Annual meeting of the Nordic Bryological Society at Longyearbyen 2013.

Agenda:

Opening of the meeting

- a. Election of a chairman, a secretary and a minute checker for the meeting.
- b. The annual report from the Council.

Lindbergia has been successfully turned into an open access journal

Last years main activity was the annual meeting and excursion Jylland Denmark.

A new flora of the Liverworts of Greenland by Damsholt is available

c. Budget for the coming year.

We have as usual no budget

d. Treasurer's report.

Information from Leif

e. Setting the membership fee.

For a more long time perspective we need to do something with the economical situation, cange in membership fee is one option

f. Election of President and members of the Council.

I have not got any information about people that want to get out of the council! (Re-elect those available for election)

g. Appointments of two auditors.

Same as above!

h. Determination of place, time and organiser for the next excursion.

Finland or Norway or some other place.

(2006 Nora, Västmanland; Sweden 2007 Lammi, Finland; 2008 Trillemarka, Buskerud, Norway; 2009 Mødrudalur, Island, 2010 Freiburg Germany, 2011 Öland Sweden, 2012 Jylland Denmark)

i. Appointment of three members for the Council of Lindbergia.

Any suggestions, this does not seem work!

j. Report from the Council of Lindbergia.

No report from the council, but we have a report from the editor.

Other subjects

Closing of the meeting

From the statutes §6

The Council of the Society shall consist of at least seven persons: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and three council members. Insofar as possible, all Nordic countries should be represented in the Council. Only Nordic members can be elected to the Council. The Council may whenever necessary appoint committees to take care of various activities within the sphere of interest of the Society. The financial year of the Society is 1 January to 31 December.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Nordic Bryological Society, Longyearbyen, July 23, 2013

- §1. The president, Kristian Hassel, opens and welcomes everyone to the annual meeting.
- §2. Kristian Hassel and Gerhard Kristensson are elected as chairman and secretary, respectively, of the meeting. The chairman acts as the minute checker.
- §3. The annual report from the Council of NBS:
 - a) Lindbergia has been successfully turned into an open access journal.
 - b) The annual excursion 2012 was held in Jutland, Denmark organized by Irina Goldberg. This meeting was held together with the Danish National Bryological Society.
 - c) Kell Damsholt's new flora on the Hepatics of Greenland has been published. An an advertisement should be added on NBS's homepage.
- §4. No budget of 2014 has been made.
- §5. Treasurer's report was presented by the treasurer of the society, Leif Appelgren.
- §6. The membership fee of 2014 is decided to be unaltered, 50 NOK. Possible ways to increase the income of the society and to improve the economy are also discussed.
 - NBS acts as an umbrella organization for bryology in the Nordic countries, and a small fee from the national societies can be requested. The president of NBS investigates this possibility.
 - b) Back issues of Lindbergia are made available for download to the members of NBS, and this privilege could motivate an increase of the annual fee.
- §7. The president, Kristian Hassel, and the entire Council of NBS are reelected for 2014.
- §8. The auditors, Svein-Olav Drangeid and Per Darell, were reelected.
- §9. The next annual excursion of 2014 is suggested to be somewhere in Finland. Sanna Laaka should be asked to organize the meeting. As an option, an excursion in Poland is discussed. Upcoming excursions to Scotland and Freiburg 2015 are also discussed.
- §10. The appointment of tree members of the Council of *Lindbergia* is discussed. The reason for appointing three members seems no longer motivated after *Lindbergia* has become an open access journal. **Action:** The NBS Council is asked to prepare for a change in the statues to eliminate the demand of appointing three members of the Council of *Lindbergia*. The matter should be discussed with the Dutch Society before any further actions are taken
- §11. No report from the Council of Lindbergia is available.
- §12. Other matters:
 - a) Kell Damsholt is elected honorary member of NBS. The president should inform Damsholt about the election, and also invite Damsholt to the next annual meeting.
 - b) The annual excursions of the national societies should be announced on the homepage of NBS.
 - c) Michael Lüth is willing to assist the webmaster in the modernization of the NBS's homepage.
- §13. The meeting is closed by the chairman.