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Nordvärme Presidium Meeting in Ålborg 11.6.2006

Minutes

Participants:

- Uffe Bro, DF
- Jørgen G. Jørgensen, DF
- Birger Lauersen, DF
- Franz Arnason, Samorka
- Maria Gunnarsdottir, Samorka
- Atle Nørstebø, NFV
- Heidi Juhler, NFV
- Tore Sahlin, SF
- Ola Alterå, 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 approved.

3. The minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting in Helsinki 10.12.2005 were approved without modifications.

4. Statistics

Jari Kostama represented the Nordvärme DH Statistics slideshow. It was mentioned that a slide showing Nordic DH prices without taxes could be useful.

5. Euroheat & Power

Jørgen Jørgensen briefly reiterated the situation with Nordvärmes initiatives in Euroheat & Power (EHP):

- the EHP Board of Directors nominated Mr. Antonio Bonomo from the Italian Association as the new president of the EHP
- Change of Statutes will be discussed by the EHP Board of Directors later.

Birger Lauersen gave a summary about the Ecoheatcool –study. This two-year study is done by Sven Werner, Chalmers University and Capital Cooling AB and coordinated by EHP. It's fifty-fifty funded by the EU Commission and national DH associations. The study is aiming at identifying the heat and cooling markets of the Europe and showing the importance of district heating/cooling in fulfilling several EU energy and environment policies including the doubling of the CHP production.

It was noticed that the next workshop of the project will be held in Brussels 21.6.2006. The study is in schedule and will be finished in autumn this year.

6. Theme: What is actually going on the EU level? (attachment)

Birger Lauersen gave an update about the recent energy policy issues in the EU. Energy is now really in the agenda. During the discussion it was noted that in Brussels a change in attitudes towards DH is little by little becoming visible. The Commission starts to recognize CHP & DHC as valuable tools to implement several EU policies like security of energy supply, better energy efficiency and the increased use of renewables.

It was noticed that the work of Euroheat & Power (EHP) is more and more important for the Nordic countries. Therefore, it is beneficial for the respective countries continue to work together and try to find common ground also in the future. This constitutes one of the foundations for the future work of Nordvärme.

7. Symposium failure – the future activities of Nordvärme?

The Nordvärme symposium was cancelled because of too few reservations. Only 48 people, and only a half of them were real participants (no-one from Finland, 3 from Sweden!), registered in due time. From the Danish association point of view there was no economic ground to arrange the conference.

The meeting had a long and evocative discussion on the subject. Iceland, Norway and Sweden wanted to continue on a more or less traditional basis, Denmark and Finland wanted clear changes. In an intensive debate opinions were given for and against arranging symposiums with general programs.

Other discussion topics were among others the needs for presidium meetings and their timing, organizing of workshops, conferences/meetings for the board members of the associations, directors meetings, co-operated activities towards European Union, co-operation inside EHP, vision of the future of Nordvärme etc.

It was decided that the directors prepare a formal proposal for the future activities of Nordvärme for the next meeting.

8. Current activities in respective countries (attachments)

Reports were given by each country.

9. Other business

There was no other business.

10. Future meetings

The next meeting will be held in Oslo region in the first weekend of the November, 3.-5. November 2006.

11. Closure

Veikko Hokkanen thanked all the participants and closed the meeting.