

NEZ Council

Helsinki, Finland, 18th of October 2015

Sunday 18.10.2015 14.00 – 16.30

MINUTES

§ 1 The meeting starts

App. 1

Mr. Jani Backman welcomed all to the NEZ Council Spring Meeting Attendants (see appendix).

§ 2 Agenda for the meeting

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

Decision: The agenda was approved.

§ 3 Approval of minutes from previous meetings

NEZ Council meeting in Reykjavik, the 21st of March 2015

App. 2

Decision: the minutes were approved.

§ 4 FIA matters

App. 3

Mr. Backman introduced the news from the last WMSC meetings 10th July & 30th Sept. 2015. (see appendix).

§ 5 Reports from NEZ Sporting Commissions

App. 4

- a) Crosskart
Crosskart report was presented by Mr. Håkan Persson
- b) Ecorun
Ecorun report was presented by Mr. Jaakko Riikonen.
- c) Karting
Karting report was presented by Mr. Geir L. Andersen
- d) Racing
Racing report was presented by Mr. Claes G Elofson
- e) Rallycross
Rallycross report was presented by Mr. Jørgen Ring-Andersen
- f) Formula Offroad
Formula Offroad report was presented by Mr. Tryggvi M Thordarson
- g) Rally
Rally report was presented by Mr. Johannes Fraas. Written report will be added to the minutes afterwards.

§ 6 NEZ Championships and Cups

Confirmation of calendar and classes for 2016

Decision: The Council decided to set a date to 15th December to confirm the calendars.

Crosskart:

May 21st - 22nd Höljes

July 16th - 17th Kouvola

August 6th – 7th Norway

August 13th – 14th Denmark

Ecorun: 29th October

Karting: no dates yet

Racing: no dates yet, but the proposal for classes is the following; NEZ Cup Formula Ford, V8 Thundercars, Legend cars, Radical, Formula Renault 1,6 and Formula4

Rallycross:

16th - 17th July

23rd – 24th July

13th – 14th Aug

17th – 18th Sept

Formula Offroad: 7th – 8th May

Rally:

JRC

26.-27.2. SM Vaakuna Ralli, Mikkeli, Finland

21.-22.5. Talsi Rally, Latvia

26.-27.8. Tallinn Rally, Estonia

23.-24.9. Pirelly Rally, Tampere

8.-9.10. Rally Denmark

Icelandic Challenge CUP 25.–28.8.

These dates will be published as the preliminary calendar.

§ 7 Organization

Will be decided in the General Assembly

§ 8 Economy

- Decision regarding NEZ member fee for 2016.

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

Decision: The Council decided to go with the proposed member fee for 2016.

§ 9 Preparation for NEZ General Assembly

§ 10 Miscellaneous

Mr. Jorma Tikkanen wanted to thank for the opportunity to be a part of the NEZ and told that he will step aside from the Drifting Commission.



Mr. Priit Pallo thanked everyone for the years and experiences that he has been a part of since the beginning of the NEZ organization. Mr. Pallo will retire from NEZ and Mr. Margus Kiiver will continue his work in the NEZ Council.

§ 11 End of the meeting

The meeting was ended at 15:30.

NEZ Council 18th of October 2015, Helsinki

Participants

Jani Backman	chairman	Finland
Anssi Kannas	secretary	Finland
Tryggvi M Thordarson	member	Iceland
Hallgeir Raknerud	member	Norway
Uffe Madsen	member	Denmark
Priit Pallo	member	Estonia
Linda Medne	member	Latvia
Tadas Vasiliauskas	member	Lithuania
Svetlana Shakhova	member	Russia
Claes G Elofsson	member	Sweden

Observers

Håkan Persson	Sweden
Jørgen Ring-Andersen	Denmark
Johannes Fraas	Denmark
Janis Naglis	Latvia
Geri L. Andersen	Norway
Juhani Pakari	Finland
Renata Burbuliene	Lithuania
Alexander Kuzmin	Russia
Daniel Nyman	Sweden
Jaakko Riikonen	Finland
Ari Vatanen	Estonia
Bo Soderberg	Sweden
Jorma Tikkanen	Finland
Peter Thornemann	Denmark
Eric Noort	Netherland

3. NEWS FROM THE LAST WMSC MEETINGS – 10th July & 30th Sept. 2015

Main decisions:

d) Karting

The WMSC approved the deletion of Article 2.3.5 of the ISC. Consequently, Drivers who hold a [national licence can](#) now [participate in national Competitions outside their home country](#), provided they have permission from their ASN.

The WMSC approved the amendment of Art. 2.11 of the CIK-FIA Technical Regulations. Any [brake system](#) acting [on the front wheels is prohibited](#) for all categories without gearboxes in the CIK-FIA Championships, Cups and Trophies. The homologation of the hand-operated front brakes will be still valid until 31.12.2017. Only the use in CIK-FIA Championships, Cups and Trophies is prohibited from 01.01.2016.

The WMSC approved the amendment of Art. 31 of the CIK-FIA Specific Prescriptions regarding [front spoiler penalties](#). From 01.01.2016, the automatic 10" penalty without possibility of appeal when the front spoiler is moved after an impact, which was successfully tested in the last Competitions at Le Mans and La Conca, will be generalised.

4. Licences

4.1 NEW AGE RULES FOR INTERNATIONAL DRIVER LICENCES (DUE DATE)

Appendix L, Chapter I - International Drivers' Licences

until 2013

- 1.2 *To be eligible for an FIA International Driver's Licence, excepting the Grade FIA Junior-C Off-road, applicants must have passed their 16th birthday before 1 January of the first year of validity of the licence.*

as from 2014

CHAPTER I - FIA INTERNATIONAL DRIVERS' LICENCES

- 1.2 *To be eligible for an FIA International Driver's Licence, with the exception of the FIA Junior-C Grade Off-Road licence, applicants must be at least 16 years old (the date of the birthday being binding).*

i.e.:

16th birthday: 30.05.2015 →

none FIA Int. Driver Licence before 30.05.2015

6. NATIONAL SERIES WITH FIA-APPROVED FOREIGN PARTICIPATION

6.1 PROPOSALS OF THE FIA SPORTING CODE REVIEW COMMISSION FOR 2016

NEW TEXT

ARTICLE 2.3 NATIONAL COMPETITION

2.3.7 National Championships, cups, trophies, challenges or series open to foreign licenceholders

2.3.8 National Championships, cups, trophies, challenges or [series with FIA-approved foreign Participation](#) (NEAFP/NSAFP)

2.3.8.a If the *National Competition* forms part of a *National Championship*, cup, trophy, challenge or series with FIA-approved foreign participation, ***all Competitors and Drivers*** must hold an ***International Licence***.

2.3.8.b The ASN that is registering its *National Championship*, cup, trophy, challenge or series, with FIA-approved foreign participation with the FIA must observe the obligation to ***provide*** the FIA and the *Competitors* and *Drivers* with the applicable ***Sporting and Technical Regulations*** and at least the following, to appear on all official documents (in particular the *Entry form*):

2.3.8.b.i unequivocal information on whether the ***Circuit or Course*** forms the subject of a currently valid international ***homologation by the FIA***, matching the categories of *Automobiles* eligible to take part in the *Competition*, is ***or otherwise accepted by the FIA***;

2.3.8.b.ii ***information on the categories of Automobiles*** authorised to take part in that *Championship*, cup, trophy, challenge or series, according to the FIA homologation or acceptance of the *Circuit*;

2.3.8.b.iii ***information on the grade of Driver's International Licence*** required for taking part in the *Championship*, cup, trophy, challenge or series, in accordance with the FIA standards.

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~~2.3.13 Furthermore, the ASN that is authorising the *Competition* accepting the participation of licence-holders from other ASNs must observe the obligation to provide the *FIA* and the *Competitors* and *Drivers* with at least the following, to appear on all official documents (in particular the *Entry* form):~~

~~2.3.13.a unequivocal information on whether the *Circuit* forms the subject of a currently valid international homologation by the *FIA* or a national homologation issued by the relevant ASN, matching the categories of competition *Automobiles* eligible to take part in the *Competition*;~~

~~2.3.13.b information on the categories of *Automobiles* authorised to take part in that *Competition* according to the homologation of the *Circuit*;~~

~~2.3.13.c information on the grade of *Driver's Licence* required for taking part in the *Competition*.~~

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:

Latvia 1200
Lithuania 4000

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: (number in parantez is 2014 and 2013)

Sweden	108	(78)	(90)
Lithuania	33		
Latvia	34		
Norway	72	(73)	(69)
Total	247	(238)	(241)

2.2 Number of drivers by countries:

NEZ Classes 125, 250 and 650 (Parantez is 2014 and 2013)

Sweden	61	(57)	(55)
Norway	39	(40)	(41)
Denmark	6	(11)	(10)
Russia	6	(3)	(2)
Finland	3	(12)	(7)
Latvia	3	(3)	(4)
Estonia	2	(3)	(3)

3. Positive issues

3.1 issues that was better than expected:

The first NEZ event in Høljens Sweden was the best ever event in crosskart history regarding the quality and number of partizpants. The event atracted 120 drivers in the NEZ classes and 163 totally wich both is solid record for a single event in crosskart ever

4. Negative issues

4.1 issues that did not meet expected values:

Number of partizpants in the Lithuania and Latvia events was much lower than expected. It was expected that the "holiday offer" would attract more drivers who wanted to combined the two events with holiday.

Proposals for next year

1.About summary point,from 2016 you can only exclude event in which you have participated in . Participated means at at least started in the practice

2.At the last event in the Chamionship it will be held a unformel price seremony for the medal winners. The organizer decide what to give.

3. Commission want to replace finish member Timo Lampinen with Heli Lahti-Saloranta

4. Commission wants to ask Council to include Extreme into a NEZ cup. Extreme has today activity in Finland, Sweden and Norway.

5. Commission wants toask Council to include the 85 class in the NEZ Championship. ...or a cup. This class is the largest class in Norway/Sweden and they are the most willing to travell abroad. Including this class will lift the NEZ Chamionship to a much higher level

Sent in by / date

Geir Iversen
12/10-2015

REPORT – Sporting Commission and Working Group

Name of the Sporting Commission / Working Group:

EcoRun/Rally Working Group

1. Events – please describe

1.1 Quality:

Suzuki EcoRally in Denmark by Horsens Automobil and Motor Klub on 15 - 16.5.2015. 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 in the internet (marvelous site quality, by the way), on materials like invitation, entry list, road book and results.

1.3 Promotion:

The date of competition was well known in advance. Promotion by email to national contacts and to the established competitors, plus internet web pages, via Facebook page (open group), and personal contacts, both nationally and internationally. Clerk of the course, Ulrik Hejl, has close contacts to Netherlands and Germany. Start of promotion could have been some week earlier, which would have deminished uncertainty about the event. Help of national contact persons in NEZ countries was succesful, especially in Finland.

1.4 Spectators:

Start of the competition was organized in a Suzuki show room, during a normal shopping day. The visotors learned to know what is Economy Run as a sport. It is typical that people do not know EcoRun or EcoRally well enough.

1.5 Other matters:

Majority of TCs were run by competitors, which is a proven system from the previous years. It is also well accpeted by the competitors.

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

2. Participants

2.1 Number of drivers:

15

2.2 Number of drivers by countries:

Norway 1, Denmark 10, Finland 3, Germany 1 plus one parliament candidate.

3. Positive issues

3.1 issues that was better than expected:

The competition did receive media coverage much better than anyone would have anticipated, First they had a spot on TV- news and later the same in national TV evening's main new broadcast.

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.

4. Negative issues

4.1 issues that did not meet expected values:

Number of participants was delightful, but could have been higher, too. Especially disappointing was the EV class, which did not have a single participant. Cars were there, but no one willing to drive EV competition.

Proposals for next year

NEZ EcoRun 2016 will be organized by Horsens Motor og Automobil Klub on October 29th, 2016.

Sent in by / date

Jaakko Riikonen 18.10.2015

REPORT – Sporting Commission and Working Group

Name of the Sporting Commission / Working Group:

NEZ Karting Commission

1. Events – please describe

1.1 Quality:

FIA-NEZ North European Karting Championship. Held September 19-20 2015 in Roskilde (DNK). Overall quality good. Few foreign participants, we don't know the reason why but suspect cost of International licenses and the fact that World Karting Championship for KF and KFJ took place the weekend after. Both track and organising was according to expected standards.

FIA-NEZ Karting Cup. Three events, Helsingborg (SWE), Vojens (DNK), Roskilde (DNK)

1.2 NEZ Symbols:

NEZ logo on all documents. NEZ flags.

1.3 Promotion:

Promoted by selected ASN's in the zone. Updates and Events on Social Media.

1.4 Spectators:

N/A

1.5 Other matters:

Calendar coordination was better than before but Sweden still managed to run SKCC at the same weekend as the Championship. This must be avoided for the future.

2. Participants

2.1 Number of drivers:

Number of entries all events

KF: 23
KF3: 71
KZ2: 95

2.2 Number of drivers by countries:

Individual drivers
Denmark: 127
Finland: 1
Norway: 9
Sweden: 58

3. Positive issues

3.1 issues that was better than expected:

None.

4. Negative issues

4.1 issues that did not meet expected values:

Number of drivers in the Championship race. Only Denmark were able to have decent number in all categories for the Karting Cup

Proposals for next year

Calendar coordination by the NKC. Review categories due to license changes from FIA and new categories from CIK.

Sent in by / date

Geir Leret Andersen, 2015/10/12

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
June 05-06 Ahvenisto, FINLAND
September 25-26 Ring Knutstorp, SWEDEN

NEZ Formula 4
A series of seven (7) events, 2 x Finland, 2 x Estonia and 3 x Russia

NEZ Formula Ford
September 26-27 Jyllandsringen, DENMARK

NEZ Saloon Cars > unfortunately wasn't this event qualified as a NEZ-event.
May 30-31 Rudskogen, NORWAY

1.2 NEZ Symbols:

FIA / NEZ (North European Championship/Cup) were actively used in 2015.

1.3 Promotion:

Formula Renault 1,6 has a strong promotor in STCC, with a well functioning organization.
SMP Formula 4 has a strong promotor in Koiranen GP, with a well functioning organisation.

Formula Ford was promoted by DTC and ASN Denmark.

Saloon Cars was promoted by ASN Norway. Unfortunately wasn't this event qualified as a NEZ-event.

1.4 Spectators:

The Formula Renault-series within the STCC-series had good figures in spectators. No information about Formula 4, Formula Ford and Saloon Cars

1.5 Other matters:

2. Participants

2.1 Number of drivers:

NEZ Formula Renault 1,6
10 drivers
NEZ Formula 4
16 drivers
NEZ Formula Ford
14 drivers

2.2 Number of drivers by countries:

	FR Renault 1,6.....	Formula 4.....	Formula Ford
Sweden	8	1	1
Estonia			
Finland	2	4	3
Norway			
Russia		11	
Denmark			10

3. Positive issues

3.1 issues that was better than expected:

Formula Renault 1.6 and Formula 4 have progressed to good series.

4. Negative issues

4.1 issues that did not meet expected values:

Proposals for next year

Clear promotion of all NEZ Championships/Cups in order get a higher status. Closer, frequent and more open communication between NEZ-countries involved

Sent in by / date

October 12, 2015
Claes G Elofsson

REPORT – Sporting Commission:

RALLYCROSS

1. Events

1.1 Championship 2015.

All NEZ RC Division did participate in the events:

July 11, Vilkyciai, Lithuania

July 18+19, 333 Sport Kompleks, Latvia

August 8+9. Nysum, Denmark

August 15+16 Grenland, Norway

1.2 NEZ symbols

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

1.3 Promotion

NEZ Rallycross website: www.nez-rallycross.eu and local websites.

1.4 Spectators

Most spectators in Lithuania and Latvia. Fair number of spectators in Denmark, but very few spectators in Norway!

2. Participants

2.1 Statistic:

Events in 2015:

Lithuania 33 drivers

Latvia 35 drivers

Denmark 40 drivers

Norway 34 drivers

2.2 Number of drivers by countries:

	FIN	EST	LIT	LAT	DEN	SWE	NOR	RUS	BLR	
Vilkyciai,LIT	1	2	11	6	3	2	3	4	1	33
333, LAT	5	2	7	11	3	1	3	3		35
Nysum,DEN	1	2		2	27	1	7			40
Grenland,NOR		2		2	3	1	26			34

3. Positive issues

3.1 Issues that was better than expected:

Very popular event in Lithuania with many spectators, a fine track and drivers from all NEZ countries, but only 11 local driver were supporting the event.

4. Negative issues

4.1

The number of permanent drivers in all events are too low. Only 6 drivers out of 142 has participated in all 4 events.

5. Proposals for next year:

Only 1 event instead of 4 (2+2)

Sent in by / date 10 October 2015

Jørgen Ring-Andersen

Current board took over during a meeting held in connection with the NEZ Formula offroad competition in Skien Norway 2013. And are still with the same persons on board.

We did some modification on the regulation for the year 2015 both on the technical part and the driving regulations. At the same time we began to evaluate and go through safety regulations, and this work is still ongoing. The regulations for 2016 are ready, and the regulations for 2017 are in process. Several meetings have taken place both during and between competitions this year, and some telefonmeetings.

We had a meeting in Skien in connection with the NEZ competition.

After report from NEZ meeting last year where we were asked to split up the regulations, we did so which means at we in practice has a completely new regulation which need to be translated from English to all the nations which has drivers taking part in Formula Offroad.

Regarding competitions scheduled this year, which we were forced to cancel because of the permission for the area was drawn back. However, NAF Skien was able to arrange The NEZ Formula offroad **CHAMPIONSHIP** on a short notice this year. There was a new record of team taking part this year. Formula offroad is a growing sport in Iceland, but standing still in Norway, Sweden and Finland and one new car did show up from Denmark this year. We had some issues in Skien about following the regulation mainly lack of information til FOWG like results and buletin. The competition itself was very good and nearly all participants were satisfied and no complaints were filed on there behalf.

The next NEZ competition will be in Iceland in May 2016,

FOWG

Gudbjörn Grímsson

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REPORT – Sporting Commission: Rally

1. Events

Date	Name	Country	Comment
30 Jan	Winter Rally	LIT	
07 Feb	Rally Finnskog	NOR	
20-21 Feb	Mikkeli Rally	FIN	Juniors only
16-17 May	Talsi	LVA	Plus Junior R2
06 Jun	Aurskog Rally	NOR	
07-08 Aug	300 Lakes	LIT	
4-5 Sept	East Sweden Rally	SWE	Plus Junior R2
25-26 Sept	Tampere Rally	FIN	Juniors only
17-18 Oct	Rally Latvia	LVA	NEZ Final, Nations Cup
30 -31 Oct	Rally Denmark	DEN	Juniors only, Final Prize Giving for Juniors

1.1 NEZ symbols

Not used frequently on all events.

1.2 Promotion

NEZ not promoted good enough, especially not in western countries.

1.3 Spectators

Normal amount of rally-spectators



2. Participants

2.1 Statistic:

In Eastern events: 29 – 37 participants, in Western events 2 – 8 and Juniors 0 – 8.

2.2 Number of drivers by countries:

Number of participants not satisfying, especially in the western events. Allmost no travelling between east and west. Mentioned before, travelling over the Balic sea is too much time consuming.

3. Positive issues

3.1 Issues that was better than expected:

Exchange on official level progressing, also contact between the commisionmembers regarding issues not directly related to the NEZ-championships.

4. Negative issues

4.1 Issues that can be improved

Number of participants not satisfying, especially in the western events. Allmost no travelling between east and west. No real interst from drivers, seems like points scored are more “by accident” than at purpose. Other series and cups are more attractive, easier to take part in all events.



5. Proposals for next year, 2016:

Junior championship:

26-27 feb. Mikkeli, Fin.
21-22 May Talsi LV,
26-27 aug. Tallinn Est.
23-24 Tampere Fin.
22-23 Oct. Denmark, Den.

This will be the NEZ championship with high sporting quality.

“Travellers championship”:

10-11 Sept. East Swedish, Swe.
15-16 oct. RallyLatvia Lv.

Those two with appeal to drivers who are not at top level, but interested in “adventure”. Only two events where the organizers will have to make exceptional good deals for the competitors from “the other side” of the region. Promotion and some sort of assistance to organization of travel, at the discretion of the commission members in cooperation, at the side of the region the competitors are travelling from.

Icelandic cup

27-29 Aug. Icl.
at the discretion of the Icelandic ASN.

Sent in by Janne Rydh 2015-10-27