

Minnesota Dragonfly Society

Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2018

I. Call to order

Angela Isackson called to order the regular meeting of the Minnesota Dragonfly Society Board at 6:33pm on March 15, 2018 at Delicata in Saint Paul, MN.

II. Roll call

Angela Isackson

Curt Oien

Mitch Haag

Mike Moen

Leah Darst

Tina Morey

Jacki Morrison

Deb Wheeler

Mark Wheeler

Amy Jo Forslund

Barb Anderson

Jeff Fischer

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Angela announced that the minutes would be sent out via email and approved at April board meeting.

IV. Agenda Items

1.) Treasurer Report (Angela for Cathy Perkins, Treasurer)

-Available electronically, see attached report

-Current balance as of end of March: \$9,022.19

2.) DSA Update (Mitch)

a. Currently about 65 people registered

b. Tee Shirts still being worked on by Ed Lamm

c. Buttons – Everyone gets one

i. Made with button maker

ii. Female Plains Emerald

iii. Jacki to work on design from Mitches sketch

iv. Do we want to have mugs? No decision, maybe for silent auction

- d. Speakers
 - i. Friday will be Kurt Mead
 - ii. Saturday could be someone from Marcel Climate Research Center
- e. Silent Auction – Angela
 - i. Need items; Amy Jo and Angela to work on this
- f. Hand Out Bags; possible contents:
 - i. Sawyer – mosquito repellent in hand out bag
 - ii. Scott King will be making a Dragonfly Atlas of Minnesota
 - iii. Maps

3.) **Grant Updates (Angela)**

- a. Eco Footprint grant report due, Crystal asked for an extension for the report
- b. Curt commented that the dates are set for all but one workshop
- c. Data Management – MN Historical Society grant was approved
 - i. Ami and Angela are coordinating the grant work
 - ii. Talking to Sarah the contractor
 - 1. Cost for annual server is very high, still exploring options
 - iii. Grant for the 2018 year

4.) **Board Development**

- a. Vacant Positions - Posted on Facebook page
 - i. Survey – was Mike Sweet looking for under-surveyed areas
 - ii. Grant – was Maia left for graduate work out of country
 - iii. Fundraising – Silent auction, Give to the Max, etc
 - iv. Does anyone have ideas for other places to post these positions?
- b. Goals for 2018 Field Session
 - i. Jacki has idea for kits with binoculars for people with limited mobility
 - 1. She will try it around Como Lake
 - ii. Preserving specimens
 - 1. Acrylic or resin
 - a. Need specimens to work on techniques
- c. Inclusion
 - i. Looking for opportunities to welcome new people

- ii. Need new people for open positions

5.) Committee Updates

- a. Events:
 - i. Kit holders:
 - 1. How to find and acquire the kits from the holders?
 - a. Curt currently has all 3 outreach kits + 4th with less equipment
 - i. Curt needs one often for the frequent Eco Footprint events
 - ii. Jacki said that she would be a kit holder
 - iii. Barb will keep the 3rd kit
 - b. Communications:
 - i. How to get new people to know about, and get involved in, events?
 - a. Maybe even a mentorship program
 - 2. Could use Volunteer Facebook page and public page as notices
 - ii. Discussed ways to let people know about events
 - 1. Need some sort of e-mail blast; monthly
 - 2. Use e-mail addresses that we have collected
 - 3. Calendar
 - iii. Jeff demonstrated the updated web site
 - iv. Leah has almost 400 contacts on a master list
 - 1. Email, addresses, membership
 - 2. Need others to get their contacts on the list
 - 3. Will be on Google Drive
 - a. Now is password protected so we need to figure out who gets the password
 - 4. Would like to do semi-monthly email blasts
 - a. Who to send and how often
 - i. Proposed 3 times per year and also the one for the annual meeting
- c. Education:
 - i. Volunteer training is coming up
 - 1. April 28 MN Wildlife Refuge
 - 2. Volunteer orientation with Dragonfly ID intro
 - 3. Intended for members and people that have expressed interest
 - ii. What materials are needed for the kits?
 - 1. Talk about at next committee meeting
- d. Research:
 - i. Discussed how can we document the grant ideas?
 - ii. Build a repository of ideas and typical answers that would be asked on grants
 - iii. Idea is to allow more than just a few people help fill out grant proposals with consistent responses

- iv. Next Research committee meeting will be March 28, 7-8 PM, at Three Rivers French Operations Center

6.) Next Board Meeting

- e. April TBD, and that will be last one until fall.
- f. Tentatively start again in Sept or for sure October

V. Adjournment

Jeff motioned to adjourn the meeting, Tina seconded. Passed.

Angela Isackson adjourned the meeting at 8:03.

Minutes submitted by: Mike Moen

Minutes approved by: Angela Isackson