

MDS Board Meeting Agenda

April 15th, 2021 – 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Online Meeting Due to Covid-19

Meeting Minutes for the Minnesota Dragonfly Society, 4/15/2021

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 guests and members** online due to Covid-19 pandemic

Board Members Present: John Arthur, Terry Carr, Leah Darst, Kat Dickerson, Dave Doyle, Mitch Haag, Ron Lawrenz, Kurt Mead, Mike Moen, Barry Mullin, Curt Oien, Cathy (Perk) Perkins, Dianne Rowse, Emily Schilling

Absent: Amy Jo Forslund, Ami Thompson
Guests: none

6:35pm **Welcome/Introduction** of guests and members
Mike moved to begin the meeting; Ron seconded.

6:36pm **Review Agenda** items and open for any additional topics
Curt asked to discuss Scott King's Meadowhawk website and continuing Emily's student research

6:38pm **Approve Past Meeting Minutes** from Board Meeting held on 03/18/2021
John moved to approve the minutes from 3/18/21; Dave seconded.
Approved.

6:40pm **Treasurer Report** (see Appendix A below minutes)
Perk provided the Treasurer's Report by email. Donations of \$965 received in honor of MDS member Scott King, who passed away recently.

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6:45pm **Committee Reports**

Research: no report

Outreach: Discuss how we might start live events

-Leah suggested having monthly field trips. Dianne offered to host at Lebanon Hills Park (with a collecting permit). Ron suggested inviting more people to impromptu outings. Leah can put outings on MDS calendar; fill out Event request form to send to her. Kurt- DNR/ Tettegouche St. Pk. starts outdoors free programs on Memorial Day weekend. Emily may plan an outing at Itasca St. Pk. John is leading one at Springbrook Nature Center (6/19?). Curt and Barry will participate at events we host. Kat said Anoka County has a wetland event and wants MDS at event, also MDS doing surveys. Discussion of how many people in an outdoor group event: how about 12 max.? Emily- Consider a vaccine passport to participate? Most Board members are willing to lead an outing this summer!

-Mitch needs a sub for June 5 event for 4H (8 a.m. to noon); John will lead, and Dave will help. Mitch recommended having an event in early May on the St. Croix River, or maybe at Belwin (near Afton St. Pk.) with Barry's contact. Mitch will send proposed date to Leah/Barry.

-MDS Promo video- work underway. Due before April 23 for Landscape Revival Expo. We may want to put the video on the MDS website too.

Communication:

-Kat is working with a U of M student on a model of the MDS web site. It looks clean and fresh. If we like it, we could use it. Kat will send it to us all tomorrow. We'd need to hire someone; use Word Press for ease of updating web site. Need to work with Jeff Fischer (out current web master). John recommended Katy Chayka (of Minnesota Wildflowers); Leah know graduating student who could also do it.

6:55pm **Other Business**

-MN Dragonfly Blitz: Kat started an Excel sheet with tasks (link was in email with this meeting's agenda)- see Google docs. Have event spread over two weekends? Wrap-up on a Zoom meeting on second Saturday. Need two co-coordinators; contact Kat. She'll focus on Clay County. Kurt pointed out the coordinator does not need to be an odonate expert. Dianne will ask Tony to be a coordinator for this event. Ron can help with identifications. Leah can co-lead! Barry can help with running the Zoom wrap-up meeting; he is not available in Sept. Have event in July or August.

-Donations in honor of Scott King: To donate, go to MDS website- donate button- add message "in honor of Scott King". Discussion of Scott's

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Meadowhawk website; currently the link is not working. Scott was in the process of remodeling the website (meadowhawks.info, through Square Space). Kurt will contact Scott's family (Lisa). Mitch suggested tree planting, maybe at Carlton Arboretum; include a plaque about Scott. Ron asked about Scott's translations of Odonate books; and is Scott's Meadowhawk book ready enough to be published? Kurt and Mitch attended Scott's memorial service last week (online?). Kurt suggested donations could support Scott's website. Perk will track the Scott King donations separately from other MDS donations. Let donors know what the funds will be used for.

7:30pm **Strategic Planning Update**

-Ron: 158 surveys were returned! The Strategic Planning Committee will meet next week (4/20/21) to discuss next steps to implement the plan. Leah showed us survey results in graph format.

7:55pm **Next scheduled board meeting**

20 May 2021 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Leah will host for the 5/20 Zoom meeting; use the same Zoom link for all future meetings. It's posted on the MDS website- Calendar. Plan a June meeting to work on MN Dragonfly Blitz plans. Barry is willing to host the Zoom for future meetings.

Wrap-up & Additional Comments

-Dianne reported seeing hundreds of Eastern Pondhawks at Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge in northern Mississippi last week, along with another swarm of small dark dragonflies and a few damselflies.

-Emily- Research plans not set yet for Canada Darners and migration patterns. She said research in Canada would be more costly. Has MDS funded research before? Curt- MDS has gotten grants. MDS is a 501-c-3, so we can ask for donations. Emily can get funding to pay for Augsburg University student workers (not for summer 2021). Email to Emily if you want to help. Curt mentioned someone (Murray deMarch?) on MDS Facebook page (who is expert at ode identification), maybe from Canada, could be a contact for Emily.

-On diversity: Emily discussed the high student diversity at Augsburg Univ. It would be beneficial for MDS to work with them. Ron- Reach out to other universities too to partner. It's great that Emily publishes and credits MDS. Kat suggested CampFire organization for diversity and inclusion. Kurt suggested to plan for 2022 to partner with diverse organizations and groups. Kat is in the Wildlife Society's diversity and inclusion group. Curt worked with MDS at North Mississippi Park (Minneapolis) with a group called Green Team- junior high kids made a video of chasing dragonflies; at Trout Brook: Urban Roots; Monarch Festival (Mpls.), and Water Fest; Bruce Vento Nature

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Preserve. Emily said Native American tribes have different ways of relating to nature; seek partners.

8:00pm **Adjournment**- Dianne moved to adjourn at 7:58 p.m.; John seconded. Approved.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dianne Rowse, MDS Secretary

Appendix A:

Treasurer Report by Cathy Perkins

Date of report: April 15, 2021

Checking Statement

Account balance: \$10,205.88

Available balance: \$10,205.88 (available 4/16/21-bank status pending cks deposited today)

Deposits: \$55.00 memberships collected
\$10.00 Mightycause 3/25/2021
\$965.00 Donations in honor of Scott King

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 5/4/2021)

Credit Card Purchases

3/30/2021 \$161.18 Zoom Pro Account purchased. Paid on 4/4/2021 statement payment. Was not due till 5/4/2021.