



B7 Baltic Islands Network

B7 Åland Chairmanship 2013

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DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING:

MEETING: 5 March 2013

Venue: Conference room Hotel Siemens Gaard, Havnesbryggen 9, 3740 Svaneke

Date & Time: 5 MARCH 2013 15:00-17:00

Politicians:

Island	Name		Position
Åland	Gun-Mari Lindholm (GML)	Yes	B7 President 2013 Minister of Åland Government
Gotland	Åke Svensson (ÅS)	Yes	Region Mayor of Gotland
Hiiumaa	Piret Sedrik (PS)	Yes	Acting Hiiumaa County Governor
Öland	Tommy Eliasson (TE)	Yes	Öland Association of Municipalities
Rügen	Karin Giesel (KG)	Yes	Member Council Vorpommern-Rügen
Saaremaa	Kaido Kaasik (KK)	Yes	County Governor
Bornholm	Winnie Grosbøll	Yes	Mayor of Bornholm

Officials:

Åland	Jessica Josefsson (JJ)	Yes	B7 Board Chair 2013/ B7 Secretariat 2013
Gotland	Anne Ståhl-Mousa (ASM)	Yes	B7 Board
Hiiumaa	Aare-Villu Kattel (AK)	NO	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
B7 Facilitator	David Hunt (DH)	Yes	B7 Facilitator

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

Purpose of agenda item: Review and approve minutes of SC meeting at the B7 Annual Conference.

Decision: Minutes approved.

§2. APPROVAL of AGENDA: (Gotland Chairmanship)

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

Decision: Agenda approved

§3. ÅLAND CHAIRMANSHIP PROGRAMME UPDATE: (Åland Chairmanship)

Purpose of agenda item: To give an update on the Annual programme and dates for Chairmanship Programme 2013.

Decision: It was decided that the meeting with Helcom in Helsinki 23.5-24.5 (to discuss common interests of Helcom and B7 regarding the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region and to learn about Helcom's action plan) will take place. There will be accommodation available for those who want to go to the Folkemøde 13.6-16.6 in Bornholm.

§4. 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.

The members agreed that they want minimal input with maximum profit. It was also stated that it sometimes has been felt that some projects have been a must rather than of real use.

ASM: Gotland has other cooperations too and is not sure if they really need B7 too. It must be really profitable to be rewarding. It is also important that there is enough money and workforce to manage this. The networking should be used when it's needed and not because one should and have to. B7 Games has been successful and should be kept.

GML: The cooperation should be kept on a lower level with a smaller administration. Meetings should be held 1-2 times a year. Networking over common interests as unemployment and environmental issues etc., just not on the same level.

TE: B7 is our only international cooperation and is therefore important and a unique possibility. It's therefore of weight that all members take active part. We should try and cooperate over common interests as tourism, transport etc.

HEN: The level should be lower, for example just an annual meeting. The exchange of experiences should be vital, creating jobs by green possibilities, the fact that youngsters leave their island and never

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comes back etc. Projects may be works on together but on areas that's naturally interested to the islands. Focus should be put on three pillars: Exchange of experience, lobbying and projects. focus should be changed when we know more about funding/ financing. We should ask ourselves how much money and energy we need and also if we really need a facilitator.

Decision: It's concluded that no one wants to liquidate altogether but that a reduction is necessary. The Helcom SC meeting in Helsinki 23-24.5 should be used to discuss the result of the task force meeting on Öland the 5.4.

§5. BUDGET & ACCOUNTS:

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

§ 5.1. Review draft final accounts for B7 Gotland Chairmanship 2012.

The final accounts for 2012 were represented. All the members have paid their membership fees. The payment for the secretariat as well as for the facilitator are in order. The website costs are in order.

§ 5.2. Approval of Budget for 2013

Decision: Approved

§6. PROJECTS

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

The project has been finished and closed.

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

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The project is on its way and a questionnaire has been put together and send out to schools on all member islands. Answers are expected back in the end of May. If the project goes well a meeting in the end of the year might come into question. The result is to be represented at the annual conference.

§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.

Decision: SC approved the cost of 4000 € for the project.

§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 (Öland) will take over.

Decision: Approved

§8. COMMUNICATION, MEETINGS & EVENTS

Purpose of agenda item: Update on international co-operation meetings and events that affect the B7 or where B7 islands participate.

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§8.1. CPMR meetings in 2013

General Assembly of the CPMR Islands Commission (Cagliari, Sardegna, IT) 20-21th of June.

§8.2. BSSSC meetings in 2013

A meeting is to be held 10-11-6 on Bornholm. TE keeps the correspondence going.

§8.3. UBC General Assembly 2013

§9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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