



NORDISKT KOLLEGIUM FÖR
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Nordic Board for Wildlife Research

Minutes of the Nordic Board for Wildlife Research Board meeting in Suomussalmi and Kuhmo, Finland, April 21-23, 2009

The meeting was attended by:

Henrik Andrén, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (Chairman)
Tommy Asferg, NERI, Denmark
Petter Kjellander, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (Secretary)
Pierre Migot, Office National de la Chasse et de la Faune Sauvage (ONCFS), France
Vesa Ruusila, Finnish Game & Fisheries Research Institute
Jon Swenson, Norwegian University of Life Sciences
Jan Bertelsen, Denmark (Technical Editor for Wildlife Biology)

Absent board members:

Áki Ármann Jónsson, Environment and Food Agency of Iceland
Tuulikki Rooke, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (Contacted over the phone for §9)

Agenda for the 86th Board meeting, Suomussalmi and Kuhmo, Finland, April 21-23, 2009.

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Minutes from 85th Board meeting (Aix les Bains, France, June 3-4, 2008)
3. Economical status NKV - balance for 2008
4. Economical status NKV - budget for 2009
5. Economical status Wildlife Biology - balance for 2008
6. Economical status Wildlife Biology - budget for 2009
7. Status report for Wildlife Biology for 2008
8. Subscription fees for Wildlife Biology in 2010.
9. Future for Wildlife Biology (on-line, open access etc).
10. Tasks for NKV other than Wildlife Biology.
11. Next chairman for NKV
12. Other questions
13. Next meeting

Supplements

- 1 - 85th NKV-minutes.doc
- 2 - Balance 2008 & budget 2009 (1 sheet)
- 3 - WB Balance 2008 & Budget 2009 (2 sheets)
- 4 - Report 14 WB-status for 2008
- 5 - Questionnaire WB on-line



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§1: **The agenda was approved** with a complement of two new questions under §12. The two unannounced questions were: (1) an application about funding (50 000 SKK) of a conference “*Providing a knowledge basis for sustainable hunting and biodiversity conservation. Streamlining hunting bag statistics in the EU. Uppsala, Sweden 15-16 December 2009*” by Torbjörn Larsson and others and (2) The contract between NKV and France needs to be updated and corrected so that no individual persons are mentioned by name, rather by their function. Finally, and unfortunately could not Tuulikki Rooke and Áki Ármann Jónsson join the meeting, but Tuulikki was contacted over the phone under §9 while it was not possible to reach Áki. Jan Bertelsen was invited to join the meeting.

§2: The minutes from the 85th board meeting in France **was reviewed and rendered a few comments** that will be discussed below and included in the different §.

§3: Henrik accounted for the NKV-balance for 2008.

§4: Henrik accounted for the NKV-budget for 2009 with no other comments than that the correct budget for BIORED is 800 361 DKK and that the expected BioOne surplus is 75 000 DKK. It should also be clearly visible in the budget for 2009 that NKV have reserved 250 000 DKK for the next NKV-congress on Iceland.

§5: Henrik and Jan accounted for the BIORED budget for 2009 with no further comments than that Jan will correct it according to §4.

§6: Henrik accounted for the Wildlife Biology (WB) budget for 2009, with no further comments from the board. Henrik will forward an e-mail from EDP to Jan about the new increased prices for typesetting, production, printing, mailing and MMS (manuscript management system). The budget for Wildlife Biology might change due to the new prices suggested by EDP Sciences.

§7: Jan Bertelsen accounted for the status report for WB, 2008. The only major drawbacks are that: (1) the MMS-handling system is very poor at EDP and (2) the issue #1:2009 is delayed at least 6 weeks due to EDP Sciences. **It was decided** that Pierre and Anne Loison will contact EDP directly about the MMS problem after that Henrik e-mailed EDP (Alain Baudevin) about Pierre’s authorization to negotiate for NKV about this and the updating of the WB home page (see §9). Further, Jan informed about the no longer existing backlog for WB and rather a future shortage of accepted manuscripts. **It was stated** that Anne needs to inform the associated editors about this and accordingly “lower the pressure some what” so that they ask for revisions rather than reject, when appropriate. Further, **it was decided** that Jan ask and investigate costs for archive systems for old issues at BioOne and Allen press.



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§8: Depending on the future for WB (on-line, open access etc), **it was decided** that the subscription fees will remain in 2010 if the printed version is kept.

§9: After a thorough discussion **it was decided** that it is not economical possible to convert Wildlife Biology into a free-to-publish and free-to-read only on-line journal. **It was concluded** that the risk is too large at the moment to have Wildlife Biology as pay-to-publish and free-to-read only on-line journal. Thus, **it was decided** that WB will remain, at large, as previous year (2008) with four issues per year and to follow the budget alternative 1 for Wildlife Biology in 2009 (WB budget 2009; Supplement 3; sheet 2). Tuulikki agreed over the phone, while Áki was not reached. As a consequence no questionnaire about the WB future will be sent out. **It was further stated** that Sweden will pay the member fee in February, each year and Norway in December. Henrik informed about Sweden's concern to pay the full member fee this year due to the low valued currency, SEK in relation to DKK. Finally, several ideas and suggestions were made to improve various aspects of the journal, here only summarized in short:

- Is it possible to advertise WB in other journals, by Ingenta or over e-mail? Jan will investigate.
- From what countries do submitted manuscripts (to WB) come from? Is it possible to get statistics over the years?
- As an alternative to the MMS (Manuscript Management System at EDP Sciences) Jon will contact R. Harris at Allen Press about their manuscript handling system.
- Regular updating of the home page is a problem. Pierre will discuss also this matter with EDP (see also §7).

§10: **It was decided** that NKV will support the next NKV-congress at Iceland in 2010 or 2011, (depending on Iceland's decision). **It was stated** that the NKV board will support with logistical planning of the congress, if required. **It was finally requested** that Iceland (Áki) should write a short press item about this in WB and the home page.

§11: **It was decided** that from July 1, 2009 will Jon Swenson take over the chairman ship for the NKV board. **It was requested** to check old minutes for any guidelines for economic compensation to the future Norwegian NKV secretary. (At the 80th Board Meeting, in 2005, it was decided to have 20 000 DKK for yearly payment to a secretary.)

§12: **It was decided** to deny the application from Torbjörn Larsson for funding due to the current financial situation. However, this raised the question about how future applications should be handled and exposed to competing applications. **It was therefore decided** that it should be clearly stated on the home page when it is possible to apply for NKV support (with a clear deadline) to conferences, student travels etc. How this is depicted in the NKV regulation and how it should be stated at the home page **will be decided over e-mail** among the board members. **It was further decided** that in the agreement between NKV and ONCFS Appendix 1, point 9 it should be written that "Director in charge of research" is included in the Editorial Board of WB. Finally, the current NKV secretary, Petter, thanked for 4 instructive years at the board with a good companionship.



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§13: **It was decided** that the next NKV board meeting should be held in April or early May 2010 during the congress on Iceland, if they coincide, otherwise it will be in Norway. After the board meeting did Vesa pleasantly and interestingly inform and guide the board about his organisation and how wildlife management is organised in Finland.

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