



## **NORDISK HYDROLOGISK FORENING**

Nordic Association for Hydrology

### **Minutes of the NHF board meeting at Holiday Inn Vilnius Hotel, 8 June 2015**

**Present:** Board members – Dirk-Ingmar Müller-Wohlfeil (Denmark), Tiia Pedusaar (Estonia), Johanna Korhonen (Finland), David Egilson (Iceland), Iveta Indriksone (Latvia), Diana Meilutyte-Lukauskiene and Zenonas Gulbinas (Lithuania), Kolbjørn Engeland (Norway), David Gustafsson (Sweden)

Treasurer – Martin Bergstrand (Sweden)

Web editor – Karin Nyström (Sweden)

Secretary – Heidi Lee (Norway)

#### **1.–3. Opening, organization and approval of the meeting agenda**

The meeting was opened by David Gustafsson at 10.00 a.m. David Gustafsson 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, which will then be published on the website. The suggested agenda was approved with the following amendments: The unfilled action points were moved under a more suitable item from item 4, and a new item "NHF Organization" was added.

#### **4. Minutes from the previous meetings: 11.8.2015 and 5.2.2015**

The minutes were approved.

#### **5. Meeting costs for this meeting**

The costs for dinner on Sunday, and the meeting facilities on Monday will be covered directly by NHF. The travel costs for the board members, Treasurer, Web editor and Secretary will be reimbursed by NHF. The reimbursements are to be sent directly to the Treasurer; Martin Bergstrand gives the correct billing address.

#### **6. Finances and collection of membership fees**

- Financial closing of 2014

The auditors recommended at the last GA that a financial closing should take place every year. The Treasurer has sent the financial closing of 2014 to the Auditors, and he is waiting for their response.

The year 2014 ended up with a deficit of SEK -57 000. The total income were SEK 63 000 and the total costs were 120 000 SEK. The financial conditions of NHF are still very good. The deficit of the NHC 2014 is not enrolled yet, and it will affect this year's financial result. However, the years 2014 and 2015 will be presented and

handled together at the next GA. The assets have been used on supporting different events, as required by the GA, but also more income is needed. The Treasurer advises that the membership fees should cover the maintenance costs (salaries, board meetings, website, secretary and bank costs). The board will plan the next budget for 2017–2018 according to this recommendation.

- Budget 2015–2016

The last GA approved the budget for the years 2015 and 2016. The board has noticed that the membership fee to the Baltic institutional members is incorrectly 3000 SEK. The correct fees are 1000 SEK for institutional members, and 75 SEK for the individual members from the Baltic countries.

- Number of members and collection of the membership fees

2014: The membership fees for 2014 are still to be collected from Denmark and Sweden. Action: Dirk and David.

2015: The last deadline for reporting the number of members and collecting the membership fees is by the next board meeting in November 2015!

Denmark: Three institutional members, and the number of the individual members will be confirmed when fees for both 2014 and 2015 are collected by the Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland (GEUS).

Estonia: It is unclear if the institutional member can join the association this year. Some of the individual members have already paid the fee. Tiia sends a reminder to those who have not paid yet.

Finland: One institutional member. The individual fees will be collected during the summer. The Finnish Association for Hydrology collects the fees.

Iceland: Three institutional members, and 18 individual members. Icelandic MET office collects the fees.

Latvia: Iveta sends a reminder to the individual members who have not paid yet.

Lithuania: Diana transfers the money to the Treasurer next week.

Norway: The Norwegian Hydrological Council collects the fees. Norway has four institutional members and around 30 paying members. Heidi sends a reminder to the individual members who have not paid yet.

Sweden: David has contacted six institutional members that will continue as members of NHF. Sweden has around 27 paying members. The fees for both 2014 and 2015 will be collected during this summer.

Country	The estimated number of members			Fees	
	Institutional members	Individual members	Students/pensioners	2014	2015
Denmark	3	12?	1/1?	-->	
Estonia		8?	2/0?	Ok	
Finland	1	8?	7/4?	Ok	
Iceland	3	18?		Ok	
Latvia		20?	3/0?	Ok	
Lithuania		20?	1/3?	Ok	
Norway	4	30?	8/12?	Ok	
Sweden	5 + SMHI	27?	13/8?	-->	

- Result of the NHC 2014:

The financial result of the NHC 2014 ended up with a deficit around -30 000 SEK. The number of paying participants was lower, and the level of costs was higher than expected. In addition, the Swedish research council did not grant any support to this conference.

Conclusion: NHC 2014 cannot pay the expected 50 000 SEK to NHF. David will find out if KTH could take some of the deficit, and NHF the rest.

- Status of the granted applications

Nordic course on climate and hydrology (5 000 EUR) – the course has not taken place yet. Both,

The 20<sup>th</sup> Northern Research Basins Symposium and Workshop, 16–22 August 2015, Kuusamo Finland, and

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Conference on Modelling Hydrology, Climate and Land Surface Processes, 7–9 September 2015, Lillehammer, Norway,

were granted 35 000 SEK, and the organizers report that everything is on schedule.

NHF and NHC 2016 will be visible during the both conferences. NHF board encourages generally to arrange workshops, conferences and other activities on hydrology, and apply for funding.

## 7. NHF Organization

- Contracts between NHF and the officers

David as the Chair of the board signs a separate contract between NHF and Treasurer, Web editor and Secretary.

- The role of the institutional members

NHF needs both individual and institutional members. It was concluded that the institutional members can influence through their own participation in the activities that are organized and/or supported by NHF. They can publish their logo and link on the NHF website. One representative from each member institution can participate at the NHC with a reduced fee. An institutional member has one vote at the General Assembly.

- Board's interpretation of statutes § 6 Board of the Association

One of the ordinary board members, no one outside the association, is elected as the Chair, and the representation period is 8 consecutive years as it is for the ordinary board members.

The board decided to change the statutes so that § 6 will not be misinterpreted. The change of statutes will be brought up at the next GA in Kaunas, and will cover all the statutes that need to be clarified or changed.

- Swedish representation in the election committee

The Swedish deputy member to the Election committee has not been elected yet. David will present candidates in the next board meeting and board makes the decision as authorized by the last GA.

## **8. NHC 2016 in Kaunas**

Important: NHF and NHC 2016 will be advertised at the conferences NHF supports, see the item 6. The events will be an excellent site to recruit new members as well. Therefore, a flyer needs to be created prior to the NRB Symposium 16 August.

Diana presented the preliminary plan and budget for the conference. The organizing committee reports process already and the conference can be announced soon. In addition, a website can be published within a short time.

The main topic of the conference will be: *The Role of Hydrology towards Water Resources Sustainability*. The scientific committee will decide the subtopics. Therefore, board members inform Diana who will represent their country in the scientific committee during the coming week.

It was suggested that two parallel workshops focusing on the practical aspects of hydrology would be arranged during the conference, one about network and the other about river basin management plans.

Diana presented the budget, and it was adopted. The conference fee is 300 EUR for NHF members, 370 EUR for non-members and 100 EUR for accompanying persons. Students can apply for a reduced fee. The budget is including the fee of 5000 EUR (about 50 000 SEK) to NHF. The organizing committee will apply for support from the research council and from different sponsors.

## **9. NHC 2018**

The NHC 2018 will be held in Norway. Kolbjørn will present the main theme, place and dates, and a preliminary plan for the event during the spring 2016.

## **10. Publishing, web pages and Hydrology Research**

- Special issue of HR (NHC 2014)

About 30 manuscripts have been submitted. David and Linus Zhang are the co-editors. The plan is to publish the special issue by the end of the year.

- Institutional member's logos and links

The board members are to ask the institutional members for a logo so that Karin can publish these on the NHF website. Karin sends a reminder to the board members.

- The electronic dictionary for hydrology

A solid piece of work has been done at SHMI! Check the website  
[http://hydrologi.org/hyd\\_lex/](http://hydrologi.org/hyd_lex/)

For another dictionary for hydrology, see Environmental Dictionary (EnDic) at  
<https://mot.kielikone.fi/mot/indic/netmot.exe?UI=ened&height=165>

- The discussion about whether HR should be an open journal

A free access to an article at IWA Publishing online can be obtained against a fee, which the authors are to pay (comparing with HESS). Otherwise, this discussion can continue in the editorial meeting.

- The minutes from the editorial meeting with IWA publishing 9.12.2014

David has forwarded the minutes to the board.

- Twitter

More activity is needed; all the board members are encouraged to tweet! Johanna sends an e-mail how to tweet.

- Chair's corner

The latest Chair's corner is from June 2014. David writes a new one.

## **11. Other items**

No other items.

## **12. Next board meeting**

A telephone meeting will be arranged in the middle of November 2015. A Doodle will be sent.

## **13. Closing of the meeting**

David Gustafsson closed the meeting at 15.00 p.m.

David Gustafsson  
Chair

Heidi Lee  
Secretary