



NORDISK HYDROLOGISK FORENING
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Minutes from the NHF board meeting held on Sunday August 8, 2004

Place: **Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia**

Participants:

Dan Lundquist, Norway
Alvina Reihan, Estonia
Arvo Järvet, Estonia
Juha Kajander, Finland
Arvydas Povilaitis, Lithuania
Lars Lundin, Sweden
Gunlög Wennerberg, Sweden
Tatyana Koltsova, Latvia
Jóna Finndís Jónsdóttir, Iceland

- § 1. The meeting was opened by Dan Lundquist at 13:20.
- § 2. Dan Lundquist was elected meeting chairman.
- § 3. Jóna Finndís Jónsdóttir was elected meeting secretary.
- § 4. Lars Lundin was elected as scrutiniser of these minutes.
- § 5. The agenda was approved, with the change that item § 10 will be discussed right after § 5.
- § 10. Information on NHC Estonia 2004.

Alvina Reihan informed the board that everything was under control regarding the NHC -2004 conference that would be opened the following day.

- 129 participants had paid the conference fee already.
- UNESCO supplied last minute financial support. Since the support came very late it was not possible to organise a UNESCO IHP joint session.
- Professor Takeuchi was not able to give a talk on PUB at NHK-2004. There will, however, be a workshop on PUB in Tallinn 12-15 September 2004. There professor Takeuchi will give a talk.
- The budget of the conference is positive.

The board decided that at the NHC 2004 one award would be given for the best poster presentation. A committee would select the best poster and the announcement should be made at the conference dinner. The board suggested the following three person committee: Lars Lundin, Arvo Järvet and Jaan-Matti Punning.

§ 6. Minutes from the previous board meeting held in Roskilde, March 6, 2004 were discussed.

The following comments were made:

- The need for an insurance of the board should be investigated. Dan Lundquist took responsibility to check this.
- Students may have 50% discount. A definition of who is subject to such a discount has to be made in each country separately.
- Regarding the IHP, KOHYNO and NHP-report series, Dan Lundquist should approach Kjell Repp to ask for a confirmation on the NHF's relation to the report series.

The minutes from the last meeting were then approved.

§ 7. Meeting costs (for this meeting)

The meeting cost of this board meeting will be small since the participants (except for Juha Kajander) are attending the NHC 2004 conference in Tallinn. If board members have travel expenses because of the board meeting, then the expenses will be paid.

§ 8. Financial conditions, budget 2005-2006 and memberships

Dan Lundquist presented the annual closings for the years 2002 and 2003. The closings will be presented to the general assembly. Some comments were made to the closings.

- Membership fees include everything paid during the year. Some of the membership fee may be paid for the previous year. Therefore, the amount entered may not reflect the number of members for the corresponding year.
- Scholarships means awards for best poster / best article.
- Remuneration means payment to the treasurer and auditors.
- The assets of Nordic Hydrology have decreased substantially, it is expected that Dan Rosbjerg can explain why.
- The NHF has had surplus in the past years.

Dan Lundquist presented the budget for 2005-2006 that will be proposed at the general assembly and provided some explanations:

- The budget is based on the same number of members as today.
- The same contribution is expected from SMHI as before.
- The same interest rate is expected as before.
- The same cost for auditors and treasurer is expected.
- Cost for a scientific editor of Vannet i Norden is included but no editor has been found yet.

Some changes were agreed on by the board:

- The expected board meeting cost was decreased from 50.000 in 2005 to 35.000
- Cost for Vannet i Norden editor was decreased from 20.000 to 15.000.
- Additional cost for arrangements of seminars and workshops was proposed, 50.000 each year.

A note from Riita Kamula was presented to the meeting where she describes her view towards project initialisation by NHF. She states that the selection of projects that NHF should take part in should be based on the needs of the Association or its background organisations. The NHF board should not be a direct coordinator but rather a supporter. Funding of small scale projects could be done by the NHF.

A discussion on workshops/seminars was carried out. Some of the board members expressed that the NHF should rather support workshops/seminars than projects since there, the association would be more noticeable. It was decided to include costs for workshops/seminars in the budget of 2005-2006 and to ask the general assembly for ideas and suggestions on topics. The opportunity of applying for these funding will be advertised at the Vannet i Norden website and a decision of who will get the funding will be made by the board, probably through e-mail.

§ 9. General assembly, election of new board

Proposals from the election committee are ready and will be presented at the general assembly. The ratio of new to older members of the board will not be corrected this time, but hopefully it will be easier to do so at the assembly in 2006.

Report from the chairman was presented to the board.

§ 11. Vannet i Norden website and Nordic Hydrology

Nordic Hydrology:

Dan Lundquist informed the meeting that the British Hydrological Society has expressed interest for Nordic Hydrology and they may want to go into co-operation. That means that the journal would be the official journal of both associations, and both associations would have their logo on the front page. Possibly the name would be changed, e.g. to "Applied hydrology". Lars Lundin expressed his doubts for changing the name of the journal.

The board decided to ask the general assembly for their approval of discussing this issue further with the British Hydrological Society.

Vannet i Norden:

Changes suggested by the last board meeting have been made to the ViN website. E-mail addresses in ViN have been pasted as graphics to avoid automatic retrieval of our addresses to mailing lists for spam.

Anne Steensen Blicher has not sent reminders to board members, to request material for the ViN website. Only one article has been submitted since the last board meeting.

Information on Baltic national hydrological institutes is still missing on the ViN website. The Baltic board members need to send the information to Dan Lundquist.

Jóna Finndís suggested that an interactive ViN website (with restricted access) might be useful for the NHF board. There documents could be stored and discussion could take place. Dan Lundquist will look at it and discuss it with Peter Andersson. Jóna Finndís will send Dan a password to CE website.

Marketing of NHF:

Lars Lundin presented a note on the marketing of NHF. At present the NHF is visible at the ViN website, the Journal of Hydrology and at the NHC. Coming activities include a brochure about the NHF. Suggestions for other activities are; a newsletter, funding of small projects, workshops etc. and that the association may be the co-organiser of other conferences and events.

§ 12. Information on NHC Denmark 2006

A flyer with the first announcement about the XXIV Nordic Hydrological Conference was distributed at the board meeting. The conference will be held in Vingsted Centret, Denmark, 6-9. August 2006 and the main theme of the conference is ‘Experiences and challenges in implementation of the EU water framework directive‘.

Anne Steensen Blicher was not present at the meeting. Therefore the issue was not discussed further.

§ 13. Other items

No other items were discussed.

§ 14. Closing of the meeting

Dan Lundquist closed the meeting at 17:10.

Dan Lundquist
(Chairperson)

Jóna Finndís Jónsdóttir
(Secretary)

Lars Lundin
(Scrutiniser)