**Nordic World Heritage Association**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**SKYPE, at 15.00 – 17.00 (Finnish time), Monday February 17th 2020**

**Minutes**

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| Chair: | Einar Sæmundsen (ICE) |
| Secretary: | Petteri Takkula (FIN) – (Ólafur Jónsson NW 07-09) |
| Other members present: | Malin Henriksson (FIN), Rita Johansen (NOR), Ólafur Jónsson (ICE), Lena Landström (SWE), Halvor Sælebakke (NOR), Morten Teilmann-Joergensen (DEN) 01-05/2020 |
| Members absent: | Camilla Lugnet (SWE) |

**NW 01/2020 Minutes from last meeting (All)**

* Ólafur will share the final version with Einar and publish it after that.

**NW 02/2020 Conference 2020 status (Halvor)**

* Halvor presented a status report. Steering group met last week and the project group is now ready to proceed. Technical arrangements and bookings have been finalised. Now the emphasis is on the content.
* The topic: *Protecting and creating value*.
* The Board thanked the Norwegian organisers, encouraged them to proceed with the key note speakers quickly and offerd some key note ideas. Halvor asked for suggestions to be sent to him by email.

**NW 03/2020 Conference handbook status**

* Einar will coordinate with Harald that the final version of the Handbook is published on the web site.

**NW 04/2020 Conference 2021 status**

* Magnus Guðmundsson has started the preliminary arrangements in Vatnajokull for the 2021 Conference. Einar and Ólafur presented to the Board the logistical challenges that Vatnajokull as a host site presents. Einar will discuss the logistics with Magnus at the first opportunity.

**NW 05/2020 Preparation for annual meeting in Grimeton**

* Camilla emailed the logistics info to the Board on Feb 13th 2020.
* The annual meeting will start around 1 pm in Grimeton on the 19th of May. After that there will be a Board meeting. The combined Annual/Board meeting will conclude by 2 pm on the 20th of May.
* Einar will ask John for assistance on the formalities.

**NW 06/2020 Tourism project status and what next**

* B-A-R-K has concluded the country specific interviews.
*  This does not include the country specific Skype interviews. These will be included in early March.
* How do we utilize the results and where do we go form here?
* The Swedish project has similar aims.
* We have to communicate the results to the sites and to UNESCO: Lena will try to contact Peter DeBrine, and if unseccessful, Petteri will ask Stefan Wessman for help.

**NW 07/2020 Other project ideas from NWHA**

* Lena: How climate change affects wooden buildings.
* Rita: Climate change. Tourism in small places.
* Ólafur: Site mapping idea revival.

**NW 08/2020 Other/News from sites and countries (All)**

* **Iceland:**
  + Answers to two letters from UN office in Paris regarding possible development within the Þingvellir park have been submitted.
* **Finland:**
  + First national World Heritage Forum in Oct or Nov 2020 will be organised by the Ministry of Education and Culture: Working title: *Intrinsic and extrinsic value of World Heritage*.
  + Old Rauma Heritage Impact Assessment will be finalised in the spring.
  + The Finnish WH Association has begun to discuss the Nordic WH conference in 2022.
* **Sweden:**
  + National conference in Laponia, beginning of June.
  + The site Decorated Farmhouses of Hälsingland will, together with Innlandet Fylkeskommune in Norway, apply for a project in Creative Europe, section *Bridging culture and audiovisual content through digital* under the title „Virtual World Heritage Stories“. There has been a call for partners, and during the next week meetings will be held with Spain – WHS Gaudì architecture in Barcelona and Portugal – WHS Coa Valley. Dealine for application is 14th of May.
* **Norway:**
  + National conference in Geiranger. Topic: How to get national ministries to cooperate.
  + Workshop for WH coordinators in March regarding Environmental Impact Assessment in WH sites.
* **Denmark:**
  + None submitted.

**NW 09/2020 Next board meeting (All)**

* Annual meeting and Board meeting in Grimeton 19th and 20th of May.