



## **BSL Coordinating Conference in Stockholm 25.-27.09.2015 Minutes of Meeting**

### **AGENDA:**

1. Opening of the Conference.
2. Election of Chairman and Secretary of the Conference.
3. Short self-presentatin of Delegates and other participants.
4. Handing over the Presidency and election of a new VP.
5. Acceptnce of Minutes of Meeting from last Conference in Hamburg, DE.
6. Presentation of actual situation of BSL
7. Presentation of ongoing and possible future common projects of BSL.
8. Web page – Ilkka Siissalo.
9. Presentation of Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, US.
10. EF 2015 in Augsburg, Germany.
11. Future of BSL, possible reorganization. Participating of Russia.
12. Agreement of the next BSL Conference.
13. Open discussion.
14. Closing of the Conference.

### **Participants:**

Finland: Sanna and Ilkka Siissalo  
Sweden: Mona Neppenström and Rolf Hallberg as guest  
Estonia: Ragnar Loivukene  
Poland: Wojciech Dmochowski  
Germany: Lutz Baastrup  
Denmark: Knud Løkkegaard  
No show:  
Latvia: Silja Thimsen had sent her excuses in advance  
Lithuania: Gidrius Indrasius informed late Friday night to be unable to attend.  
Russia: Did not respond to invitation nor turned up.

Re 1. The Chairman Ragnar Loivukene bid everyone welcome to the Conference thanking Mona for the arrangement.

Re 2. Lutz Baastrup was elected new Chairman for the next two years.  
Knud Løkkegaard was elected as Secretary of the Conference.

Re 3. All participants presented themselves to the Conference.

Re 4. The Presidency was handed over to Lutz Baastrup and Knud Løkkegaard was elected new Vice President of BSL.

Re 5. The Minutes of Meeting from Hamburg was accepted.

Re 6. The Delegates reported from their Districts/Countries:

Germany: Everything is fine and as one of few countries with rising number of members.

Latvia: In spite of again living in Germany Silja Thimsen has decided to stay onboard representing Latvia. The situation in Latvia could be better.

Finland: The main project in Carelia seem to suffer from political problems from Russia. Would like to participate in common projects where possible.

Sweden: Is loosing members with now 1350 members in the District. Have done some fundraising for Latvia. BSL is popular in Sweden.

Poland: Membership is unchanged with 54 clubs. Relations are nursed with Ukraine.

Estonia: Now 60 clubs after having lost 2 clubs but 1 or 2 new clubs might come in. Membership is at 1250 members. 6 LEO clubs.

Lithuania: Ragnar reported that at present there are 30 clubs and one LEO club. Ragnar will contact DG and former member Thomas to inquire about the situation.

Denmark: Have lost members over the last two years but is now again gaining new members. Interested in small projects suitable for club-to-club cooperation.

Re 7. The Chairman requested the Board Members to next year one month before the annual meeting to send in project propositions. He also reported about plans for a common YE Camp in 2017 arranged by Districts 111N and 106C where youngsters from BSL countries might participate.

Wojciech showed photos from a project with lead-dogs the price of which is € 6.000 each, and another project with exercise equipment for play and training of handicapped persons.

Mona showed printed brochures around "The Baltic Sea – the future source of drinking water". The text will be put on the BSL Website just as it can be translated from Swedish to other languages at request.

Re 8. Ilkka informed about the situation with the BSL Web-page.

Re 9. Ragnar and Luts informed about their participation in the Convention in Hawaii.

Re 10. Lutz informed about EF in Augsburg, Germany where he will give a small seminar about Baltic Sea Lions. In 2016 EF will be in Sofia in Bulgaria, in 2017 in Montreux in Switzerland, 2018 in Milano, Italy and in 2019 in Estonia. Ilkka requested everyone to report the dates of their National Conventions to him.

Re 11. The situation with the participation of Russia in the Organization was discussed. It seems that Russia has lost interest – without informing anybody about it. During the last years they have not responded to invitations to participate in the yearly meetings nor respond to other correspondence. It was decided to inform Russia that they are no longer member of NSL. Lutz as chairman will inform them, and at the same time leave a door open for a return at a later stage if they should apply again.

A wish was also raised to interest other Districts to participate in NSL but with only one vote per MD.

Re 12. It was decided to have the next Conference in Vilnius, Latvia 23.-25.09.2016. Is this not possible Finland will be organizer at Tusby near Helsinki.

Re 13+14. After a god meeting the Chairman had his closing remarks.

Knud Løkkegaard, PDG  
As Secretary to the Conference