

Report from annual meeting of the Nordic Bryological Society at Mårtensbo farm, Hällefors parish, Närke, South Sweden, July 14th, 2006

Members present; Leif Appelgren, Nils Cronberg, Lars-Åke Flodin, Ingemar Herber, Kåre Homble, Huub van Melick, Heidi Paltto, Arne Pedersen, Karin Wicklund and Sten My Widhe.

Before the business meeting, we celebrated the 40 years anniversary of NBS by dining at the Villmarkskrogen, a “wilderness” restaurant not far from the local commune center Hällefors. During the dinner the president (N. Cronberg) read a nice and congratulatory letter from Dr. Pekka Isoviita represented the Finnish Bryological Society.

1. Well back at the youth hostel Mårtensbo, the president opened the meeting at 0900 pm.
2. N. Cronberg was elected as chairman, A. Pedersen as secretary and I. Herber as minute checker of the meeting.
3. The annual report was presented by the president. As usual, the main activity of our society is the annual excursion, which last year was arranged in West Bulgaria with about 20 participants. This excursion was successfully organized and performed by our Bulgarian colleagues (Anna Ganeva & Rayna Natcheva), who showed us a wide range of Bulgarian nature types and bryophytes from three National Parks and different Nature Reserves.
Up to now, our web master G. Kristensson has done an excellent work with our home page and is willing to continue, supposing that the board members and other NBS members are responsible for the content.
4. L. Appelgren presented the treasure’s report for 2005. The figures show a surplus of about SEK 3000, most of it deriving from our dues and subscribers (ca 80 members are paying for Lindbergia at the moment). The meeting accepted the accounts.
5. Despite of both auditors were absent from the meeting, they could not find any wrong with the vouchers and the keeping of account. The meeting accepted the report.
6. The membership fee for coming year was decided to be unchanged. Today, the NBS fees are 450 SEK with Lindbergia and 330 SEK for student. Membership without Lindbergia is 90 SEK.
7. Elections NBS board. The meeting reelected N. Cronberg (president), L. Appelgren (treasurer) and K. Hassel (secretary) for two years. In addition was Kåre Homble elected as new board member (replaces K. Heegaard) for two years. G. Kristensson (board member/web master), S. Laaka-Lindberg (board member) and A. Pedersen (board member) were elected last year.
8. Election auditors. S.O. Drangeid was elected and will continue for two more years. P. Darell was elected last year.
9. Election Lindbergia council. K. Damsholt was elected for two years. N. Cronberg was elected last year.
10. Report from Lindbergia council. Nils informed that the publication of Lindbergia is lately delayed due to the fact that Sigurd Saastad (editor-in-chief) has got a severe leuchemia. His tasks have temporarily been taken up by K.I. Flatberg (Trondheim), but it is necessary to find a person who can take charge of Lindbergia for one or two years until Sigurd hopefully is recovered.*
During the last two years there has been a general decrease in numbers of manuscripts to Lindbergia. This has urged the “old” proposal to include lichenological papers in Lindbergia. There has always been a strong will from the Dutch Society to let their “lichenised” members to publish in their own journal. The main argument for including Lichenology is that Lindbergia need more subscribers to strengthen the economy and the journal. Lichenology will hopefully increase the number of manuscripts to Lindbergia, which in turn may increase the quality of journal and thus attract new subscribers. Of course, this topic will involve some changes in the statutes both with respect to Lindbergia and NBS. The meeting decided to accept lichen papers in Lindbergia. The

meeting wishes that the Lindbergia Council together with the NBS board discuss these problems thoroughly and present their results and proposals on the next annual meeting.

11. Location of next excursion. At previous meetings there have been proposed different places, viz. Svalbard, Russia (St. Petersburg region), Western Norway. However, We hope that the next meeting can be arranged in cooperation with the Finnish board member Sanna Laaka-Lindberg, somewhere in Finland.

12. No further matters. The meeting was closed at 1005 pm.

Arne Pedersen (sign)
(secretary)

Ingemar Herber(sign)
(minute checker)

*We did not know the sad fact that Sigurd diseased two days earlier, July 12. Kjell Ivar Flatberg will continue as temporary editor-in-chief for the time being.