

Minnesota Dragonfly Society

Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2016

I. Call to order

Angela Isackson called to order the regular meeting of the Minnesota Dragonfly Society at 6pm on April 16, 2016 at Como Park Grill.

II. Roll call

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

Crystal Boyd
Angela Isackson
Ami Thompson
Marti Starr
Jacki Morrison
Mitch Haag
Tina Morey
Curt Oien
Mike Sweet
Jeff Fischer
Jenn Ashling
John Arthur

Not present:

Arne Myrabo
Ron Lawrenz

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Kiah Brasch The minutes were approved as reviewed.

Online meeting minutes for approval of Crystal's position as workshop coordinator (held on 3/19/16) were approved as reviewed.

IV. Open issues

Treasurer Report - Jenn

- 1st quarter treasurer report
- Audit Committee
 - No discrepancies were found by the audit committee

- Document with recommendations was created by the committee

Volunteer Guests from Master Naturalist

- Tina Morey and Marti Starr
- Nymph ID cards and life cycle board
- How will these be accessible to make more sets?
- Used for educational purposes only – photos cannot be published from Dr. Marla Garrison
- ***Make thank-you card for Dr. Garrison – Angela

Board Insurance

- Tabled until next board meeting in May

Ecofootprint Grant Update

- Updates from Crystal
 - We qualify for MN Historical Society Grant application
 - Crystal Boyd will write/submit grant application
 - Tamarack National Wildlife Refuge – issue with using Enbridge logo- can do own promotion so we can use the logo and USFWS can choose to not use it
 - First grant update due tomorrow, submitted by Crystal
 - Dragonfly Gathering – Boulder Lake Environmental Learning Center June
 - **Mitch-** field research –
Dragonfly gathering:
9am Crystal gives intro talk, Zach Zimm leads bog walk
First week in August – Red Lake area w/ helicopter use
Sand Lake SNA
 - Grant dates are on Wiggio from Angela

Website Committee

- Current status – updates completed that website committee asked for except species of concern
- Billing for old hosting site is still going to Kurt

- Context development and review, involve other committees for input
- Jeff and Arne are points of contact for website changes

Inventory of MDS Supplies

- Curt has been purchasing and collecting, coordinate with other committees
- Curt will set up a Doodle Poll to have a meeting to sort through inventory and redistribute supplies to those who need them
- Crystal made a Google doc for supply wishlist – Crystal will make it public via link
- Still need: survey sheets, waivers, event recording sheet, different variety of species for each kit

2016 Event Calendar

- Any discussion on double and triple booked dates
- First weekend in June – Warner Dragonfly BioBlitz (Saturday), Water Festival (Saturday), John’s presentation at the Arboretum Brainerd (Sunday)
- Volunteer coverage, have at least one board member at events if possible
- Jacki will talk with Ron about registering for Monarch Festival (Sept 10 2016)
- Water festival does not provide a tent – needs to be provided – John Arthur has one available, so do Tina and Marti – possible to purchase one for MDS in the future? (~\$300)
- Motion to purchase a tent made by Ami, seconded by Crystal, motion passed
- Need to pair experienced people/board members with new volunteers
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Committee Updates

- Confirm **current committees and those serving**
 - **Events Committee**
 - Chair: Jacki
 - Members: Kiah, Ron, Mitch, Barb(?)
 - **Research Committee**
 - Chair: Curt
 - Members: Mitch, Crystal, Ami, Mike, Ron
 - **PRIORITIES:** Ecofootprint, rare species/greatest conservation needs list, survey policy, prioritize research projects, finalize Mike's survey policy, strategize data management and grant opportunities
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 - **Education Committee**
 - Chair: Jeff (temp)
 - Members: **VACANT**
 - Duties: outreach kits, train the trainer, prepping presentation and edu materials
 - **PRIORITY: TEMPLATE FOR VOLUNTEERS w/ dragonfly facts/teaching points**

- Education committee will be absorbed by other committees
 - **Communication** Committee
 - Chair: Jeff
 - Members: Arne, John (membership coordinator)
 - Website going live: when?
 - **PRIORITY:** add dates to calendar
 - **Fundraising** Committee
 - Chair: **VACANT**
 - Unless matching grant is set up, Give to the Max is not the best option – a percentage is taken
 - Crystal working on MN Historical Society Grant – July 8 deadline
 - **PRIORITY:** find matching grants
- Crystal posted on MN Council of Nonprofits, Angela posted on SEEK
- 2 people interested in doing newsletter, 1 interested in volunteer coordinator, 1 in education position, 0 replies for fundraising
- Future procedure for volunteers: invite them to meeting
- Still need fundraising and grant positions

Updates from members and other discussion items

- Ami – Kurt Mead wants to bring collected specimens down to UMN for ID help
 - How many people are needed?
 - April 23 9am-3pm Reschedule for fall/winter? – very short notice
- Angela – MOSP sheets from nature centers –
 - How do we want people doing Citizen Science to be monitoring?
 - How do wear gear it towards partnerships with nature centers and public?
 - Grants for Citizen Science initiatives – *future*
- Crystal – conservation committee is needed to push legislation and future projects

V. Adjournment

Angela Isackson adjourned the meeting at 7:51.

Minutes submitted by: Kiah Brasch

Minutes approved by: 1T