



**NORDISK KOLLEGIUM FOR  
VILTFORSKNING (NKV)**  
Nordic Council for Wildlife Research

**Minutes of the 79th Board Meeting Nordic Council for Wildlife  
Research**

15-16 December 2004, Kalø, Denmark.

Agenda for 79th Board meeting 15-16 December 2004:

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Continued discussion of NKV Memorandum of Agreement and Order of Business\*
3. Wildlife Biology: Status and future. Accounts 2003 and budget 2004\*
4. Issues of Icelandic fees\*
5. NKV: Account 2003 and budget 2004\*
6. Change of chairmanship
7. Any other business

\* Files included

The meeting was attended by:

1. Henning Noer, NERI, Denmark (chairman)
2. Anders Lundvall, Naturvårdsverket, Sweden
3. Henrik Andren, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences
4. Harto Linden, Finnish Game & Fisheries Research Institute
5. Jon Swenson, Norwegian University of Life Sciences
6. Aki Armann Jonson, Environment and Food Agency of Iceland

Ad. 1

The Agenda was approved on the understanding that the issue of XIV Nordic Wildlife Congress would be discussed under item 7.

## Ad. 2

After some minor revisions, it was agreed that the Memorandum of Understanding can be signed by all NKV-members on an institutional level. Subject to approval of individual member institutions, a signed copy will be circulated for individual signatures from the Swedish chair<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> The Board's decision was that the final version should be circulated for signing by NERI. Since the master copy of the document is by now resting with the Swedish chair, the document is more conveniently circulated from him.

The Order of Business was approved after some minor changes. The final version will be circulated for the next Board meeting.

## Ad. 3

Jon Swenson presented the Wildlife Biology Reports for 2003 and 2004. The journal has been produced according to schedule, and the report was approved by the Board. It is a continued goal for the journal to increase the impact factor and the number of subscriptions.

Henning Noer presented the accounts for 2003 and 2004 (costs of December 2004 issue presently an estimate). Compared to the budgeted income of DKK annually from the NKV, the accounts show a cumulated deficit of DKK 157,000. The two main causes are 1) the increase from 64 to 80 pages is more labour-intensive than estimated, and 2) due to illness in the Technical Editorial Office, a relative expensive solution for a substitute had to be found at very short notice both for the September and the December issues in 2003.

The Board approved the accounts.

The Board discussed including the Office National de la Chasse et de la Faune Sauvage as a future associate member of the NKV. On the written terms presented to the Board before the meeting, the Board decided in principle that ONCFS can be an associate member of the NKV, pending the discussions with Michel Vallance on 16 December. Wildlife Biology will be adjusted in accordance with the outcome.

The Board discussed NERI's problems with continuing production of Wildlife Biology given the present budgets. Henrik Andren indicated that Sweden might possibly take over production. It was agreed that for the next Board meeting, all members interested in taking over production are invited to prepare budget proposals. Jan Bertelsen will be asked to prepare a budget proposal on behalf of his private firm as well.

Jon Swenson asked if – in the case that Jan Bertelsen continues producing Wildlife Biology either from his private firm or as employed by NKV – NERI would be interested in an arrangement where offices and facilities were let to the technical editorial office. Henning Noer undertook to prepare an economical offer for such a scenario.

In order to conserve continuity in production, Henning Noer agreed to prepare an interim budget for NERI's continuing the preparation of the March 2005 issue in January-March 2005.

Ad. 4.

Henning Noer informed the Board that the issue had been resolved. Iceland had been invoiced (and paid) a fee of DKK 150,000 in 2002, instead of the correct amount of DKK 20,000. Thus, Iceland has paid fees in advance 2002-2006. NERI has informed Iceland accordingly.

Ad. 5.

Henning Noer presented the NKV accounts 2003 and 2004 (estimated). In addition, the travel budget has been slightly exceeded, mainly because the NKV has covered additional travel expenses for the Editor-in Chief, Wildlife Biology. The Board agreed that the NKV covers the 2003-2004 Wildlife Biology deficit, and that the WB budget for travel expenses should be increased in accordance in the future.

With the impending change of chairman, the Board agreed annual fees are DKK 30,000 for Iceland, DKK 275,000 for Sweden, and DKK 150,000 for Denmark, Norway and Finland.

Ad. 6

Henrik Andren, Sweden, was appointed new chairman of the NKV.

Ad. 7

Henning Noer explained that NERI's Department of Wildlife Ecology and Biodiversity at Kalø had had to postpone plans of organising the XIV Nordic Congress of Wildlife Ecology in 2004. The Board agreed that Denmark will organise the next Congress, preferably in early 2006. NERI will prepare a proposal and a budget in early 2005.

The Board agreed to answer favourably to a request from Torleif Eriksson, Department of Aquaculture, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, for joining a network. Henrik Andren will answer in accordance.

The Board agreed that a new meeting is necessary early 2005, to conclude on the outstanding issues of Wildlife Biology. Sweden will host this meeting, to be held in Stockholm 31 January- 1 February 2005.