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Minutes of the NHF Board Meeting in Helsinki on the 30th March, 2007

Place: Helsinki Airport, Finland

Participants:

Riitta Kamula (Finland)
Oli Sveinsson (Iceland)
Troels Kærgaard Bjerre and Per Grønvald (Denmark)
Olga Kovalenko (Estonia)
Inese Mikelsone (Latvia)
Arvydas Povilaitis (Lithuania).

1. Opening

Riitta Kamula opened the meeting.

2. Organizing of the meeting: selections of the chair, the secretary and the scrutiniser of the meeting

Riitta Kamula was elected the chairman, Troels Kærgaard Bjerre was elected the secretary and Arvydas Povilaitis was elected the scrutinizer of the meeting.

3. Approvement of the meeting agenda

Riitta Kamula suggested the 10th point of the agenda was changed to “Arranging conferences and in between seminars”. The suggestion was accepted. The agenda was accepted.

4. Minutes from the previous board meetings (Denmark last summer)

The minutes of the board meetings in Denmark last summer was handed out. Riitta Kamula notified that Arvydas Povilaitis has accepted the position as the vice chairman of NHF.

5. Meeting costs (for this meeting)

Meeting costs were presented to the board.

6. Financial conditions, budget and memberships

Riitta Kamula notified that we still are missing the information about the number of subscriptions to NHF in 2006.

Dan Rosbjerg has asked from NHF for a contribution of 25.000 DEK to cover the expenses of the negotiations in 2006 with BHS and IWAP on behalf of NHF. It was decided to accept the contribution.

7. Nordic Hydrology

The agreement between NHF, BHS and IWAP concerning joint publishing of Nordic Hydrology was discussed, and it was decided to sign the agreement. Riitta Kamula and Arvydas Povilaitis signed the agreement on behalf of NHF.

8. Next conference in Iceland, NHC 2008

The next NHC-conference (NHC 2008) will be held in Reykjavik from the 11th to the 13th August 2008. The scientific committee hasn't yet been appointed and there is no webpage for the conference. Riitta Kamula suggested that the webpage should be established soon.

Troels Kærgaard Bjerre has sent an e-mail to the former board member of Iceland (Jona Finndis Jonsdottir) concerning the importance of choosing the conference themes and subtitles in a way that they interest hydrologists within all the nations of NHF. Troels Kærgaard Bjerre promised to send a copy of the e-mail to Oli Sveinsson. Troels Kærgaard Bjerre suggested that the organizing committee of NHC 2008 contacts Jens Christian Refsgaard from the organising and scientific committee of NHC 2006 in order to benefit from his knowledge.

9. NHF Flyer, web pages

The webpage www.vannetinorden.com was discussed. The webpage needs an update on the news, conferences and links. It was decided that every board member is responsible for delivering information to the editor of www.vannetinorden.com about relevant conferences, seminars and symposia within the countries of NHF. In the future, the delivering of information about conferences, seminars and symposiums to the website will always be included in the agenda of the NHF board meetings.

In this context it was decided that there will be no rewards for the best articles published on the website because of the low amount of contributions so far.

A new version of the NHF flyer was handed out, and comments and corrections were suggested. Riitta Kamula promised to forward them to Hege Hisdal, who is updating the flyer. It was also decided that there should be a link of the NHC 2008 website in the flyer. It was decided that the flyer will be published only on the website and kept up-to-date. The latest version of the flyer will be available to be printed from the website at any time.

The interactive site www.vannetinorden.com/nhf was discussed. It was decided that the possibilities should be examined to make a profile of each member of NHF with registration of selected predetermined keywords about interests. It was decided that Troels Kærgaard Bjerre contacts the editor of the webpage concerning this. On the short term the profiles on www.vannetinorden.com/nhf has to be updated so that at least the board members and

deputy members are available. It was decided that developing the interactive site www.vannetinorden.com/nhf will be discussed on the next board meeting.

10. Arranging conferences and in between seminars

Riitta Kamula presented a draft about “Principles of arranging conferences”. The draft was discussed, commented and corrected. It was decided that a revised draft about “Principles of arranging conferences” will be placed on the interactive website with a view to commenting.

In this context Riitta Kamula informed that Jan Seibert has asked for support to a workshop on education. It was decided that the board requires an application which specifies target group, language etc. before a decision about financial support will be made.

11. Next board meeting

The next board meeting will be held in Riga the 28th to 29th February, 2008. It might be necessary to have an online board meeting in the autumn of 2007 mainly about the conference in Reykjavik.

12. Other items

The strategy document needs an update. It was decided that Oli Sveinsson makes a draft of an updated strategy document before the next board meeting in Riga.

The future of NHF was briefly discussed. The board agreed upon the importance of discussing how to attract new members to NHF and make the association more interesting to the hydrologist in Northern Europe. It was decided that Per Grønvald and Troels Kærgaard Bjerre prepares a written introductory presentation on the subject before the next board meeting. It was decided to discuss the subject thoroughly on the next board meeting in Riga.

Per Grønvald handed out a flyer about a conference in Denmark: “GroPro – Groundwater Protection. Plans and implementation in a North European perspective”. The conference is scheduled from the 15th to 17th September 2008.

13. Closing of the board meeting

Meeting was closed at 17.10.

Riitta Kamula
chairman

Troels Kærgaard Bjerre
secretary

Arvydas Povilaitis
scrutinizer