



NORDISK HYDROLOGISK FORENING
Nordic Association for Hydrology

Minutes of the NHF board meeting at Nordic Hotel Forum, Tallinn, 16th May 2013

Present: Board members – Hege Hisdal (Norway), Dirk-Ingmar Müller-Wohlfeil (Denmark), Tiia Pedusaar (Estonia), Johanna Korhonen (Finland), Iveta Indriksone (Latvia), Diana Meilutyte-Barauskiene (Lithuania), David Gustafsson (Sweden)

Treasurer - Martin Bergstrand (Sweden)

Secretary - Heidi Pikkarainen (Norway)

Not present: representative from Iceland

1. Opening, organization and approval of the meeting agenda

The meeting was opened by Hege Hisdal at 10.15. Hege Hisdal was appointed as Chair and Heidi Pikkarainen as Secretary. The minutes will be scrutinized jointly. The meeting participants are given five days to comment the minutes which then will be published on the web site. The suggested agenda was approved.

2. Minutes from the previous board meeting 27.11.2012

The minutes from the previous board meeting were accepted. A great number of action points have been fulfilled since the last board meeting. The action points that still need to be fulfilled are listed here:

- Board meeting 27.11.2012 Copenhagen
Item 6. Finances: CHIN meeting will be arranged 13th June in Oslo. Hege will follow up the discussion about institutional members and potential collaboration.
Item 9. Publishing and web pages: Board members are reminded to send news and updates to Karin. The logos and links to institutional members will be added to the web site (see example at vannforening.no). The institutional members need to be contacted first in order to get permission for this action. Responsible: board members, deadline: 1st October.
Item 10. Other items: Those countries that have an electronic dictionary on hydrology are asked to send a link to Karin. David provides the link for Swedish dictionary as soon as it is available.

3. Meeting costs for this meeting

Costs for the meeting facilities and lunch at Nordic Hotel Forum will be covered directly by NHF. The travel costs for board members (Hisdal, Müller-Wohlfeil, Korhonen, Indriksone, Meilutyte-Barauskiene and Gustafsson); Treasurer and Secretary will be reimbursed by NHF.

4. NHF Strategy

Based on the discussion during the last board meeting a draft of strategy was proposed. The draft was sent to board members for comments prior to this meeting. Short term goals, long time goals and activities related to these goals were discussed thoroughly. Board members were given one week to comment the amended strategy document. The document was approved and is now published on the web site. A tweet about the updated strategy has also been sent.

Following issues were highlighted during the discussion:

- More activities such as seminars, workshops and study courses are welcomed in addition to NHCs. NHF has money to fund these kinds of arrangements.
- More visibility is needed, and can be achieved by using Twitter actively, making the web site more accessible (Google optimising?), and being visible through conferences.
- The quantity of publications in HR should be increased as well the quality of the submitted papers.

For more activities, check the web site.

5. Finances

Martin Bergstrand presented the figures for 2012. The result for the year 2012 is -105 850, vs. budgeted -38 300. Expenses were about 40 000 less than budgeted, but income was about 111 000 less than budgeted.

The following income concerning the year 2012, will be booked first in 2013:

- Membership fees from Finland, Denmark and Sweden, some of them for several years.
- Surplus from NHC2012.

The result for the year 2013 is budgeted to -41 575. The missing income from 2012 will improve the result for 2013. Seeing the years 2012 and 2013 together, the financial situation of NHF is good, and following the budget. The board expects to be on track with membership fees already this year.

The member situation in each country was discussed:

Denmark: membership fees both for 2012 and 2013 will be collected soon. The number of members is 20 personal members, of which 1 is a student, and 4 are institutional members.

Estonia: membership fees for 2013 will be collected soon. The number of members is 6 personal members. Tiia will come back to the institutional member from Estonia.

Finland: membership fees for 2011 and 2012 have been transferred to the Treasurer. Fees for 2013 will be collected soon. The institutional member has been invoiced already. The number of personal members is 18, of which 2 are students and 2 are pensioners.

Iceland: membership fees for 2013 will be collected soon. The number of members is 15 personal members and 3 institutional members.

Latvia: membership fees will be transferred to the Treasurer soon. The number of personal members is 26. Iveta will find out if any institutional members would like to join NHF.

Lithuania: membership fees will be transferred to the Treasurer soon. The number of personal members is 20. Diana/Zenonas will find out if any institutional members would like to join NHF.

Norway: membership fees will be transferred to the Treasurer soon. The number of members is 45 personal members, of which 2 are students, and 4 are institutional members.

Sweden: membership fees for 2012 and 2013 will be collected soon. The number of members is 32 personal members, of which 3 are students and 3 are pensioners, and 6-8 are institutional members.

The deadline for transferring the fees to the Treasurer is 30th June.

The list of email addresses to members and contacts is (almost) completed!

6. “Nordic course on climate and hydrology” – funding application

The documents "Nordic course application" and "Course concept" (appendix 2) were sent to the meeting participants prior to the meeting. The applied sum, EUR 5 000, was granted unanimously provided that some of the students present their essays at the next (possible) NHC. Also, the lecture material and essays should be published on the NHF web site. A report on usage of the funding is required after the study course. NHF could be promoted by including NHF's logo on the study material.

Hege will follow up with the course organisers and find out if students from the Baltic countries could be invited to this study course. Hege will also draft a formal letter from the board as a reply to the application. Deadline: 14th June.

7. NHC 2014 in Stockholm

NHC will be arranged 11–13.8.2014 at the KTH (KTH Royal Institute of Technology) campus in Stockholm. The main responsible is David. Administrative support will be provided by KTH Conference Service.

- Main title: The Nordic Hydrology Model - linking science and practice.
- Scientific committee: David, Linus Zhang (Chair), Kolbjørn Engeland (Norway), Diana Meilutyte-Barauskiene (Lithuania). Other NHF member countries should sent their suggestion to David **asap**.
- Sub-themes (suggested by the scientific committee): will be decided later.
- Draft budget: David will come back to this **asap**.

The first announcement will be at IAHS Scientific Assembly in 22–26 July 2013 in Gothenburg. Sub-themes, web site and flyer will be fixed prior this meeting.

First call for extended abstracts is 1st October 2013.

8. NHC 2016, status

The organisation committee is working with finding a suitable conference site in Kaunas. The scientific committee will be established later, and the main topic will be announced later as well.

9. Publishing and web pages

Hege Hisdal and the editor of HR, Chong-Yu Xu, visited IWA Publishing in December in London. The following topics were discussed: the citation rate of HR should be increased, quality of the papers should be improved and the process with reviewing should be speeded up. More reviewers are also needed. IWA Publishing will send a letter that should be forwarded to our members. Hege and Heidi will follow up. It was reminded that the NHF board can suggest members to the editorial board of HR.

It was suggested that Hege finds out whether it is possible to get an open access to the Hydrology Research (like HESS Hydrology and Earth System Sciences). IWA Publishing

wishes that the Chair of NHF will participate in this kind of planning meeting every year.

10. Other items

For CHIN meeting in Oslo, see item 2.

Collaboration with IAHS: a good opportunity to promote NHF during the IAHS Conference and meeting of national committees in July. An agreement of collaboration will be drafted by IAHS.

11. Next board meeting

The board will have a phone or video conference during the autumn 2013, before the registration to the NHC 2014 opens.

The next board meeting will be held in March 2014 in Oslo. The main focus will be on the final budget of NHC and GA 2014.

12. Closing of the meeting

Hege Hisdal closed the meeting at 16.10.

Hege Hisdal
Chair

Heidi Pikkarainen
Secretary