

# **Minnesota Dragonfly Society**

## **Meeting Minutes**

December 15, 2016

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

Angela Isackson called to order the regular meeting of the Minnesota Dragonfly Society at 6:30pm on December 15, 2016 at The Wedge Table, Mpls.

### **II. Roll call**

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

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| -Ami Thompson    | -Cathy Perkins              |
| -Marti Starr     | -Jeff Fischer               |
| -Tina Morey      | -Mike Sweet                 |
| -Curt Oien       | -Sally Kephart Carlson      |
| -John Arthur     | -Mitch Haag                 |
| -Crystal Boyd    | -Jenn Gillen (arrived Late) |
| -Angela Isackson | -Ron Lawrenz (arrived Late) |

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting (11/16/2016)**

Kiah Brasch The minutes were approved as reviewed. Crystal Boyd made a motion to accept and approve meeting minutes from 11/16/2016 and John gave a second. Everyone was in favor. Motion carried.

### **IV. Open issues**

#### **a) Annual Membership Meeting**

- Saturday, Jan 28<sup>th</sup> at Warner Nature Center
- still looking for volunteer positions to be filled - MDS Board Members MUST sign up asap
- Speakers/volunteers contact Peter
- Board Development Committee – anyone stepping down needs to let us know.
- Crystal suggested contacting Arne, our current MDS historian, to possibly lead the BDC
- Kiah volunteered to sign up for working Silent Auction day of Meeting
- Talk to Scott about doing poetry again
- research review talk: ask Ron
- John Arthur volunteered to do a smaller version of the Jeopardy Game
- if there are bylaws to change, have an idea ready for Annual Meeting; All board members are to review our current bylaws and if any changes are needed they would need to be requested prior to the meeting

- we selected an individual (KM) to receive the honorary lifetime membership to MDS. Crystal made the first motion, John gave the second. Everyone was in favor, the motion passed. Ami expressed interest in working on this and Angela would track down any documents from when Bob received this honor.

**b) End of Year**

- need all Board Members Hours for 2016
- End of year reports (Events, Membership, Treasurer, Survey/Research)

**c) Newsletter**

- update from Perk: stories w/ pics in place
- probably will end up being 5-7 pages
- clever titles? The Dragonflyer?

**d) Education Committee: Train the Volunteer**

- other names: train the trainer, volunteer lead, etc.
- purpose: help leaders feel comfortable/confident doing a dragonfly presentation
- Sally merged existing form for event with training info
- we need to settle on wording we use to denote the bins/nets/etc. to make it clear what's needed for each type of event
- in MDS slide presentation section: Ami suggested adding preserving biodiversity as one of the reasons we learn about dragonflies → add under "Minnesota Numbers" section → this shows why those numbers matter
- separating into "teacher-like" manual and "student-like" manual
- give teachers resources they can point people to who have more in-depth questions
- question about where the data goes?** That's in survey protocols → Sally will talk to Mike

**e) Education Committee: Dragonfly 101**

- more science focus: classification, anatomy, habitat, etc.
- use nymph not larvae
- title too vague?
- Curt will go through the document to double-check information, identify missing pieces if any
- there's a Google drive Jeff set up for education materials— Sally has access—anyone else who wants access should email Jeff

**f) Education Committee: Dragonfly ID**

- focused on the basics – covers a wider age range
- trying to create a 1-page document for identification
- \*-add how many of each family we have in Minnesota – how likely are you to see a species?

-main purpose of documents: to give information that makes the volunteer feel more comfortable presenting about odonates

-Jeff will work with Angela to get email address of all MDS Board Members and send invite for Google Drive to share documents

**e) Amazing Dragonfly Facts**

- board members can go through and add anything that's missing
- this is presented with dragonfly ID

**f) Treasurer Report**

- Updated report – previously unitemized
- Quick rundown of 2016
- Give to the max day raised \$700 – going to use it to get a field microscope
- PO Box Bill

**V. New business**

- Kiah/Ami will make a MDS table cloth over winter break
- Mike Sweet added that he would like everyone to check if they have any MDS Data Sheets from the 2016 field season, he needs them to work on the end of year report.
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**VI. Adjournment**

**VII. John motioned the movement to adjourn. Seconded by Crystal. Passed.**

Angela Isackson adjourned the meeting at 8:02pm.

Minutes submitted by: Kiah Brasch

Minutes approved by: Angela Isackson