

Business meeting of Nordic Bryological Society at Tori Veski Villa, Estonia, on 3th August, 2003

Members and others present: Leif Appelgren (S), Nils Cronberg (S), Per Darell (S), Svein Olav Drangeid (N), Dinie During (NL), Heinjo During (NL), Anna Ganeva (Bulg), Nele Ingerpuu (E), Sirje Kaerma (S), Bo Karlsson (S), Gerard Kristensson (S), Michael Lûth (Ger), Rayna Natcheva (Bulg), Arne Pedersen (N), Anna Skoda (Lit.) and Kai Vellak (E).

1. The annual meeting was opened at 20.15 h by the president.
2. Nils Cronberg was elected as chairman, A. Pedersen as secretary and Per Darell as minute checker of the meeting.
3. Nils Cronberg presented the annual report of NBS. The field excursion which was last year arranged in Småland, south Sweden, is as usual the main activity of the society. In addition, there have been some minor alternations.
Sigurd Sâstad has replaced Heini Düring as new editor of Lindbergia. Heino was honorably thanked for his great engagement and thorough work during more than ten year as editor in chief. The second issue of Lindbergia 2003 is planned to be a celebration for Heino and will contain papers from special invited contributors.
We have changed treasurer and Leif Appelgren has worked hard to bring the economy and membership list under control.
The well known bryologist and one of the founder of NBS, Elsa Nyholm, died last year. Nils Cronberg has represented the society during her burial ceremony.
As was suggested last year, we have taken over the work with the distribution of Lindbergia to our subscribing members (G. Kristensson is responsible at present).
Nils informs that we will get permission to establish a Web page for NBS at the server of Swedish Botanical Society at a low cost.
4. The treasurer's report was presented by L. Appelgren. The budget for 2002 shows a surplus of 5700 NOK due to lowcosts regarding administration. Our liabilities is now about 56000 NOK in cash. The meeting adopted the accounts. The treasure will try to find a Nordic bank offering us to pay our membership fee and Lindbergia with VISA.
5. Svein Olav Drangeid presented the auditor's report and did not find anything wrong. The meeting adopted the report.
6. Budget for coming year. The NBS members have to pay about 60 NOK extra for Lindbergia in order to cover the deficit during the last year (about 15000 NOK) particularly caused by considerable decrease in the number of subscribing members. It was decided that non-members participating the annual excursion and meeting of NBS, have to pay a fee which is equal to the membership fee without Lindbergia. The meeting has no objections to these changes.
7. Setting of the annual membership fee. Next year, the members will have to pay 90 SEK without Lindbergia and 450 SEK including Lindbergia. The meeting adopted these new increases in the membership fee.
8. Election – NBS board: Nils Cronberg (president), Kristian Hassel (secretary), Leif Appelgren (treasurer) and Einar Heegaard (board member) were elected last year. Gerhard

Kristensson (Lindbergia distributor), Arne Pedersen (board member) and Henrik Weibull (board member) were reelected for two more years.

9. Auditors: Svein Olav Drangeid was elected last year. Per Darell was elected for two years since Lars Gunnar Jonsson wished to withdraw as auditor.

10. Appointment of two members for Lindbergia council: Kell Damsholt and Solveig Bakken has been members of the Linbergia council during the previous year, but Solveig Bakken has announced that she wants to be replaced. No person to replace Solveig was identified by the meeting. The annual meeting therefore transferred to the NBS board to find a new member of the Linbergia council besides Kell Damsholt, who was re-elected.

11. No report from the Council of Lindbergia is available from the new editor in chief. However, Heino could tell that Mr. Saastad considers to change some rules and that it is necessary to raise the prize of Lindbergia owing to increasing printing costs. A letter is prepared to be sent to ISI-codex with a formal request for reentering the citation system.

12. Determination of place, time and organizer for the next excursion. It was decided that the field excursion and annual meeting in 2004 will be arranged some place in Middle Norway (Trøndelag) with Kristian Hassel as responsible organizer. In 2005, we were invited to Bulgaria, where A. Ganeva and R Natcheva are willing to organize the field excursion of NBS that year. Both proposals were accepted by the annual meeting.

13. Further matters. Before ending the meeting Nils Cronberg proposed some important activities in a PR-campaign for recruitment of new members.

We introduce a special reduced prize for new members, i.e. 45 SEK for membership fee and 90 SEK with Lindbergia. This will lower the income in the beginning, but possibly being profitable in a long run. Of course, we have to inform our Dutch co-partner and get permission from them.

We will make a leaflet with information about NBS that could be distributed together with the sale of the liverworts flora of Damsholt.

We can send information about NBS and its excursions to Myrinia (the journal of Mossornas Vänner) and to similar journals from other countries.

We may send information about NBS to BRYONET dealing with the latest news in bryology. Supposing that we get permission from Janice Glime (editor of Bryonet), we could advertise a list of forthcoming papers published in Lindbergia.

Similar information about NBS and Lindbergia will be introduced in BRYOPLANET, a quite new list serve for a nordic ecological network sponsored by NorFa (Nordic Council).

We will have to establish a home page for NBS containing information about our statutes, membership fee, excursions, meeting reports, mapping project etc. The NBS board will try to find a web editor who will undertake this important task as soon as possible.

The annual meeting has no objections to these plans.

The meeting was closed at 2130 and then almost everybody made preparations for sauna.

Arne Pedersen
(secretary)

Peter Darell
(minute checker)