

Connected: Richard Brenner, Ulf Danielsson, Vincent Hedberg, Sten Hellman, Sven-Olof Holmgren (for point 3), Leif Lönnblad and Mark Pearce.

Apologies: Bo Sunborg.

§1

Formalities

The agenda was approved by all present.

Mark Pearce and Sten Hellman were appointed secretary and '*justerare*' for the meeting, respectively.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved by all present.

§2

ECFA / RECFA representatives starting January 1st 2002

Sten reported that Torsten Åkesson and Barbro Åsman had agreed to be nominated for the posts. The board decided to nominate Torsten Åkesson as RECFA delgate and Barbro Åsman as ECFA delegate starting 2002-01-01.

§3

The RECFA meeting in Sweden, 7th — 8th September 2001

The meeting will be held at SCFAB (the newly built 'Fysikcentrum' in Stockholm) with local arrangements handled by groups resident there. The board considered the agenda for the open meeting on September 7th. There was a long discussion about the form of the agenda and what topics should be covered. Sten and Sven-Olof offered to draw up a draft agenda based on this information and send it to board members for discussion within their respective groups. It was agreed that Kåre Bremer from Vetenskapsrådet (VR) should be invited to the. Sven-Olof said that he would apply for funds for the meeting from the SCFAB committee and that a homepage should be set up in due course with details of the agenda (including names of speakers) and other practical information for attendees.

§4

The situation in Lund

Leif and Vincent explained the situation in Lund. In a nutshell, the physics department has been running at a deficit over the last couple of years and has now decided to save 2.5 MSEK from within 'subatomic physics' (which includes experimental and theoretical particle physics). Leif and Vincent explained that their groups produced a balanced budget this year and that the way contracts from KAWS and VR were processed may give the impression of an actuarial deficit. The physics department has asked VR to form a committee to evaluate the subatomic physics groups with the aim of saving 2.5 MSEK. Vincent explained that a five year report has been submitted to this committee. The board expressed concern at the developing situation and agreed to stay alert and follow developments carefully.

§5

Committee to prepare the board election this autumn

Tord Ekelöf and Torbjörn Sjöstrand were proposed for the committee. Sten agreed to ask them if they were willing to serve.

§6

Summing up the Uppsala meeting

The board congratulated the Uppsala team on their excellent local organisation. Leif reported that there was a 3600 SEK surplus from the meeting. This will be kept in reserve for next years meeting (to reduce the fee, for example). Board members were encouraged to make sure that everyone from their group had paid the conference fee, so the accounts could be closed as soon as possible.

§7

‘Fysikdagarna’ : 16th – 17th November in Linköping

Sten explained that the section would have 2 to 3 hours available for presentations during the meeting. The presentations should be primarily aimed at teachers and cover both theory and experimental aspects. Måns and Ulf agreed to propose speakers for the theory talk and Mark agreed to do the same for the experimental talk. In addition, Richard will arrange for a speaker from CERN to present CERN’s excellent educational services.

§8

The proposed change of the statutes of the SFS

Sten reported that the proposal to change the statutes of the SFS was rejected at the Växjö meeting. This was done at board level, without sending the matter for a vote among the members. It appears that the legality of this depends on how one interprets the SFS statutes. As there appears to be no precedent, Sten agreed to take up the matter informally with the SFS board.

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A.O.B.

Leif reported on the balance of the section’s accounts. Remaining funds will be used for the Linköping meeting and next year’s particle days meeting.

§10

Next meeting.

The time of the next telephone meeting was fixed to Thursday 16th August, starting at 1330.

*Minutes compiled
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Mark Pearce

Checked by:

Sten Hellman