Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting of the European Society for Environmental History held on Friday, 23 August 2013 from 17:00-18:45 in Munich, Germany

Attendants: 116 ESEH members present which means that the quorum was met.
Chair: Christof Mauch, ESEH President

Agenda:
1. Opening of the meeting by the President
2. Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting, Turku, 1 July 2011
3. President's report on the development of ESEH (activities undertaken 2011-2013)
4. Report by the Chair of the Council of Regional Representatives
5. Treasurer's report on budget 2011-2013
6. Report by the Financial Control Committee
7. Presentation of the Biannual Report by the Secretary
8. Voting on constitutional reform
9. Discharge of the outgoing Board Members and Regional Representatives
10. Report by the Nomination Committee and Election of the new Board Members and Regional Representatives
11. Various

1. Opening
President Christof Mauch opens the meeting and presents the agenda.

2. Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting, Turku, 1 July 2011
Minutes are adopted by a show of hands. No person abstained/objected to the adoption of the minutes.

3. President's report on the development of ESEH (activities undertaken 2011-2013)
The President reports on the development of ESEH and activities undertaken by the Board between 2011 and 2013 highlighting in particular the tremendous growth of the ESEH during this period. Specific growth points were the holding of annual ESEH Summer Schools (Italy, 2011, France 2012, Russia 2013 and Switzerland 2013), the creation of Arcadia in co-operation with the Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, and the launch of a publication series with Berghahn Books and the Carson Center.
4. Report by the Chair of the Council of Regional Representatives
Christian Rohr, the chair of the CRR, explains how the CRR functions and provides a short overview of the most important activities undertaken by the Regional Representatives. Special mention is made of the 85% growth in membership between 2011 and 2013 during which period ESEH membership increased from 425 members to 788.

5. Treasurer's report on budget 2011-2013
Ulrich Koppitz, the ESEH Treasurer, reports on the finances of the society for the years 2009 to 2011, particularly the budget for 2010 and 2011. The Financial Report will be published as part of the Biannual Report on the ESEH website. The accounts of the ESEH are approved by a show of hands: 1 person abstained and the rest voted in favour of adopting the accounts. Upon request of the treasurer, the OGM votes on the following changes to the ESEH membership fees: increase full membership from €20 to €25 per annum for those with monthly incomes > €1,000; retain the reduced membership of €10 per annum for those with monthly incomes < €1,000; introduce a Life membership fee of €500. These changes were adopted by majority vote of 100 in favour, 7 objected and 9 abstained.

6. Report by the Financial Control Committee
The ESEH Financial Control Committee consists of Dr Ulrike Plath and Dr Martin Knoll. They reported that after scrutinising the finances of the ESEH, they have no objections to the way the Treasurer manages the finances. There report was adopted by majority vote; there was one abstention and no objection.

7. Presentation of the Biannual Report by the Secretary
Phia Steyn, Secretary of the ESEH, presents the Biannual Report. The report will be published on the ESEH website.

8. Voting on constitutional reform
The proposed 9 constitutional changes were adopted unanimously by the OGM.

9. Discharge of the outgoing Board Members and Regional Representatives
The OGM discharges the outgoing Board Members (President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer) without a dissenting or an abstaining vote. The OGM also discharges the
outgoing Regional Representatives Marco Armiero (Italy), Finn Arne Jørgensen (Nordic countries) and Andrea Kiss (Hungary).

10. Report by the Nomination Committee and Election of the new Board Members and Regional Representatives

Martin Schmid, the chair of the Nominating Committee, reports on the nomination process and introduces the candidates as follows:

President: 1 nomination
Dolly Jørgensen, Rachel Carson Center for Environmental Studies, Umea, Sweden

Vice-President: 4 nominations – 2 positions vacant
Marco Armiero, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden
Julia Lajus, European University at St. Petersburg, Russia
Timo Myllyntaus, University of Turku, Finland
Bo Poulsen, Aalborg University, Denmark

Secretary: 1 nomination
Wilko Graf von Hardenberg, Rachel Carson Center, Munich, Germany

Treasurer: 1 nomination for re-election
Ulrich Koppitz, University of Dusseldorf, Germany

Financial Control Committee:
Dominik Collet, Heidelberg University, Germany
Martin Knoll, Technische Universität Darmstadt, Germany

Regional Representatives
Baltic countries: Ulrike Plath, University of Tallinn, Estonia
Hungary: Dénes Sálata, Szent István University, Gödöllő, Hungary
Italy: Giacomo Parrinello, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, USA
Nordic Countries: Mikko Saikkui, University of Helsinki, Finland
Portugal: Inês Amorim, Porto University, Portugal
Candidates for the Board positions present themselves in short statements.

Voting for all the positions with the exception of the Financial Control Committee is conducted by ballot. The latter was conducted by a show of hands. The ballots are counted by Phia Steyn, Ulrich Koppitz, Finn Arne Jørgensen, Andrea Kiss and David Moon. Martin Schmid presents the following results:

**President:**
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*Dolly Jørgensen*

116 voters: 111 = Yes; 2 = No; 3 = Abstain

**Vice-President:** 2 positions vacant

116 voters – 2 votes each

*Marco Armiero* = 44  
*Julia Lajus* = 74 (elected)  
*Timo Myllyntaus* = 49  
*Bo Poulsen* = 62 (elected)

**Secretary:**

*Wilko Graf von Hardenberg*

116 voters: 113 = Yes; 1 = No; 2 = Abstain

**Treasurer:**

*Ulrich Koppitz*

116 voters: 115 = Yes; 0 = No; 1 = Abstain

**Financial Control Committee:**

*Dominik Collet*

116 voters: 111 = Yes; 1 = No; 4 = Abstain  
*Martin Knoll*

116 voters: 113 = Yes; 0 = No; 3 = Abstain

**Regional Representatives:**

*Baltic countries: Ulrike Plath*

116 voters: 107 = Yes; 1 = No; 8 = Abstain  
*Hungary: Dénes Sálata*
116 voters: 104 = Yes; 1 = No; 11 = Abstain

Italy: Giacomo Parrinello
116 voters: 106 = Yes; 2 = No; 8 = Abstain

Nordic Countries: Mikko Saikkui
116 voters: 107 = Yes; 1 = No; 8 = Abstain

Portugal: Inês Amorim
116 voters: 106 = Yes; 2 = No; 8 = Abstain

No recount is required by the assembly. All elected candidates accept their election.

The newly elected ESEH President, Dolly Jørgensen, closes the meeting at 18:45.

Phia Steyn
ESEH Secretary
Stirling, 3 October 2014