

# Minutes of the annual meeting of the Nordic Bryological Society at Hemavan, Lycksele Lappmark, Sweden 2016.

Present: Niklas Lönnell, Lars Hedenäs, Karin Wiklund, Jan Larsen, Irina Goldberg, Leif Appelgren, Christine Daute, Richard Åkesson, Kristian Hassel, Tomas Hallingbäck, Michael Lüth and Rudi Zielman.

**§1. The president, Kristian Hassel, opened the meeting at 20:05**

**§2. Kristian Hassel was elected as chairman, Niklas Lönnell secretary and Irina Goldberg minute checker for the meeting.**

**§3 The annual report from the Council was presented:** Lindbergia runs on as an open access journal, and last years main activity was the annual meeting and excursion in Inchnadamph, Scotland.

**§4. Change of the statutes.**

As the council of Lindbergia have not been functioning for some time and the journal now is run by an editor, the council of NBS suggests that the statutes should be changed according to the following: §5i "Appointment of three members for the Council of Lindbergia" is omitted and §5j "Report from the Council of Lindbergia" is changed to "Report from the Editor of Lindbergia".

The meeting in 2015 decided unanimously according to the suggestion. As two annual meeting have decided on this with more than two-third majority the statutes are now changed. The new revised statutes are appended.

**§5 Budget for the coming year.**

No budget of 2016 has been made. Lindbergia is the main yearly cost. A draft to a new contract between Oikos office and the Nordic and the Dutch Bryological and Lichenological society were presented. The cost will be 150 SEK per page and 100 SEK per publication. The website for Lindbergia costs 6,000 SEK per year. The board of the Nordic Bryological Society and the Dutch Bryological and Lichenological Society will decide on the matter. The main income is selling old papers from Lindbergia through JSTORE. For 2015 it resulted in a surplus for Lindbergia.

**§6. Treasurer's report** was presented by the treasurer of the society, Leif Appelgren.

**§7. The membership fee** was decided to be unchanged (50 SEK).

**§8. Election of President and members of the Council.**

The board members are elected for two years and the members that were available for election were re-elected. The Council of NBS will for 2016 consist of Kristian Hassel (president to 2018), Leif Appelgren (treasurer to 2018), Rikka Juutinen (to 2018), Nils Cronberg (to 2018), Gerhard Kristensen (to 2017), Irina Goldberg (to 2017), Sanna Laaka-Lindberg (to 2017), Kåre Homble (to 2017).

The treasurer Leif Appelgren (svenskt personnummer 550708-5636, norskt personnummer: 080755-21554, address: Storhaugsveien 16A, 4014 Stavanger, Norway) and the president Kristian Hassel (personnr: 110172-40171, address: Devlesvingen 17A, 7041 Trondheim, Norway) will independently be trusty for the society. (Kassören och ordförande tecknar var för sig föreningen).

**§9.** Per Darell (to 2017) and Svein Olav Drangeid (to 2018) were elected auditors.

**§10. Determination of place, time and organiser for the next excursion.**

There is one suggestions for excursions in 2017: Faeroe Islands. First week of July. Details and invitation will be presented in September. Suggestion for 2018 is Norway (Tromsø or Lofoten or other part of the Northern Norway).

**§11. Appointment of three members for the Council of Lindbergia.** The statutes have been changed and this paragraph was omitted.

**§12 Report from the Council of Lindbergia.** Lindbergia is running as an open access journal. There are few manuscripts each year. All members are encouraged to send in papers.

**§13. Other subjects**

It was suggested that grants for students attending the annual meeting could be announced. The board will decide on which criteria need to be fulfilled and distribute an announcement.

To next meeting the board should look into how the statutes could be altered so it is stated more clearly who is the trusty of the society.

**§14. The meeting was closed by the chairman at 20:53.**

Niklas Lönnell  
Secretary

Irina Goldberg  
minute checker

## Statutes for the Nordic Bryological Society

The statutes were accepted at NBS annual meeting in Kilpisjärvi August 5 th 1992.

§1 The name of the society is Nordisk Bryologisk Förening, NBF (Nordic Bryological Society, NBS). The language of the society is English.

§2 The objectives of the society are:

- a. To encourage all branches of bryological research.
- b. To facilitate co-operation and communication between Nordic bryologists, amateurs as well as professionals.
- c. To encourage bryological knowledge by arranging meetings, courses and field excursions in bryology.
- d. To provide expertise to assist in the protection of sites of bryological interest.
- e. To encourage publication of bryological papers.

§3 Membership in NBF is open to anyone interested in the objectives and activities of the society. Membership is attained by application to the Secretary of the Society and retained as long as the fees are paid. Honorary membership can be approved by a simple majority of votes cast at an annual meeting after an unanimous recommendation from the Council of the Society. Any member acting contrary to the objectives of the Society may be expelled.

§4 Notice of the annual meeting shall be sent to the members at the latest one month in advance. Proposals for candidates for the President and the Council of the Society should be sent to the Secretary at the latest two months before the annual meeting.

§5 The annual meeting is arranged, preferably in connection with an excursion, in rotation between the Nordic countries. At the annual meeting the following matters must be on the agenda:

- a. Election of a chairman, a secretary and a minute checker for the meeting.
- b. The annual report from the Council.
- c. Budget for the coming year.
- d. Treasurer's report.
- e. Setting the membership fee.
- f. Election of President and members of the Council.
- g. Appointments of two auditors.
- h. Determination of place, time and organiser for the next excursion.
- i. Report from the Editor of Lindbergia.

§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.

§7 The president shall serve for two years, and shall be eligible for re-election. The candidate receiving the largest number of votes in a single ballot shall be elected.

§8 Members of the Council shall serve for two years and shall be eligible for re-election. Three Council members shall be elected at each annual meeting. The three candidates receiving the largest number of votes in a single ballot shall be elected. The annual meeting may decide, by simple majority, to add up to two additional Council members until the next annual meeting.

§9 Two auditors shall be appointed at the annual meeting in alternate years.

§10 The Council shall appoint the Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer from among its own members. A majority of Council shall constitute a quorum. In the case of tie vote at a Council meeting or a general meeting the President shall have a casting vote.

§11 The Society publishes the journal Lindbergia, independently or in collaboration with other societies. Lindbergia shall have its own statutes approved by an annual meeting of NBF.

§12 Changes to the statutes of the Society require a two-third majority of the votes cast at two successive annual meetings. Proposals for new or revised statutes must be announced when notice of the annual meeting is given.

§13 Any proposals for the dissolution of the Society requires simple majority in the Council in two meetings at least one year apart. The proposal must then be submitted to all members of the Society and requires a two-thirds majority of the votes cast. In the case of dissolution of the Society its assets must be used to further the objectives of the Society in a manner to determined by the Council, but in such way that arrangements concerning the funding of Lindbergia are maintained.