

Annual meeting of the Nordic Bryological Society at Finse alpine field station,
Hordaland, Norway on July 17th 2001

Members present: Leif Appelgren, Nils Cronberg, Svein O. Drangeid, Einar Heegard, Gudmund Moen, Niklas Lönnell, Arne Pedersen, Henrik Weibüll.

1. The meeting was opened at 2030 by the president.
2. Nils Cronberg was elected chairman, A. Pedersen as secretary and H. Weibüll as minute checker of the meeting.
3. Nils Cronberg presented the annual report. Besides the excursion to the Faraoes, the activities of the NBS council has been fairly low this year.
4. Since L. Söderström did not attend this meeting, the treasure's report and the budget of next year were not available for the present members. Hopefully, it will be presented later together with a publication of Lindbergia.
5. S.O.Drangeid presented the auditor's report and found that the accounts were correctly kept. However, the economy of NBS showed a minor deficit (about 1700 Nkr) primarily due to the costs concerning local transport on Suderoy last year. To get a better view of the economy, mr Drangeid proposed if the treasure could organize the budget of the society for a couple of years running, including the number of members both in the budget year as well as the year before. He also suggested that a small increase in the annual membership fee is necessary to get the charges accounts in balance. The level of increase needed will be decided by the NBS council.
6. There has also been low activity in the Lindbergia council and no report was submitted to the annual meeting. L. Söderström has suggested the following new distribution system for Lindbergia. NBS "buys" a number of copies of Lindbergia from the office in Lund (equal to the number of members, including a small number of extra copies). NBS organizes the distribution. Benefits, we will get a better view of the Lindbergia budget and the office in Lund will get their money more regularly. The meeting was positive to this suggestion on the assumption that we can find people who are willing to do this extra work.
7. Election. Unfortunately, this year we could rather find any finnish candidates to be elected in the NBS council. Following members were elected for two years to the council: Gerhard Kristensson, Arne Pedersen and Henrik Weibüll. Bengt Gunnar Jonsson was reelected auditor for two years. Soveig Bakken was elected for two more years in the Lindbergia council. At the end of 2002 Lars Söderström want to leave the council. This means that we have to find a new treasure at the annual meeting next year.
8. Location and time for excursion and annual meeting 2002 were discussed. Earlier excursion proposals, e.g. to Lofoten-Kiruna, the Baltic or Svalbard were not actual this time. In the light of the fact that several bryologists probably wish to attend the Sphagnum conference in Trondheim (13-23/8-02), the duration of NBS excursion will be more limited. The meeting decided that a shortened excursion will be held at Växsjö in Småland, S-Sweden early in the summer and probably arranged together with Mossornas Vänner. The organizer will be clarified later.

9. The mapping project Bryophyta Nordica is finished this year. Probably a revised edition of liverworts maps including the Baltic countries will be prepared. K. Hassel, L. Söderström and H. Weibüll are working with this matter?

10. Further matters.

The meeting suggests that it is important to establish a home page of NBS which may contain following items:

- Presentation of our society and Linbergia.
- E-mail address of all members
- Informations about bryophyte courses and meetings
- Survey of recent bryophyte literature
- Actual activities such as mapping projects, status of red list species etc.
- Hopefully will such a home page both stimulate and activate the members and also recruite new members. But of course, we had to find some persons who are responsible to date up our home page.

The meeting was closed at 2215

Arne Pedersen
(secretary of the meeting)

Henrik Weibüll
(minute checker)