

Minnesota Dragonfly Society

Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2018

I. Call to order

Angela Isackson called to order the regular meeting of the Minnesota Dragonfly Society Board at 6:30pm on January 18, 2018 at Delicata in Saint Paul, MN.

II. Roll call

Leah Darst conducted a roll call. The following persons were present including herself:

Ron Lawrenz

Curt Oien

Crystal Boyd – left after grant updates

Angela Isackson

Ami Thompson

Cathy Perkins

Mike Sweet

Tina Morey

Mitch Haag

Amy Jo Forslund

John Arthur

Jacki Morrison

Jenn Gillen Ashling

Jeff Fischer – left during website discussion

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Leah Darst the minutes were approved as reviewed. Motion made by John Arthur, seconded by Ron Lawrenz. Approved.

IV. Agenda Items

1.) Treasurer Report

-available electronically

-current balance as of end of December: \$7,308.53

2.) DSA Update (Mitch)

- a. looking into packages through Wolf Ridge \$58/day includes all 3 meals including bagged lunch if requested & banquet on Saturday night (& ropes course, rock climbing, & canoes). Tina suggested bringing some extra snacks in case you don't

- like the food. If you're not staying at Wolf Ridge, \$25 for the banquet. Dorm-style arrangements- ~4/room or can pay extra if you want more private accommodations.
- b. working on getting all information on website, especially field trip agenda on Thursday, Friday, & Monday
 - c. DSA has never taken money so in ~1 week, test to make sure people can start registering
 - d. Jacki's working on a flyer
 - e. Tuesday, 6/10- Warner (Ron leads)
 - f. Wednesday, 6/11- Elm Creek half day
 - g. Arrive at Wolf Ridge Wednesday evening
 - h. Sites for Thur/Fri are tbd (want to go to Sand Lake Peatland Thur- already have permit)- need more sites that are beginner, intermediate, & advanced.
 - i. Need to make 100 buttons with Plain's Emerald in-house.
 - j. Jacki's working with Ed Lam for t-shirt design with Quebec Emerald.
 - k. Need someone to help fundraise for auction- DSA will likely bring a bunch of items or we can save some duplicates from MDS annual meeting.
 - i. Jacki suggests making sure we have a value on all items
 - l. If people want to collect specimens, "take a conservative approach".
 - i. Could invite a conservation officer to come talk
 - ii. Discussion where permits are/aren't required. Regardless, if wanting to collect, need to get permission from whoever owns the property.
 - m. Transportation will all be personal.
 - n. Mitch approximates 20-30 people for field trips.

3.) Grant Updates (Crystal)

- a. New grant proposal to MN Historical Society ~1 week ago- \$3,000 focused on managing data. Specify to provide cloud-based server; grant would help us enter all data (Embridge is to help set it up) & training modules for volunteers. Should hear back in a couple months & will finalize Sarah's contract. Can address questions after we find out if we get this grant.
- b. Legislative Citizen Commission for Managing Resources (LCCMR)- looking for proposals under \$200,000; money would start in July 2019. Deadline is March 14th if you want them to review it or April for hard deadline.
 - i. Ami suggested partnering with an organization to put up towers to track migrating dragonflies (but need to check into feasibility). A good network of these towers already exists in some of the southern half of the U.S.- could pay the groups who own those towers to get their data (& vice versa if someone wants our data).
 - ii. Angela suggested setting up a meeting- maybe just tacking on to the next next research committee meeting.
- c. Field researcher positions- 4 applicants (Curt Oien withdrew his name). 7 expressed interest. Posted as 2 positions but may not need to hire two- if one is hired, he/she could subcontract out. Mitch's experience is unmatched, though the enthusiasm and interest is encouraging from others. John Arthur made a motion to hire Mitch, Jacki Morrison seconds. We'd like to send them thank you cards & invitations to participate. Mitch & Curt were not present, Jeff abstained his vote.

- d. Educator position- 4 submissions. Lots of discussion & tough decision-making. Curt was chosen via submitted paper votes. Curt and Amy Jo were absent, Jeff abstained. Motion- John Arthur first, Jacki second.

3.) Annual Membership Meeting (Amy Jo)

- a. Amy Jo asked Ron for volunteers- 2 confirmed, 4-5 more who expressed interest. Ron will confirm by the end of tomorrow. Multiple folks will help set up ahead of time.
- b. Ron confirmed he will do a 30-minute presentation in dragonfly research. (Ami volunteered to go shorter.)
- c. Decided not to 'boost' the post on Facebook.
- d. For Potluck, Google Doc from last year is available somewhere online- Amy Jo will find template & post spreadsheet.
- e. Kid's activity- dragonfly on clothespins. Will need clothespins, will borrow coloring utensils from Warner.

4.) Volunteer Logistics (Leah)

- a. New volunteer-specific e-mail address created.
- b. Contact list- membership kept separate & Leah will work on combining the rest. Request for separating volunteer hours devoted to different tasks.
- c. Volunteer hours- include actual program time, setup/takedown, travel, prep, & continuing education
- d. Resin project- scientific name on side. Other specifics tbd by those interested in the project.

5.) Website (Jeff)

- a. Can now become a member online. E-mail with information.
- b. New e-mail for memberships- membership@mndragonfly.org
- c. Suggested making a new e-mail for all Paypal e-mails
- d. Mitch asked about making the website more interactive (informational videos, species profile, etc.)
- e. Ami asked about setting up access for more people (committee members) to edit the website (using Wordpress or something more user-friendly). Jeff abstained from further conversation. Tina suggested sending out an RFP for website developer, Mitch second. All present approved except 1 abstain.

6.) Inventory (Curt)

- a. Curt will put out more information later.

7.) Additional Comments - none

V. Adjournment

John motioned to adjourn the meeting, John seconded. Passed.

Angela Isackson adjourned the meeting at 8:30.

Minutes submitted by: Leah Darst

Minutes approved by: Angela Isackson