

# **Minnesota Dragonfly Society**

## **Meeting Minutes**

October 13, 2016

### **I. Call to order**

Angela Isackson called to order the regular meeting of the Minnesota Dragonfly Society at 7:00pm on October 13, 2016 at The Wedge Table, Minneapolis.

### **II. Roll call**

Kiah Brasch conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

- Mike Sweet
- Jeff Fischer
- Curt Oien
- Jenn Gillen
- Angela Isackson
- Marty Starr
- Cathy Perkins
- Ami Thompson
- Mitch Haag
- Ron Lawrenz
- Scott Dodds

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Kiah Brasch The minutes were approved as reviewed. Both meeting minutes from the August 11 meeting and the “online meeting” to vote on 9/13/16 for allowing an intern through the U of M were approved.

### **IV. Agenda Items**

a) **Treasurer’s report** was approved. Motion moved by Angela.

b) **Ecofootprint Grant Update** given by Kiah in Crystal’s stead.

-further discussion needed about data management – need to assign a lead/post to SEEK

c) **Committee Updates**

-**Research:** (Curt)

-priority: developing procedures for collecting data – we are getting a lot of email requests for info on how to collect Odonates information and where to submit it.

-adopt-a-county idea for concentrating survey efforts in lower-number counties

**-Events: (Kiah)**

-gave update from meeting on 10/4/2016

-Ami has applied for us to have a booth at next year's Citizen Science Conference here at the MN Science Museum.

-need to talk about getting shirts for MDS board/committee

members/volunteers so we can look like a cohesive group at events

-We've already got a few events on the calendar for 2017!

**-Education: (Marti)**

-need nymphs for outreach kits

-train the trainer winter workshops

-December education materials meeting

**-Communication: (Jeff)**

-marketing materials have been sent out to review

-working on PayPal payment system for membership

-all forms should be standardized

-develop forms for reimbursements, volunteer hours, etc.

**-Fundraising Committee: (Angela)**

-Give to the max day: main wishlist item is a microscope – need an ocular micrometer for it – gives a defined goal

-annual membership meeting – silent auction items?

**-Annual Membership Meeting (Angela)**

-assign committee chair – no volunteers – Angela will post to Facebook

-Date/time/location: January 21<sup>st</sup> or January 28<sup>th</sup> @ Warner NC

-New board members

-Revise bylaws, if any

**d) Develop Evaluations/Surveys**

-Survey for members-- what was most useful to you? What's not? ← two most important questions

-what committee will handle creating a survey? Communication? How do we make sure people fill it out?

-Maybe we can have a few different jugs at events w/ put a coin in the jug for your favorite feature at the MDS station (Ami)

**e) Member/Volunteer Appreciation**

-How can we show appreciation and connect with our volunteers/members?

-tour of UMN insect collection? – Ami; meet afterwards for something social like lunch or happy hour

-another end-of-season outing?

-MPCA in Duluth tour?

**V. New business**

a) Ron gave a presentation at Audubon in Brainerd

b) Kiah gave brief report on the International Congress of Entomology

c) Next scheduled meetings:

-November 17, 2016

-December 8, 2016

-January 12, 2017

-February 9, 2017

-March 9, 2017

d) Upcoming events:

Annual Membership Meeting – TBD

MNA Conference “How to Grow a Dragonfly” – Wolf Ridge – November 11-13

Presentation at West Ridge Senior Community – Minnetonka – March/April

Table at Citizen Science Association Conference – Twin Cities – May 17-20

Ecofootprint Grant Workshops – Kanabec & Aitkin County – June 24-25

Minnesota Dragonfly Gathering – Tettagouche State Park – July 7-9

Ecofootprint Grant Workshops – Mahnomon & Red Lake County – July 22-23

**VI. Adjournment**

Angela Isackson adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.

Minutes submitted by: Kiah Brasch

Minutes approved by: Angela Isackson