

Roll Call: Jeff Fischer, Jacki Morrison, Mark Wheeler, Barb Anderson, Mike Moen, Curt Oien, Angela Isacson, Ami Thompson, Ron Lawrenz, Amy Jo Forslund, Cathy Perkins, Mitch Haag, Leah Darst

6:37pm Call to Order

6:37pm **Welcome/Introduction** of guests and members

6:40pm **Review Agenda** items and open for any additional topics

Approve Past Meeting Minutes from Board Meeting held on 2/15/2018, 3/15/2018 & Online Vote 3/11/2018
All minutes approved

6:45pm **Treasurer Report**

- Balance \$12,734.21
 - Open pmts of \$3125 to contractors which will be reflected on next statement
 - Have some additional checks to be deposited including MN Historical Society Grant
- Audit Committee needed
 - Need to be non-board members
 - Let Angela know if you know something that would be interested

6:50pm **DSA Update** (Mitch)

- Currently have >80 registered; shooting for 100
- Tee Shirts –
 - Jacki & Mitch from Ed Lam's Drawing of Quebec Emerald
 - \$15 or 2 for \$25
 - Split proceeds with DSA, but not sure of this split
 - Also will have a different tee shirt for volunteers
- Mugs
 - Some DSA Board members want them
 - Could just have a few dated ones at Silent Auction
 - Or more with no date
 - Could be also used as thank you gifts
- Totes for each registrant
 - With goodies
 - Scott King MN Dragonfly Atlas
 - Cloth Totes will cost more
 - Look at costs
- Buttons
 - Jacki is playing with potential designs
 - Have enough materials for 125 buttons
- Accepting Abstracts for talks
 - Currently have one abstract
- Talks

MDS Board Meeting Agenda Notes

April 18th, 2018 – 6:30pm to 8:00pm

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- Friday Night – 1854 Treaty Authority Talk, and Kurt Mead
- Saturday Night – Taking abstracts
- Silent Auction
 - Angela & Amy Jo are collecting a lot of items

7:00pm

Grant Updates

- Things are on the schedule
- Historical Society Grant – Crystal and Ami
 - Need to figure out cost to use Specify and storage space – First quote was \$1500/year
 - They are willing to waive \$1000 annual fee
 - Ami said that we could not afford any more than \$400/year and less is better
 - There would be a contract with the agreed upon fee for multi-years

7:15pm

Board Development

- Vacant positions (survey coordinator, fundraising, grant, social media)
 - Look for possible candidates
 - Nothing in Grants for 2019
 - Ami has a list of potential grants but we need people that could be interested in writing grants
- Event Leads Needed
 - Need leads for upcoming events
 - Waterfest
 - Dragonfest July 7 Mike to lead
 - Monarch Fest
 - Aug 17 Friday Ami leading at Cedar Creek in East Bethel
- Board Insurance (approx. \$700/year)
 - Angela still looking into it, latest quote \$1000/yr
 - Now looking at another source
 - Really should only need general liability

7:25pm

Committee Updates

- Events (volunteer training, process, coverage,)
 - Training 9-4 At Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center
- Communication (MDS emails, contact lists, emails to members, Newsletter, website)
 - Have a few new renewals since last reminder email
 - Newsletter is coming
- Education (volunteer training, kit materials)
 - No updates, been helping with volunteer training
 - Working on one PowerPoint
 - Common message
 - Can be tailored a little for specific purposes
- Research (grants, surveys, wish list topics, data)
 - Next meeting soon date TBD

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- 8:00pm **Wrap-up & Additional Comments**
- Mark Wheeler donated a gently used laptop bag to MDS
- 8:00pm **Adjournment**
- Motioned, Seconded and Agreed upon

Next scheduled board meeting? DSA or as needed for the field season

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UPCOMING & PROPOSED EVENTS

~~Annual Membership Meeting – Warner Nature Center – 01/27~~
~~Minnesota Rovers Talk – Ami Thompson – 03/27~~
MDS Volunteer Training – Minnesota Valley Refuge – 4/28
Master Naturalist Conference – Brainerd - 5/20
WaterFest – Lake Phalen – 6/2
Landscape Revival – Shoreview – 6/2
Amnicon Dragonfly Workshop – Amnicon Falls State Park WI – 6/2
Dragonfly Monitor Training – Tamarack Nature Center – 6/3
Dragonfly BioBlitz – Warner Nature Center – 6/9
WDS Annual Meeting – Eau Claire – 6/15-6/17
Drop in Discoveries – Tamarack Nature Center – 6/16
Discovery Camp – MN Zoo – 6/20
Trout Brook – 6/21
US Fish & Wildlife BioBlitz – 6/22
Ecofootprint Workshop – Norris Camp Red Lake – 6/30
Dragonfly Fest – Eastman Nature Center – 7/7
DSA Pre-meeting surveys – 7/10-7/11
DSA travel to Wolf Ridge – 7/12
DSA main meeting at Wolf Ridge – 7/13-7/15
DSA Presentations and meeting – 7/14
DSA post meeting surveys in peatlands – 7/16-7/17
Discovery Camp – MN Zoo – 7/18
Ecofootprint Workshop – McCarthy Beach State Park – 7/29
Drop in Discoveries – Tamarack Nature Center – 8/4
Tamarac Wildlife Refuge – 8/5
BioBlitz – Mound Spring Prairie SNA – 8/11
Cedar Creek Ecosystem (Ami) – 8/17
Discovery Camp – MN Zoo – 8/22
Monarch fest - 9/8

Tentative Events/Dates

Green Team
~~City Nature Challenge~~
Photography Club
Midtown Farmers Market
Frog Lab
Litchfield FWS Wetland Management
Urban Pollinator Event – St. Paul
Prairie Days SW Ramsey County
Lebanon Hills BioBlitz
Martin Fest in Bemidji
Belwin Outdoor Science Educators Workshop
Hawk Weekend Festival – Duluth – 9/22