013. Other classes will be decided at the spring meeting if possible.

**b) Rally**

Mr. Janne Rydh, the chairman of the commission, reported that the events had good quality with mainly national championship events. The commission wishes to do more to promote two rallies, one in the west and one in the east, to find good accommodations and better starting fees with the goal to get more competitors. Today the competitors in Denmark, Norway and Sweden compete in their own countries in national series while the Baltic countries compete in the national series in each other countries.

The commission asked the Council for approval to have a NEZ Icelandic Rally Cup in one single event.

Decision: Rally will have a championship and Nations Cup in 2013 including nine rallies with the final event in October in Lithuania. There will also be one rally cup in Iceland and one winter cup and one summer cup in the Baltic. No changes in the regulations.

**c) Rallycross**

Mr. Jørgen Ring-Andersen, the chairman of the commission, reported about a championship without problems. He especially thanked Lithuania who arranged a second event in a short time when Latvia cancelled their event.

The commission had a short meeting during Saturday where the most important discussion was the budget which was cancelled on the Council spring meeting. The commission discussed that it is important that international stewards can come to the different events and asked if the ASN's can pay for the travel costs for the stewards. The Council informed that the general prescriptions will stay as it is, that is that the travel cost for stewards are to be paid by the sending ASN.

The Rallycross website will be closed after a decision from the previous Council spring meeting. All commissions will be present on a NEZ common website. The website will not be ready in time so therefore Mr. Andersen asked the Council of a contribution at 500 € to care for an operate of the Rallycross website.

In the commission meeting they also talked about the future how they could attract drivers from all member countries without to close the door for any car. Maybe it will be new names of the classes.

Decision: Rallycross will have a championship in 2013. The Council will help the commission with the money for their website until the new NEZ website is up and running.

**d) Karting**

Mr. Geir Leret Andersen, the chairman of the commission, started his presentation by informing that the commission has restarted within NEZ after a few years of little activity. The last time the commission had a championship was in 2006 but this year there was a championship in KF2, KF3 and KZ2 run in Sweden.

The total number of drivers was 129 represented from six NEZ countries. The participation in the KF2 category which is almost a none existing class within the NEZ countries was better than expected with 20 drivers.

There has been a private cup called "Aspen Race Fuel Cup 2012" which was approved by NEZ. The events took place in Norway and Sweden. Because of economic issues regarding the permission fee this, cup might not exist in 2013. The commission is looking into the matter.

The commission has also been working with the boarder agreements, together with CIK, hoping that the youngsters may compete abroad again.

Decision: Karting will have a championship in 2013.

**e) Crosskart**

Mr. Geir Iversen, the chairman of the commission, made a presentation of the three events that was run during the year. The event in Riga was cancelled. The events had good participations and increased with 20% from the last year. The event in Sweden attracted 106 drivers which is a new record for one single event.

The national regulation will be the same in all NEZ countries. Mr. Geir Iversen asked the Council for approval to publish an English version of the technical regulation on the NEZ website.

Decision: Crosskart will have a championship in 2013.

The Council approved the publication on the NEZ website. The regulation is to be called "Crosskart technical regulation". There will be changes in the competition regulations in 2013, the red flag will always mean restart and repair with tools will not be allowed.. The starting fee is to be recommended to 80 €but max. 100 €

**f) Drifting**

Mr. Jorma Tikkanen reported that this was the second year for drifting within NEZ. In 2011 there was one event in Riga and this year two events, in Norway and in Latvia. There were a total of 72 competitors with seven nationalities.

The event in Latvia was a success with 63 competitors and 10 000 spectators. The Norwegian race was poorly advertised and had approximately 500 spectators and 19 competitors.

There have been communication issues because of many different nationalities. This is something to learn from for the coming years.

Mr. Jorma Tikkanen made a survey with different questions for the next year. Out of this survey 45 drivers are ready to register to series in advance.

Decision: There will be a NEZ Championship in 2013 with a target to have 20 competitors in each race. There will be a combined prize pod to make it more interesting.

**g) Eco Run**

The report informed about a good event which took place in Denmark. See appendix 3g.

**h) Auto navigation**

The report informed about a generally good quality in the events with 27 teams participating from Denmark, Sweden and Finland. See appendix 3h.

**i) Formula Offroad**

The report informed about six races which took place in three weekends in Finland, Sweden and Iceland. There were a total of 25 drivers. The wish is to get more drivers racing the whole Championship. The working group will decide if they will go back to one single event. See appendix 3i.

**j) Trophy Raid**

The report informed about an increasing quality of the events including tracks, promotion and organization. When the report was sent there were still two events to go. See appendix 3j.

**k) Other**

There were no other reports.

**§ 6 Organization****a) Appointing of chairmen of Commissions + working groups**

The chairmen of the commissions were elected as follows:

Crosskart:	Mr. Geir Iversen
Karting:	Mr. Geir Leret Andersen
Racing:	Mr. Marek Kiisa
Rally:	Mr. Janne Rydh
Rallycross:	Mr. Jörgen Ring Andersen

The contact persons of the working groups were elected as follows:

Auto navigation:	Mr. Jan Søndergaard
Drifting:	Mr. Jorma Tikkanen
Eco run:	Mr. Jaakko Riikonen
Offroad:	Mr. Arne Johannessen
Trophy Raid:	Mr. Krisjanis Viduss

Mr. Jorma Tikkanen asked the Council if the Drifting working group could be a commission instead of a working group.

Decision: Mr. Johan Carlstedt asked the working group to keep on doing a good job and the Council will consider the matter in the future.

**b) Update of members in Commissions and Working groups**

The information in the organization plan was updated and will be presented on NEZ webpage.

**c) Suggestion from the Latvian Automobile Federation to organize NEZ Autocross working group**

The Latvian Automobile Sports Federation had sent a request to organize a NEZ Autocross working group to be a part of the NEZ Rallycross commission or a

separate commission, with the aim to develop as a separate commission with a strong championship since autocross is very popular in the Baltic countries.

Decision: Autocross will be a part of Rallycross and all matters regarding autocross will be handled by the Rallycross commission.

## § 7 Economy

### - Decision regarding NEZ member fee 2013

- Suggestion 1000 € and split 50/50 between NEZ Secretariat and Hosting country

Mr. Johan Carlstedt made a suggestion to split the new NEZ member fee of 1000 € to 50/50 between the NEZ Secretariat and Hosting country.

Decision: The NEZ member fee will be as suggested by the chairman Johan Carlstedt

## § 8 NEZ Championships and Cups

### a) Confirmation of calendar and classes for 2013

The calendars presented (appendix 5b) were confirmed with some adjustments.

All regulations must be set latest at the 1<sup>st</sup> of December and sent to the NEZ Secretary.

### b) Last dates for settling of calendars for coming years, National, International

FIA had sent a letter for the attention of all the coordinators of the FIA zones with regard to the preparations for the meeting of the FIA World Motor Sport Council of December 5, 2012. FIA wants to receive all proposals (dates, classes and venues) pertaining to the various zone championships or zone series by the 1<sup>st</sup> of November.

Decision: A list of the information together with the minutes of this meeting will be sent to FIA.

## § 9 Changes in the General Prescriptions

There was a suggestion of changes from Mr. Johan Carlstedt regarding NEZ championships and cups and at the same he wanted to clarify that NEZ do not have any technical regulation but this is according to the FIA or the national ASN regulations.

The text in point number 12 in the general prescriptions will be changed as well. The medals are to be ordered by each ASN instead of each sporting commission.

Decision: The General prescriptions will be changed according to the proposals and updated on NEZ homepage.

## § 10 NEZ Council & Commission and Working Group meetings

The dates of the spring meeting were presented. If any commission or working group will have a meeting, the date will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March.

The NEZ Council Working Group (NCWG) will have two telephone meetings to prepare the meeting in Finland, on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February and on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February 2013.

The NCWG meetings will be attended by Denmark, Finland, Lithuania, the chairman of NEZ and the secretary.

Decision: The Council meeting will be held on hotel Flamingo, nearby Helsinki airport in Finland on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March.

The date for the Council autumn meeting was discussed and the proposal is for the 27<sup>th</sup> of October and for the Commission meetings on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October. All the members of the commissions and working groups are welcome to join the autumn meeting.

Decision: The dates will be confirmed on the spring meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March.

## § 11 Miscellaneous

### - NEZ Website

The new website is not ready to be up and going due to misunderstandings. Mr. Johan Carlstedt will make sure that the work will go on to be able to present the new website as soon as possible.

### - Ferry company agreements

The ferry company agreements with Tallink/Silja and Viking Line have expired. The Swedish ASN is looking into the matter. The Estonian ASN has an agreement with the ferry company. Mr. Priit Pallo will send the information to Ms. Janette Arvidsson.

## § 12 End of the meeting

Mr. Johan Carlstedt closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending the meeting and said that it looks like everyone is working in a positive direction and feels happy to be working with everyone. Mr. Johan Carlstedt also thanked Anni S Andersen, who will be leaving the NEZ Council, for the work she has done since the start of NEZ. We are all looking forward to go to Finland next year.

Minutes

Confirmed

Janette Arvidsson, Secretary

Johan Carlstedt, Chairman