

Minutes of the General Assembly of the Nordic Association for Hydrology

Place: Tallinn, Estonia.

Time: 11.08.04 at 14:00-16:00

Number of attendants: 46

- 1. Opening of the General Assembly.**
By Dan Lundquist, the acting chairman of the association.
- 2. Appointment of meeting chair person.**
Arne Tollan was elected unanimously.
- 3. Appointment of meeting secretary.**
Helgi Jóhannesson was elected unanimously.
- 4. Appointment of two scrutinisers (also to be tellers).**
Lars-Christer Lundin and Kristinn Einarsson were elected unanimously.
- 5. Approval of agenda.**
The agenda was approved unanimously.
- 6. Announcement of the General Assembly.**
Dan Lundquist described the announcement for the meeting of the General Assembly. The meeting of the General Assembly was announced on the NHF homepage more than 60 days before the meeting. The General Assembly is therefore legal.
- 7. Biennial 2002-2003 report from the chairman of the board.**
The report was previously published on the NHF homepage and was presented by Dan Lundquist. There were no comments on the report from the Assembly.
- 8. Accounts of the board 2002-2003 and the auditors' report.**
The treasurer was not present so Dan Lundquist presented the accounts. The accounts were previously published on the NHF homepage. There were no comments from the audience. Bo Leander read the auditors report. The auditors recommended the General Assembly to adopt the results of the balance sheet and grant the Board discharge for the administration during 2002 and 2003. The recommendations of the auditors were approved unanimously.
- 9. Budget for 2004-2005 and decision on membership fee.**
Dan Lundquist presented the budget for 2005 and 2006. The budget was based on the assumption the membership fee will remain the same for members from the Scandinavian countries (250 SEK) but would increase from 50 SEK to 75 SEK for members from the Baltic countries.
Dan Lundquist explained that a yearly amount of 40.000 SEK is set aside for a scientific editor for Vannet i Norden although none has been hired. Dan Lundquist also explained that a yearly amount of 50.000 SEK will be available for those who want to organise workshops and seminars in between conferences.

This is done to try to attract new members for NHF. Those who have ideas for workshops and seminars should contact Dan Lundquist.

Arne Tollan asked the General Assembly to comment on the ideas presented by Dan Lundquist. Sten Bergström agreed that money should be used to increase the activity of NHF. Sveinn Thorolfsson suggested that NHF should concentrate on attracting young people to come to the meetings and to become members of NHF. Arne Tollan mentioned that there has been a slight increase in the number of members from 2001 to 2003 which is positive. Sveinn Thorolfsson mentioned that students should pay less for attending the conference. Dan Lundquist informed that the student fee for NHF membership was 50% of the full amount. Lars Lundin suggested that in the advertisements for the conferences more emphasis should be put on attracting young people to the conferences. It was also suggested to arrange a special young students workshop on the next conference.

As for possible topics for seminars and workshops Árni Snorrason mentioned that there is an increased interest for arctic issues. Sveinn Thorolfsson mentioned that UNESCO plans to support workshop on Urban Water Management in Cold Climate. Lars-Christer Lundin suggested hydrological education as a possible topic. Lars Lundin proposed that a deadline was needed for topics for workshops/seminars and Dan Lundquist suggested the end of October 2004.

Dan Lundquist mentioned that it had been very difficult to increase the activity within NHF and for example there had been very few contributions to Vannet i Norden. Markku Puupponen thought that a national structure was needed within each country to activate an increased interest. Arne Tollan mentioned that each country was different in that respect but at least each country has two board members.

Finally Arne Tollan mentioned that SMHI should get special thanks for their financial support for NHF.

10. Election of board members and chairman.

Anders Baekgaard presented the proposal from the election committee. The General Assembly approved the proposal unanimously. The board for the period 2004-2006 is:

Members of Board (number of years)	Deputies of Board (number of years)
Denmark: Anne Steensen-Blicher (2)	Denmark: Finn Plauborg (2)
Estonia: Alvina Reihan (2)	Estonia: Arvo Järvet (2)
Finland: Riitta Kamula (4)	Finland: John Forsius (4)
Island: Jóna Finndís Jónsdóttir (2)	Iceland: Óli Grétar Sveinsson (2)
Latvia: Tatyana Koltsova (2)	Latvia: Agrita Briede (2)
Lithuania: Kestustis Kilkus (2)	Lithuania: Arvydas Povilaitis (2)
Norway: Dan Lundquist (2)	Norway: Hege Hisdal (2)
Sweden Jan Seibert (4)	Sweden: Håkan Sanner (4)

Dan Lundquist is the chairman of the board. He was elected chairman in 2002 for a four year period. Numbers in brackets indicate the years each boardmember has remaining on the board.

11. Election of deputy members.

The General Assembly unanimously approved the proposal presented in the above table.

12. Election of auditors and deputies.

Anders Baekgaard presented the proposal from the election committee. The General Assembly approved the proposal unanimously. The auditors for the period 2004-2006 are: Lennart de Mare and Bo Leander and deputies are Ove Gustavsson and Linus Zhang.

13. Election of election committee members and deputies.

Dan Lundquist presented the proposal from the board. The General Assembly approved the proposal unanimously. The committee for the period 2004-2006 is:

Members, election committee	Deputies, election committee
Denmark: Anders Baekgaard	Denmark: Dan Rosbjerg
Estonia: Ülle Leisk	Estonia: Arvo Iital
Finland: Timo Huttula	Finland: Markku Puupponen
Island: Kristinn Einarsson	Iceland: Helgi Jóhannesson
Latvia: Iveta Dubakova	Latvia: Anda Bakute
Lithuania: Jurate Kriauciuniene	Lithuania: Zenonas Gulbinas
Norway: Arve Tvede	Norway: Lars Evan Pettersson
Sweden: Barbro Johansson	Sweden: Angela Lundberg

Barbro Johansson was elected chairman of the election committee.

14. Publications – Vannet i Norden and Nordic Hydrology, Head Publicity Councillor.

Anne Steensen-Blicher gave a short summary regarding Vannet i Norden. The website Vannet i Norden has now replaced the old homepage of NHF. We have a technical editor and the home page is updated four times per year. In order to increase the activity on the website a scientific editor is needed. NHF plans to hire a scientific editor.

Dan Rosbjerg gave a report on Nordic Hydrology. The negotiations regarding a joint publishing of the international journal Nordic Hydrology together with International Water Associations (IWA) Publishing was finished in 2003. Since 1/1 2004 Nordic Hydrology has been published jointly with IWA, both in printed and electronic form. It is the opinion of Dan and the board that this cooperation will secure the future of Nordic Hydrology.

Dan Rosbjerg also reported that the British Hydrological Society (BHS) is discussing the possibility of making Nordic Hydrology their official hydrological journal. Dan Rosbjerg wanted the General Assembly to give the board a free hand in the negotiations with BHS. Dan Rosbjerg thought that the title of the journal would have to change to something more general for example “Applied Hydrology”. This idea received mixed response from the audience. Finally it was agreed by the General Assembly to allow the board to continue their negotiations with BHS with the aim of making Nordic Hydrology a more efficient journal while still being attractive to the Nordic hydrologists.

15. Time and organiser of the next Nordic Hydrologic Conference and General Assembly.

Anders Baekgaard from Denmark invited the General Assembly to come to Vingsted Centret in Denmark for the next NHC and General Assembly in August 2006.

16. Other matters.

No other matters were discussed. Arne Tollan thanked all participants for attending the meeting and closed the General Assembly.

Helgi Jóhannesson
Meeting secretary

Kristinn Einarsson
Scrutiniser

Lars-Christer Lundin
Scrutiniser