



NORDISK HYDROLOGISK FORENING

Nordic Association for Hydrology

Minutes of the NHF board meeting on SKYPE, 10 June 2020

Present: Board members –

Elve Lode, Jaanus Terasmaa and Tiit Vaasma (Estonia),
Johanna Korhonen (Finland),
Kristján Geirsson (Iceland), deputy
Līga Klints (Latvia),
Kolbjørn Engeland (Norway),
Linus Zhang (Sweden)

Treasurer – Martin Bergstrand (Sweden)

Editor – Bjørn Kløve (Finland)

Secretary – Heidi Lee (Norway)

Not present: representative from Denmark or Lithuania

1-3 Opening, organization and approval of the meeting agenda

Linus Zhang opened the meeting at 13:05. Linus Zhang was appointed as the Chair and Heidi Lee as the Secretary. The minutes will be scrutinized jointly. The meeting participants are given five days to comment on the minutes, before they are published on the website. The suggested agenda was approved.

4 Minutes from the previous board meetings 12.2.2020 and 14.4.2020

The minutes from the previous board meeting were approved.

5 Meeting costs for this meeting

None.

6 General Assembly 2020

A virtual/digital General Assembly will be held 7 October 2020, at 13:00 UTC +2 in MS Teams. The invitation should be sent 60 days prior to the GA, Heidi sends it to the members. Matters to be included on the agenda of the GA shall be sent to the Board of the Association at the latest, 30 days before the Assembly. Therefore, the final agenda is available one month prior to the meeting.

The board asks a senior member of the election committee to act as a committee leader. The leader is to gather the proposals on board/deputy members, and present these to the GA.

Other paperwork:

-Report from the Chair, august 2018–august 2020 (Linus)

-Report from the Publicity committee, august 2018–august 2020 (Kolbjørn, Bjørn)

-Annual closings 2018 and **2019**, auditors' report, budget 2021 and 2022 (Martin)

Deadline for these documents is preferably the next board meeting 25 August 2020.

7 Finances and membership

Result and balance for the year 2019

Not finalized yet.

Membership fees 2020

Heidi sends invoices for the membership fees 2020 by 30 June 2020. Latvia and Lithuania transfer the fees directly to the Treasurer.

Individual membership/membership fee (board to the GA 2020)

Discussion if the individual membership should be free of charge from GA 2020. The board suggests the amount of the membership fees to the GA. A change of statutes is not necessary, since board can suggest that the fee is free of charge, see statutes § 5. The board decides the final suggestion in the next board meeting.

8 Status Nordic Hydrological Conferences

The NHC 2022 in Tallinn will be announced again at GA 2020.

9 NHF / NHC / special issue

Even though the NHC 2020 is cancelled, a special issue of Hydrology Research will be published (to be confirmed by IWA, will come out in 2021). NHF's 50-year celebration can be noted in the special issue. Several topics were discussed. Bjørn and Kolbjørn will plan the scope, which topics the issue will cover, and which papers should be invited. Board members are asked to send their suggestions to Bjørn and Kolbjørn.

10 Strategy

Membership recruitment etc.

Membership fees (item 7 as well) – Kolbjørn presented a *report* and recommendations from the working group. The board makes the final decision in the next board meeting.

Kolbjørn presented an *action plan* how to increase visibility, communication, and activities. The discussion continues in the next board meeting.

Survey – the board is to comment the *questionnaire* by 17 June 2020. The survey will be distributed to NHF-members soon after this deadline.

The documents – report on the membership fees, action plan and questionnaire are saved on the NHF Google Disk (contact Heidi for permission).

11 Marketing: publishing web pages and Hydrology Research

Nothing to report. For Hydrology Research, see the item 9.

12 NHF Organization

Nothing to report.

13 Other items

No other items.

14 Next board meeting

The next board meeting will be held as a SKYPE-meeting 25 August 2020.

15 Closing of the meeting

Kolbjørn closed the meeting at 14:20 on behalf of Linus.

Linus Zhang
Chair

Heidi Lee
Secretary