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## NMTT Board

Board meeting (zoom) meeting Friday 16 September 2022

### Minutes

**Present:** The NMTT Chair Dorothy Dankel, Vice-chair Carl-Christian Schmidt and Board members Bryndís Björnsdóttir, Jesper Heldbo, Johan Williams, Staffan Waldo and NMTT Secretariat Odma Johannesen and Lars Clink. Ásmundur Guðjónsson was not able to attend. Imogen followed the meeting as an intern related to the chair.

#### 1. Welcome and Minutes of the Board meeting 10th June 2022

The Chair welcomed everybody and noted that there were no comments to the Minutes of the last Board meeting 10th June 2022. She introduced Imogen who is working as an intern and may also assist in NMTT activities.

#### 2. Nordic Climate Change Forum for Fisheries and Aquaculture

- *Bergen forum preliminary agenda – status and further steps*

- *Ulrik Jes Hansen et. al. project ideas – status*

The Vice-chair informed of the status of the follow up on the Nordic Climate Change Forum in Helsingør Denmark 9-10<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

The draft application for funding of the follow up forum in Bergen is now with the Nordic Council awaiting their feed back before we submit a formal application.

In Denmark Carl-Christian, Odma and Lars have had a meeting with some local interested parties about setting up a network - a platform at national level. This could be envisaged in each Nordic country, but NMTT might not be the one to organize such a network. After the meeting a note was drafted and sent to the participants. The NMTT Secretariat will circulate that note as an **annex 1** to the minutes. The work in Denmark could be replicated in the other Nordic countries. For the time being the major concern is the rising energy prices.

As for the funding Jesper had some ideas and will come back with information on the funding of such projects in Denmark.

The Chair informed that Norway is working on seafood innovation and expect some comments from the Nordic Council of Ministers. She agreed that the major concern is the rising energy prices. Future NMTT work needs to be funded.

### **3. Financial status**

Lars Clink informed about the NMTT financial status. The finances are healthy and can be usefull in connection with new projects.

### **4. Any other business, including**

#### **- The Artic, Aquaculture and Crew Payment**

The Chair informed on the Artic Circle Assembly 13-16 October 2022 in Iceland. She will attend. In this regard it would be appropriate to share a NMTT business card. There will be other occasions where a NMTT business card would be appropriate. Johan Williams would like to distribute the chairs NMTT business card when he attends a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Tromsø 5 October 2022. Despite different views on a business card the Board decided to give it a chance (in this regard the vice chair should have such a card too). The chair will contact a designer for a proposal.

#### **- The need for physical (hybrid) Board and AGM meeting**

The Board agreed that the NMTT should continue physical meetings. However these meetings must be supplemented with an on-line connection as it is not possible for all Board members in different Nordic countries to ensure physical attendance at every NMTT Board meeting. They agreed that it would be appropriate to buy equipment for hybrid meetings. One possible gadget for this is shown in **annex 2** and the Secretariat asked for feed back or recommendations from the members of the Board who may have experience with such equipment.

#### **- Message from Jesper about the NMTT.ORG domain**

The hosting of the NMTT- domain (NMTT.ORG) has been taken over by a new company. Jesper is the one who has the access to domain details. We have so far not had any invoices from the new company, but expect costs to be higher. It was agreed that we should ask Zoe to help with moving the domain over to WIX.

### **Round table of news and events**

Under this point i.a. Jesper informed that in the aquaculture sector the energy consumption is high on the agenda as elsewhere. It is a fast going industry. This initiated a discussion on the planning of oceans, including the priority of wind mill farms for renewable energy and the innovation of fishing gear which has priority in some countries. Staffan informed about the herring fisheries situation in the Baltic and Carl-Christian and Lars had some comments about Danish quota kings and the ongoing court case.

Johan Williams informed on direct landings in Norway from Russian vessels. Bryndis on energy, transport and new freezing practice in Iceland.

The Board members commented on energy and fisheries/aquaculture.

The vice chair mentioned an OECD report on greening aquaculture and will provide a link. The planning of and the infrastructure at sea should be prioritized. The chair will contact Nordic Council of Ministers to find a contact in Finland and then invite Finland to be member of the NMTT.

**- Next Board Meeting and AGM**

The next and 4<sup>th</sup> Board meeting will be held the 5<sup>th</sup> of December at 13.00 hrs cet.

The Annual General Meeting will take place a week later on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2022 followed by constitution of the new Board.