



B7 Baltic Islands Network B7 Åland Chairmanship 2013

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MINUTES FOR BOARD MEETING BORNHOLM:

MEETING: 5 March 2013

Venue: Bornholm, Svaneke,
Hotel Siemens Gaard
Date: 5 March 2013
Time: 10:30--13.00

Officials:

Island	Name		Position
B7 Åland	Jessica Josefsson (JJ)	Yes	B7 Board/Secretary 2013
Gotland	Anne Ståhl-Mousa (ASM)	Yes	B7 Board
Öland	Anders Nyholm (AN)	Yes	B7 Board
Rügen	Martina Schwinkendorf (MS)	Yes	B7 Board
Saaremaa	Jaan Leivategija (JL)	Yes	B7 Board
Bornholm	Henrik Eybye Nielsen (HEN)	Yes	B7 Board
Hiiumaa	Piret Sedrik (PS)	Yes	B7 Board
B7 Facilitator	David Hunt (DH)	Yes	B7 Facilitator
Öland	Tommy Lindström (TL)	Yes	B7 WG Environment

Board Meeting:

§1. MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING: (Gotland Chairmanship)

Purpose of agenda item: To approve the minutes from Board meeting at the AC in Visby on Gotland.

Decision: As there was no Board meeting there is no minutes to approve.

§2. APPROVAL of AGENDA: (Åland Chairmanship)

Purpose of agenda item: To approve the agenda for the meeting.

Decision: Agenda approved.

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§3. ÅLAND CHAIRMANSHIP PROGRAMME UPDATE (Åland Chairmanship)

Purpose of agenda item: To give update on the Annual programme

§3.1. Review Chairmanship programme and in particular discuss islands requirements for a Brussels lobby visit.

Decision: Those who want to go may use money from the budget for the purpose.

§3.2. Agree who will represent B7 at the events in the Chairmanship programme (e.g. UBC Annual Conference)

Decision: Agreed that the Chairmanship (Åland Islands) will represent.

§4. BUDGET & ACCOUNTS:

Purpose of agenda item: Review status for accounts 2012 and budget 2013.

§4.1. Review draft final account for B7 Gotland Chairmanship 2012.

It's noted that we're below budget. (Please see annexes).

§4.2. Status of Budget 2013.

All the member islands have paid their membership fees. But it's stated that a formal decision concerning cutting membership fee for all member islands except Rügen needs to be decided by SC. MS stated that she would like to see an Excel file with the budget through the years. DH points out that these are handed by accountants on Bornholm and in Visby and suggest and review of them for next meeting.

§5. DEVELOPING THE NEW B7 STRATEGY: THE FUTURE OF B7 (Åland Chairmanship)

Purpose of agenda item: Review the mandate for the strategy, develop a work plan and review the contributions from the islands as requested by the Chairmanship.



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§5.1. Review mandate for a task force for the "Future of B7/ B7 Strategy

All the members are agreed that a task force should not include just some members because all everyone is interested in the future of B7. Therefore a task force should consist all board members.

Decision: All members should be included in a task force.

§5.2. Review input received from the member islands

Gotland states that B7 is valuable as a net of contact but that some events work better than other and should continue to be organized, like the B7 Games. Åke Svensson will go further into this during the Steering Committee meeting. Hiiumaa wants to put forward the People to People workgroup as a positive example of what's actually working as well as the networking opportunities B7 creates. Saaremaa on the other hand highlights WG Environment as successful and useful if they have to pick one project.

Rügen also value the networking as something that should be kept and worked on. Further on MS states that we should decide what we really want to do and then do it. Öland on the other hand has no other similar co-operations and wish for B7 to continue in some form. Bornholm is clear on the fact that B7 should not just continue for the sake of it. We should be prepared to change focus and formulate a strategy. They also want to co-operate over projects that would have been acted out on Bornholm anyway. Åland agrees with that and wants to keep it small and simple and useful for Åland.

Decision: All members agree that B7 could be downsized and instead concentrate on what's actually working, like the net of contact it creates. The work groups should be used more. Money should also not only be saved but it should be decided what to do with them.

§5.3. What to do when the facilitator retires? (See annexes for "Role of the Facilitator")

Decision: It's important to make sure that nothing falls between chairs when the Facilitator retires. The Webpage needs to be updated and taken care of and it's decided that the Chairmanship will do it.

§ 5.4. Charter and Annexes.

The Chairmanship proposes that work with updating the Charter and Annexes be put on hold until the strategy is more clearly developed.

Decision: Agreed

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§ 5.5. Milestone dates for working with the strategy

Decision: It's agreed that next meeting will be in Öland the 5 of April followed by Tallinn the 7th of June.

§ 6. PROJECT

Purpose of agenda item: To give update on the ongoing B7 projects

§ 6.1. Business Development leaders project update

Decision: Bornholm will have future leadership and report to the board.

§ 6.2. Destination Manager project update

Decision: Saaremaa takes lead and will see to that all islands get contact details to those who are involved.

§ 6.3. Seaweed project update

Decision: Closed

§ 6.4. Project proposal: Sustainable development in schools and sustainable message from children and youth. Project Leader WG People-to-people.

The project is on its way and a questionnaire has been put together and send out to schools on all member islands. If the project goes well a meeting in the end of the year might come into question.

§ 6.5. Project proposal: Photo exhibition about art project series Project leader WG People-to-people (MS)

The exhibition will take place during the Annual meeting and it might come into question to have it altering between the member islands. To finance the project approx. 4000 € will be needed.



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§ 7. WORKGROUPS

Purpose of agenda item: To get an update on what is happening in the workgroups

§ 7.1. WG People to people (MS)

The Meat Art project is going to take place on Åland the 23 – 28th of May. The programme is under planning and it's to include a visit to a local artist as well as an ending art exhibition.

The B7 day is to be arranged during the "Sea days" in July and MS and JJ will work towards putting together fitting activities.

A pre- meeting concerning the B7 Games is to be held.

Two youngsters Rügen from Bsssc invitation to a Baltic Youth Meeting in Szczecin

§ 7.2. WG Environment

Louise Lyng Bojesen is thinking of stopping as Chair. Tommy Lindström from Öland will take over.

§ 8. PREPARE for SC MEETING

Purpose of agenda item: To go through the SC agenda to ensure Board members are prepared for the meeting.

SC needs to formally decide about the membership fees first thing and that needs to be added to the charter.

Decision: To add decision about membership fees to the SC charter.

§ 9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Next meeting will be hold in Öland the 5 th of April.

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