

Report from Nordic Meeting

in Reykjavik, Iceland 10. – 11. January 2004

This years Nordic Meeting was organised by Kynjakettir.

The participants were:

Felis Danica (FD), Denmark: Ole Amstrup, President and Tom Høj, Secretary.

Suomen Kissaliitto ry (SRK), Finland: Anne Paloluoma-Sundholm, President.

Norske Rasekattklubbers Riksforbund (NRR), Norway: Johnny Skjølås, President and Lisbeth Faling, Vice President.

Sveriges Kattklubbars Riksförbund (SVERAK), Sweden: Annette Sjödin, President and Michael Wirth Färdigh, Treasurer.

Kynjakettir (KKÍ), Iceland: Marteinn Tryggvason, President, Helga Andrèsdóttir, Vice President, Margrét Gísladóttir, Treasurer and board members Jón Magnússon, Hildur Karlsdóttir, Margrét Birna Garðarsdóttir and Ása Björg Ásgeirsdóttir, also Kolbrún Gestsdóttir, the next pedigree registrar.

The Nordic Meeting is an unofficial cooperation meeting between the Nordic FIFe-countries without any formal authority

Matters discussed:

The FIFe Breeding and Registration Rules

Should it be possible to impose further breeding and/or registration rules to the FIFe Breeding and Registration Rules except for national health circumstances? Should the clubs within the Nordic countries start working towards bringing their rules towards this goal?

Last years proposal to FIFe from Kynjakettir about not having national rules was one of the reasons way this subject was on the agenda, but also because of the fact that a cat can get a LO pedigree in one FIFe-member and a RIEEX in another. It should be more alike in the same federation.

NRR stated that they would not be able to vote for a proposal in FIFe deleting all national rules or not allow for new ones.

From the discussions we also learn that the FIFe breeding and registration rules are used in slight different ways in the Nordic countries. We found several examples on different interpretations.

The delegates agreed upon the valuation of keeping some national rules, but it is also needed to compare and be more alike. Much can be done nationally and to be able to compare it was decided to try to translate national breeding rules into English in time for the next Nordic Meeting to be held in Helsinki 15. – 16. January 2005.

It was agreed upon to send yearly statistics on registered cats to each other.

A written agreement (or contract) between buyer of cat and the breeder is in use in each country, but in a bit different ways. This is stated in national rules. In Finland the new breeder has to sign a contract with the federation, SRK, to state they will follow the FIFe- and SRK-rules. The federation has even won a trial because of such a contract.

Show rules and entry forms

Should we agree upon a "Nordic standard" on show rules and show entry forms, making the whole show system more alike within the Nordic countries?

Management of cat shows were thoroughly discussed. Unfortunately some Norwegian and Swedish shows have been delayed – some shows haven't been finished before 21:00. And the show managers have denied exhibitors to leave before it ended.

Danish clubs have strict schedule at their shows and seldom problems with ending the show at pronounced time. And the exhibitors have the right to know the closing time for the show, and they also have the right to leave on closing time according to FIFe's show rules.

It was agreed upon that opening and closing time always shall be mentioned in the show flyer.

The Norwegian delegates told about their show manager licence. A show in NRR has to be led by a licensed show manager. To get a license they have to attend a week end seminar and do an exam.

It was agreed upon that education for show management was important, and that we have much to learn from each other.

It was mentioned that the show entry form should go via the federation when attending shows abroad. It is an agreement between SVERAK and NRR that it can go trough the clubs. FIFe has made an international show entry form that should be used for foreign shows.

The Norwegian question on a Nordic standard show entry form was not so easy to solve, because each country had different computer systems for shows. And the forms had developed from what is most convenient when register a cat in the system. When we get a new common computer system in all the countries we can have the same form.

The judges have to be informed if they shall judge national classes, the show manager have to be aware of the limit of 40 cats.

It was suggested to make evaluations by asking judges to answer some questions about the shows they judges at. We could use the same form and give them the form at the hotel.

"Nordic winner" show

Should we arrange an unofficial "Nordic winner" show, for the participation of cats registered within the Nordic cat clubs?

The Scandinavian Winner Show will go into history in 2007, because of new quarantine rules in the Nordic countries. SVERAK will organize the FIFe's World Winner Show in 2007.

It was discussed if the Nordic countries could cooperate on a yearly spectacular show to gain some of the same interest that the Scandinavian Winner Show had. It was mentioned a possibility to have a show at a ferry! Or a border show. Some research will be done.

The comparison between the numbers of member's members from the Nordic countries, the financial contribution and the number of votes at the FIFe General Assembly

It was a long discussion on this matter, remembering earlier proposals to FIFe concerning the voting system.

The meeting ended up with agreement on a proposal to FIFe – a system based on how much each member pays to FIFe for shows and cattery names. Felis Danica, SVERAK and NRR will have the same proposals to each general assembly.

Nordic judge's seminars

The idea of having yearly Nordic judges seminar was suggested, and this to alternate between the countries. The Nordic countries have about 85 judges.

It is different connection between judges and their federation in each country. The judges are directly members of FIFe, but have to be a member in a club in their own country if they also want to breed and show cats.

SVERAK and SRK give some economically support for judges to attend seminars, and the judges have some duties in their federation. In Felis Danica and NRR it is no such support and the judges have no duties.

It was agreed upon to have the first Nordic judges seminar in Norway sometimes between 1. October and 30. November, because NRR already had planned a seminar in 2004.

Individuals transferring between Nordic federations/clubs

Some matters were discussed. And the participants agreed upon to give each other information about disciplinary cases and to show solidarity with each others decisions.

Update on the situation with independent clubs in our respective countries

It is very different situations in each country. Sweden has most independent clubs, Norway has only one or two, and Felis Danica has none, but some Danish were members in European independent clubs.

NRR has an intention agreement with Norwegian independent clubs and have a good cooperation. The situation was a bit more difficult in Sweden because of more clubs.

Other matters

It was suggested to arrange meeting for the breeding committees in according to Nordic Meetings, and SRK will try to make this for the next meeting in Helsinki. It would then be wise to have translated the national breeding and registration rules before 1. October 2004.

Next Nordic meetings were sat to:

2005 15. – 16. January – Helsinki, Finland

2006 14. – 15. January – Copenhagen, Denmark

2007 13. – 14. January – Borås, Sweden

2008 12. – 13. January – Oslo, Norway