



Meeting Minutes for the Minnesota Dragonfly Society Board, 10/21/2021

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

6:30pm **Gathering of Board online** due to Covid-19 pandemic

Board Members Present: John Arthur, Leah Darst, Kat Dickerson, Dave Doyle, Ron Lawrenz, Mike Moen, Barry Mullin, Curt Oien, Dianne Rowse, and Ami Thompson

Absent: Terry Carr, Amy Jo Forslund, Mitch Haag, Kurt Mead, Cathy (Perk) Perkins, and Emily Schilling

6:30 pm **Welcome** to members

6:33 pm **Review Agenda** items- no additional topics

6:35 pm **Approve Past Board Meeting Minutes**

John moved to approve the minutes held on 09/16/2021; Dave seconded. Approved.

6:40 pm **Treasurer's Report** (see Appendix A on page 5)

Perk provided the Treasurer's Report and T-shirt Inventory by email. John moved to accept; Ron seconded. Approved.

6:50 pm **Committee Reports**

Research Committee

Plan for hiring a person to work on organizing Scott King's research. Ami will help the process, and she's available to start in May 2022 (after school year ends). The "Atlas" is nearly complete; we don't need to hire help for that part. Ami has access to Scott's online notes and paper notes. Kurt and Ami got all the labeled specimens to the U of M insect collection. Ami could come to Minnesota next summer to work on it. Ron offered to help; reach out to Emily. Curt suggested Ken Tennyson too.

Ami said Scott's notes list professionals worldwide who we could consider contacting to assist.

Ami wrote a book chapter about MDS! She was interviewed by PBS yesterday for science series, about color-changing nymphs(?).

Ron- See Marla's DSA talk on nymphs (1 hour recorded). Excellent.

Curt- What is the COVID status for volunteers to enter the U of M Insect Collection?

Ami- U of M Aquatic Entomologist Len Farrington died recently, and another person in that department died. Email Ralph in a few weeks to inquire about entry.

Outreach Committee

Leah- The Monarch Festival in Minneapolis went well; good feedback from event organizers. Many 1,000's of participants! Very busy at MDS booth. Surveys- Dianne led three in Lebanon Hills Park. Tamarack Nature Center also had one (Amy Jo).

Kat asked if we have event materials in Spanish. Not yet. Leah spoke to some participants in Spanish.

Secretary's note: At the June 2021 Board meeting, Perk and Leah offered to write a script for John's animated dragonfly. Do both English and Spanish versions.

Kat- Let's create some signage and labels in Spanish for the next event (summer 2022).

Communication Committee

Kat- MDS website: jeff offered to show Leah the workings of it.

Mike- Can we bring back Scott King's website?

Ami has access to Scott's Google folder. She can give access to someone to work on it; need to do an inventory.

Other business

Kat- annual meeting- Jan. 29, 2022 in person/ hybrid?

Leah offered Dodge Nature Center, max. 60 people with COVID spacing. Plan for an online option or hybrid meeting. This allows more potential speakers and participants from far away.

Barry- ensure good wifi at physical location. Mike- You can do a speed test.

Kat and Leah co-led the annual meeting last year. They created a to-do list.

Leah led the past two years' annual meetings and will take a break.

Kat- It's a lot easier without the silent auction. Ami- Make it easy. Chill-lax!

Speakers? Curt asked Ami to consider DSA Executive Committee members. Ami suggested the new DSA President, Melissa Sanchez Herrera, who lives in Colombia. She may want to speak on diversity within the organization or on migrating dragonflies that live in North and South America. Melissa started a new nonprofit, EntoPOC, to pair students of color with mentors and membership in international entomological organizations.

See www.EntoPOC.org *

Ami asked Kat to draft an email that Ami can send to Melissa to invite her to speak for the MDS annual meeting on Jan. 29, 2022.

Curt- As President, Kat will need to run the business part of the annual meeting: board elections, board development(?), recruit new board members.

Mike- Some of Board (Ami, Curt, and John) will need to "time out" after serving 10 years (5 x 2-year terms). (Thank you for your service!) Who will ask Mitch to run again?

Mike shared a document from Jan. 21, 2021, showing all current board members' term dates as follows:

Members with 1 year of 2-year term remaining: Leah, Amy Jo, Mitch, Mike, Cathy, Dave, Barry and Dianne

Renewing Board members, 2-year term 2021-2022: John, Kat, Ami, and Curt

New Board members 2-year term 2021-2022: Terry, Ron, Kurt, and Emily

Kat will review the bylaws.

Mike will update the spreadsheet (in Google Drive) and improve it to be a lasting document of DSA Board member history with dates and positions served.

Curt received files from Angela after she was President of MDS.

Leah- Someone could transfer Angela's computer files to Google Drive to have all of the MDS documents in one place.

Specimen data entry: Curt has specimens and will give them to Barry to enter. Mike has some that he plans to enter. Barry has entered data for 1,362 specimens! Curt may have specimens in Scott's stuff; moth-balled.

Barry- The U of M did make changes to database at his suggestion. 😊

Kat- The winter DSA Odolympics is Dec. 11-19. Idea to video Curt chain-sawing ice to find winter nymphs that week. (Hope for early ice in Dec.!) Curt will request a permit. Who can run video camera?

Strategic Planning: Committee will meet with Tony DeRose next Tues., then meet every other week to wrap up the plan. Discuss at November Board meeting.

Next scheduled board meeting

Thursday, Nov. 18, 2021, 6:30pm – 8:00pm via Zoom

Use the same Zoom link for all future meetings. It's posted on the MDS website/Calendar.

7:40 pm- Adjourn: John moved; someone seconded. Approved.
Minutes respectfully submitted 10/24/2021 by Dianne Rowse, MDS Secretary

***Secretary's note**: I read the EntoPOC website, and I found this under "Mission", which may be helpful to MDS as we work on diversity.- Dianne

- Outreach and Recruitment- offer free membership and registration for meetings/events to BIPOC students; advertise in entomological organizations via social media, newsletters, etc.
- Retention and Advocacy- To keep students involved, offer opportunity for past recipients to help within our organization.
- Mentor assigned to each student; will attend (virtual) conference together

See page 5 for **Appendix A: Treasurer's Report and T-shirt Inventory**

Appendix A: Treasurer's Report by Cathy Perkins

Date of report: September 16,2021

Checking Statement

Account balance: \$13,467.17

Available balance: \$13,467.17

Deposits: \$125 Memberships (New & Renewals)
 \$300 Stipend from CURE
 \$150 Scott King Donations
 \$1190 Merchandise Sales
 \$16.25 Donations

Pending transfers: \$0.00
 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 (Due 10/4/2021)

Credit Card Purchases

Purchases paid in August totaled \$914.96
 \$271.16 - Delta Net & Twi on 7/13/2021 (Curt)
 \$643.80 – Amazon Mktp on 7/19/2021 (Curt)

- **Additional donations to MDS in honor of Scott King were received in the amount of \$150, total is now \$2,700**

T-shirt Inventory:

MDS T-shirt tally as of 9/16/2021							
	Sizes						
Colors	Small	Medium	Large	X Large	XX Large	XXX Large	
Cobalt (kids)	0	1	4	0	0	0	
Mens tank	4	9	10	5	0	0	
Womens tank	2	4	4	2	0	0	
Green heather	1	2	0	0	0	2	
Purple heather	0	1	1	0	0	0	
Seafoam	2	0	7	5	0	0	
Navy	3	7	4	1	0	0	
Deep purple	0	0	3	1	0	2	Total shirts
	12	24	33	14	0	4	87