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Nordvärme Presidium Meeting in Oslo 4.11.2006

Minutes

Participants:

- Uffe Bro, DF
- Jørgen G. Jørgensen, DF
- Franz Arnason, Samorka
- Maria Gunnarsdottir, Samorka
- Atle Nørstebø, NFV
- Heidi Juhler, NFV
- Thore Sahlin, SF
- Magnus Lundberg, SF
- Veikko Hokkanen, FEI, chairman
- Jari Kostama, FEI, secretary

1. Opening

Nordvärme president Veikko Hokkanen welcomed all the participants and opened the meeting.

2. Approval of the agenda

The proposed agenda was accepted.

3. The minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting in Ålborg were approved without modifications.

4. Euroheat & Power

Jørgen G. Jørgensen briefly described Euroheat & Power's (EHP) last Board of Directors meeting, which took place in Brussels October the 23rd 2006:

- New president of EHP Mr. Antonio Bonomo is in the role now and seems to be equal to his duties.
- Economy of EHP is OK.
- EHP had published a press release on Commission's energy efficiency action plan.

The press release pointed out some of the most important findings of Ecoheatcool –study. On the basis of the study it's obvious that CHP and DHC are excellent tools for making the European energy system more efficient. The same fits well with the three cornerstones of European energy policy – sustainability, security of supply and competitiveness.

The Presidium discussed about the subject and agreed that it's essential that EHP takes the results of Ecoheatcool –study in full use (that is also EHP's

intention) to make CHP and DHC more visible and more tempting as a policy measure for decision makers in Brussels.

- The next Board of Directors meeting will be held as a strategic seminar in Brussels in January 10th and 11th. The members of WG Energy Policy will be invited, too.

5. The future of Nordvärme

Jari Kostama presented the proposal of directors for Nordvärme's future activities. The presidium accepted the proposal with some additional remarks:

- Close cooperation between directors and offices
It's a very important activity. Especially coordination in EHP and before EHP's the Board of Directors meeting is essential.
- Statistics
The information on district heat price without taxes is needed.
- Website
It's a must.
- Presidium meetings
The Nordic countries have different opinion on this activity. However, for year 2007 it was unanimously accepted that
 - The next Presidium meeting will be held in context of the EHP Biannual Conference in Copenhagen in June 16th and 17th; and
 - The autumn Presidium meeting will be held as a seminar with the Board members of Nordic associations in Sweden September the 7th and 8th.
- Ad hoc working groups
For the moment there is no need for standing working groups. A workshop, for example, could well lead to the formation of an ad hoc working group.
- Workshops
These are considered very useful and suitable to keep Nordvärme running. The Presidium accepted Directors proposal to organise a workshop on RTD issues in Helsinki in April the 16th 2007.
- Symposiums
It was decided that Nordvärme as an organisation will not organise biannual Nordvärme symposiums any more. However, it was agreed that any Nordic country can anytime arrange a Nordic event (even called as a Nordvärme symposium). Everyone also agreed that Nordvärme should try to offer some possibilities for direct cooperation between Nordic district heating companies.
- Seminars for the members of boards of national associations
It was agreed that the first seminar of this kind will be held in Sweden in September the 7th 2007. Directors will prepare a programme proposal of the seminar for the June Presidium meeting.
- Forum for companies
There should be possibilities for Nordic district heating companies to meet, discuss and change views on current issues. How it would be done is not known yet. In any case the Nordic countries should increase information about their national events in respective countries.

It was also mentioned that the statutes of Nordvärme should be checked by the secretariat if there is a need for amendments due to decisions made in this meeting.

6. Current activities in respective countries

The activity reports were presented and clarifying questions were answered.

7. Other business

There was no other business.

8. Future meetings

The next meetings are

- In context of the EHP Biannual Conference in Copenhagen in June 16th and 17th; and

- As a seminar with the Board members of Nordic associations in Sweden September the 7th and 8th.

9. Closure

Veikko Hokkanen thanked all the participants and closed the meeting.