



## Report

### 10th Ordinary General Assembly of the Nordic Marine Think Tank, Monday 12 December 2022, Copenhagen, Denmark

#### Agenda for the General Assembly

- (1) Election of moderator and rapporteur
- (2) Adoption of the agenda and possible mandates
- (3) The annual report from the Chair
- (4) Presentation of annual accounts for adoption
- (5) Presentation of the Board's work plan concerning activities planned for the upcoming year
- (6) Presentation of the Board's proposed budget for the coming financial year, including the level of the membership fees, for adoption
- (7) Proposals submitted
- (8) Election of the Board and auditor
- (9) Any other business

**Present:** The NMTT Chair Dorothy Dankel and Vice-Chair Carl-Christian Schmidt, Ásmundur Guðjónsson, Bryndís Björnsdóttir, Jesper Heldbo, Staffan Waldo, Jessica Fuller and Lars Clink and Odma Johannesen, NMTT Secretariat.

Søren Anker Pedersen was represented by proxy to Lars Clink.

#### **1. Election of moderator and rapporteur**

The Chair welcomed to the meeting and suggested that the Carl-Christian Schmidt as Chair for the meeting. Odma was elected rapporteur.

## **2. Adoption of the agenda and possible mandates**

The agenda was adopted. Lars Clink had received power of attorney from Søren Anker Pedersen to vote on his behalf.

## **3. The annual report from the Chair**

The Chair informed that the climate change issue was high on the agenda in many fora. Many countries are involved in the North Atlantic from Greenland in the west to the UK and to the east Sweden and Finland. In Norway there is a dialogue on the maritime offshore industry including wind-mill farms to meet the changing conditions to operate at sea in the future.

The Chair and the Vice-Chair have an ongoing dialogue with the Nordic Council of Ministers in order to launch a NMR climate project up to 400.000 DKK. The NMTT could be a serious stakeholder in a similar EU-project which could include DTU and the Copenhagen University.

The work has to take into consideration the interests of all partners. And the NMTT should consider promoting itself in order to increase membership.

## **4. Presentation of annual accounts for adoption**

Lars presented the NMTT accounts and informed that the NMTT projects can result in large changes in the balance during a year and from one year to another, depending on financing of projects, when funding is available and how and when projects are realized. As for the ordinary costs in 2021 where the major expenditure was on the new NMTT homepage.

The auditor ensured that the accounts were in conformity with legislation and normal standards.

The Chair thanked Lars for his presentation and the General Assembly approved the annual accounts.

## **5. Presentation of the Board's work plan concerning activities planned for the upcoming year**

The Chair reminded of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NMTT (January 2022). The corona pandemic has influenced many activities for a long time.

To prepare the NMTT Climate Change Forum in Bergen Norway we expect that one major task will be the cooperation with ICES and their role in the Bergen workshop. Carl-Christian and Dorothy have a dialogue with ICES. And a dialogue is needed with all the involved countries, including Greenland, Iceland, Faroe Islands, Norway, Sweden, UK and Ireland. One major task will be to improve the co-existence and the

cooperation offshore. ICES will be an important partner.

Jesper reminded of the role of management authorities in the countries, including the authorities responsible for windmills at sea. In Sweden Vattenfall was important. The NMTT should take a closer look at the organisation of the authorities in the involved countries. Ásmundur drew the attention to the need for some information about the NMTT Climate Change Forum in Bergen. The information should be distributed to the responsible authorities in the countries. Dorothy will make a contact to the Faroe Islands as well as others. Jesper reminded that the Nordic Council of Ministers should be invited.

The NMTT should prepare for proposals and input to the Bergen Climate Forum until early summer 2023 followed by a dialog with a.o. ICES. The dialog between authorities in the countries on the climate changes should be improved.

#### **6. Presentation of the Board's proposed budget for the coming financial year, including the level of the membership fees, for adoption**

Lars presented the budget which was close to the updated accounts. Some costs will be added in November-December. The net assets will increase when the two latest projects are closed in the account. There was some discussion whether it would be acceptable to the Nordic Council (as the major financial contributor), but the AGM took note that the financial results are justified as payment for voluntary (and unpaid) work.

Carl-Christian reminded that he had been involved in a number of NMTT projects for free.

The General Assembly approved the proposed budget.

#### **7. Proposals submitted**

No proposals were submitted.

#### **8. Election of the Board and auditor**

The General Assembly elected

- Hildur Hauksdóttir (IS)
  - Carl-Christian Schmidt (DK)
  - Jesper Heldbo (DK)
  - Johan Williams (NO)
- to the NMTT Board.

The General Assembly re-elected auditor Birgitte Gawron from Albjerg Revision in

Brøndby, Danmark for further two years.

9. **Any other business**

The meeting took note that the organization “Marine Ingredients” had offered to give a donation to support the work of the NMTT.

The Chair recognized Icelandic Board Member Bryndís Björnsdóttir’s service to the Board since her election in 2020. The NMTT wished her luck in her new endeavours.

No other business was mentioned, and the meeting was closed.