

NEZ Council - Minutes NC 02/13

2013-10-27, 10.00-13.00 Sokos Hotel, Helsinki (Vantaa), Finland Host of the meeting: FINLAND

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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 Finland and the NEZ Council autumn meeting. The meeting carried on with a short presentation of all attendants (see appendix 1).

§ 2 Agenda for the meeting

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

Decision: The agenda was approved.

§ 3 Approval of minutes from previous meeting

a) NEZ Council meeting in Helsinki, March 17th 2013

Mr. Johan Carlstedt asked if the minutes NC 01/13 could be approved.

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

b) NEZ Council Working Group telephone meeting, September 17th 2013

Mr. Johan Carlstedt asked if the minutes NCWG 02/13 could be approved.

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

c) NEZ Council Working Group telephone meeting, October 8th 2013

Mr. Johan Carlstedt asked if the minutes NCWG 03/13 could be approved.

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

§ 4 FIA matters

- CIK article 18

Mr. Johan Carlstedt informed that CIK has accepted the zones within the FIA, in our case the NEZ. According to this, the CIK has asked the FIA to look in to the possibility to compete within the Zones, with only an national license. This will be up on the coming FIA World Motorsports meeting in December.

- FIA Sporting Code

Has been adjusted a bit, meaning it is easier for professional drivers to compete in foreign national championships.

- Upcoming FIA election

Two candidates is running for president of the FIA, the existing President, Mr. Jean Todt and the new candidate Mr. David Ward.

- Miscellaneous

Furthermore, the NC decided to exchange the names of all the eventual candidates from the NEZ countries for the different FIA Commissions, and if possible give our support to these candidates.

§ 5 Reports from NEZ Sporting Commissions a) Racing

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

The commission decided that the two NEZ Championships (Formula Renault 1.6 + Formula Ford) medal-gala will take place together with the Swedish medal-gala, in Norrköping Sweden on January 25th 2014.

The Formula Renault 1.6-class is still growing. They have had a good Championship-race at the Pärnu track in Estonia. In the oncoming year there is a possibility that the class will increase up to about 20 cars.

The NEZ Championship will consist of one event at the Pärnu-track August 8-9th and preliminary one event in Finland, either at Alastaro or Kemora September 14th.

Due to the general low interest in the Formula Ford NEZ Championship this year the commission decided not to ask for any NEZ Championship in 2014.

Racing commission are now working hard in order to arrange a NEZ Championship in V8 Thunder Cars, most likely at Rudskogen in Norway, September 13-14^{th.}

Furthermore the commission are asking for a NEZ Championship for Historic Touring Cars and GT-cars, preliminary at Ring Knutstorp, September 27-28^{th.}

The commission also discussed the tracks:

- Latvia: Start upgrading and reconstruction of Bikernieki in beginning of 2014. Only one event next year, in August.
- Estonia: Pärnu continuously working in order to reach the graded FIA Grade 3.
- Finland: The project Kymi Ring is ongoing, aiming at FIA grade 2. Appr. start construction late 2014.

- Denmark: Upgrading the excisting tracks.
- Sweden: Nothing new, except for some tracks are upgrading some minor things. Anderstorp Raceway is very near to be closed due to reasons of noise restrictions.

The Commission decided to recommend all NEZ-countries to support Mareks candidature to FIA Single Seater Commission.

b) Rally

Mr. Janne Rydh made a short summing of the season 2013.

Within the Baltic countries there is a good cooperation when thinking of drivers, marshals and organizers, but unfortunately not that much within the rest of NEZ. The Commission are continuously working for recruiting youngsters to compete in foreign countries. Therefore, from 2014 the Commission starts up a junior NEZ-series (18-25 yrs) to be run over 4 individual events during 2014.

c) Rallycross

Mr. Jörgen Ring-Andersen made at short summing of the season 2013.

The NEZ Sporting Regulation 2014 will be very similar to the FIA European Championship Sporting Regulation.

The calendar 2014 consists of events in Denmark, Norway, Latvia and Lithuania. In 2015 there are event candidates in Sweden and Finland as well.

There will not be run any NEZ Autocross events in 2014, this due to the cancelation of events and low interest in 2013

d) Karting

Geir Leret Andersen made a short summing of the season 2013.

The organizer in Sweden asked for some guidelines regarding podium, price giving etc, which the commission are looking in to for the future.

They have had scheduled meetings during the year, and the commission chairman are looking forward to having attendants from the Baltic states as well.

The NEZ Championship event in 2014, will take place in August in Norway. There will also be run an NEZ Karting Cup (former Aspen Cup) wich will consist of three (3) events, Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

In general the CIK is looking with 'positive eyes' on the NEZ organization.

e) Crosskart

Geir Iversen made a short summing of the season 2013.

Crosskart is grooving all over the NEZ.

The Commission wanted a new class for drivers at the age of 9-12 years, 85 cc engines, but this was rejected by NC according to FIA General Rules.

Some minor adjustments to be made in the Sporting and Technical Regulation for 2014, which is going to be valid in all countries within NEZ.

The maximum allowed noise level in Sweden is to be limited to 95 db in 2014, which will also be valid for the rest of NEZ.

f) Drifting

Mr. Jorma Tikkanen made a short summing of the season 2103, where he was pointing out the positive interest with lots of spectators and competitors, although they had to cancel the races in Sweden and Norway.

In 2014 the NEZ Championship will increase up to 4 events, in Sweden, Norway, Estonia and Latvia. The series will have a pricemoney-pool of EUR 15000. The commison also pointed out the situation with races run outside of the known organizers in every country. Its not easy for the participants to know if it's a "legal" race or not. All countries to look in to this in 2014.

In 2015 Denmark hopefully will be connected to the Championship-series.

g) Eco Run

EcoRun didn't have any meeting, but it was reported plans for one race in Norway 2014. There will be no changes in NEZ EcoRun Sporting Regulation for 2014.

h) Auto Navigation

Auto Navigation didn't have any meeting. No report available.

i) Offroad

Offroad didn't have any meeting. No report available, but information was given from Mr. Tryggvi M Thordarson, Iceland, that there will be some minor updates in the Sporting Regulation 2014 due to safety reasons.

There will also be a new responsible person for the working group in 2014.

j) Trophy Raid

Trophy Raid didn't have any meeting. No report available.

§ 6 NEZ Championships and Cups for 2014

The calendars presented (appendix 6) were confirmed with some adjustments.

§ 7 Organization

- a) Appointing of chairmen of Commissions and working groups. NC decided to follow the proposal (app 7a).
- b) Update of members in Commissions and working groups. NC decided to follow the proposal (app 7b).

The updated organization plan will be presented on NEZ webpage.

§ 8 Economy

Information regarding NEZ Member fee 2013.
Mr. Johan Carlstedt reported about the present situation regarding payments of

NEZ member fees. All countries have paid the fees.

- Decision regarding NEZ member fee for 2014. Mr. Johan Carlstedt presented a proporsition that the annual fee of 1000€/country should be splitted 50/50 between NEZ Secretariat and Hosting Country.

NC decided to follow the proposal.

§ 9 Preparation for NEZ General Assembly

Question concerning Chairman and secretariat in the future.
The concrete summary of the discussions ended in a decision saying that this point always will be added to each NC agenda in the future.

§ 10 NEZ Council, Commissions and working group meetings

- NEZ Council meeting: 22nd 23rd of March 2014. October in Lithuania.
- NEZ Council and Sporting Commission meetings: 25th 26th of October 2014

NC decided to follow the proposal as above.

§ 11 Miscellaneous

Nothing to add.

§ 12 End of meeting

Mr. Johan Carlstedt closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending the meeting and making it very effective. At last he was welcoming all to the NC General Assembly meeting after the lunch-break.

Minutes	Confirmed
Claes G Elofsson, Secretary (temp.)	Johan Carlstedt, Chairman