



## NORDISK HYDROLOGISK FORENING

Nordic Association for Hydrology

### Minutes of the NHF board meeting on SKYPE, 3 September 2019

**Present:** Board members – Sofie G. W. van't Veen (Denmark), Elve Lode, Jaanus Terasmaa and Tiit Vaasma (Estonia), Tinna Þórarinsdóttir (Iceland), Līga Klints (Latvia), Vytautas Akstinas (Lithuania), Kolbjørn Engeland (Norway), Linus Zhang (Sweden)

Treasurer – Martin Bergstrand (Sweden)

Secretary – Heidi Lee (Norway)

Not present: representative from Finland

#### **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 12.3.2019**

The minutes from the previous board meeting were approved.

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

None.

#### **6. Status Nordic Hydrological Conferences**

*NHC 2020: Status*

Tiit, Jaanus and Elve presented the program (10–13.8.2020), themes, committees and preliminary budget of the NHC 2020. Tiit has sent the board a link to the presentation.

Every member country should propose a keynote speaker for the following topics:

-Water and ecosystems for human well-being

-Water policy and governance

Every member country should propose experts by subject, see the presentation for further information.

The board suggests that the General Assembly be held during the first or the second conference day.

The conference budget should go in balance. Scandinavian board members are asked to contribute with an application to NordForsk. The final detailed budget should be presented to the board six months prior to the conference (February 2020).

NHF 50 years: The following honorary members were identified: Esko Kuusisto (Finland), Bo Leander (Sweden), Dan Rosbjerg (Denmark). Board members in the respective countries contact them.

*NHC 2018: HR special issue*

Kolbjørn contacts Bjørn Kløve for status.

*NHC 2022: Iceland*

Tinna will present location, time, main theme and working group in the next board meeting. The NHC 2022 will be announced during the NHC 2020.

## **7. Finances and membership**

*Result and balance for the year 2018*

The financial result of the year 2018 is SEK 103 070 profit. Without the surplus from the NHC 2018 the result would have been deficit. In general, more income is needed in order to cover the costs.

*Membership fees 2018 & 2019*

The membership fees for 2019 have been invoiced or collected.

*Change of statutes: individual membership/membership fee (board to GA 2020)*

Discussion if the individual membership should be free of charge from GA 2020. The change of statutes will be valid after two General Assemblies (2020 and 2022). The strategy group will redefine the membership in NHF and present their findings at the GA 2020. Martin will investigate how much income the institutional members generate.

## **8. Strategy**

*Membership recruitment etc.*

Kolbjørn leads the strategy-working group (Linus, Sofie, Elve, and Jaanus) that was appointed 12.8.2018.

The summary of the brain storming can be downloaded from the NHF-Google disk. The working group will update the action plan; the last one is from 2014. The working group will present the new action plan at the next board meeting.

*Survey*

The strategy group will fulfil the questionnaire. Contact Kolbjørn if any questions should be added or changed. The questionnaire can be downloaded from the Google Disk.

## **9. Marketing: publishing, web pages and Hydrology Research**

*Open access publishing in Europe*

Linus reported from the meeting 6.8.2019 with the Publisher. HR will become an open access journal in 2020.

### *Social media*

The board members are asked to be active on social media, Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn – forward NHF-related news to your networks.

## **10. NHF Organization**

### *Google disk*

Contact Heidi for access.

### *NHF secretary*

Heidi will step down as the secretary by the GA 2020. The board will recruit a new secretary; Heidi writes a work description.

### *Early Career Scientist (ECS) branch within NHF*

Tinna and Sofie have come up with ideas for the ECS within NHF, and this document can be downloaded from the Google disk. Especially the strategy group will follow up these ideas.

## **11. Other items**

No other items.

## **12. Next board meeting**

The next board meeting will be held as a SKYPE-meeting in February 2020. Other meetings in 2020: one board meeting right before the NHC 2020 and another after the GA 2020.

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

Linus closed the meeting at 15:00

Linus Zhang  
Chair

Heidi Lee  
Secretary