

Activity report 2019-2020

What follows is Västmanlands-Dala nation's activity report for the year 2019-2020. The activity report derives from the activity plan of the same period.

During the spring of 2020 the Covid-19 virus affected Sweden, just as it did many other countries. On the 11th of March the World Health Organisation deemed the virus outbreak a pandemic. What followed came to affect the nation greatly, as much of the usual business had to be cancelled or redirected.

The national restrictions issued by the government were as followed:

on March 19th a general dissuasion was issued for non-essential travel within the country,

on March 24th only table service was allowed in restaurants and bars,

on March 29th public gatherings and events with more than 50 people were banned, and on March 31th all visits to retirement homes were banned nation wide.

These restrictions were completed with recommendations and other decisions, for example to stay at home if one had any symptoms, physical distancing to others, distance teaching was recommended to high schools among other institutions and those who could were encouraged to work from home, and so on.

The restrictions and recommendations came successively which meant that some of the nations' business could continue relatively uninterrupted for some time, while other activities had to be cancelled immediately.

Initially the nations met the restrictions through the Curators with the board as support. For the period of June 1st to August 31st a Covid-19 coordinator was appointed to coordinated plans during the summer and strategize for the upcoming autumn, but also to oversee financial adjustments.

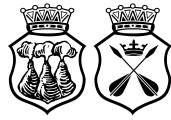
Members

The goal for 2019-2020 is for the number of members to reach 5 300 and for the number of alumni to reach 200.

The number of paying members at the year-end was 4 315. The number of alumni at the year-end was 153.

Activity goal: Not achieved.

The goal for 2019-2020 is to make more members involved/engaged in the operations of the nation.



There is no working way of measuring members' involvement in the Nation. However, during the year, the First Curator has tried to find ways to evaluate the people that have been chosen for positions at the Nation, for instance by summarizing how many of the chosen people got a post for the first time and how many held more than one post. Nevertheless, no routine has been established. Throughout the year it has continuously been difficult to find staff and there are still many vacancies at the Landskap.

Activity goals:

The goal for 2019-2020 is for the Electoral Commission to act for as many different members as possible to apply for positions at the nation.

The Electoral Commission has taken this into account in their work this year. The First Curator has also, as previously stated, run statistics on how many of the people chosen at the Landskap had previously had a position at the nation.

Activity goal: Achieved.

The goal for 2019-2020 is to arrange for a conference for all elected representatives at the start of each semester.

During the year a conference for elected representatives was arranged with 27 participants during the autumn semester and 25 participants during the spring semester.

Activity goal: Achieved.

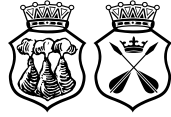
The goal for 2019-2020 it to arrange workshops for elected representatives during the semester with a follow-up at the conference.

Workshops were arranged during the autumn semester within the framework of statute work, which was also presented at the conference for elected representatives.

Activity goal: Achieved.

The goal for 2019-2020 is for a minimum of 80 members to attend each Landskap.

The number of attendees at Landskap throughout the year has been between 30 and 70 participants. The average number of attendees is thus about 50 people.



Activity goal: Not achieved.

The goal for 2019-2020 is for 80 % of asked members to rate the value of membership, in relation to the cost, on a scale from 1-10 (where 1 is poor and 10 is excellent), at least a 7.

A member survey shows that 73 % of respondents rate the membership, in relation to its cost on a scale from 1-10, to be at least 7.
Activity goal: Not achieved.

Recentiors

The goal for 2019-2020 is to develop the contact with Västmanland and Dalarna provinces' high schools, for instance by inviting them to V-dala and Uppsala University.

No high schools have been contacted by the nation and neither have any by themselves contacted the nation.

Activity goal: Not achieved.

The goal for 2019-2020 is to do one high school graduates' trip to Västmanland or Dalarna per semester.

During the autumn a high school graduates' trip was arranged to Falun. During the spring the trip was planned for Köping, but it was cancelled due to Covid-19.

Activity goal: Partly achieved.

The goal for 2019-2020 is to arrange a welcoming evening for new students at the start of every semester

Activity goal: Achieved.

The goal for 2019-2020 is to have more participants on recentior activities.

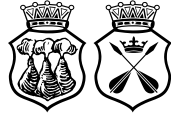
No measurements for evaluation have been made.

Activity goal: Not achieved.

Alumni activity

The goal for 2019-2020 is to keep on recruiting alumni among previous members of V-Dala friends.

The recruitment continues. Among other things, members who have asked to end their membership due to finished studies have been



informed of the possibility to become an alumnus, which many have proceeded to become.

Activity goal: Achieved.

The goal for 2019-2020 is to keep reaching out to members with overdue/absent payment through the membership registry Melos to give them information of the alumni membership Äldre landsman.

Activity goal: Not achieved.

The goal for 2019-2020 is to expand the nations' alumni activities.

V-dala friends have initiated collaboration with alumni operations of other nations in order to exchange ideas and maybe arrange events that would have been difficult to do without collaboration.

Activity goal: Achieved.

The goal for 2019-2020 is to organize activities for alumni adjacent to the nations' 380-year jubilee ball.

V-Dala friends sponsored the printing of menus for the ball but there were no specific activities for alumni. Members from the association participated and organized an exhibition.

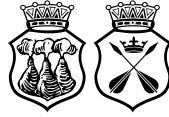
Activity goal: Partly achieved.

Work environment and well-being

The goal for 2019-2020 is to keep working for a more inclusive nation life.

During the year the nations' work environment- and well-being committee has been working on several question. Among other things a "Safety on V-Dala" function has been added on the website, where people can report unpleasant experiences at the nation. Routines for reporting sickness among the full-timers at the nation has been worked out and presented to the Curators and full-timers at the full-timer training during the autumn of 2020. A new rule regarding equality of hourly employee, which all people working at the nation must sign, has been worked out and brought into affect at the start of the autumn semester.

Activity goal: Achieved.



The goal for 2019-2020 is to update the equality plan by the end of the spring semester of 2020.

An equality plan proposal was presented at the Landskap, but the members wished for it to be looked over further and for certain changes to be made.

Activity goal: Partly achieved.

The goal for 2019-2020 is to implement the nations' measures in the Equal treatment plan.

Even if several measures have been worked on and processed in different ways during the year, all of them are not completely implemented.

Activity goal: Partly achieved.

The goal for 2019-2020 is to keep on evaluation the full-timers' workload.

The full-timers' workloads have continually been evaluated with focus on achieving sustainable routines for reporting sickness. Full-timer-discussions have been held, where the full timers have had the opportunity to talk about their working situation.

Activity goal: Achieved.

The goal for 2019-2020 is to assure that the nations' associations and committees are included in the work environment and wellbeing work.

Activity goal: Not achieved.

The pub

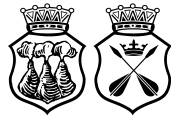
The goal for 2019-2020 is to increase the revenue and the annual result.

The revenue of the pub has, for obvious reasons, not reached the budgeted amount or result. The pub was also closed for a longer period of time, from late December to the 5th of March.

Activity goal: Not achieved.

The goal for 2019-2020 is to offer a diversity of food and drinks, both with and without alcohol.

During the year there have been both alcoholic and alcohol free beverages offered as well as both vegetarian and vegan food on the menu.



Activity goal: Achieved.

Clubs

The goal for 2019-2020 is to organize a beginning of semester club each semester.

During the activity year the nation arranged two beginning of year clubs with the name Club Initum.

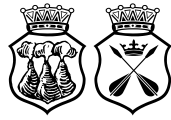
Activity goal: Achieved.

Gasks

The goal for 2019-2020 is for more guests to visit the nations' gasks (both dinners and after parties).

Dinner/ after party	Number of guests 2018-2019	Number of guests 2019-2020
The summer gask	70	<i>Not arranged</i>
Crayfish-party	Cancelled	<i>Not arranged</i>
The recce gask fall	156	174
Informal jubilee dinner party	-	57
The anti gask	26	-
The reunion gask/Jubilee ball	185	292
Christmas gask	122	190
The sylvester gask	236	175
Reccegask spring term	70	50
The falukorv ball	108	85
The May dinner	57	<i>Held digitally</i>
Welcoming evening	89	<i>Not arranged</i>
Spring ball	372	<i>Held digitally</i>

During the year, some of our dinners had more visiting guests, but the



average trend is that we have roughly the same number of visitors, or slightly less. During the spring most events were cancelled and some were held digitally.

Activity goal: Not achieved.

The goal for 2019-2020 is to evaluate and develop the nations' gasks.

The program committee has continuously evaluated the nations' gasks and come up with ideas to develop them.

Activity goal: Achieved.

The goal for 2019-2020 is for the events to as close as possible reach the budget and expected number of guests.

The events have not reached the budget goals. The seemingly only exception is the reccegask spring term 20, that went above budget.

Achievement goal: Not achieved.

The Nations' day-to-day business

The goal for 2019-2020 is to offer an open and welcoming Nation house during day-time.

The Nation house has been open between 10 am and 01 am Mondays through Fridays. In the member survey there is a growth in how many perceive the treatment in the Nation house to be nice.

Activity goal: Achieved.

The goal for 2019-2020 is to continue serving lunch at least one day a week.

Activity goal: Achieved.

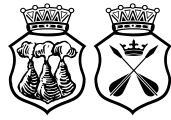
The goal for 2019-2020 is to arrange fika on Saturdays at least once a month.

The café has served fika pretty much once a week, but on Fridays rather than Saturdays.

Achievement goal: Achieved.

The goal for 2019-2020 is to develop the Nation's day-time business.

During the year, one major area of focus has been to create an open and available Nation house where you go to study and hang out. Free coffee has pretty much always been available in Carl Larsson, daytime. Parts of the Friday café have been open for business during the summer too, as a



separate fika- and bubble concept. The idea has been to have fika more than one day a week, but this has been difficult to achieve resource-wise. Activity goal: Not achieved.

The program committee's business

The goal for 2019-2020 is to arrange restaurant evenings as PC-events several times during the business year.

During the year, several PC-events have been organised, but no pure restaurant evenings. These, instead, have resulted in four clubs and two cheese- and wine tastings.

Achievement goal: Not achieved.

The goal for 2019-2020 is to have more guests at the PC-events.

No measurements for evaluation have been made, but the PC-events have generally been well-visited.

Achievement goal: -

The goal for 2019-2020 is to evaluate and keep on establishing a restaurant-concept.

There have been thoughts on creating a restaurant-concept, but these had to be put on standby due to Covid-19.

Achievement goal: Not achieved.

Rentals

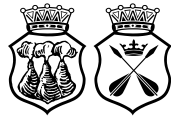
The goal for 2019-2020 is to evaluate customer satisfaction and document this thoroughly for coming terms.

During the autumn, continuous evaluations were made with all customers, but as the spring term mostly consisted of cancellations, rebooking and few completed rentals, the work was not as relevant.

Achievement goal: Achieved.

The goal for 2019-2020 is to evaluate what kind of rentals are booked.

During the autumn, bookings were managed according to the previous guidelines, e.g. that we don't accept rentals with below 100 people. However, due to the situation during spring, a reprioritization was necessary as larger rentals were not relevant to implement due to the restrictions.



Achievement goal: Achieved.

The goal for 2019-2020 is to keep the large recurring rentals.

The majority of large rentals were kept during the autumn. During spring, several large rentals chose to initially book a later date rather than to cancel. However, they weren't possible to execute either way.

Achievement goal: Achieved.

The house

The goal for 2019-2020 is to arrange one cleaning day per term with at least 50 participating members.

Cleaning days have been arranged, but the one during the autumn term cannot be counted as a "normal" cleaning day as it was much less extensive, planned on short notice and with a focus on cleaning up the most urgent things before the jubilee ball. There were fewer participants on both cleaning days for several reason. On the second cleaning day there was 29 participants.

Achievement goal: Partly achieved.

The goal for 2019-2020 is to, through a working group, identify possible areas of improvement for the environment in the Nation house.

No house group has been appointed within the Program committee during the year. However, the Falu room, kitchen stairs and roof racks have been repainted by the full-timers.

Achievement goal: Not achieved.

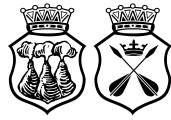
The goal for 2019-2020 is to perform business according to the maintenance plan.

Three efforts have been performed in accordance to the maintenance plan. These are a change of power station to the part floors kitchen and a station to the service aisle, as well as a change of the power station in the pub that services the lightning.

Achievement goal: Achieved.

The library and study places

The goal for 2019-2020 is to increase the number of borrowed books.



The number of borrowed books increased with 9% from 846 to 928.
Achievement goal: Achieved.

The goal for 2019-2020 is to keep holding the library's collections and course literature updated and available.
Achievement goal: Achieved.

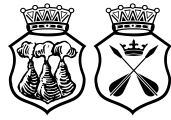
The goal for 2019-2020 is to examine the possibility to expand the library's business with more areas of subject.
A subject representative in Peace- and conflict studies has been set up.
Achievement goal: Achieved.

The goal for 2019-2020 is to reach out to more students with information about the library's business and resources.
During the year the library committee has been very active through their Instagram-account and Facebook to be visible and present in social media.
Achievement goal: Achieved.

Sports

The goal for 2019-2020 is to engage more members in the Nation's sports activities.
No measurements for evaluation have been made, but generally the sports have been doing well. The places have been filled up quickly and it has gone particularly well for football, badminton and basketball. However, there are a lot of people who participate in the sports activities without being nation members, resulting in many buying memberships in V-Dala SC.
Achievement goal: -

The goal for 2019-2020 is to develop the collaboration with other nations' sports businesses.
V-Dala is still the nation that has had the most active sports among the nations, which means that we have some sports that other nations do not have. Because of this, it can be difficult to collaborate. The Sports Committee is trying to expand its activities, which have not been very extensive so far.



Achievement goal: Not achieved.

The goal for 2019-2020 is to encourage the sports to participation in serial games and matches against other nations.

No serial or cup games have been carried out that any of V-Dala's sports have participated in. During the spring, it has also not been possible to arrange anything due to Covid-19.

Achievement goal: Not achieved.

Marketing

The goal for 2019-2020 is to make the nation's activities visible through the active use of social media, website and posters.

Achievement goal: Achieved.

The goal for 2019-2020 is to set up a clear planning with a timetable for what the marketing around each event should look like.

Timetables have been set up, but it has been difficult to stick to these in practice.

Achievement plan: Partly achieved.

The goal for 2019-2020 is for the Nation to develop a new graphic profile/rules around a graphic profile.

Achievement goal: Achieved.

The goal for 2019-2020 is to release at least 3 issues of Landskapsposten.

Achievement goal: Not achieved.

International contacts

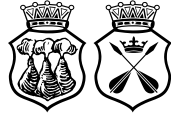
The goal for 2019-2020 is for more members to get involved within the framework of the nation's international activities.

No measurements for evaluation have been made, but the nation's international committee has lacked a secretary.

Achievement goal: -

The goal for 2019-2020 is to continue to organize well-attended activities aimed at international students.

No activities aimed at international students have been organized.



Achievement goal: Not achieved.

The goal for 2019-2020 is to make the Nation more accessible to international students by continuously translating information, grants and other material to English.

Achievement goal: Achieved.

Special associations

The goal for 2019-2020 is that 90% of those who are members of one of the Nation's associations should also be members of the Nation.

No comprehensive measurements for evaluation have been made.

Achievement goal: -

The goal for 2019-2020 is for those responsible in the Nation's special associations to participate in events such as the Nation's functionary conference and functionary training under the auspices of the Nation.

A larger proportion of the nation's special associations have been represented at the nation's functionary conferences.

Achievement goal: Partly achieved.

The goal for 2019-2020 is that more members from special associations choose to stand for election on Landskap.

No measurements for evaluation have been made.

Achievement goal: -

The goal for 2019-2020 is for the associations' members to participate in the Nation's cleaning days, welcoming evenings and Landskap.

Association members have participated in cleaning days and welcoming evenings, but to a lesser extent when it comes to Landskap.

Achievement goal: Partly achieved.

The goal for 2019-2020 is for the Nation to work to ensure that at least as many associations have ongoing activities during the coming financial year.

The number of associations with activities is the same as before. Interest in the currently dormant spex association Ridárarna has increased.

Achievement goal: Achieved.