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Nordvärme Directors Meeting 16.5.2007

Minutes

Participants: Heidi Juhler
Jørgen Jørgensen
Jari Kostama
Thore Sahlin

1. Opening

At 12:00 Jari opened the meeting.

2. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. The minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were accepted without amendments.

4. Presidium meetings agenda

Jari's proposal for Presidium meeting agenda was accepted:

- The minutes of the last meeting
- Euroheat & Power
- Seminar of the Board members in Stockholm 7.-8.9.2007
 - The focus of the meeting
- Current activities in respective countries
 - Will be organized the same way as last time in Gardermoen. In practice this means that everybody should send a written country report, rather in English and maximum 2 pages, to Jari latest on Friday the 8th of June.
- Future meetings
 - Everyone agreed that there is no sense to try to have a Presidium meeting with the Stockholm seminar. Therefore, it was agreed to propose for the Presidium to have a meeting in week 48 or 50 (according the rotation it will be held in Sweden).

Jørgen told about the practical arrangements of the Presidium meeting. It was emphasized that all the participants should make their travel and hotel reservations by themselves.

Jari noted that the Presidium should change the article 8 of the Nordvärme statutes dealing with the language of minutes. This is due to the fact that Nordvärme minutes are nowadays written in English.

5. Seminar of the Board members in Stockholm 7.-8.9.2007

Thore represented the draft programme of the seminar. Directors made some amendments (draft programme after amendments attached).

All the five country-specific-presentations should start with a 5 minutes overview on the DHC/CHP situation in respective countries. The overview format should be the same for all the countries.

6. Euroheat & Power

Jørgen told that Nordvärmes proposal concerning vice-presidency (=Jørgen) will most probably be approved by the annual meeting of Euroheat & Power in June the 18th. However, the proposed concept of two vice-presidents is still in hold, but discussion will continue after president Antonio Bonomo has taken a considered view of it.

The activities of Euroheat & Power and especially the role of the Board of Directors were briefly discussed. It was agreed that Nordvärme should increase its coordination before the Board meetings, for example having a joint dinner meeting the evening before.

7. RTD Workshop in Helsinki 16.4.2007

Everybody considered that the workshop had been useful and successful.

The directors agreed to have the next workshop in Norway in spring 2008. The theme would be around market situation of DHC/CHP in respective countries (competitive position, market roles, marketing, promotion, visibility etc.)

8. Current activities in respective countries

- Finland:
- EU energy and climate package with the challenging targets is giving a hard time for the Finnish association. Especially terrifying is the Commission's first estimate for Finland's country-specific target for use of renewables (around 40-45 %).
 - Lobbying challenges of the new governments programme: 1) preparation of climate and energy policy strategy for long term period, 2) renewables targets, 3) safeguard the use of coal and oil and 4) direct the 300 million tax increase (LFO for buildings, transport fuels, household electricity, coal excise tax)
 - The association has ordered a study on renewables and a study on the potential of DHC/CHP and DHC and is starting to prepare a DH branch strategy.
 - FDHA has donated a professorship with the Technical University of Finland for "energy efficient community" (=mainly district DHC/CHP) 5 years
- Sweden:
- The association is once again looking for a new managing director (the earliest time for the start is in practise in October) There is an acting managing director for the half of his working time (in Stockholm)
 - Also publicist Lisa Wärn has left her position, which is also open for the moment.
 - Thomas Bruce has started his work as a commissioner with task to find out how to implement the EU directive 2006/32/EG concerning efficient end-use and energy services in Sweden.
 - The association had their traditional spring party for interest groups in Soliden in April. Even the energy minister participated.
- Denmark
- Not too much new in Denmark. The discussion on energy savings, how to calculate the savings and primary energy factors is still going on.
 - A new party called the New Alliance has been established. Already 4 members of parliament had changed their status and joined the new party. New Alliance may be in a decisive position if Denmark would have a government change or not.
- Norway:
- Norwegian government is preparing a climate action plan, which should be ready in the autumn. According the draft plan oil heating should be abolished and electricity heating should be decreased by 30 % by 2020. Same time 50 %/25 TWh of the heating energy should come from

renewables/15 TWh and district heating/10 TWh. The technical potential of industrial waste heat is as much as 37 TWh. However, 9 TWh is more realistic figure for utilisation.

9. Other business

Jari referred to Ms. Tiitinen's 5.4.2007 message on statistics and asked everyone to check their input for Nordvärme statistics once again.

Jari also asked Thore if he could circulate the document on primary resource factors, which has been prepared by the Board of Swedish Association.

10. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 14 o'clock Finnish time on 22nd of August 2007 as a telephone meeting.

11. Closure

Jari closed the meeting at 15:15.