



NORDIC MARINE THINK TANK

NMTT Board meeting on video 25 February 2020

Iceland and Faroe Islands at 1 pm. Norway, Sweden and Denmark at 2 pm

Minutes

- 1) The following members were present at the meeting (video link):

Ásmundur Guðjonsson

Staffan Waldo

Dorothy Jane Dankel (vicechair)

Carl-Christian Schmidt (chair)

Sigrun Elsa Smáradóttir

Jesper Heldbo

Odma Johannesen (from point 3c) (secretariat)

Peter Ørebech was not present

Lars Clink took part as secretariat.

The chair welcomed the board members and the board adopted the minutes of the board meeting the 8th October 2019.

- 2) Points for any other business, See point 6 below.

- 3) General state of play

- a. The chair informed about the legal position of the NMTT. The Danish Tax had approved the NMTT as a voluntary organisation working for the public benefit and will not have to pay tax provided it has not got any commercial income. The NMTT is legally registered and the NMTT meets all legal demands towards the bank.
- b. Financial progress: Lars informed on the financial progress and mentioned the the high costs for moving the income from membership fees from one country to another. Some board members suggested looking at different solutions, such as Paypal, paying for several years at the time or setting up local bank accounts. The auditor is going to retire and members were asked to consider if they knew any candidates for a new auditor. To be looked at the next meeting. The accounts for 2019 have been approved by the auditor and will be discussed at the next meeting. Jesper asked whether donations were exempt from tax for the donor as well as for the NMTT. The Secretariat will examine this.
- c. Project status. The chair informed about the “Ecosystem Based Fmsy Values in Fisheries Management”. The project as such is finished. There are follow up activities in relation to ICES and Carl-Christian and Henrik will travel to the Faroe Islands in april to present the results.

- 4) NMTT climate change vision was discussed further. The board acknowledges that climate change will affect all sectors including environment and industry and thus it will be the driver in all activities. So, it has to be on the NMTT agenda. The chair will work

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on the vision in the light of the board's discussion and consider how to bring it forward.

- 5) Future activities were discussed. The project "Fishers Pay System in Nordic Fisheries" will be realised and meeting will be held in Denmark in May. The chair is invited to the Faroe Islands in October 2020 to present the project.

Jesper Heldbo informed of the aquaculture sector which is developing fast, a.o. the saltwater farming on land and development of aquaculture equipment and tools.

Aquaculture is an increasing world food supplier. Aquaculture will be included in the NMTT vision paper.

Dorothy Dankel informed on the interest in Arctic world wide from China (northern passage) to Norway (Nansen legacy) to Germany involved in scientific studies on a.o. the drifting of the ice. She provided on e-mail a PowerPoint on Arctic issues.

Ásmundur informed that Scotland, Norway and Denmark (including Faroe Islands and Greenland) have an Arctic Strategy.

- 6) Under any other business Sigrún Smáradóttir informed on a new member from Iceland, who might be willing to candidate to the NMTT board.

Staffan asked if there was a list of members. The secretariat would look into this.