



NORDISK HYDROLOGISK FORENING

Nordic Association for Hydrology

Minutes of the NHF board meeting on SKYPE, 25 August 2020

Present: Board members –

Elve Lode and Jaanus Terasmaa (Estonia),
Johanna Korhonen (Finland),
Tinna Þórarinsdóttir and Kristján Geirsson (Iceland),
Līga Klints and Ainis Lagzdiņš (Latvia),
Vytautas Akstinas (Lithuania),
Kolbjørn Engeland (Norway),
Linus Zhang (Sweden)

Treasurer – Martin Bergstrand (Sweden)

Secretary – Heidi Lee (Norway)

Not present: representative from Denmark

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 10.6.2020

The minutes from the previous board meeting were approved.

5 Meeting costs for this meeting

None.

6 Finances and membership

Result and balance for the year 2019

Martin presented the result and balance for the years 2018 and 2019. The auditors have approved the finances for both years. Income and costs are mostly the same as earlier. The only difference is the profit

of the NHC 2018 in Norway, SEK 141 329, that improves the result of 2018 substantially. In 2019 NHF supported the Norwegian Hydrological Council and its 5th Modelling conference with SEK 50 000.

2018	Report	Budget	Diff.
Income	222 163	169 000	Kr 53 163 more income than budgeted
Costs	119 092	137 000	Kr 17 908 less costs than budgeted
Result	103 071	32 000	Kr 71 071 better result than budgeted
2019	Report	Budget	Diff.
Income	104 931	101 500	Kr 3 431 more income than budgeted
Costs	169 807	107 000	Kr 62 807 more costs than budgeted
Result	-64 876	-5 500	Kr 59 376 poorer result than budgeted

Membership fees 2019, 2020

The membership fees for 2018, 2019 and 2020 from Latvia will be booked in 2020. Apart from that, the membership fees for 2019 are booked.

The membership fees for 2020 have been collected or invoiced. Latvia and Lithuania have sent the fees directly to the Treasurer. Heidi have issued invoices to the other member countries, and sent to the Finnish, Estonian, Swedish, and Norwegian individual members, and Norwegian institutional members. The board members in Denmark, Iceland, Sweden, and Finland have sent the invoices to their individual/institutional members as agreed with Heidi.

Membership fees 2021–2022 (board to GA 2020)

The NHF-board proposes the following to the General Assembly 2020 --

The membership fees for to the coming two-year period, 2021–2022:

- The fee for individual members: SEK 0,-
- The fee for the Nordic institutional members: SEK 5 000,- and for the Baltic institutional members: SEK 2 000,-

Membership benefits will be:

- The conference fee (NHC) will be reduced by 10 % for the individual members.
- The conference fee (NHC) will be reduced by 50 % for one of the participants from the institutional member company/institution.

The board and treasurer will plan a budget for 2021–2022 that covers the loss of the individual fees (about SEK 15 000/year).

The board will find out how to keep the member register updated when individual fees are not collected.

7 General Assembly 7 October 2020

The board decided to have the GA in MS Teams.

Final agenda 30 days prior to the GA
Heidi sends to the members on the 7 September.

Are the meeting documents (reports and finances) ready?
Linus writes the Chair's report and Chair's corner by 1 October.
Bjørn (editor) fulfills the report from the Publicity committee by 1 October.

Election committee
Knut Ola Aamodt (NVE) is the leader of the election committee. The committee members are to report to the leader by 30 September.

8 NHF-Organization – New secretary

NHF has received one application from Finland. The decision is postponed to the next board meeting (right after the GA).

9 Strategy

Survey
The number of the answers is 18. Kolbjørn presented the preliminary results. More answers are needed; a reminder will be sent to the members, the board members are to distribute the questionnaire to other contacts as well.

Link to the survey:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd8gBodcJ3HiFAy7e4tbhWDjZ4jS1H_1LFZ-gKpzAWPwXiY3g/viewform

Membership recruitment etc.
The strategy group is working with a newsletter.

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

10 Status Nordic Hydrological Conferences, if necessary

Information about the cancellation has been sent to the participants and published on different websites. It was the right decision to postpone the NHC till 2022. The organization committee must begin with applying for funding again in 2021.

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

11 Marketing: publishing web pages and Hydrology Research (special issue)

The special issue of NHC 2018 is published. Kolbjørn contacts Bjørn for the status of the other special issue, in the spirit of the NHC 2020 (even though the conference was cancelled).

Linus will find out other platforms for the web hotel. NHF's web-editor Karin needs to be contacted as well.

12 Other items

No other items.

13 Next board meeting

The next board meeting will be held right after the GA 7.10.2020. As tradition, the board members, and deputies from the board 2018–2020 and 2020–2022 can participate in this meeting. The meeting will point out the vice chair and the secretary.

14 Closing of the meeting

Linus closed the meeting at 14:20.

Linus Zhang
Chair

Heidi Lee
Secretary