

This is a regularly scheduled meeting of the Minnesota Dragonfly Society Board of Trustees, and is open to all interested MDS members.

- 10:00am **Gathering of guests** and members at Online due to Covid-19 pandemic
- 10:05am **Welcome/Introduction** of guests and members
- Attendees: Curt, Mike, Leah , Perk, Ami, Angela, John, Cat, Diane, Dave D, Ami Jo
- 10:10am **Review Agenda** items and open for any additional topics
- 10:15am **Approve Past Meeting Minutes** from Board Meeting held on 02/20/2020
- Motion to accept: John
 - Seconded: Leah
 - Approved
- 10:20am **Treasurer Report**
- Audit - Status report (2017 thru 2019?)
 - The MDS Members people doing the audit are Terry Carr and Julie Chapman. The period of time being audited are calendar years 2017, 2018 and 2019. The work is due to commence 6/13 with expected end date of 6/21/20. Following completion, a summary report will be created by Cathy Perkins and submitted to the Executive Board and Board of Directors for comment.
 - Motion to accept: Mike
 - Seconded: John
 - Approved
- 10:25am **Committee Reports**
- Research:
 - Re-curating U of M Odonata Collection – on hold due to Covid-19
 - Data Entry - Talk to Barry Mullin – on hold due to Covid-19
 - Need to revisit “Most wanted list”
 - We could do this over the summer but no one is planning to this as of now
 - Diane was not able open database on her Mac
 - Curt offered to give Diane the database laptop
 - She gave specimens back to Barry
 - Mitch may start surveying with small groups later in the summer

Outreach: virtual experiences & resources

- introduce each video for consistency to tie them all together
- anyone else interested in helping?
- platform (ex- youtube for videos, on website? or just facebook? seesaw?)
- content (google spreadsheet of ideas: See Appendix B
 - Talked about Leah’s list (see Appendix 2)
 - Angela will be doing Facebook live soon with 3 Rivers
 - Could possibly use this tech
 - Investigate buying a MDS Zoom account

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- Mike to investigate
 - Move to spend up to \$500
 - Ami motion for this
 - John Second
 - Approved
 - Still might use Ami's U of MN account if cots are too high
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- Is a cell phone in horz position good enough>
 - Yes
 - Marti has been doing this
 - Can we make a dragonfly hub for source
 - Ami mentioned that Forest service is interested in this
 - Contract could be through Ami's company
 - Ami could hire someone from MDS, like Leah, to go this and create the site
 - This would be a framework
 - Want to leverage previous grants
 - They should be on Google Drive
 - Ami can help find if needed
 - This could be a place for collecting videos, but not until I
 - MDS will need to later

Communication:

- So far all events have been canceled UPDATE

11:00am **MDS Executive Board Member Positions**

Treasurer and Secretary Status? – Vote?
(Newsletter Jeff and Kat)

- Perk Status
 - Will be around at least another year, and will remain Treasurer
- Newsletter
 - Jeff and Cat have been in contact and are preparing a normal newsletter, but not sure when it could be ready for publication
 - Cat to contact Jeff to keep moving
 - Always looking for more material
 - Bylaws say we are supposed to have one quarterly
 - How to change bylaws?
 - Needs to be proposed at annual meeting
 - Do not want to do this
 - Ami suggested that we change the definition so that we could produce and post a newsletter on Facebook, even if it is only a paragraph or two
 - Maybe it just states status

11:10am **Strategic planning & Code of Ethics**

Status? Postpone or Online?

- Diane has a contact that is ready to help

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- Will communicate soon

11:15am **Equipment/Outreach Kits - inventory and organization**

Any needs for equipment this summer?

- John still has a tentative field trip in June
- Curt will prepare a kit that John could safely pick up from his garage
- All Zoo camps are canceled
- Not sure if Eastman Nature Center Festival will be

11:20am **Minnesota Dragonfly Gathering**

Cancel or Online?

- Could do it on line with Zoom
- Terri Carr originally offered to do it around her area, but this is not possible this year
- What does MDS want from this?
- Curt and Diane, John, would rather not have it his year
- Could we have the online interaction part ready such that it could be used to help ID's
- Also use Odonata Central which gets data from iNaturalist
- We could promote challenges, maybe a dragonfly scavenger hunt?
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11:25am **Next scheduled board meeting**

3rd Thursday of (Month?) 6:30pm – 8:00pm (or Doodle poll?)

Online?

- Next BOD meeting later – September 3rd Thursday
- Schedule committee meeting to keep work on video items from Leahs list
- Need to figure daye
 - Diane to do Doodle Poll for a date.

Wrap-up & Additional Comments

11:30am **Adjournment**

- Motioned: Ami
- Seconded: John
- Meeting Ended at 11:10 AM

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Appendix A – Treasurers Report

Treasurer Report by Cathy Perkins

Date of report: May 16, 2020

Checking Statement

Account balance: \$8,183.31

Available balance: \$8,183.31

Pending transfers: \$0.00 (CC payment due 6/4/2020 is zero at this time)

Future transfers: \$0.00

Central Bill Account Statement

Total line of credit \$10,100.00

Available credit \$10,100.00

Statement balance due \$0.00 (Was due 5/4/20 and was zero)

Credit Card Purchases

None recorded in past month.

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Appendix B – Link to Leah Item List

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ajsL0OH6fJRZuG9IYw0NfGxXw6UjmXpdJA2PTAY3HjU/edit?usp=sharing>

Pre meeting version of list:

Ideas for Virtual Experiences & Resources

- Video (pre-recorded)
 - How to catch & handle odes
 - How to ID odes- what to look for, how to take the best pictures
 - In the field at _____ (a bog, specific sites, etc.)
 - Q&A- anyone can submit their dragonfly-related questions (google form on website), we compile & find the answers, create a video response.
 - Our Dfly 101 presentation
 - How to preserve odes (alcohol & resin)
 - Stories from the field (what it was like to ride in a helicopter & trudge through a bog, etc.)
 - Series of videos explaining why dragonflies are so awesome (like ballistic defecation!)
 - Useful tools for odeing- show pictures & how to use
 - Where to find dragonflies
 - How to photograph dragonflies
- Interactive
 - Speaker presentations on Zoom or other, recorded for future use but allow people to join & participate live
 - Interview a dragonfly scientist- people can submit questions ahead of time; interviewer talks to scientist & asks those questions (& more?)
 - In the field at _____
 - Live surveys- see what we find
 - Live video of nymphs
 - Stump an odonologist/ask
- Other
 - Dragonfly-related crafts (links to others' or make our own video)
 - Share personal dragonfly stories/experiences (other people could maybe post what they want? would have to be monitored for inappropriate)
 - Examples of dragonflies in history (like the armor etc. pictures Perk used to post on Facebook)
 - Ideas for how others can teach about dragonflies & what to say
 - Dragonfly photo contest?
 - MN Dragonfly Gathering?
 - use inaturalist & also report to odonatacentral (but they are now connected)
 - Experts available to answer questions (Facebook, inaturalist)
 - Daily challenges &/or scavenger hunt
 - Common species
 - Find exuviae
 - Find behaviors (tandom, wheel, ovipositing)
 - Nymphs