

Vilnius, Lithuania, 25th of October 2014
26.10.2014 , 10.00 - 12.00 NEZ Council meeting

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MINUTES

§ 1 The meeting starts

NEZ Council Chairman Mr. Jani Backman started the meeting by welcoming all the attendants to the meeting. Attendants (see appendix 1). App. 1

§ 2 Agenda for the meeting

Mr. Jani Backman asked if the agenda for the meeting can be approved.

Decision: The agenda was approved with the following additions; § 10 a) NEZ website update, § 10 b) Economical impact of motorsport survey

§ 3 Approval of minutes from previous meetings

NEZ Council meeting in Vilnius, the 27th of March 2014 App. 2

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

NCWG telephone meeting, the 13th of October 2014 App. 3

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

§ 4 FIA matters

Mr. Carlos Abella (Director of Development Department FIA) introduced himself and gave the attendants a short introduction on the work of the FIA Development Department that was established in the beginning of 2014. Mr. Abella also read Mr. Jean Todt's personal letter for the NEZ meeting attendants. The letter will be attached as an appendix to these minutes.

Mr. Marek Kiisa raised a question on licensing and age limits. An International License for drivers under 15 years old would be needed. FIA recommendation for example for Formula4 is from 15 years up.

Mr. Abella suggested that the North European Zone countries would make a proposal signed by the NEZ members to the FIA concerning the license issue.

§ 5 Reports from NEZ Sporting Commissions

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a) Racing

Mr. Marek Kiisa, Chairman of the Commission, made a short summing of the season 2014.

Next year there will be a new NEZ Formula 4 series with seven race weekends held in Finland, Estonia and Russia.

There will also be a co-operation with the NEC series (Formula Renault 1.6) with Sweden.

b) Rally

Mr. Janne Rydh, Chairman of the Commission, made a short summing of the season 2014.

Three championships were held in 2014; NEZ individual championship, NEZ junior championship and the NEZ nations championship (Estonia 3rd, Lithuania 2nd, Latvia 1st).

c) Rallycross

Mr. Jørgen Ring-Andersen, Chairman of the Commission, summarized the season 2014.

Four events are planned for 2015 championship.

The Commission have found difficulties with language barriers as some members don't speak English.

d) Karting (report missing)

No representative from the Karting Commission was present. The report will be sent afterwards and added to the Minutes of this meeting.

e) Crosskart

Mr. Geir Eversen, Chairman of the Commission, made a short presentation on the crosskart championship and summarized the year 2014.

Four events were held. The goal is to keep the regulations similar within all the countries. Mini and 85cc classes are the ones that are increasing the most at the moment. One type of petrol -rule (Aspen) will be introduced.

The Council agreed that the 125cc class will be the lowest official NEZ Championship class in crosskart.

f) Drifting (report missing)

Mr. Jarmo Tikkanen, Chairman of the Commission, made a summary of the season 2014.

Couple of problems with overlapping events with the Finnish national championship series affected also the NEZ series.

For the next season the events will be finalized within November. Regulations will also be synced so that all of the NEZ series event are run with the same concept.

Mr. Carlos Abella told the Council that the FIA is working to put up a working group for Drifting for 2015 and recognition of the sport in the FIA level. The target is to find unified criteria between ASNs for safety issues etc.

g) Eco Run

Eco Run didn't have a representative in the meeting. Mr. Jani Backman introduced the report on the season 2014. A question was raised on the number of competitors (9) in the series which is quite small amount for a Championship status.

Eco Run Working Group has been in contact with the FIA Central European Zone in order to build up co-operation with some competitions in the future.

h) Auto navigation (report missing)

i) Formula offroad

Mr. Tryggvi M. Thordarsson, member on the NEZ Council, introduced the report on season 2014.

j) Trophy Raid (report missing)

k) Other

No other reports.

§ 6 NEZ Championships and Cups

Championships and cups 2015

Racing: Formula Renault 1.6 NEZ Championship, Formula 4 NEZ Championship, V8 Thunder Cars NEZ Championship and Saloon Cars NEZ Championship in 2015. Calendars and regulations to be confirmed and published in NEZ website.

Rally: Individual Championship 2wd & 4wd, Junior Championship R2 class, NEZ Nations Championship, NEZ Icelandic Championship, NEZ Icelandic Championship Extreme. Also a possibility for Regularity NEZ CUP in 2015 was discussed and the Commission looks into the current situation of regularity concerning NEZ. Calendars and regulations to be confirmed and published in the NEZ website.

Rallycross: Championships for NEZ 1600, NEZ 2000, NEZ open and NEZ Super Car will be held 2015 (Lithuania, Latvia, Denmark, Norway). Calendar and regulations to be confirmed and published in the NEZ website.

Karting: Championships for 2015 will be confirmed later.

Crosskart: Championships for 125cc, 250cc and 650cc will be held 2015 (Sweden, Lithuania, Norway). Calendar and regulations to be confirmed and published in the NEZ website.

Drifting: NEZ Drifting Championship will be held 2015 (Sweden, Estonia, Finland, Latvia). Calendar and regulations to be confirmed and published in the NEZ website.

Ecorun: NEZ EcoRun Championship 2015 will be organized by Horsens Motor og Automobil Klub on May 15th - 16th, 2015. Regulations to be confirmed and published in the NEZ website.

Autonavigation: To be confirmed later.

Formula Offroad: NEZ CUP 2015 (date and regulations to be confirmed later).

The Championships and CUPS presented were confirmed.

§ 7 Organization

Updates of members in Commissions and working groups shall be sent to the NEZ secretary as soon as possible by the ASNs.

Drifting Commission sent a letter for the Council concerning their opinion on the current chairman Mr. Jorma Tikkanen and that they are asking for the Council to nominate a new chairman for the Commission. The letter will be attached as an appendix to these minutes.

The Council heard both sides in the meeting and after the hearing discussed about the situation and solution.

Decision: The Council decided to ask for candidates for the Drifting Commission's chairman (CV, future visions etc.) The final decision will be made at the latest 1.12.2014. Also all the other chairmen of the NEZ Sporting Commissions and Working Groups for 2015 shall be confirmed at the same time.

§ 8 Economy

Decision regarding NEZ member fee for 2015.

Suggestion of 1000€ and split 50/50 between NEZ Secretariat and Hosting Country.

Decision: The proposal for the fee was approved by the Council. It was also noted that the Estonian ASN hasn't paid their member fee for 2014 yet.

§ 9 NEZ Council, Commissions and working group meetings

NEZ Council meetings 2015.

Decision: 20th – 21st March, Reykjavik Iceland.

NEZ Council and Sporting Commission meetings 2015.

Decision: 23rd – 24th October, Reykjavik Iceland.

The FIA will send their proposal for the "Zone Congress" dates in the following weeks.

§ 10 Miscellaneous

- a) NEZ website update was reviewed and confirmed by the Council. The new website will be launched on Monday 27th of October.
- b) NEZ Council agreed to initiate an investigation into the economic impact of motorsport within each country in the zone. A report or an interim report on this should be presented during the next meeting of the NEZ Council.

§ 11 End of the meeting

Mr. Backman thanked all the attendants for a good meeting.

APPENDIX 1

NEZ MEETING IN VILNIUS 25-26 of October 2014 List of participants

NEZ Council & Working Group

Name	Country	Comments
Mr. Jani Backman	Finland	Chairman
Mr. Uffe Madsen	Denmark	Member
Mr. Claes Elofsson	Sweden	Member
Ms. Linda Medne	Latvia	Member
Mrs. Rasa Jakiene	Lithuania	Member
Mr. Tryggvi Thordarson	Iceland	Member
Mrs. Svetlana Shahkova	Russia	Member
Mr. Hallgeir Ragnerud	Norway	Member
Mr. Anssi Kannas	Finland	Secretary
Mr. Anatolij Pashkevic	Belarussia	

NEZ Sporting Commission & Working Group members

Name	Country	Comments
Crosskart Commission		
Mr. Geir Iversen	Norway	Chairman
Mr. Marti Sepp	Estonia	Member
Mr. Håkan Persson	Sweden	Member
Mr. Janis Belakovs	Latvia	Member
Mr. Timo Lampinen	Finland	Member
Mr. Michael Skaarup Nielsen	Denmark	Member
Mr. Bo Söderberg	Sweden	
Mr. Oleg Khomich	Russia	
Karting Commission		
Not present.		
Racing Commission		
Mr. Marek Kiisa	Estonia	Chairman
Mr. Pekka Säynevirta	Finland	Member
Mr. Janis Ducmanis	Latvia	Member
Mr. Tommy Kristiansen	Norway	Member
Mr. Mikhail Bonch-Osmolovskiy	Russia	Member
Mr. Mindaugas Boguševičius	Lithuania	Member
Mr. Alexander Kuzmin	Russia	
Mr. Mikhail Konovalov	Russia	
Mrs. Viatkina Natalija	Belarussia	
Rallycross Commission		
Mr. Jørgen Ring-Andersen	Denmark	Chairman
Mr. Jukka Westerback	Finland	Member
Mr. Viesturs Saukāns	Latvia	Member
Mr. Kazimieras Gudžiūnas	Lithuania	Member
Mr. Rafael Bagautdinov	Russia	Member
Mr. Daniel Nyman	Sweden	Member
Mr. Aliaksandr Zaitsau	Belarussia	

North European Zone (NEZ)



Rally Commission

Mr. Janne Rydh	Sweden	Chairman
Mr. Johannes Fraas	Denmark	Member
Mr. Janis Krastins	Latvia	Member
Mr. Donatas Liesis	Lithuania	Member
Mr. Jan Egil Jensen	Norway	Member
Mr. Trond Bakkom	Norway	Member
Mr. Alexey Gavrilov	Russia	Member
Mr. Henrik Frank	Finland	Member
Mr. Sergey Ovchynikov	Belarussia	

Drifting Council

Mr. Jorma Tikkanen	Finland	Chairman
Mr. Antanas Kyguolis	Lithuania	Member
Mr. Hilding Haustreis	Norway	Member
Mr. Anders Eriksson	Sweden	Member
Ms. Eline Berke	Latvia	Member
Mr. Kristjan Salmre	Estonia	Member

FIA delegate

Mr. Carlos Abella, Development Department Director

APPENDIX 2

NEZ Council - Minutes NC 01/14

2014-03-23, 10.00-13.00

Hotel Karolina, Vilnius, Lithuania

Host of the meeting: LITHUANIA

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§ 1 The meeting starts

The Chairman Mr. Jani Backman started the meeting by wishing all the attendants a warm welcome to Vilnius and the NEZ Council spring meeting. The meeting carried on with a short presentation of all attendants (see appendix 01/14).

§ 2 Agenda for the meeting

Mr. Jani Backman asked if the agenda could be approved with the added Racing Commission's report to § 6 f and "2015 meetings and host country" to § 10.

Decision: The agenda was approved with these additions.

§ 3 Approval of minutes from previous meetings

App. 1

- a) NEZ Council meeting in Helsinki, Finland, the 27th of October 2013

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

- b) NCWG telephone meeting, the 3rd of March 2014

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

§ 4 FIA matters

App. 2

- a) ASN Profile Form (to be distributed in the meeting)

Mr. Jani Backman presented the ASN profile form and it has been sent to all NEZ countries. The form is to be filled and returned to Mr. Backman who will then send them altogether to FIA.

- b) Belarus NEZ Membership Application

Belarus is a full member of the FIA. It was stated that the membership application must be decided in the NEZ General Assembly. Nezcouncil supports Belarus membership and invites Belarus to the autumn meeting as a guest.

§ 5 Reports from NEZ Sporting Commissions

App. 3

a) Ecorun

The council discussed also about regularity competitions and a possibility to promote regularity within the NEZ. Regularity seems to be growing in many NEZ countries (f. ex. Sweden, Norway, Denmark). The council decided to ask autonavigation and ecorun Working Group's opinion on how they see the discipline in the future.

b) Rallycross commission

Only the list of stewards is waiting to be confirmed. Otherwise everything is ready for the season.

§ 6 NEZ Championships and Cups (confirmation of regulations & calendars)

The regulations and calendars were confirmed and they have been updated to the NEZ website. Mrs. Linda Medne told that they haven't received any news from Drifting and are waiting for some info on that. Mr. Jani Backman will contact Mr. Jorma Tikkanen to get an update on the upcoming Drifting season.

App. 4

a) Crosskart

The regulations and calendar were confirmed and they have been updated to the NEZ website.

b) Rally

Chairman of the Rally Commission Mr. Janne Rydh presented the regulations to the council. The regulations and calendar were confirmed and they have been updated to the NEZ website.

c) Rallycross

Chairman of the Rallycross Commission Mr. Jorgen Ring-Andersen presented the regulations to the council. The regulations and calendar were confirmed and they have been updated to the NEZ website.

d) Karting

Chairman of the Karting Commission Mr. Geir Leret Andersen presented the calendar to the council. Mr. Geir Leret Andersen told the council that there will be a small change to the karting calendar and it will be updated to the NEZ website. The calendar was confirmed and it has been updated to the NEZ website. Regulations for the NEZ karting series are to be confirmed in the following week and then updated to the NEZ website.

e) Autonavigation

The regulations and calendars were confirmed and they have been updated to the NEZ website.

f) Racing

Chairman of the Racing Commission Mr. Marek Kiisa presented racing calendar and the commissions meeting's decisions to the council. Racing Commission's minutes will be added as an appendix to these minutes. Confirmed NEZ racing calendars are as follow:

NEZ Formula Renault 1.6

17-18 May

08-09 August

19-20 September

Botniaring FIN

Pärnu EST

Mantorp SWE

North European Zone (NEZ)

NEZ V8 Thunder Cars

13-14 September

Rudskogen NOR



§ 7 Organization

App. 5

Updates or corrections to the members in the Council, Commissions & Working Groups if any should be sent to Mr. Anssi Kannas for updating.

§ 8 Economy

Information regarding NEZ Member fee 2014. Mr. Jani Backman informed that NEZ membership fee invoices have sent out to member ASNs by e-mail.

§ 9 Miscellaneous

a) NEZ Website

The council discussed about the offer for the NEZ website. The cost would be about 330 € per country.

Mr. Geir Leret Andersen asked if a high resolution image of the NEZ logo could be found. M. Janne Rydh will check this from his contacts in Sweden.

Mr. Hallgeir Raknerud proposed that also the NEZ logo could be remade or updated at the same time with the websites.

Decision: The council decided to make a proposal to the member ASN's to accept the offer and to build a new NEZ website. The council also decided to ask for some ideas for the logo from Ajaton – the company that is also planning the web update.

§ 10 Next meeting for NEZ Council (planned date)

NEZ Sporting Commission meetings & Council meeting: 25th – 26th of October, Vilnius, Lithuania.

The council also discussed about the host of the 2015 meetings. It was brought up that Iceland hasn't hosted these meetings before and might be interested to host them.

Decision: The council decided to find out the possibility to arrange 2015 meetings in Iceland and contact the ASN Iceland for their opinion to host the meetings in 2015. If this doesn't work out for some reason the meetings will be held in Norway.

§ 11 End of the meeting

Mr. Jani Backman thanked everyone for a good and effective meeting.

APPENDIX 3

MINUTES 02 - 2014
NEZ Council Working Group (NCWG)
13th October 2014 (postponed from 8th Oct.)

Telephone meeting

Attendants:

Mr. Jani Backman, FIN (Chairman)

Mr. Uffe Madsen, DEN

Mrs. Rasa Jakienė, LT

Mr. Anssi Kannas, FIN (Secretary)

§ 1 Introduction

§ 2 Approval of the agenda

§ 3 Minutes from NEZ Council meeting, Lithuania, 23th of March

§ 4 Reports from Sporting Commissions

§ 5 Sporting Commission meetings, Lithuania, 25th of October

§ 6 NEZ Council meeting, Lithuania, 25th of October

§ 7 Other matters

§ 8 Next meeting

§ 9 End of the meeting

§ 1

Introduction

The chairman Mr. Jani Backman welcomed all to the second teleconference this year.

§ 2

Approval of the agenda

Decision: The agenda was approved.

§ 3

Minutes from NEZ Council meeting, Lithuania, 25th of October

The Minutes from the last NEZ Council meeting were confirmed.

§ 4

Reports from Sporting Commissions

The following reports have been received:

- **Crosskart**
- **Rally**
- **Rallycross**

These reports will be put to the agenda of the NEZ Council autumn meeting in Lithuania.

§ 5

Sporting Commission meetings, Lithuania, 25th of October

The following Commissions will have a meeting during the NEZ autumn meeting weekend:

Rallycross
Rally
Crosskart
Drifting

§ 6

NEZ Council meeting, Lithuania, 26th of October

The agenda was discussed and primarily set. The agenda and documents will be sent out as soon as possible. NEZ Council and some commission meetings will have guest delegates from FIA and Belarussian ASN

§ 7

Other matters

- **NEZ web site**

The NEZ website was discussed and the project is coming to closure. The goal is to have the website up and running before the meeting weekend.

§ 8 Next meeting

The next meeting will be the NEZ Council meeting in Vilnius Lithuania on the 26th of October.

§ 9 End of the meeting

Mr. Jani Backman thanked everybody for attending the meeting.

REPORT – Sporting Commission and Working Group

Name of the Sporting Commission / Working Group:

Racing Commission

1. Events – please describe

1.1 Quality:

NEZ Formula Renault 1,6

May 17-18 BOTNIARING FINLAND
August 08-09 PÄRNU ESTONIA
September 19-20 MANTORP SWEDEN

NEZ V8 Thundercars

Sept 13-14 RUDSKOGEN NORWAY

1.2 NEZ Symbols:

FIA / NEZ (North European Championship) were actively used in 2014.

1.3 Promotion:

Formula Renault 1,6 has well functioning promotor, excellent work done 2014
STCC has strong and well functioning promotor and organization

1.4 Spectators:

STCC had the best figures in spectators

1.5 Other matters:

2. Participants

2.1 Number of drivers:

NEZ Formula Renault 1,6
16 drivers
NEZ V8 THUNDERCARS
18 drivers

2.2 Number of drivers by countries:

FR Renault 1,6
Sweden 12
Estonia 1
Finland 2
Norway 1

3. Positive issues

3.1 issues that was better than expected:

Formula Renault has become a good series - good co-operation with different countries
STCC co-operation

4. Negative issues

4.1 issues that did not meet expected values:

Proposals for next year

More open communication

Sent in by / date

20.10.2014



Report from Rally Commission, 2014-09-29

1. Events in NEZ Rally Calender:

Date	Name	Country	Comment
24-25 Jan	Winter Rally	LI	
21-22 Feb	Rally Finnskog	N	
8 March	Joensuu	FI	Junior R2 (only)
18-19 May	Talsi	LV	Junior R2
20-21 June	Slagelse	DK	
8-9 Aug	300 Lakes	LT	
5-6 Sept	East Sweden Rally	S	Junior R2
27-28 Sept (Alt 18-19 Oct)	Rally Latvia	LV	Final (Except Junior R2)
31 Oct-1 Nov	Rally Denmark	DK	Junior R2 (only) Final

2. Participants

Participants has been seen from almost all countries, but Baltic competitors are more active as they are competing in each others national championship events.

3. Positive

The new Junior R2 Championship have active drivers from different countries in a way we have not seen earlier. Something to follow up for the future!

Also positive that actual NEZ results are quickly distributed by Mrs Rasa Jakiene.

4. Negative

Costs makes the exchange between east and west not good enough. NEZ Championship can not compete with the different national championships.

Janne Rydh

REPORT – Sporting Commission:

RALLYCROSS

26.sept.2014

1. Events

1.1 Quality

All NEZ RC Division participated in the events:
June 21+22, Nysum, Denmark
June 28+29, Momarken, Norway
July 19+20, Vilyciai, Lithuania
July 20+21, 333 Riga, Latvia (Musa, Latvia cancelled!)

Only four weeks before the event in Latvia (24+25.July) NEZ Rallycross Commission received the message that the organizer of the Latvian NEZ Rallycross event was not able to organize this event due to financial circumstances!

Unfortunately we have tried this before, and the situation was again very critical because many Scandinavian teams already made reservations months ago for ferry and hotels. But a new organizer in Latvia was able to organize a new event in Riga on the „333” track, on the same date as the Latvian organizer should have held the NEZ RC final 2014. This initiative was confirmed by the RC commission and the event went well. But we have to find solutions to avoid this situation.

1.2 NEZ symbols

The NEZ logo are used in all official papers, websites, posters a.s.o.

1.3 Promotion

NEZ Rallycross Championship has an official website:
www.nez-rallycross.eu where all information about our championships are available on the internet.

1.4 Spectators

Low numbers of spectators in Denmark and Norway (but high numbers of drivers)

High numbers of spectators in Lithuania (but low numbers of drivers)

2. Participants

2.1 Number of drivers

NEZ Rallycross Commission Secretary,
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Nysum, DEN:	51 (+63 NEZ Crosskarts)
Momarken, NOR:	51
Vilkyčiai, LIT:	28
333, LAT:	29

3. Positive issues

The NEZ events seems to be popular by the drivers in Denmark and Norway
But the numbers of regular drivers are quite low.

Negative issues

Low numbers of drivers from Baltic states, even in the local events.

Jørgen Ring-Andersen
Chairman, NEZ Rallycross Commission

REPORT – Sporting Commission and Working Group

Name of the Sporting Commission / Working Group:

Crosskart Commission

1. Events – please describe

1.1 Quality:

All 4 events had very good quality

1.2 NEZ Symbols:

NEZ symbol used in all invitations. All organizers use flag from all countries

1.3 Promotion:

Not know

1.4 Spectators:

Not know

1.5 Other matters:

2. Participants

2.1 Number of drivers:

Number of participants in the NEZ classes 125, 250 and 650 is following on each event: (Parantez is 2013)

Sweden 78 (90)

Norway 73 (69)

Denmark 45 (45)

Finland 42 (37)

Total 238 (241)

Compared with last year the NEZ classes is totally stable. Among the classes 250 is stable while 125 increase and 650 decrease. The reason for so much lower participation in Sweden this year is probably because of track location far from Norwegian border.

2.2 Number of drivers by countries:

NEZ Classes 125, 250 and 650 (Parantez is 2013)

Sweden 57 (55)

Norway 40 (41)

Denmark 11 (10)

Finland 12 (7)

Latvia 3 (4)

Estonia 3 (3)

Russia 3 (2)

3. Positive issues

3.1 issues that was better than expected:

4. Negative issues

4.1 issues that did not meet expected values:

Proposals for next year

Our commission have made limit October 20 to publish proposals to all members. We agree last year about keep the technical regulation stable and following we will consetrare about small adjustments in regulations and settle the championship for next year.

Sent in by / date

Geir Iversen

1/10-2014

REPORT – Sporting Commission and Working Group

Name of the Sporting Commission / Working Group:

EcoRun/Rally Working Group

1. Events – please describe

1.1 Quality:

KNA Midnightsun Economy Run in Bodö, 6.6.2014. The competition was driven according to its own regulations, which were very well in accordance with EcoRunRally recommended regulations.

1.2 NEZ Symbols:

NEZ symbols were seen on materials like entry list, invitation, results, road book, but none on the competition site.

1.3 Promotion:

The date of competition was well known in advance. Promotion via Facebook page (open group), to the established competitors by email and personal contacts, both nationally and internationally. Start of promotion was a bit too late, which caused uncertainty about the event to take place. Help of national contact persons in NEZ countries was succesful, especially in Denmark (Ulrik Hejl as a contact person).

1.4 Spectators:

One of the Time Controls was organized to inform about what is Economy Run as a sport. There were 10-15 spectators, of which four spectators were very keen on the event and Economy Run as general.

1.5 Other matters:

Majority of TCs were run by competitors, which is a proven system from the previous years in Norway. It is also well accpeted by the competitors. The competiton organisation got a lot help from Denmark (Bjarne Haugard Christophersen).

The sponsor co-operation was nice and smooth, especially with Esso.

One of the Norwegian competitors was local newspaper Avisa Nordland, and they want to participate later, too. Their positive touch may help in the future events publicity.

2. Participants

2.1 Number of drivers:

9

2.2 Number of drivers by countries:

Norway 4, Denmark 3, Finland 2, plus some press people driving outside the competition.

3. Positive issues

3.1 issues that was better than expected:

The commitment of the organizers to the event on the competition date was excellent. Also they had well organized ceremonies after the event, in a good mood and with relaxed mind.

The media was well before informed about the event. Media relations during and after the event were marvelous, although media was publishing articles according its own schedules.

Speed control was something new in Norway. Everyone passed it clearly. Anyhow outside official speed control area one Danish competitor was found overspeeding, and he got a warning of his deed.

4. Negative issues

4.1 issues that did not meet expected values:

Number of participants, especially nationally.

Proposals for next year

NEZ EcoRun 2015 will be organized by Horsens Motor og Automobil Klub on May 15th - 16th, 2015. In the year 2016 NEZ has been planned to Finland, Jyväskylä. The date on mind is 12.6.2016 but it is heavily dependent on NEZ Regularity calendar 2016.

Sent in by / date

Jaakko Riikonen 21.10.2014

Current board took over during a meeting held in connection with the NEZ Formula offroad competition in Skien Norway 2013. During that competition we had one of very few accidents in FO. Because of that accident, we did some modification on the regulations, e.g. we did increase the gap between the helmet and the roll cage. At the same time we began to evaluate and go through safety regulations, and this work is still ongoing. The regulations for 2015 are ready, and the regulations for 2016 are in process. Most of the regulations are good, but better specifications are needed regarding some of them. Several meetings have taken place both during and between competitions this year, and some telefonmeetings. We held a short meeting in Akureyri in connection with the NEZ competition, and used the opportunity to inspect and review the safety of cars, both there and in the NM competition in Skien, The conclusion was that there is little that needs to be fixed, but there is a need to specifically look at fasteners on chairs and belts, to assure that it is done according to regulations.

Regarding competitions held this year, we learned how valuable it is to follow the regulations. Despite repeated attempts to get the Organizer BA to comply with the rules and stick to FIA sporting code, they did not. We then tried to get ASI Sport to help, but got the answer that it was not their responsibility since BA had applied for this competition directly. Strange abandonment of responsibility. At the end the competition was held not in accordance with FIA Sporting Code or the FO regulations. The competition itself was in many way very good and the same rules applied for all of the competitors. Nearly all participants were satisfied and no complaints were filed on there behalf.

FOWG have learned not to accept applications to organize competitions unless those applications are supported by the national motorsport association.

The next NEZ competition will probably be in Sweden in August 2015, but we have still not received the final application.

FOWG

Gudbjörn Grímsson

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FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE L'AUTOMOBILE

Le Président

Paris, 24th October 2014

To the attention of the NEZ meeting members

Dear Friends,

I am delighted that the countries of the North European Zone (NEZ) will be meeting in Vilnius, Lithuania, this weekend of 25 and 26 October, to consolidate their cooperation and speak together on matters of common interest.

Unfortunately, my schedule prevents me from joining you to discuss the prospects for the development of motor sport in Northern Europe, but I have asked Carlos Abella, the FIA Director of Development, to report back to me on the content of your exchanges.

Indeed, I am sure that the work resulting from your meeting will allow participation in motor sport to grow stronger in the countries concerned, supported by an old and still enduring tradition as well as by the presence of many prestigious drivers and events. I also hope that they will help to give this sport that we love a new boost in Scandinavia and on the shores of the Baltic Sea. You may rest assured that the FIA is doing everything in its power to assist you in this respect.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Doha for our General Assembly.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jean Todt', written in a cursive style.

Jean Todt